## Minutes of The 121st Annual Encampment

Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War
Saturday, April 24, 2010
Great Lakes Christian College
Lansing, Michigan

- **1. The Encampment was opened** in accordance of Ritual at 9:00 am, Saturday April 24, 2010 at the Great Lakes Christian College in Lansing, Michigan, Department of Michigan, Commander Charles Worley presiding.
- 2. The Department Secretary called the Roll Call of Officers as follows:

Department Commander: **Charles Worley** Present Senior Vice Commander: **Donald Shaw** Present Junior Vice Commander: Dave Arnold Present Treasurer: Bruce Gosling Present Secretary: **Kevin Lindsey** Present Department Council: Rick Greene Present Department Council: **Howard Streeter** Present Department Council: Neal Breaugh Present Patriotic Instructor: Max Rieske Present Chaplin: William McAfee Present Councilor: James Pahl Present **Excused** Historian: John Keith Guard: Philip Cripe Present Guide: John Brewster Present Color Bearer: Ed Dowd Present G.A.R. Records Officer Gary Gibson Present Memorials Officer Doug Armstrong **Excused** Signals Officer Matt Adair Present Camp At Large Coordinator Robert Mitchell Present *Messenger* Editor: Rick Danes Present Eagle Scout Coordinator: Jeff Morse Excused

#### **3. Rules for the Encampment** were read by Commander Worley.

Reports are to be limited to 5 minutes. Each Brother will be allowed to speak twice on a topic. All speakers will identify themselves by voting card, name and Camp. All debate is to be conducted in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

**4. Commander Worley asked for a motion to approve the Minutes** of the 120<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment. Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Dave Arnold, seconded and motion was approved.

**5. Commander Worley appointed the Credentials Committee** consisting of: Brothers Robert Griggs and Matt Adair.

#### 6. Recognition of Guests

National Commander in Chief Leo Kennedy was introduced and addressed the Encampment with a few words. His comments encouraged involvement with the Graves Registration program and also the importance of the Patriotic Instructors.

Commander Kennedy presented Certificates to Don Shaw, Robert May and Dennis Derr II in recognition of their completion of the Memorial University Program.

Council of Administration representative Ken Freshly was also introduced.

7. A Memorial Service was conducted for Brothers who had passed on. These included:

John McFetters
Arliss Dawson
Camp No. 7
Camp At Large
Camp No. 14
Paul MacDonald
Irvin Stahl
Harry Robinson
Camp No. 17
Camp No. 17

8. Commander Worley proceeded with the appointment of committees as follows:

Bylaws: Don Shaw, Chair, James Pahl, Gary Grout
Officers' Reports: Gary Gibson, Chair, Dale Aurand, Robert May
Resolutions: Keith Harrison, Chair, Robert Mitchell, Bill Brennan

#### 9. Reports of Officers

Commander Worley passed the gavel to SVC Don Shaw.

Commander Worley the proceeded with his report. (Copy Included)

SVC Shaw then submitted a motion to refer the Commanders Report and all subsequent Officers' Reports to the Encampment's Officer Reports Committee.

Motion seconded and approved.

- 10. The Credentials Committee, now ready to make their report did so, (Copy Included)
- 11. Max Rieske provided the Patriotic Instruction for the Encampment.

The Republic vs A Democracy

A recess was called by Commander Worley at 10:00 am

The Encampment was called back into session at 10:25 am

#### 12. Continuation of Officer's Reports:

SVC Don Shaw: (Copy Included)

JVC David Arnold: (Copy Included)

Secretary Kevin Linsey: (Copy Included)

Treasurer Bruce Gosling: (Copy Included)

The Treasurer's report included recommendations that resulted in lengthy discussion centered on restricted Funds, the Permanent Fund and restrictions thereto.

A question was raised as to the Permanent Fund and what was voted during the 2009 Encampment.

Upon review of the Minutes from the 120th Encampment:

Item XVI Report of Encampment Committees Paragraph A. Jim Pahl reporting on behalf of the Bylaws Committee, stated: The Encampment Committee endorsed the action of the Department Bylaws Committee and moved adoption of the amendment to the Department Bylaws to establish the Department of Michigan Permanent Fund.

Commander Worley confirmed same, that this is in the Bylaws, Article 10, Section 1.

Chaplin: William McAfee submitted his written report and had nothing further to report. (Copy Included)

Counselor: Jim Pahl had nothing to report. Asked that Officer and Committee reports be included in the minutes and on the website.

Signals Officer: Matt Adair (Copy Included)

Editor, Michigan Messenger: Rick Danes (Copy Included)

Brother Danes was complemented by Jim Pahl for his excellent work on the Newsletter.

GRO: Rick Danes (Copy Included)

Historian: John Keith, No Report, Excused

GAR Records Officer: Gary Gibson (Copy Included)

Department Council: (Copy Included)

Monuments Officer: Doug Armstrong, No Report, Excused

Eagle Scout Coordinator: Jeff Morse, No Report, Excused

Camp At Large: Robert Mitchell (Copy Included)

#### 13. Receipt and Reading of Communications

A letter and donation was received from David Wallace to honor the memory of his ancestors James Wallace, Floyd Wallace and H. John Wallace. (Letter on File)

Department Secretary noted correspondence requesting a Resolution to support Perley Mellor, PDC for the position of Junior Vice Commander In Chief in 2010.

Motion made and adopted.

Department Secretary noted correspondence requesting a Resolution to support Junior Vice Commander in Chief Brad Schall for the position of Commander In Chief for 2010 at the 129<sup>th</sup> National Encampment.

Motion made and adopted.

Request by General Israel B. Richardson, Camp No. 2 to support a Resolution for Patriot Week.

After a great deal of discussion, the topic was tabled.

**14**. Due to scheduling conflicts, **Keith Harrison reported next on** the activities of the **Sesquicentennial Committee** and Michigan In The Civil War. (Copy Included)

Brother Harrison asked for a \$300 budget to help support the Sesquicentennial activities.

Motion made by Robert Mitchell and amended by Jim Pahl to extend additional funds at the request of the Department Commander In Chief with the approval of the Camp Council.

Motion approved.

Commander Worley declared a lunch break at 11:50 am.

Commander Worley called the Encampment back into session at 1:35 pm

#### 15. Unfinished Business

Tabled request by General Israel B. Richardson, Camp No, 2 to support a Resolution for Patriot Week was once again called by Joseph Conger, seconded by William McAfee. Constitution and Remembrance Week raised with additional discussion.

Motion to adopt failed.

Rick Danes asked Brothers to take a copy of the new Graves Registration Brochure.

#### Awards:

Governor Austin Blair Membership Award presented to General Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20 for largest gain in membership.

Orlando LaValley Membership Award presented to General Israel Richardson Camp 2 for greatest percentage gain in membership.

Presentation of Camp Charter to U.S. Grant Camp 67, Bay City

Request by Neal Breaugh to restore the rank of Past Camp Commander to Brother Michael Nick. After discussion, motion moved by Neal Breaugh, seconded and adopted.

#### 16. Reports of Committee on Officers Reports by Gary Gibson

Treasurer made four recommendations:

A. Treasury is sound and recommends the establishment of a program to use excess funds generated in line with the Mission of the Order or seriously consider a reduction in the Department per capita tax.

The Committee recommends adoption of the first part and does not recommend a reduction in the per capita tax.

Jim Pahl brought a motion to change the recommendation that this matter be referred to the Department Council to come back with a plan next year of specifically how we can accomplish these goals.

A discussion from the floor ensued stating that the previous Treasurer Brian Shumway had made a recommendation to this point.

Jim Pahl answered that it is in the Bylaws. Any excess funds may be transferred to the Permanent Fund. The only question then remaining, is what to do with the interest from the Permanent Fund. And that would negate the Committee recommendation thus would be out of order.

The Treasurer replied: Subject to restrictions governing any such funds, the income of the Permanent Fund if not expended shall be added to the principle. What needs to be determined, is what are excess funds? That determination has not been made and I believe that to be a Council situation.

Additional discussion ensued by various parties.

Commander Worley stated, the Treasurer's recommendation in 2008-2009, was that the cash amounts at the close of the fiscal year 2008-2009 be assigned to the CD balance.

Additional discussion ensued by various parties.

Commander Worley asked that the motion on the floor be clarified. It was to refer the matter to the Department Council to develop a plan to achieve the goals of the recommendations of the Department Treasurer.

Motion was then seconded and approved.

B. The Treasurer's second recommendation: That a resolution be adopted to amend the Operating Guidelines of the Department to adopt a calendar accounting year.

This would coincide with the year that was adopted for tax purposes and therefore would be in keeping with IRS Guidelines as well as coincide with the actual membership year.

Motion approved.

C. Concerning reimbursement of Officers, the Treasurer recommends that Officers submit requests for reimbursement even though many don't.

The Committee had no recommendation as each Officer exercises the option to submit or not submit as a personal matter.

D. Officer Expense Allowances

Operating Guidelines have set Officer Expense Allowances at levels that are below actual expenses incurred. The Treasurer recommends the Guidelines be modified to increase Expense Allowances.

Department Commander from \$100 to \$250 Senior Vice Commander from \$100 to \$150 Chaplin from \$0 to \$100 Treasurer from \$50 to \$100 Graves Registration Officer from \$300 to \$500 Monuments Officer from \$100 to \$150

Discussion followed on determining the amounts and concern about budgeting funds that may not be disbursed if Officers do not submit requests for reimbursement.

Motion made by Jim Pahl to accept Treasurer's recommendation.

Motion approved.

#### 17. House Keeping and Good of The Order

A. The three Encampment Committees were discharged from their duties and responsibilities

B. A motion was made by Robert Griggs to write a letter to the Great Lakes Christian College expressing thanks and appreciation for use of the facility.

Brother Neal Breaugh made a motion to provide a donation to the College in the amount of \$50.00 Motion approved.

- C. Brother Joseph Conger stated that the Sons of The American Revolution awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to Robert Griggs.
- D. A motion was made by Dave Hilliker to write a letter of appreciation to the WRC in appreciation for their efforts in hosting the Encampment.

Motion seconded by Robert Mitchell

Discussion concerning payment of \$97.50 to WRC as Sons share of Programs and Insurance.

Motion approved.

- E. David Arnold asked that all Camps have a representative pick up their CD. He also offered tours of the Sunfield GAR Hall to any interested parties.
- F. Max Rieske repeated his message to understand the difference between a Republic and a Democracy and to be vigilant in protecting our rights.
- G. William McAfee addressed the members regarding the GAR Hall in Ypsilanti which has been restored.
- H. Gary Gibson invited 100 Brothers to participate in the Coast Guard Festival parade in Grand Haven.
- I. Robert Mitchell offered his 1-800 Conference link to any Brother who might need it.
- J. Bill Lowe addressed the Brothers with regard to a \$1,000.00 donation for a 1905-07 era typewriter that belonged to a Civil War Veteran. The donation would be then donated to the GAR Fund.

#### **18**. **Report of The Nominating Committee** by Rick Danes

The following names were offered for consideration by the Brothers for Officers for 2011.

Commander Don Shaw
SVC David Arnold
JVC Kevin Linsey
Treasurer Bruce Gosling
Secretary Paul Davis

Council Howard Streeter, Richard Greene, and Tom Jenkins

Commander Worley then called for nominations from the floor.

There being none, the nominations were closed via motion by Dave Hilliker and seconded by Robert Mitchell.

