

Department Orders No. 2
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1. The following Michigan Brothers attended the 126th Annual SUVCW National Encampment which was held in St. Louis, MO: Matthew L. Adair, Paul D. Arnold, Neal F. Breagh, PCC, Richard E. Danes, PCC, Dennis C. Derr II, Edgar J. Dowd, Gary L. Gibson, PDC, J. Richard Greene, PDC, Robert C. Grove, Sr., PCC, Keith G. Harrison, PC-in-C, L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., William B. McAfee, PCC, Max L. Newman, PCC, James B. Pahl, PC-in-C, Donald W. Shaw, PCC, Ronald G. Shull and Brian J. Shumway, PCC.
2. Congratulations to Past Commander-in-Chief James B. Pahl on the completion of a very successful term as Commander-in-Chief. Your Michigan Brothers are proud of you and your accomplishments over the past year.
3. Congratulations to the Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20 of Kalamazoo, MI recipient of the Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief Award for the most outstanding Camp in the Order.
4. Congratulations and thank you to Brother Rick Danes for an outstanding job as Editor of the Michigan Messenger. The Michigan Messenger, our Department newsletter was awarded the Marshall Hope Award for the Best Department Newsletter in the Order.
5. Congratulations to Brother Max L. Newman recipient of the Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award for the most outstanding Brother in the Order.
6. Thank you to Brother Dave Arnold for the outstanding job he has been doing selling Department of Michigan merchandise. Brother Arnold set a new sales record at the National Encampment.
7. I regret to report that on August 23, 2007 Brother John H. Peck of the William A. Kent Camp No. 83 of Greenville, MI passed away. All Charters are to be draped for a period of 30 days in honor of Brother Peck.
8. I am very pleased to report that based on the membership numbers presented at the National Encampment, the Department of Michigan is now the second largest Department in the Order. This is something that we can all be very proud of. Let's keep up the good work in recruiting and member retention and one of these days we will be the largest Department in the Order.
9. Brother Robert A. Mitchell is hereby appointed as the Department of Michigan liaison to the Detroit GAR Hall Committee.
10. Brother James B. Pahl, PC-in-C is hereby appointed Department Counselor.
11. The time for Camp Officer elections is fast approaching. I would like to remind all Camps that in accordance to the Constitution & Regulations of the Order, Camp Officer elections shall be held at a regular meeting of the Camp between the first meeting in October and the first meeting in December, inclusive.

12. It is also not too early to be thinking about Camp Officer Installations. All Camps are reminded that in accordance to the Constitution & Regulations of the Order, Camp Officers shall be installed at a regular meeting of the Camp to be held between the first meeting in November, and the first meeting in the following January, inclusive, by a person designated by the Department Commander.
13. Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries are reminded that Form 22, Certification of Election and Installation of Camp Officers is due to the Department Secretary by February 14, 2008. Please, be sure to use the current version of the form which is available on the National SUVCW Website at <http://suvchw.org/ftp.htm>.
14. I also want to remind Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries that Form 27, Camp Annual Report is due to the Department Secretary by April 30, 2008. Please, be sure to use the current version of the form which is available on the National SUVCW Website at <http://suvchw.org/ftp.htm>.
15. Department Memorials Officer Douglas R. Armstrong, PCC has informed me that some Camps are not submitting Civil War Memorial Assessment Forms. He is aware of monuments that have been restored and rededicated by Camps in this Department, but has never received any Civil War Memorial Assessment Forms for these. All Camps that have not already done so please fill out the forms and submit them to Brother Armstrong. Brother Armstrong needs this information in order to fulfill his duties as the Department Memorials Officer.
16. Brothers are reminded that the 2007 Remembrance Day activities will be held on November 17, 2007 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. For more information, please visit the National SUVCW Website at <http://suvchw.org/RembrDay/index.html>.
17. By order of Commander-in-Chief Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., until further notice no more Juniors may be admitted into the Order. This is due to a conflict between the Constitution and the Regulations of the Order. National is working to resolve this issue as quickly as possible. For more information, please see C-in-C Kuhn's General Orders which are posted on the National SUVCW Website at: <http://suvchw.org/go/go.htm>.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

/s/

Dennis C. Derr II
Commander
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

/s/

Kevin J. Lindsey
Secretary
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War