

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Department of Michigan  
Department Order No 8  
Series 2012 – 2013  
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Greetings Department of Michigan Brothers and Camps:

Installations have now been completed and new Camp Officers installed. It was a pleasure to travel throughout the State of Michigan conducting installation of officers. I would like to thank all of you for your graciousness in making me welcome into your camps. I would also like to thank current and past Department Officers for assisting when there were overlapping installation dates.

In talking to Department Secretary Dennis Fyke he indicated that all Camp, Form #22's have been received and he will be forwarding the information to the National Organization. Thank you for your diligence in filing the reports on time.

**Encampment Information: (See Attachment)**

Brothers are reminded that the **2013 (124<sup>th</sup> Department of Michigan Encampment)** will be held at the **Great Lakes Christian College** located at **6211 W Willow Hwy in Lansing, Michigan** on **May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013**.

(The Encampment will be hosted by the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Women's Relief Corp).

The date of the actual Encampment is May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

***Please refer to the attachment included in this e mail for down loadable copies of the SUVCW Department (Pre Registration Form) as well as (Lunch and Dinner, Meal Registration Forms).***

***They will also be posted on the Department of Michigan website.***

Two important items.

- 1) **There will be absolutely (NO SMOKING ALLOWED) on the Great Lakes Christian College property.** We are very lucky to be guests of the college which is centrally located, very reasonably priced to rent for the Encampment and provides meals as well. The only request they have is not to smoke on school property being a Christian College. Let's respect their wishes.
- 2) **Meal Reservations (MUST) be made in advance. Deadline is April, 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013. (No Luncheon or Dinner Tickets will be sold the Day of the Encampment).** See reservation form for details.

## **Hotel Information:**

For those arriving the night before. Accommodations are available at the same location as in the past at the **Quality Suites Inn, 901 Delta Commerce Dr, Lansing Michigan, 48917.**

(Room Rate is \$82.00 a night (\$3.00 extra for hot breakfast)

**Hotel Reservation Deadline is April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013.**

**(Reservations are under Allied Orders of GAR).**

There will be a Pizza Party at the Hotel on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:15pm in the Hospitality room (small fee to defray expenses).

As well as an Ice Cream Social beginning at 7:30pm at the same location.

(All Allied Orders members and guests are invited.)

## **Department Nominations Web Page Now Available:**

A newly developed Department Nominations Page, showing Letters of Intent and photos of candidates seeking elected department offices, is now posted on the Department Website. Many thanks to Nomination Committee Chair Rick Danes and all those that helped to bring this project to fruition. Please click on the first yellow highlighted link on the Department Home page under **Resumes for Candidates for Elected Department Office for the 2013-14 Term** [www.suvcwmi.org](http://www.suvcwmi.org)

## **2013 Department Encampment, Credentials Committee:**

I am appointing the following brothers to the 2013 Encampment Credentials Committee.

Dean Lamphere Jr, (Chair), - Gov Henry Crapo, Camp #145, Flint Mi.

Tom Jenkins, - Robert Finch, Camp #14 , Traverse City Mi.

Jack Frost, US Grant, Camp #67, Bay City Mi.

William Haines, Curtenius Guard, Camp #17, Lansing/Sunfield Mi.

## **Please send Encampment Pre Registration forms to:**

L. Dean Lamphere Jr  
Dept Credentials Comm  
1062 Four Seasons Blvd  
Aurora, Illinois, 60504

***(Pre Registration - Deadline Date, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013) (See attached registration forms)***

## **Camp IRS Form #990.**

IRS Form 990 is an annual reporting return required by the IRS for certain federally tax exempt organizations and includes information about the organization mission, programs and finances.

For Camp Secretaries. If your fiscal year ended December 31, 2012. IRS form #990 is Due by May 15<sup>th</sup>. (Failure to submit this report could result in the revocation of your Camp, Tax Exempt status). IRS form # 990 EZ can be filed electronically. Any questions contact

Department Treasurer Bruce Gosling at [bgosling@normanpaulsenpc.com](mailto:bgosling@normanpaulsenpc.com)

### **Lincoln Tomb Ceremony:**

The 57<sup>th</sup>, Lincolns Tomb Ceremony will be held on **April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013** at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield Illinois.

The (Abraham Lincoln Hotel) in Springfield will be the official hotel, Tel # 1 866 788-1860. (Room Rate is \$91.99 a night). **Reservation Deadline is (March 15<sup>th</sup>)**. (Additional Information regarding hotels etc is available on the SUVCW National website) at [www.suvcw.org/lincolnday.htm](http://www.suvcw.org/lincolnday.htm)

### **2013 National Encampment:**

The 2013 National Encampment will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on **August 8<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013**. Additional Info available at [2013.suvcw-wi.org](http://2013.suvcw-wi.org)

### **Civil War Memorials Information:**

Camp Commanders and Camp Memorials Officers, the memorials to the GAR and to the Civil War that stand in our communities are probably the most visible connection we have in Michigan to the Civil War itself. The duties of the Camp Memorials Officer may seem daunting but in truth, locating, assessing and recording these memorials pales in comparison to the work done by our Brothers serving as Camp Grave Registration Officers. While they must walk every cemetery and search every grave, in most cases, the object of our work is already known.

All you need to do is take some good digital photos of all the sides of the memorial and then complete Form CWM61 – available on line – and you will have fulfilled your obligation to your Camp.

Questions? (Please contact Dept Civil War Memorial chair) Bruce Butgereit at [civil-war@comcast.net](mailto:civil-war@comcast.net) or check out the new training page on the Department website that includes the Memorials Handbook. He will be contacting you soon to learn how he can help you

### **Department, Elected and Appointed Officers and Committee Chairs:**

Please be mindful that you should be starting to gather information in regards to your Department Officer and Committee reports for the 2013 Department Encampment. Department Secretary, Dennis Fyke will contact you with the Due dates as the Encampment gets closer at hand.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty:

Paul D. Arnold, PCC  
Department Commander  
Michigan Department  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:  
Department Secretary, Dennis Fyke