Motion by Matt Adair that officers be elected by acclamation.

Motion seconded and approved.

#### **Election of Delegates for the National Encampment**

Brothers Dale Aurand, Dennis Derr II, Bruce Burtgereit, Gary Granger, Dave Arnold, and William Troxell were appointed Delegates.

Jim Pahl moved that the six above be appointed delegates and that all other Brothers from the top of the roster down the entire roster be elected Alternate Delegates.

Motion seconded by Dennis Derr and approved.

Commander Worley adjourned the meeting for a short recess at 3:10 pm to resume at 3:30 pm with the Installation of Officers.

#### 19. Commander Worley called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm for the Installation of Officers

Date for next Department Encampment was announced as April 30th, 2011 at the Great Lakes Christian College in Lansing, Michigan.

Subsequent to this announcement, the date has been rescheduled to May 21st, 2011.

The installation of Officers was conducted by Commander in Chief Leo Kennedy.

Commander Kennedy proceeded to relieve Commander Worley of his duties.

The following slate of Officers was presented by the Commander Elect Don Shaw.

Commander Don Shaw SVC Dave Arnold JVC Kevin Linsey Treasurer Bruce Gosling Secretary Paul Davis

Camp Council Harold Streeter, Richard Greene, Tom Jenkins

Counselor Jim Pahl Chaplin William McAfee Patriotic Instructor Max Rieske Color Bearer Fd Dowd Chief of Staff Bill Morris Signals Officer Matt Adair *Messenger* Editor **Rick Danes** Historian John Keith

Guide Dale Aurand
Guard Phillip Cripe
GRO Rick Danes
Memorials Officer Doug Armstrong
Eagle Scout Coordinator Gary Olson

Camp At Large Coordinator L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.

Chaplin McAfee performed the Blessing.

All Officers were properly installed according to Ritual by Commander in Chief Leo Kennedy.

Commander Shaw assumed his position as Department Commander and made a few brief comments and proceeded with Closing of The Camp by Ritual.

121st Encampment of the Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War was closed at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Paul Davis Secretary Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War



## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department of Michigan

May 2009- April 2010
121<sup>st</sup> Annual Department Encampment

Report of the Department Commander Charles L. Worley April 24, 2010

Officers and Brothers of the Department of Michigan, Distinguished Guests:

On behalf of the Department of Michigan, I am pleased to report that we continue to grow, continue to find numerous ways to remember Union Veterans, continue to meet the challenges of a managing a fraternal, non-profit organization, and have fun as a group of like-minded men.

I would like to credit the diligent work of the Department of Michigan Junior Vice Commander Dave Arnold for his effort to grow our Camps by adding new brothers. The Department of Michigan welcomes our newest Camp this year. U.S. Grant Camp 67 of Bay City, Michigan is an energetic group; we all will come to appreciate this camp as a valuable addition to the Department. The camp organizer, Department Senior Vice Commander Donald Shaw, is to be commended for his efforts of moving forward the camp formation process. We began this term with 523 brothers in 23 Camps and we now muster brothers in 24 Camps.

The life of the Department is dependent upon the 24 Camps located in the State of Michigan. I have found the Camps do a lot of projects well, but most Camps have a niche' that is exceptional. Brother Gary Naugle CC, with the support of the brothers of Nash-Hodges Camp #43 put on a terrific Memorial Day Parade for the City of Tecumseh, Michigan. Several Camps are known for GAR Monument restoration, and brothers Doug Armstrong and Kent Armstrong of George W. Anderson Camp 58 have contributed greatly to their preservation. Other Camps are instrumental in adding names to the Graves Registration database. Brother Dick Hutchins from Gilluey-Kingsley Camp 160 can instruct a clinic on walking and writing at the same time. It has been my honor and greatest pleasure to present to these four mentioned brothers Awards of Meritorious Service recognized by the National Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for their contributions.

But not to go unnoticed, I have met many of you this past year and we are a fine "Band of Brothers." This is what I have observed. Michigan is fortunate to have two original GAR Halls that the Sons hold meetings in. There are hours of volunteered time to keep these buildings in good repair. Veteran Grave Markers are replaced and rededicated all summer long by more Camps. There is genuine scholarly research being completed and books being written. So many brothers contribute to these projects in various ways and the end result is that our communities and State are reminded of the lives and contributions these Union Veterans made for the life of our beloved country.

Our Order's mission as stated in our Congressional Charter is: "To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865; to assist in every practicable way in the preservation and making available for research of documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members; to cooperate in doing honor to all those who have patriotically served our country in any war; to teach patriotism and the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our flag; to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, or make for the destruction or impairment of, our constitutional Union; and to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, of equal rights, and of impartial justice for all."

The Sons and Allied Orders have been tested. This past year we have been made very aware of the extent and passion that we have been granted, and could our mission statement be any more on target? The brothers of this Department mobilized quickly to preserve the collections of the State Library when it became apparent that the State of Michigan could no longer maintain those collections. Letter writing campaigns, forming alliances of strength in numbers with other interest groups, rallies at the Library, Sons statements at hearings, and brothers continued patronizing of Library resources, altered what looked like the certain disbursement of those documents and records. The issue remains unresolved within the State Departments and the SUVCW must continue to monitor and affect the outcome of those collections.

Again, in the next five years, our events coincide with the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War. This five year period will provide The Sons with ample opportunity "to teach patriotism and the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our flag." Brother Keith will talk further about the organizing effort and events of the Sesquicentennial Remembrance of Michigan in the Civil War. And then my sense is this; that brothers, as never before will have to assume leadership roles in making ideas into real events over the next five years.

As I reflect over these past twelve months, there were some things that the Department did well and I hope will continue. All of the Camps of the Department were timely in turning in Form 22, Certification of Election and Installation of Officers. I attended the Installation of Officers of ten Camps around the Department over the winter months. There was a significant increase of Camp Patriotic Instructors reporting their respective activities to the Department Patriotic Instructor, Brother Max Rieske. The return of Form 27a Camp Annual Report is progressing well. The Camp Commanders' and Secretaries' timeliness allows the Department Officers to also be timely with their reports. The use of two teleconference meetings with the Department leaders and Camp Commanders was an effective tool. I hope that we can expand the use of this type of meeting for Camp Officer training. My grateful thanks go to Brother Robert Mitchell and AT&T for the use of the teleconferencing network. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the dedicated cooperative effort of all the Allied Orders to remember our Grandfathers service to the Union. Our combined projects, including this Encampment, are an impressive display of patriotism.

I leave some unfinished business for the Department to continue working. The Greenville Monument project, which has \$406.41 to apply towards, needs ownership and a plan in order to complete. A working committee of Brothers Matt Adair and Dennis Bodem are considering the issues and options of how to provide environmental storage for the SUVCW and GAR records and artifacts in our possession. In spite of not having a good storage facility, various officers and Camps responded to the call of reporting an inventory of the property in their possession. We have a better idea of the amount and kind of property and who has it. Another Ad Hoc committee of Brothers Bill McAfee and Don Shaw has surveyed and discussed the options of a Department of Michigan Mid-term meeting. And then, the principal of the Department Permanent Fund remains in two CD's. I will ask the new Department Commander for permission to assist the Department Treasurer with a solid investment plan and a policy to grant the income out to projects within the Department. It is therefore on a positive note that your Officers and Staff are working to improve the future of the Department of Michigan.

In conclusion, I confidently know that the Officers and Staff of the Department of Michigan are dedicated to the proper management of the business of the Department. I want to thank my Officers and Staff for their support and help that they cheerfully extended to me every time I called upon them. For the sake of time I am not able to list the accomplishments of each Staff Officer, but I recognize the sacrifice of time and effort every brother made to promote our Order. Every dedication, every observance, every parade and likewise every newsletter, every certificate, every prayer are solemn events that we take pride in doing well. It's these events that as brothers we can enjoy life and have some good natured fun. Whether we gather together to attend Remembrance Day and the Lincoln Tomb Observance, or march in rank and file at our hometown Memorial Day Parade, I'm certain we have the same kind of boyish grins on our faces as did those boys in blue did when on parade. Our mission is clear, and we have good times along the way.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Charles L. Worley
Department Commander
Department of Michigan, SUVCW

I submit one recommendation to improve the efficiency of the Department.

• That the Restricted Fund known as the Alger Medal of Honor Award be released and the remaining monies be transferred to the Department Permanent Fund.

### DONALD W. SHAW

#### SENIOR VICE COMMANDER - DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN - SUVCW

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April 22, 2010

Kevin Lindsey
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Re: Senior Vice Commanders Report to the 121st Department Encampment

Dear Brother Lindsey,

Please accept the following as the Report of the Senior Vice Commander for inclusion in the records of the Encampment:

Brothers,

It is my pleasure to report to you that as Senior Vice Commander I have enjoyed a much busier time working on behalf of the Department than I did as Junior Vice Commander. Since the projects I worked on required varying amounts to time that was spread through the year, I will report on them by category as opposed to chronologically.

Grant Camp – A carry over from my Junior Vice Responsibilities that I finished up this year was helping the Grant Camp to organize and come on line as a fully functioning camp within the Department. While by no means claiming total credit for this, because much of the work involved in the effort was borne by Brothers Bill Morris, Paul Davis, and the other brothers of the Camp, we did get the Camp recognized, its charter issued and fully functioning and on line. I authored an article for the Banner which, I am informed, will be published in an upcoming issue, announcing the formation of the Camp. Together with Commander Worley and JVC Arnold it was my pleasure to swear in the first members of the Camp. It was also my pleasure, with the permission of Commander Worley to be the first installing officer from the Department to conduct a regular officer installation, just this past January. This project is now basically complete and the Camp proceeds to function in the normal manner in which our camps all conduct their business.

Department Records – In cooperation with Department Commander Worley, I helped address concerns that we as a Department have regarding our records. I assisted in the formation of the committee that is currently looking at the type and extent of records that we as a Department possess, and how we might best deal with their cataloguing, storage and availability. Fortunately, we, as a Department, have brothers who are trained in this type of work and who possess great experience in getting this particular type of job done. I understand that this project though underway will require more time to complete and will need to continue into the next year. In that regard I recommend that the Encampment authorize the continued efforts of the Committee to find and report out options for the cataloguing, preservation and storage of our records.

Mid Winter Conference - At the request of the Department Commander, Chaplain Bill McAfee and I conducted inquiry into whether or not the Mid Winter Conference should be revived. In that regard we interviewed some Past Department Commanders and other brothers who had expressed interest in the subject. The question also came up for discussion during the staff teleconference. This question is a difficult one. Many brothers would like to see the conference resumed. The major argument for the revival of the conference centered on not only its training aspects but also the opportunity it gave brothers from the several camps to come together and socialize with one another. The rationale against seemed to center on the fact that it was usually held too closed to the Department Encampment, the training aspects were either inconsistent or non existent in some cases, the people who really needed to attend often did not do so, leaving the same people attending year after year. Finally the argument was advanced that the cost and time expenditure involved did not justify the meeting in light of the results produced. This question invoked strong feelings on both sides of the issue and will probably not be easily settled. However, there is no reason we can't begin looking for a solution that addresses the concerns put forth on both sides of the argument. I recommend by way of resolution, that the Department Commander be directed during the next term to explore options regarding a meeting to be held in the later part of the year, that may involve training of any persons interested in running for camp office, coupled with the opportunity to allow the brothers of the Department to gather socially while engaging in an activity pertinent to the Civil War and preferably Michigan's role in the war. I recommend that the Department Commander be given wide latitude in setting this activity up and be authorized to proceed if he feels the event practical.

Camp Installations – At the direction of the Department Commander, I was given the opportunity to assist in the officer installations of various camps around the state. This activity was one of my favorites, giving me the chance not only to be of service but to see lots of my old friends from the various camps. I wish to thank all the brothers I visited with for the hospitality they showed to me when involved in these endeavors.

Events – I had the opportunity to travel to various events in the company of other members of the Department of Michigan. These events included the National Encampment at Louisville, Kentucky, the Remembrance Day activities at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony at Springfield, Illinois.

By-Laws Committee – As Senior Vice Commander I am head of the By-laws Committee. While a separate report is being submitted for that Committee, I will report that after consultation with the Department Commander and the Department Counselor, it was determined that our By-Laws are in good order and do not need any amendment at this time.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve in the past year. I can honestly say that I loved every minute of it.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald W. Shaw

Senior Vice Commander

Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

# Paul "David" Arnold Junior Vice Commander Michigan Department

#### SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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April 24, 2010

To: Charles Worley

Department of Michigan, Commander Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

From: Paul "David" Arnold

Department of Michigan, Junior Vice Commander

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Re: 2009/2010 Department Encampment

Junior Vice Commanders Annual Report

#### **SPECIAL PROJECTS:**

#### (Department of Michigan Membership Initiative:)

A Department of Michigan-Membership Initiative was developed spring 2009 to assist new & existing camps as a means of promoting the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War within their respective communities. The goal was to provide suggestions on ways to increase camp membership within the department. After it was developed, it was distributed electronically to Camp Commanders. We asked for assistance from camps in providing additional suggestions on different ideas/methods that have worked well in the past, regarding recruiting new members. Those ideas were incorporated into the document.

The initiative is geared primarily toward newly formed camps and those struggling with membership. However it is the hope of the department that it provides *both new and existing camps* with additional ideas as well. (A compact disc version will be distributed to each camp, during the Department Encampment)

By increasing membership, not only does it help to sustain and grow your camp and bolster the department, but also gives us the manpower to conduct projects pertaining to the Work of the Order. With the Civil War Sesquicentennial approaching in 2011, camps and departments throughout the country will have a unique opportunity to bolster their membership roles like never before and help keep green the memory of the soldiers, sailors, and members of the revenue cutter service that served our country during the great War of the Rebellion.

I hope that camps will find the CD version of the Department of Michigan Membership Initiative helpful as a recruiting tool in promoting the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in your community.

#### **CAMP VISITS:**

Between May 2009 & April 2010, I made (10) visits to eight Camps within the Department of Michigan.

Those included the <u>Henry Wallace</u>, Camp #160 in Corunna, (2) <u>Austin Blair</u>, Camp #7 in Jackson, (2) <u>George Anderson</u>, Camp #58 in Dewitt, <u>Colgrove-Woodruff</u> Camp #22 in Marshall, <u>U.S. Grant</u> Camp #67 in Bay City, <u>General John Logan</u>, Camp #1 in Grand Rapids, Gov <u>Henry Crapo</u> Camp #145 in Flint, and the <u>General Israel B. Richardson</u> Camp #2 in Berkley.

#### **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:**

I represented the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the following functions.

In early <u>September 2009</u>, I spoke at the request of the Girl Scouts of American at <u>Dubois Cemetery in Mason Mich</u>. This was a Girl Scout Project by a young lady by the name of Allison Findlay in which she restored a small abandoned Cemetery in Alaiedon Township near Mason Michigan. This was a service project for her, working toward the equivalent of the eagle scout rank for Girl Scouts I represented to Department of Michigan, SUVCW talking about and reading the names of the Civil War & War of 1812 Soldiers buried there.

In <u>November 2009</u>, I attended and spoke at a meeting of the <u>Courthouse Square Association in Charlotte Mi</u>. This is an Eaton Co. historical museum. They had GAR Records from the A.S. Williams GAR Post #40 donated to them from the Charlotte American Legion. I presented a check from the Dept of Michigan SUVCW for \$100.00 toward the digitization of the records they will be doing. Once completed they will furnish the Dept of Michigan, GAR Records Committee with a copy of all the information.

#### DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR FUNCTIONS:

I represented the Department of Michigan SUVCW at two Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War functions. The first was the inaugeral meeting of the Annie Etheridge Tent in Lansing welcoming them as a newly formed DUVCW Tent on behalf of the Department of Michigan SUVCW leadership.

In October 2009, I attended the DUVCW District Luncheon/Meeting in Sunfield, representing the Dept of Michigan SUVCW. I offered greetings on behalf of the Department and assisted with the luncheon.

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

(Senate Hearing on the Closing of the "Department of History, Arts, & Libraries")

As you know Gov Granholm's Executive Order 2009-36, dated 7-13-2009 eliminated the Department of History Arts & Libraries.

In <u>August 2009</u>, I attended the <u>State Senate</u>, <u>Dept of Commerce and Tourism Hearing</u> at the Farnum Building in Lansing Mi. regarding the closure of the State of Michigan, Dept of History Arts & Libraries. I submitted a Legislative Comment Card on behalf of the Department of Michigan SUVCW in support of retaining HAL, keeping the collections intact & the facility open to the public. The committee voted 3-1 to strike down the Governors Executive Order to eliminate the Department of History, Arts & Libraries & disperse the collections. This was adopted by the full Senate the next day. It was sent to the House of Representatives for consideration. While not successfull in saving the Dept of History, Arts & Libraries. Several days later an Ammended Governors Executive Order 2009-43 was issued implementing some of the suggestions voiced at the hearing.

#### **CAMP INSTALLATIONS:**

During the last year I attended Installations of Camp Officers at the initial forming of the <u>U.S. Grant,</u> <u>Camp #67</u> in Bay City, the <u>Austin Blair Camp #7</u> in Jackson Mi, the <u>George Anderson Camp #58</u> in Dewitt Mi, the <u>Gov. Henry Crapo Camp # 145</u> in Flint Mi.

I conducted the Installation of Camp Officers at the General Israel Richarson Camp # 2 in Berkley Mi.

#### **NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS:**

The following National Membership statistics were sent to me by National Jr Vice Commander, Brad Schall. They are not current as of the date of this Department Encampment report, but are the most recent national statistics I have received from him.

(Form 35a Department Annual Reports, are not <u>due</u> to the National Organization until <u>May 31st</u>, 2010).

Althought setting no <u>formal</u> National Recruiting goals, National Junior Vice Commander Schall suggested each camp try to recruit at least (1) new member to join the order during the next year.

Rank	Departments	Members	Camps	New - Apps	Rank - New
1	Pennsylvania	807	22		
2	Michigan	<del>517</del>	<mark>25</mark>	<b>2</b> 3	3
3	New York	509	19	20	4
4	Ohio	490	22	29	2
5	California and Pacific	408	15	9	8
6	Maryland	404	16	17	5
7	New Jersey	305	7	7	12
8	Wisconsin	221	7	5	17
9	Massachusetts	204	9	8	9
10	Indiana	198	6	6	13
11	Illinois	194	7	3	23
12	Missouri	191	12	8	9
13	Iowa	178	11	0	27
14	Kansas	142	5	4	21
	Florida	141	9	6	13
16	Rhode island	107	5	6	13
17	Maine	105	5	0	27
18	Tennessee	103	7	8	9
19	Texas	101	4	10	7
	New Hampshire	99	6	5	17
	Kentucky	87	4	13	6
	Georgia-South Carolina	81	4	6	13
	Isaac Stevens - MAL	70	1	2	25
23	Colorado and Wyoming	66	6	5	17
	Picacho Peak - MAL	64	1	1	26
24	Oklahoma	63	3	0	27
25	Nebraska	62	4	0	27
26	North Carolina	58	5	4	21
27	Connecticut	54	4	5	17
	Vermont	49	3	0	27
	Edward Baker - MAL	32	1	3	23
	L. Renniger - MAL	15	1	2	25
		6125	256	253	

Members include Members and Associates excludes Juniors

MAL Camps are not included in size ranking but in new applications

#### **NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP REFERALS:**

In early <u>August, 2009</u> I received a <u>Membership Referral From National Organization</u>. from National Jr. Vice Commander James R. Hanby for William Luft, who resides in Clinton Twp, Michigan. I contacted Mr Luft & then forwarded his application to Commander Gary Grout from the Gen. Israel Richardson, Camp #2 in Berkley for processing as a potential new member.

In October 2009 I received a Membership Referral from the National Organization. from National Jr Vice Commander, Brad Schall. The National Organization had received a membership application & check from Charles Laidlaw who resides in Lake Mi. I contacted the closest camp to Mr Laidlaw, the Wa-Bu-No Camp #250 Shepard/Mt Pleasant talking to Kris Kuhlman. Mr Laidlaw's membership application & check was sent to Brother Kuhlman for processing.

In <u>March 2010</u>, I received a <u>Membership Referral from the National Organization</u> from Brad Schall, National Jr Vice Commander in regards to an applicant by the name of Frank Schipani who resides in White Lake Michigan. The closest camp to Mr Schipani was the Gen Israel Richardson, Camp #2 in Berkley. I forwarded his membership application and check to Commander Gary Grout for processing.

#### **DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS:**

As you know, *Form 27a is the Camp Annual Report* due April 30, 2010, dealing with among other things the reporting of camp membership statistics. As of the writing of this report, Department Secretary Kevin Lindsey indicated he had not received this report from all camps within the department.

The *due date* for *Form 27a, Camp Annual Report* set by National Organization <u>falls after the date of our Department of Michigan Encampment</u>. (Rather than report incomplete statistical information, an addendum will be submitted after the April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline to be included in the Department Encampment minutes which will be sent out at a later date).

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty

Paul 'Dave" Amold

Paul "Dave" Arnold, PCC
Department of Michigan
Junior Vice Commander
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

cc: Charles Worley, Dept Commander Don Shaw, Dept Senior Vice Commander Kevin Lindsey, Dept Secretary

# TO THE WAY

#### Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department of Michigan Office of Secretary

April 24, 2010

To: Department Commander Worley and the Encampment

Re: The report of the Department Secretary

#### Commander,

This has been a trying year both personally and professionally for me. In this past year we have had multiple significant life events. My mother was in and out of hospitals all spring, and passed away in May. We spent the summer settling her estate. Our son got married out of state. Our oldest daughter's adoptive son was born in Cheboygan, and almost immediately rushed to neo natal in Traverse City (he's doing fine now), and our youngest daughter graduated from Michigan State. On top of all this I work for GM at the tech center, and you all know what they went through last year. Despite all of this all reports were completed and filed although not always right on schedule. But I maintained contact with all the affected officers, and they were aware of the situations, and worked with me I finished and electronically distributed the minutes of the last encampment, recorded and delivered the resolutions and new by laws of the encampment, produced and submitted the annual report to National, submitted the Certification of Election of officers for Camps and the Department, created credentials for both Department and National encampments, filed the paperwork to add our new camp, processed many new applications and camp status reports, maintained and updated both the department database and the paper files and records, and received, distributed and responded to correspondence from National, other Departments, and camps and their individual members.

I have continued to use an electronic mail system I set up which allows me to contact all Camp Commanders and Secretaries with up to date information, orders, and reminders of pending due dates. I would encourage all camps to try to make sure that their secretary and/or commander have or provide them an email address for that purpose. As one of our Brothers once said, this organization runs on email! As Department Secretary I have attended the Department Encampment and the installation of officers for camp 427.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Department Secretary. But after this past year, it will also be my pleasure to allow another brother to assume this position.

Respectfully Submitted In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Kevin Lindsey, Secretary Dept of Michigan SUVCW 6890 Norton Troy, MI 48085

Ph: 248-828-3632

Email: klindsey@comcast.net



# DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

April 24, 2010

#### Report of the Department Treasurer

Commander Worley, Officers and Men of the Department of Michigan

The Department of Michigan has concluded the financial business of Membership Year 2009-2010 and our finances continue to be positive. We posted revenues and expenditures during 2009-2010 of 6,658.37 and \$2,591.22 respectively. Total funds available amounted to \$35,931.86 as of March 31, 2010. Of that total, \$757.50 is the Sesquicentennial restricted account, \$419 is restricted Rally Round the Flag funds and \$747.14 is the Alger Medal of Honor restricted account. A total of \$33,341.81 represents unassigned cash that may be disposed of by this Encampment.

#### I wish to report:

- 1. The Department certificate of deposit balances totaled \$21,602.82 as of March 31 and earned \$372.35 during the fiscal year.
- 2. We continue to accumulate funds in the treasury at a rate of over \$3,000 per year with an excess of revenues over expenses of \$3,707.15 for the current fiscal year.
- 3. Restricted funds that have been held in order to replace flags of Michigan's men at Gettysburg are unchanged and continue to total \$415.
- 4. The Alger *Medal of Honor* Fund was not accessed during the fiscal year and with accumulated interest now amounts to \$747.14.
- 5. The Sesquicentennial fund balance remains at \$757.50.
- 6. The Greenville Monument funds have not been released and remain at \$406.41

I offer these recommendations for consideration by the Encampment for the coming year:

- 1. The Treasury is sound and I recommend that we consider either establishing programs to use the excess funds generated in line with the missions of the order, or seriously consider a reduction to the Departmental Per Capita Tax.
- 2. That a resolution be adopted to amend the operating guidelines of the Department to adopt a calendar accounting year. This would coincide with the year that was adopted for tax purposes and therefore would be in keeping with IRS guidelines as well as coincide with the actual membership year.
- 3. We have adopted operating guidelines that provide for allowances for Officer travel and incidental expenses. To date, these reimbursements have not been requested and add to the accumulation of funds of the order. While not asking for reimbursement is an admirable thing, it sets a precedent that may dissuade otherwise able candidates from seeking office in the Department. I would urge all officers to submit their expenses incurred in the execution of their duties for reimbursement.
- 4. The Operating Guidelines have set the Departmental officer's expense allowances at levels below actual expenses incurred. Given the cost of gasoline and the demands for travel of office, I would recommend amendment of the guidelines to increase these allowances. A separate resolution will be submitted regarding this matter.

I appreciate the trust placed in me by the Department in appointing me for to complete Brother Shumway's term as Treasurer. I have submitted my name for consideration by the Encampment as Department Treasurer in the coming year. I have enjoyed serving the Department and would wish to see through the projects initiated during the past administration should such be the decision of delegates of this Encampment.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Bruce S. A. Gosling, Treasurer Department of Michigan, SUVCW



# SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

# William B. McAfee, P.C.C. DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

9080 Dorado Court Milan, MI 48160-9773



#### REPORT of the DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN April 24, 2010

#### Commander Worley:

- 1. Listed below are all of the death dates and names of departed brothers, as they were reported to the Department Chaplain since our last Department Encampment: 2009:
  - 5/13 PCC John McFeters, Austin Blair Camp No. 7, Jackson.
  - 11/13 Arvis L. Dawson, Camp-at-Large
  - 12/10 PCC Dwight C. Kennard, Robert Finch Camp No. 14, Traverse City.

#### 2010:

- 1/1 Paul M. MacDonald, Henry E. Plant Camp No. 3, Grand Haven.
- 1/18 Ervin H.A. Stahl, Assoc., Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17, Lansing/Sunfield.
- 1/29 Harry E. Robinson, Gen. John A. Logan Camp No. 1, Grand Rapids.
- 2. During this fiscal year I have attended and/or participated in the following activities related to my position as Department Chaplain:
  - Department Encampment April 25, 2009;
  - Brother McFeters' funeral May 16, 2009;
  - Gave a history of the SUVCW to the Saline Masonic Lodge, May 19, 2009;
  - National Encampment, Louisville, KY, Aug. 13-16, 2009;
  - Annual Civil War Muster in Jackson August 29-30, 2009;
  - Grave re-dedication with Camp No. 7 in Grass Lake, April 17, 2010.
- 3. I submitted appropriate reports of the deaths of Michigan brothers to Department and National officers, as required.

It has been my honor to have been appointed to this office. I appreciate having been able to serve our Order and to have done what I was able in order to perpetuate its ideals and promote its agendae.

Respectively submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

William B. M<sup>c</sup> Afee

"Serve the Lord with gladness."





## SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

#### OFFICE OF THE EDITOR, MICHIGAN'S MESSENGER



To Department Commander Charles Worley and the Attendees of the 121<sup>st</sup> Department of Michigan Annual Encampment,

Greetings.

This will serve as the final report for the year 2009-2010 of the activities of the Editor of <u>Michigan's</u>
<u>Messenger</u> the official newsletter of the Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil
War

Currently, <u>Michigan's Messenger</u> is sent electronically to all 24 Camps within the Department. Each Camp contact then e-mails copies of the newsletter to their Camp, or arranges for copies to be made available to those who do not have e-mail. In addition, <u>Michigan's Messenger</u> is sent to all Department Officers and to the Commander-in-Chief.

Each of the quarterly editions were completed and released on time.

As Officers and Camps continue to submit articles that they want to share with the Department, and Camps continue to supply me with current e-mail addresses, <u>Michigan's Messenger</u> will continue to be the nationally recognized publication that it is today, and will be provided to the Membership at no cost.

Under the Department Commander's leadership, <u>Michigan's Messenger</u> continues to flourish, and remains a publication second to none in the National Organization.

I remain your faithful servant in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Richard E. Danes, Editor Michigan's Messenger

Michigan's Messenger
Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

and & Danes

Keeping Green the Memory



## SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

#### Office of the Graves Registration Officer



To Department Commander Charles Worley and the Delegates to the 121<sup>st</sup> Department of Michigan Annual Encampment, Greetings.

This will serve as the final report for the year 2009-2010 of the activities from the Department of Michigan Graves Registration Committee.

The achievements of the Committee, although significant, did not meet the stated goals of the 2008-2009 Committee Report.

We were not able to recover all graves related records from all Camps, and although we encouraged all Camps to appoint a Graves Registration Officer that would be active in the committee, some Camps failed to do so.

The significance of our work this year can be recognized with an additional 2806 new records entered into the Department Database reflecting a total of 60,065.

The Committee met quarterly for the 42<sup>nd</sup> consecutive time in March of this year, as we achieved a core attendance of 50% of the Camp committee members at each meeting. These meetings achieved meaningful dialog that is useful to Camp Officers and allows them a forum to express ideas, concerns, and to spend time learning about the resources available to them. We use a handbook developed by the Committee to standardize abbreviations, sources, and report content. Each Graves Registration Officer that attends a quarterly meeting receives an updated copy of the Department Database (dB) which is used in their research and in sharing information with the public. Every quarter the information contained on the new dB is put on-line by our Department Communications Officer.

Under the Department Commander's leadership, the Department of Michigan Graves Registration Program continues to flourish, and remains a program second to none in the National Organization.

I remain your faithful servant in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Richard E. Danes,

Graves Registration Officer

Department of Michigan and Member National Graves Registration Committee Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Keeping Green the Memory

#### DEPARTMENT COUNCIL 2010 ENCAMPMENT REPORT

#### DEPARTMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS: HOWARD STREETER, NEAL BREAUGH, RICK GREENE

MAY, 2009: The Department Council approved the selling of the Anniversary Medals that were passed out to those attending the 120<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment. The cost was set at \$ 10.00 SEE ATTACHED EMAILS

OCT. 26, 2009: The Department Council was represented in the teleconference Call arranged by Commander Worley for Department Officers

120<sup>TH</sup> DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN ENCAMPMENT DIRECTIVE: "THAT THE DEPARTMENT COUNCIL TAKE AN INVENTORY OF ALL DEPARTMENT PROPERTY, ITS LOCATION AND CONDITION."

NOVEMBER, 2009 - APRIL, 2010: This project was carried out between these dates,

An email was sent out by Department Secretary Lindsey in early November to all Department Officers, Camp Commanders, and/or Camp Secretary regarding This project. **SEE ATTACHED COPY** 

An Article, similar to the email, appeared in the Fall 2009 (December) issue of The Michigan Messenger SEE ATTACHED COPIES

Reports were received from seven Department Officers:

DC Worley, Secretary Lindsey, Treasurer Gosling, Chaplain McAfee,
Historian Keith, Graves Registration Officer Danes, Signals Officer Adair,
Civil War Memorial Officer Armstrong

Reports were received from three Past Department Commanders: Jim Pahl, Keith Harrison, Bruce Butgeriet

Reports were received from three Camps:
Robert Finch Camp No. 14, March to the Sea Camp No. 135,
Lockwood Camp No 139

SEE ATTACHED COPIES FOR ALL INFORMATION

#### DEPARTMENT COUNCIL 2010 ENCAMPMENT REPORT PAGE 2

120<sup>TH</sup> DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN ENCAMPMENT DIRECTIVE:
"THAT THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND COUNCIL
ESTABLISH A PERMANENT LOCATION IMMEDIATELY FOR THE
DEPARTMENT ARCHIVES THAT HAS, AS A MINIMUM,
TEMPERATURE CONTROL."

No actual work was done on this project by any of the Department Council Members. On January 22, 2010, after a request from the Council about this matter, we received An email from Commander Worley that he and SVC Shaw were working on this and That he was going to appoint a Committee to look into this further. On Brother had Stepped forward and offered his expertise in this matter. Commander Worley indicated That he would bring the Department Council into this discussion in late March or Early April. As of March 25, 2010, we have heard nothing.

On April 7, 2010, we received a request from Brother Matt Adair that this sub-committee Would be unable to have enough information to report to the Department Encampment on April 24<sup>th</sup>, and request additional time to accomplish this endeavor.

Additional Time was granted.

On April 17, 2010, Mat Adair took possession of the records of the Department of Michigan which wer located in the GAR Museum in Marshall, Michigan

#### SEE COPIES OF ATTACHED EMAILS

FEB. 2010: The Council authorized the payment of \$ 100.00 to be paid to the Women's Relief Corps to help in financing the 2010 Allied Orders Encampment. It Also authorized an Insurance Liability Policy at a cost of around \$ 200.00 That would be roughly around \$ 47.00 for each of the Allied Orders

APRIL, 2010: The Council authorized the expenditure of \$ 244.57 for brochures for GRO Rick Danes and his Graves Registration Committee. This was Within his allocated budget of \$ 300.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Howard Streeter

Neal Breaugh

Rick Greene



# Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

## Report of the Department Signals Officer 120th Encampment, April 25th, 2009



Brothers,

I have to honor to submit the following report concerning the activities of the Department Signals Officer for the 2009-2010 year:

During the past year, the Department website has mostly been in "maintenance mode." No major features or content has been added to calendars, Camp pages, etc.

The web hosting account currently costs \$6.95 a month, payable it two year increments, which works out to \$166.80 every two years. Our current account will need payment again in August of 2011. In addition, the yearly cost of the domain name (www.suvcwmi.org), which will also expire in June 2010, is currently \$35 year, with discounts for ordering multiple years. It is my sincere hope that we will continue to fund the website in a way that will bring honor and praise to our Department.

Several Camps have taken advantage of the opportunity to host their own websites on the Department server. These include:

- Gov. Henry Crapo Camp No. 145 (http://www.govcrapocamp145.org)
- Colegrove-Woodruff Camp No. 22 (http://camp22.suvcwmi.org)
- LeValley-Heusted Camp No. 255 ( http://camp255.suvcwmi.org )

I would like to reiterate that there is plenty of space available for those Camps who wish to maintain their own Camp web presence. These is no charge for this and each camp would receive a login account and a URL to their website formatted similar to <a href="http://camp255.suvcwmi.org">http://camp255.suvcwmi.org</a>.

For those camps who do not maintain their own websites, with a few exceptions, the lack of current information submitted by individual camps continues to be a problem. **VERY FEW CAMPS** in this Department have submitted updated information. To reiterate what has been said in the past, our website is the online, public face of our Camps and Department, we need to make sure that the information presented is as current and accurate as possible. The internet age has been upon us for a number of years. More and more people used the internet to obtain information. We cannot grow as an organization if the public cannot contact us, or we do not present a reputable image.

Plans for a redesigned and restructured website are currently being made. It is hoped that this will be in place before the main cycle of events commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War. At this time, some of the planned new features are:

- A new research section to provide people with resources for looking up Civil War veterans
- Expanded photo gallery that may allow Camps & Brothers to upload photos on their own.
- Blogging capabilities to allow members to publish short Civil War related articles.

• The possibility of add a new database composed of the entire 46 volumes of the *Record of service of Michigan volunteers in the Civil War,* more commonly known as the "Brown Books."

Many of these items will take time to implement. Currently, the greatest challenge is developing a unified "look and feel" for the website. If any Brothers have suggestions for any improvements, I am more than willing to take them into consideration.

I appreciate the trust conferred upon me, and hope that I will be given the opportunity to serve again.

Respectfully submitted, In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Matthew La lain

Matthew L. Adair

Department of Michigan

Signals Officer

DEPARTMENT of MICHIGAN SUVCW April 1<sup>th</sup>, 2010

DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN 2009-2010 ANNUAL REPORT

Brothers of the Department of Michigan:

This past year we took inventory of what is in the Archives of the Historian. Findings were forwarded to Commander Worley and Bro. Neal Breaugh.

The list is-

C/D

2007 DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN ANNUAL PERCAP.

C/D

THE MICHIGAN SOLDIER'S AND SAILOR'S MONUMENT SERVICE OF REDEDICATION, DETROIT, MICHIGAN APRIL 9, 2005

C/D

THE REDEDICATION OF THE MICHIGAN MONUMENT AT ANDERSONVILLE, MAY 30, 2004 ANDERSONVILLE GEORGIA

2007 ENCAMPMENT DEPARTMENT OFFICERS REPORTS

2007 CAMP STATUS REPORTS (FORM 30)

2007 ANNUAL REPORTS (FORM 27)

2007 DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN ANNUAL REPORT (FORM 35)

2007 INSTALLATION OF CAMP OFFICERS (FORM 22)

2005 ANNUAL REPORTS (FORM 27)

2005 INSTALLATION OF CAMP OFFICERS (FORM 22)

2004, 2005, 2006 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS AND FORMS 30

2006 ANNUAL REPORTS (FORM 27)

2006 INSTALLATION OF CAMP OFFICERS (FORM 22)

INFORMATION ON THE HOMER, MICHIGAN, G.A.R.

THE KENT COUNTY CIVIL WAR MONUMENT SERVICE OF REDEDICATION COMMEMORTIVE PROGRAM

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF CIVIL WAR VETERANS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

COPY OF THE BURIAL RECORDS BOOK OF THE G.A.R. LYON POST 266, MENOMINEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN SUVCW, HISTORY COLLECTION 2003, VOLUMES 1, 2, 3, &4

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN SUVCW, HISTORY COLLECTION 2004, VOLUMES 1 & 2

COLLECTION OF CASS AREA CIVIL WAR VETERANS OBITS

SEVERAL CIVIL WAR MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

PAPERS FROM SUV CAMP 233 OF EAST TAWAS, MICHIGAN

VARIOUS ITEMS FROM CAMPS OF THE DEPARTMENT

I have received some newspaper clippings and other items from Department Brothers. We have quite a list of pension files now!

As stated in the Michigan Messenger that all brothers can send items to me relating to their Department Office or items from their Camps and I will add them to our archives of our Department.

As of this date this is what I have concerning the year 2009-2010 for Office of the Department of Michigan Historian!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty: John R. Keith

Commander Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20 Department Historian Department of Michigan SUVCW

#### Report of the GAR Records Officer and Committee

Commander Worley, Officers and Brothers:

The work of your committee continues. Every year brings a few more discoveries of records of Posts of the Grand Army of the republic.

This year, we have received numerous requests for information on veterans who resided in Michigan. These requests are processed as soon as possible, and often times with the information that is sought. This gives out Order a reputation for being the place to go to for research needs, which in turn, increases the visibility and the respect from those outside of the Order.

The committee was in receipt of copies of records of the M.R. Rogers Post No. 308 of Imlay City, Michigan, which are located at the Imlay City Historical Museum. Mrs. Marilyn Swihart was gracious enough to provide copies of this material to the committee. The inventory of the records at the Historical Society is as follows:

- 1. M. R. Rogers Post No. 308 Membership Records and Treasurer's Record from 1885- to 1892
- 2. Grave Registry -- Imlay City Cemetery
- 3. Grave Registry -- Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery
- 4. Rules, Regulations & Bylaws of M. R. Rogers Post No. 308, Imlay City, Lapeer County, Michigan.
- 5. Blank Form "GAR Post Quartermaster's Bond"
- 6. 12 x 17 Memorial Record Book Presented by the Citizens of Imlay City 1885. Contains war record of 16 GAR members.
- 7. Original Charter of GAR Formed in 1885 with List of Charter Members (in poor condition).
- 8. Photo of Lapeer County GAR Gathering in the Late 1800's Taken in Imlay City. Shown are approximately 50 Men.
- 9. Photo of William Wallace Huntley, Civil War Veteran.
- 10. Pension Claim of Patrick Delaney and Widow's Claim to the War Department Adjutant General's Office, Washington, March 30, 1883.

Mrs. Swihart also informed us that they would be pleased to share these records and wanted us to know that the information will be truly preserved and appreciated.

In November, the Committee arraigned for the donation of \$100.00 from the Department to Charlotte Historical Society to assist in the digitation of the records of the A.S. Williams Post No. 40 of Charlotte, Michigan. The result of this is two-fold. One, the records will be preserved in such a way as to make them available for research, and secondly, we will receive a copy of these records for our files. This also increases our stature as an Organization, as we have literally "put our money where our mouth is. "This opportunity was discovered by Brother Dennis Zank of Camp 17, and the check was presented on our behalf by JVDC David Arnold.

The project of transcribing the records of the Department of Michigan, GAR, located in the Archives of Michigan, has been suspended indefinitely, since the death of PDC Jim Lyons. We have been unable to find a Brother who is able to devote the time required to continue this project. This, coupled with the uncertainty during the transition of the administration in charge of the Library of Michigan and the Historical Museum, has also been a factor. It is our hope that as the dust settles we will be able to resume this work.

The work continues with updating the department's website. In the works are the addition of more features to the GAR Records web pages. Among the suggestions is to expand the pages to include not only photos of surviving GAR halls, but also halls that no longer exist. Several photos have been located and will be added to the database.

Your committee looks forward to another year of searching and locating the records of the GAR, and preserving the memory of the boys in blue.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Gary L. Gibson, PDC
GAR Records Officer
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

For the Committee:

Matt Adair
J. Richard Greene, PDC
Charles O. Harthy
Paul D. Hodges, PDC
J. Douglas Park, PDC



## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War The Russell A. Alger, Camp No. 462

Department of Michigan Camp-at-Large

Saturday, April 24, 2010

To the Department Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, all Elected and Appointed Department Officers, all National Officers present, Camp Officers and members,

#### Greetings:

I herewith submit my annual report as Coordinator of Russell A. Alger Camp No. 462, the Michigan Camp-At-Large.

We gained a Past Camp Commander in Bro. Edward Woodard who served previously as Camp Commander of Wm. A. Kent Camp No. 83 and as Camp Senior Vice Commander of Gen. John A. Logan Camp No. 1 and new member Bro. Brian J. Davis from Oscoda.

Contact has been maintained with our members via E-mail.

Brothers if you have members of your camps that don't wish to be active, rather than dropping out, have them transfer to the Camp-at-Large.

After having served as Coordinator of the Michigan Camp at Large since the Encampment in 2005 I will relinquish my leadership to another. I thank the successive Department Commanders for appointing me beginning with Richard Greene, PDC.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Bro. Robert A. Mitchell, Coordinator

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Russell A. Alger Camp No. 462

Department of Michigan, Camp-At-Large

1504 Longfellow St.

Detroit, MI 48206-2000

313-204-5103/Days

313-866-8630/Evenings

#### Kevin

We of Curtenius Guard Camp #17 respectively submit for the Departmental Encampment a resolution of endorsement for Junior Vice Commander in Chief Brad Schall bid for the position of Commander in Chief at the 129<sup>th</sup> National Encampment.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Camp Secretary

Dennis Zank

Curtenius Guard Camp #17

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



#### Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War The Gen. Israel B. Richardson Camp No. 2 Oakland County, Michigan

Dept. of Michigan, SUVCW 68341 Crooked Creek Rd. White Pigeon, MI 49099-8741

April 2, 2010

Dear Commander Worley,

Please find below a resolution from the General Israel B Richardson Camp 2 in support of Patriots week and encouragement for all other camps to promote and participate in the commemorations of the week.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty Philip Carlisle, Camp Secretary Gen. Israel B. Richardson Camp #2 Department of Michigan, SUVCW

WHEREAS, in 2009 the Michigan State Senate in an unanimously and in a bi-partisan manner designated September 11 (the anniversary of the terrorists attacks) - September 17 (the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution, aka Constitution Day) as Patriot Week,

WHEREAS, Patriot Week renews America's spirit by celebrating the First Principles, Founding Fathers and other great Patriots, vital documents and speeches, and historical flags that make America the greatest nation in world history;

WHEREAS, the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War is a patriotic institution of the first order and seeks to instill the ideals of America and patriotism in our citizens;

WHEREAS, in addition to our Founding Fathers and other great Patriots, Patriot Week specifically recognizes the contributions of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War by commemorating the First Principle of racial equality, Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, the Emancipation Proclamation, the Gettysburg Address, and the Union Fort Sumter Flag;

WHEREAS, by participating in and promoting Patriot Week, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War would significantly enhance patriotism and the spirit of America;

RESOLVED, that the General Israel B. Richardson Camp #2, Oakland County Michigan Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War hereby endorses the commemoration of Patriot Week, pledges to promote and participate in Patriot Week activities, and encourages our brothers in other Michigan camps and nationally to support the First Principles, Founding Fathers, Civil War veterans, and others who have fought - and often gave their last full measure of devotion - to found and preserve our republic.

Patriot Week renews America's spirit by celebrating the First Principles, persons, documents, and flags that make America the greatest nation in world history.

#### **ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

Anna Amato, ACE Academy
Tracye Bello, Rochester Adams High School
John Bowker
Lori Bluhm
Carol Egbo, Waterford School District
Rose Ann Gordon
Adam Hartley, Birmingham Covington School
Denise Liberty, Detroit Country Day School
Ebbie Parsons III, Mosaica Education
Ernestine Sanders, Cornerstone Schools
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PATRIOT WEEK

RENEWING THE
AMERICAN SPIRIT

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### THE PURPOSE AND DESIGN

Many of our current holidays have become overly commercialized or have lost their deeper meaning. We need to reinvigorate our appreciation and understanding of America's spirit.

Patriot Week focuses on our First Principles, Founding Fathers and other Patriots, founding documents and speeches, and flags.

#### 2009

#### **Participants**

Michigan State Senate, Cooley Law
School, Oakland University, University of
Michigan, Bingham Farms Elementary,
Birmingham Covington School, Cornerstone
Schools, Detroit Country Day School, home
schools, Lincoln-King Academy, Pontiac High
School, Rochester Adams, Shrine Catholic High
School, Washington-Parks Academy, Waterford
Schools, Bloomfield Township, Oakland County
Board of Commissioners, Oakland County
Circuit Court, Bloomfield Senior Center,
Michigan Federalist Society,
News/Talk 760 AM

Anchored by the key dates of September 11 (the anniversary of the terrorists attacks) and September 17 (Constitution Day, the anniversary of when the Constitution was signed), each day has a separate focus.

### THE SCHEDULE

9/11: First Principle of Revolution; Thomas Paine, Patrick Henry, and John Adams; the Declaration of Independence; and the Bennington ('76) Flag

**9/12:** First Principle of the **Rule of Law**; Chief Justice John **Marshall**; *Marbury v Madison*; and the **Betsy Ross Flag** 

**9/13:** First Principle of the **Social Compact**; George **Washington**; the Congressional Resolution forwarding the Constitution to the states for ratification; and the current **USA Flag** 



**9/14:** First Principle of **Equality (gender)**; Elizabeth Cady **Stanton** and Susan B. **Anthony**; **Seneca Falls Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions** and **19**<sup>th</sup> **Amendment**; and the **Suffragist Flag** 

9/15: First Principle of Equality (racial); Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, and Martin Luther King Jr.; Gettysburg Address, Emancipation Proclamation and I Have a Dream speech; and the Union (Fort Sumter) Flag

9/16: First Principle of Unalienable Rights; Thomas Jefferson; the Bill of Rights; and the Gadsdsen Flag (Don't Tread on Me)

9/17: First Principle of Limited Government; James Madison; unamended Constitution, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Amendments; and State, County, or Municipal Flags

# Report of the Michigan Department's Special Committee on the Civil War Sesquicentennial

Currently, there are 11 Brothers serving on the Michigan Department's Special Committee. They are listed at the end of this report.

We are pleased to report that we now, finally, have some movement by the state's Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee of the State Historical Commission. We have been authorized to create a subcommittee referred to as (*Civil War History Partners* – see Attachment 1) to help move the commemoration along. The Civil War History Partners currently is composed of five subgroups:

- (1) Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War/Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States,
- (2) Reenactments/Living Histories
- (3) Museums/Roundtables,
- (4) Libraries/Historical/Genealogical Societies, and
- (5) Publicity.

Each of the subgroups has a facilitator assigned to it: PCinC Keith Harrison (Subgroup #1), Tom Berlucchii and PCC Dave Downing (Subgroup #2), John Gibney (Subgroup #3), PDC Bruce Butgereit (Subgroup #4) and no one yet for Subgroup #5.

First and foremost, I need to inform everyone that there is absolutely no state money for this endeavor - which probably constitutes the reason why the state's Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee is not planning on much of anything in terms of special programs or outreach (other than electronic) to the citizenry. The responsibility for this will fall onto the shoulders of the Civil History Partners of which the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a key component.

I have attached a listing of ideas (Attachment 2) that I am sharing with the state's Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee that will be able to be accomplished by our organization along with the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. You will note that many of the ideas are things that we are already doing (which by the way came to the surprise of the state's Sesquicentennial Committee during our presentation at their public hearings). Consequently, what we will need to do is to ensure that we highly publicized these types of activities all through the Sesquicentennial years. Other ideas listed are for special programs/commemorations that we might be able to orchestrate. Most of these ideas are a compilation of ideas suggested by members of our own SUVCW committee. Please keep in mind that this list is an initial list and more things will be added to it as we go. Second, we, as committee members, will be responsible to helping to get our local camps involved.

The second and third page of the attachment deals with another key component of our partnership with the state's Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee, the Libraries/Historical Societies, and the Genealogical Societies Partner. What we are looking for here is for our local Camps to help this Partner subgroup out by identifying and getting initial contact information for all the various local libraries, historical societies, and genealogical societies within their area. PDC Bruce Butgereit, a member of our SUVCW Department Committee, is the chair of this Partner subgroup. He has divided the state into sections hopefully to help make this initial task more doable. Here again, we would like to get some volunteers from our local Camps to help in developing a working contact list. Bruce can provide further explanation later.

Attachment 3 presents some ideas from the Roundtable and Reenactment Partner subgroups that currently are being considered.

# Report of the Michigan Department's Special Committee on the Civil War Sesquicentennial

The state is suppose to be establishing a special website for the Sesquicentennial - hopefully by mid-April. We will let everyone know when the site is up and running. The website will be an interactive one such that individuals and organizations can publish their events. In addition, there will be a logo established for the Sesquicentennial, although this will not be available until sometime during late summer of this year. Once created though, we will be able to use this logo to indicate official Sesquicentennial events. More information on this will be forthcoming in the near future

Finally, our Reenacting/Living History Partner subgroup will be coming up with an orchestrated program that will coincide various events with their 150th year's anniversaries. Also, they are requesting SUVCW Information booths at Historic Fort Wayne during Civil War Days in July 10 – 11, 2010. More information on this also will be forthcoming.

Recommendation: We recommend that the Committee be provided with a \$300 budget for fiscal year 2010/2011, with expenditures of these funds to be based on submitted requests for reimbursements subject to approval by the Department Commander.

Keith G. Karrison, PCinC, Chair

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Chair

#### Michigan Department Sesquicentennial Committee Members

Keith G. Harrison, PCinC, Chair pcinc@prodigy.net
Curtenius Guard Camp #17

Bruce Butgereit, PDC <u>civil-war@comcast.net</u> General John Logan Camp #1

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John Dyle <u>jddyle@hotmail.com</u> Robert Finch Camp #14

Charles Worley PCC, DC worleyc@net-link.net Department Commander Ex-Officio Committee Member

# Attachment 1 Civil War Sesquicentennial

### Michigan Historical Commission

Edward D. Surovell, President
John M. Dempsey, Vice President
William Conner Jr.
Lamont Corbin
Thomas M. Farrell

Samuel Logan Jr.
James A. McConnell
Judith L. Tappero
Thomas Truscott

Sandra S. Clark, Secretary

Director, Michigan Historical Center

# Michigan Historical Commission's Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee

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### Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee's Civil War History Partners Steering Group

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War/
Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States
Keith G. Harrison (pcinc@prodoigy.net)

#### Civil War Reenactments/Living Histories

RepresentativesThomas Berlucchi (<a href="mailto:tberlucchi@yahoo.com">tberlucchi@yahoo.com</a>) & David Downing (<a href="mailto:downing\_dave@hotmail.com">downing\_dave@hotmail.com</a>)

#### Museums/Roundtables

John Gibney (<u>John\_Gibney@monroemi.org</u>)

Libraries/Historical Societies/Genealogical Societies
Bruce Butgereit (civil-war@comcast.net)

Publicity – Newspapers/Radio/Television/Internet XXXXXXXXX (xxxxxxxxxxx)

A Civil War Sesquicentennial Website is forthcoming

#### **Attachment 2**

#### Initial

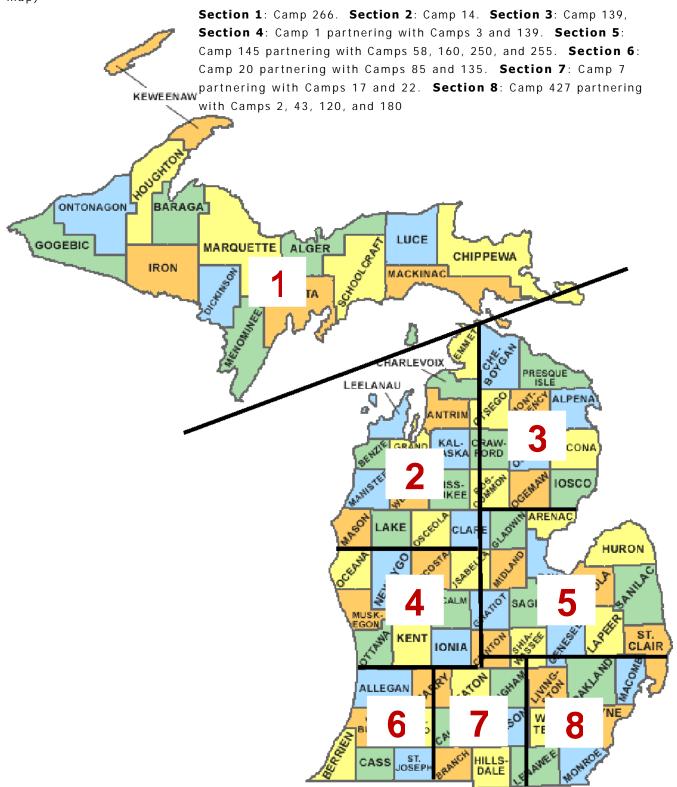
# Ideas for Contributions and Activities for: Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War/ Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States Civil War History Partner

Keith G. Harrison, Chair

- Ongoing activities, which will take place throughout the year for all five years all over the state (all these need to be well published)
  - > Civil War Monument/Memorial rededications starting with those on the capitol lawn
  - > Civil War Grave rededications
  - > Civil War Cemetery lot [entire lots] rededications (Lansing, Grand Rapids, Detroit etc)
  - > Memorial Day Programs
  - > Veteran Day Programs
  - > Programs dealing with the Civil War Veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic
  - > Programs at and about Existing GAR Halls and the Civil War artifacts contained therein.
  - > School programs on Michigan's Role in the Civil War put on by SUVCW members (andlocal Civil War Reenactors) all over the state.
  - > Ongoing Free Civil War evening Seminars throughout the year
  - > Additional Ongoing local program put on by the Department's 25 local SUVCW Camps
  - > Development and promotion of a Speaker's Bureau from amongst SUVCW and MOLLUS members
- Ongoing FREE assistance to help people find their Civil War ancestor
- Website publication of Michigan Commandery MOLLUS War Papers (written by Civil War officers who were Michigan Commandery Members)
- Website publication of Other Commandery papers dealing with Michigan Role in the Civil War
- Website publication of Michigan Civil War Grave Registration database (57,500 and growing) Website publication of Civil War Monument and Memorials in Michigan and an indication of what condition they are currently in (SUVCW database and check with Weldon Petz also).
- Website publication of Michigan Monuments (and condition assessment?) at National Battlefields
- ➤ Development of a 100-plus SUVCW Brothers participation in the Michigan Week Parade in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015.
- Possible development Civil War interpretative *local* (e.g. county-wide or multiple counties) mini tours to important Civil War Cemetery/monument locations)
- Possible development of a Civil War day-long interpretative bus tours *throughout Michigan* to important Civil War Cemetery/monument and other locations (like Historic Fort Wayne)
- Possible development of a Civil War week-long interpretative bus tour to National battlefields where Michigan troops had a significant impact (obviously this would take longer and require considerable more logistics (Roger Rosentreter brought this up earlier).
- ➤ Possible raising of funds for the creation of a monument/memorial on the Capitol Lawn to the 1st Michigan Colored Infantry

### Libraries/Historical Societies/Genealogical Societies History Partner Bruce B. Butgereit, Chair

(We are looking for contacts within each designated Camp to help obtain local contacts for libraries, historical societies and genealogical societies within the areas designated in the below map)



### Libraries/Historical Societies/Genealogical Societies History Partner

General Responsibilities would be as follows

Communicate plans regarding the Sesquicentennial with oversight Camps in the eight (8) sections of the state and determine who will be their point of contact (POC). The Camp Patriotic Instructor would seem the logical officer. Explain that there will be some minimal costs involved in printing letters of introduction, envelopes and postage.

Create database of Camp POC email and other contact information

Request the oversight Camp POC communicate with other Camps within their section (if multiple Camps exist) to ascertain a POC.

Revise database based upon the added contact information.

Request each Camp POC communicate with their section oversight Camp by providing a list of all libraries, and historical and genealogical societies within their section.

Create temporary letterhead for use by oversight POC.

Create sample letter briefly describing Michigan CW Sesquicentennial Committee / SUVCW / MOLLUS partnership and goals. Include information about website and encourage open communication about future events. Offer assistance whenever possible for joint efforts between SUVCW Camps and local organizations. Create sectional database of all libraries and historical and genealogical societies contact information.

Distribute letter electronically to oversight Camps POC as well as addresses of organizations within their section.

Within a week, request feedback from each Camp POC to ensure follow through on mailing.

Maintain an email communication between section and Camp POC's.

#### **Attachment 3**

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 150th Civil War **Round Table** Conference I Sponsored by **Monroe Museum** 150th Civil War **Round Table** 150th Civil War Roundtables Fort Sumpter Talk Conference II **Round Table** Sponsored by **Idea Suggestions TBA Conference IV Monroe County TBA** Museum Shiloh + The West **TBA** Manassas TBA Horror of Andersonville Lee Goes North: Sponsored by The Maryland **Monroe Museum** Campaign TBA March to the Sea 150th Civil War **TBA** The Forlorn Hope **Round Table** Overland At Fredericksburg Conference III Sponsored by Campaign **TBA Monroe Museum Hold Against Hell:** Roundtable Michigan at Conference V Chancellorsville **TBA** Sponsored by **Monroe Museum** A Shadow Passing: 16th

> Michigan at Gettysburg Sponsored by Monroe Museum

#### **Attachment 3**

Civil War Reenactments at Jackson Cascades, Historic Fort Wayne, Charleton Park, Crossroads Village, etc plus Numerous Living Histories Battles/skirmishes leading up to and including Surrender of Lee's Army

Fort Sumpter & Mustering of regiments

Draft Riot and Mustering in of 24th Michigan

battles/skrimishes

plus other

Norman Hall stops Pickett's Charge @ Monroe County Site TBA Overland

plus other

**Campaign Battles** 

battles/skrimishes

Manassas

plus other battles/skrimishes

Gettysburg & Chickamagua

plus other battles/skrimishes



To: SUVCW - Camp 20 Brothers

From: Brother Michael D. Nick

**Date:** March 10, 2011

Re: Restoration of Rank of Past Commander for Michael Nick

#### Camp 20 Brothers,

I would like to take a moment to ask for your support and vote of confidence for me to have my rank of Past Camp Commander restored. As many of you are aware, I was Camp Commander of Ulysses S. Grant Camp 101 Detroit. Business took me to relocate to West Michigan. Shortly after my relocation the U.S. Grant Camp 101 surrendered its charter and was closed. In that process my files were lost / misplaced. This forced me to apply for membership within Camp 20 rather than the typical transfer that would have normally taken place.

In closing, I request your support on this matter. My hope is to have my Past Camp Commander rank restored during the up coming Department of Michigan Encampment on 24 April 2010. Thank you for your time and support.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

MD. M

Michael D. Nick

#### Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

#### Resolution regarding fiscal year of the Department

**Whereas,** Operating Guidelines of the Department of Michigan (Department), Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) adopted at the 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment on April 23, 2005 specifies that the fiscal year of the Department of Michigan shall be from April 1 through March 31.

Whereas, the reporting year specified with the application for Employer Identification Number filed by the Department reported that a calendar year accounting period would be employed by the Department.

**Whereas,** the Department has filed its annual Form 990-N Electronic Notice for Tax Exempt Organization not Required to File Form 990 on a calendar year basis.

Whereas, Internal Code Section 441(c) implies that an entity's accounting period and tax reporting period are to be the same.

Whereas, the membership year of the SUVCW and the accounting periods of the majority of the Camps of the Department are on a calendar basis, a natural accounting year for the Department would be implied to be a calendar year as well

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Department Operating Guidelines be amended to reflect the adoption of the calendar year accounting period effective with the year ending December 31, 2010.

#### Certification

I the undersigned, as the Commander of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War do hereby certify that the organization, by affirmative vote at the 121<sup>st</sup> Departmental Encampment on April 24, 2010 hereby adopts this resolution.

Charles Worley, Department C	ommander
	Attest
Kevin Lindsey, Secretary	

#### Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

#### Resolution regarding expense allowances of the Department

**Whereas,** Operating Guidelines of the Department of Michigan (Department), Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) adopted at the 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment on April 23, 2005 specifies budgeted maximum authorized expense allowances for certain officers and committees.

Whereas, the actual expenses for travel and incidental expenses incurred in the proper execution of certain offices and committees exceeds these approved allowances.

Whereas, the Operating Guidelines provides for reimbursement above the authorized amounts, this requires recommendation for approval of the Department Treasurer, Department Council to the Department Commander before the expenditure is made.

**Whereas,** the officers and committees have not historically applied for reimbursement of expenses incurred in execution of their offices.

Whereas, this precedent may result in otherwise qualified applicants from seeking office in the Department of Michigan due to financial hardship.

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved,** that the Department Operating Guidelines be amended to reflect the adoption of the following adjustments to the maximum authorized expenditures, and that the budget be amended to reflect this amendment:

Commander, presently \$100 be increased to \$250.
Senior Vice Commander, presently \$100 be increased to \$150.
Chaplain, presently \$-0- be increased to \$100.
Treasurer, presently \$50 be increased to \$100.
Graves Registration Committee, presently \$300 be increased to \$500.
Civil War Memorials, presently \$100 be increased to \$150

The total increase proposed for the current budget is \$600.

### Certification

I the undersigned, as the Commander of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War do hereby certify that the organization, by affirmative vote at the 121 <sup>st</sup> Departmental Encampment on April 24, 2010 hereby adopts this resolution.
Charles Worley, Department Commander
Attest
Kevin Lindsey, Secretary

### DONALD W. SHAW

#### SENIOR VICE COMMANDER - DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN - SUVCW

3914 Larchmont Street Flint, Michigan 48532 Telephone - 810 239 4785

April 22, 2010

Kevin Lindsey Secretary – Department of Michigan - SUVCW 6890 Norton Troy, Michigan 48085

Re: By Laws Committee Report to the 121st Department Encampment

Dear Brother Lindsey,

Please accept the following as the Report of the By Laws Committee for inclusion in the records of the Encampment:

Brothers,

After consultation with the Department Commander and the Department Counselor, it was determined that our By-Laws are in good order and do not need any amendment at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald W. Shaw

Chairman - By Laws Committee

Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

#### 2010 DEPARTMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Here is a list of the replies we received from Camps and individuals to our request to Locate all Michigan Department Property

October 27, 2009: From Robert Finch Camp No. 14:

We have no Department Property.

October 28, 2009 From Graves Registration Officer Rick Danes:

I have 42 boxes(about 60,000 Paper Records). I often use

These records when answering queries.

October 29, 2009 From Keith Harrison, PC-in-C, PDC, PCC:

I have no Department Property.

November 11, 2009: From Department Secretary Kevin Lindsey:

I have Department Records from 2008, 2009, and current 2010

Records. All previous Records have already been turned over

To the Department Historian. I also have "electronic Information that I keep on my computer. Previous such

Information has been transferred to the Department Historian. The records I have are kept in a plastic storage container. All

My records will be turned over to the Department(my

Successor) at the end of my term.

November 11, 2009: From Bruce Butgereit: PDC

I have 180 small State of Michigan Flags placed annually on the

Michigan Graves in the Gettysburg National Cemetery every

Remembrance Day in November.

November 11, 2009: From March to the Sea Camp No. 135

We have no Department Property.

November 12, 2009: From Jim Pahl: PC-in-C, PDC, PCC

I have all the U.S. Flags used to place on the Michigan Graves

In the Gettysburg National Cemetery every Remembrance

Day in November.

December 4, 2009: From Lockwood Camp No. 139

We have no Department Property.

January 21, 2010: From Department Chaplain Bill McAfee

I have some Death Notice Files, but nothing else.

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January 21, 2010: From Treasurer Bruce Gosling

He has all the records received from Brian Shumway which Include the last several years in electronic and paper formats He will continue to hold onto these records until he is more Comfortable with the position before turning them over to

The Department Historian

January 21, 2010: From Department Commander Chuck Worley

Partial Report: (He still has 13 Tote Bags to go through)

SEE ATTACHED REPORT

January 1, 2010: From Department Historian John R. Keith

List of Civil War Pension Files Collections

January 26, 2010: An Inventory List of all items that are in the Department

Of Michigan Historian Collection SEE ATTACHED REPORTS

April 7, 2010: From Signals Officer Matt Adair

He does not have any "Physical Property", but he does have "Electronic Property" in the form of the passwords and logins

For maintaining the website.

April 8, 2010: From Department Commander Chuck Worley

Final Report on the remaining 13 Tote Bags.

SEE ATTACHED REPORT

April 16, 2010: From Department Civil War Memorials Officer Doug Armstrong

He currently has 250 memorial assessment forms with photos, Some hard copy and some digital, along with a copy of our Department's database. He has backed up this information to His personal external hard drive. This is the extent of the

Department's property in his possession.

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April 17, 2010: From Signals Officer and Member of the Sub Committee to find a Climate controlled storage place for the Department Achieves

"The Records of the Department of Michigan which were Located in the GAR Museum in Marshall, Michigan have been Retrieved and are now in my possession".

Though he has not had the opportunity to look through them in detail, Here is what he retrieved:

4 cardboard record boxes of materials, mostly in 3 ring binders Or report covers.

Materials cover administrations of Keith Harrison, William Brennan, Doug Parks, Jim Pahl, (possibly others) One box marked "Dept. Historian" contains a variety of Historical materials, possibly from the time Dean Lamphere was Historian Some materials from Thayne LaBanta Color photos and large format negative of Department Charter

A two drawer metal 3X5 card index file containing several Hundred membership cards of the Department dating Early 1900, most appear to be the 1920-30's era Thursday, March 10, 2011 Page 1 of 6

Car	np#		Allotted Delegates		
					_
	Leo	Kennedy	Commander in Chief	✓ Registered	Present for vote
Total	l for Camp			1	
Car	np# 001		Allotted Delegates		
Gen	. John Log	gan	2		
	Bruce	Butgereit	Past Dept Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
	Tim	Kolean	Past Camp Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
	William	Truss	Delegate	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
Total	l for Gen. Jo	hn Logan Camp		3	
Car	np# 002		Allotted Delegates		
	_	Richardson	3		
	John	Bowker	Past Camp Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
	Gary	Grout	Camp Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	☐ Present for vote
	Kevin	Lindsey	Past Camp Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	☐ Present for vote
	Bruce	Miller	Past Camp Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	☐ Present for vote
Tota	l for Gen. Isı	rael B. Richardson	Camp	4	
Car	mp# 003		Allotted Delegates		
Hen	ry Plant		2		
	Max	Riekse	Past Camp Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
Total	l for Henry I	Allotted Delegates  John Logan  Bruce Butgereit Past Dept Commander Present for vote Tim Kolean Past Camp Commander Present for vote William Truss Delegate Present for vote Or Gen. John Logan Camp  Allotted Delegates  John Bowker Past Camp Commander Present for vote  Gary Grout Camp Commander Present for vote  Kevin Lindsey Past Camp Commander Present for vote  Miller Past Camp Commander Present for vote  Or Gen. Israel B. Richardson Rate Past Camp Commander Present for vote  Or Gen. Israel B. Richardson Past Camp Commander Present for vote  Or Gen. Israel B. Richardson Camp  Allotted Delegates  Or Gen. Israel B. Richardson Camp  Allotted Delegates  Or Henry Plant Camp  Allotted Deleg			
Car	np# 007		Allotted Delegates		
Aus	tin Blair		5		
	Bob	Griggs	Camp Commander	✓ Registered	Present for vote
	Bill	Lowe	Past Camp Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
	Michael	Maillard	Delegate	✓ Registered	Present for vote
	Charles	Waters III	Delegate	✓ Registered	Present for vote

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Total for Aus	stin Blair Camp		4
Camp# 0	14	Allotted Delegates	
Robert Fin	ch	6	
Dale	Aurand	Camp Commander	✓ Registered □ Present for vote
Neal	Breaugh	Past Camp Commander	✓ Registered □ Present for vote
Skip	Bryant	Delegate	✓ Registered □ Present for vote
Joe	Conger	Delegate	✓ Registered □ Present for vote
James	Friesner	Delegate	☐ Registered ☐ Present for vote
George	Goodrich	Delegate	✓ Registered □ Present for vote
Tom	Jenkins	Delegate	✓ Registered □ Present for vote
Jeff	Morse	Delegate	☐ Registered ☐ Present for vote
Bill	Skillman	Past Camp Commander	✓ Registered □ Present for vote
H.G.	Smith	Delegate	✓ Registered □ Present for vote
Camp# 0 Curtenius	17 Guard	Allotted Delegates	
Dave	Arnold	Past Camp Commander	✓ Registered □ Present for vote
David	Bankhead	Delegate	✓ Registered □ Present for vote
Charles		Alt Delegate	✓ Registered □ Present for vote
Gary	Copenhauer	Delegate	✓ Registered □ Present for vote
Chris	Czopek	Alt Delegate	✓ Registered □ Present for vote
William	n Haines	Delegate	✓ Registered □ Present for vote
Keith	Harrison	Past C in C	✓ Registered □ Present for vote
Paul	Hodges	Past Dept Commander	✓ Registered □ Present for vote
James	Pahl	Past C in C	✓ Registered □ Present for vote
George	Roux	Camp Commander	✓ Registered □ Present for vote
Ken	Russeau	Delegate	✓ Registered □ Present for vote
Ron	Shull	Past Camp Commander	✓ Registered □ Present for vote
Dennis	Zank	Delegate	✓ Registered □ Present for vote

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Total for Curte	nius Guard Camp		13	
Camp# 020	)	Allotted Delegates		
Gen. Benjam	in Pritchard	4		
William	Brennan	Past Dept Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	☐ Present for vote
John	Brewster	Delegate	Registered	Present for vote
William	Costello	Past Camp Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
Gary	Gibson	Past Dept Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
Steve	Redinger	Past Camp Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
Total for Gen. 1	Benjamin Pritchard	Camp	5	
Camp# 022	,	Allotted Delegates	<u> </u>	
Colegrove - V	Voodruff	3		
James	Jackson	Delegate	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
Howard	Streeter	Past Camp Commander	✓ Registered	☐ Present for vote
Blaine	Valentine	Camp Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
Total for Coleg	rove - Woodruff Can	np	3	
Camp# 058	}	Allotted Delegates	<u> </u>	
George W. An	nderson	3		
Douglas	Armstrong	Delegate	Registered	Present for vote
Dennis	Felton	Delegate	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
L. Ray	Lake	Camp Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
Gordon	McGarey	Delegate	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
Mark	Pangburn	Alt Delegate	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
Total for Georg	ge W. Anderson Cam	p	5	
Camp# 067	,	Allotted Delegates	<u> </u>	
US Grant		3		
Robert	Boguette	Delegate	<b>✓</b> Registered	☐ Present for vote
Paul	Davis	Camp Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	☐ Present for vote

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		List o	f Delegates by C	Camp	
	Jack	Frost	Delegate	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
	Duaine	Phillips	Delegate	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
Total	for US Grar	nt Camp		4	
Cam	p# 085		Allotted Delegates		
Fred	lerick H. H	ackeman	2		
	Rex	Dellman	Past Camp Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
	Glen	Palen	Camp Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
	Charles	Pfauth	Alt Delegate	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
	William	Viet	Delegate	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
Total	for Frederic	ek H. Hackeman (	Camp	4	
Cam	p# 135		Allotted Delegates		
Marc	ch to the Se	ea	3		
	Phillip	Cripe	Delegate	✓ Registered	☐ Present for vote
	Bruce	Gosling	Camp Commander	✓ Registered	☐ Present for vote
	David	Gosling	Delegate	✓ Registered	☐ Present for vote
	Carl	Holsinger	Delegate	<b>✓</b> Registered	☐ Present for vote
	Charles	Worley	Dept Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
Total	for March to	o the Sea Camp		5	
Cam	p# 145		Allotted Delegates		
Gov.	Henry Cra	про	4		
	Matthew	Adair	Delegate	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
	Dennis	Derr	Delegate	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
	Dennis	Derr II	Past Dept Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
	Edgar	Dowd	Delegate	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
	Robert	May	Camp Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
	Donald	Shaw	Past Camp Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
	David	Wallace	Past Dept Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
	Neal	Zabicki	Past Camp Commander	✓ Registered	☐ Present for vote

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Total for Go	ov. Henry Crap	oo Camp		8	
Camp#	160		Allotted Delegates		_
Henry Wa	ıllace		2		
Gary	Grang	ger (	Camp Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	☐ Present for vote
David	Hillic	er F	Past Camp Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
Max	Newn	nan F	Past Camp Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
Total for He	enry Wallace C	Camp		3	
Camp#	180		Allotted Delegates		
Carpenter	- Welch		2		
Danie	l Benfi	eld I	Past Camp Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
Micha	el Christ	iaens I	Delegate	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
Willia	m Eaton	(	Camp Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
Bill	McAf	ee I	Past Camp Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
Micha	el Van V	Vasshnova I	Delegate	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
Total for Ca	arpenter- Welc	h Camp		5	
Camp#	255		Allotted Delegates		
LeValley-	Heusted		2		
Richar	rd Green	e I	Past Dept Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
Rich	Guoo	ive I	Delegate	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
David	Neese	·	Past Camp Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
Total for Le	eValley-Heuste	d Camp		3	
•	427		Allotted Delegates		
Sgt. John	·		5		
Edwar		<u>·</u>	Delegate	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
Richar	rd Danes	S Sr (	Camp Commander	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
Howar	rd Fite	I	Delegate	<b>✓</b> Registered	Present for vote
Ken	Rober	ts I	Delegate	Registered	Present for vote

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Total for Sgt. John Cosby Camp  4				
Camp# 462		Allotted Delegates		
Russell A. Alger		2		
Robert	Mitchell	Camp Commander	✓ Registered □ Present for vote	
Total for Russell A. A	Alger Camp		1	
Total Number of Bro	others pre-regist	ered (not necessarily in attenda	ance): 86	
<b>Total Number of Bro</b>	others registered	(signed in and attended):	81	

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Camp#	Allotted Delegates	PCCs
	Commander in Chief	1
Total for Camp		1
Camp# 001	Allotted Delegates	PCCs
Gen. John Logan	2	3
	Delegate	1
	Past Camp Commander	1
	Past Dept Commander	1
Total for Gen. John Logan Camp		3
Camp# 002	Allotted Delegates	PCCs
Gen. Israel B. Richardson	3	3
	Camp Commander	1
	Past Camp Commander	3
Total for Gen. Israel B. Richardson Camp		4
Camp# 003	Allotted Delegates	PCCs
Henry Plant	2	2
	Past Camp Commander	1
Total for Henry Plant Camp		1
Camp# 007	Allotted Delegates	PCCs
Austin Blair	5	12
	Camp Commander	1
	Delegate	2
	Past Camp Commander	1

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<b>Total for Austin Blair Camp</b>		4	
Camp# 014	Allotted Delegates	PCCs	
Robert Finch	6	8	
	Camp Commander	1	
	Delegate	5	
	Past Camp Commander	2	
Total for Robert Finch Camp		8	
Camp# 017	<b>Allotted Delegates</b>	<b>PCCs</b>	
Curtenius Guard	5	9	
	Alt Delegate	2	
	Camp Commander	1	
	Delegate	5	
	Past C in C	2	
	Past Camp Commander	2	
	Past Dept Commander	1	
	Γοο many delegates	-2	
<b>Total for Curtenius Guard Camp</b>		11	
Camp# 020	Allotted Delegates	PCCs	
Gen. Benjamin Pritchard	4	10	
	Past Camp Commander	2	
	Past Dept Commander	2	
Total for Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp		4	
Camp# 022	Allotted Delegates	PCCs	
Colegrove - Woodruff	3	7	
	Camp Commander	1	
	Delegate	1	

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	Past Camp Commander	1
<b>Total for Colegrove - Woodruff Camp</b>		3
Camp# 058	<b>Allotted Delegates</b>	PCCs
George W. Anderson	3	5
	Alt Delegate	1
	Camp Commander	1
	Delegate	2
Total for George W. Anderson Camp		4
Camp# 067	<b>Allotted Delegates</b>	PCCs
US Grant	3	1
	Camp Commander	1
	Delegate	3
Total for US Grant Camp		4
Camp# 085	<b>Allotted Delegates</b>	PCCs
Frederick H. Hackeman	2	6
	Alt Delegate	1
	Camp Commander	1
	Delegate	1
	Past Camp Commander	1
Total for Frederick H. Hackeman Camp		4
	Allotted Delegates	
Camp# 135 March to the Sea	Allotted Delegates 3	PCCs 2
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	Camp Commander	1
	Delegate	3
	Dept Commander	1

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<b>Total for March to the Sea Camp</b>		5
Camp# 145	Allotted Delegates	PCCs
Gov. Henry Crapo	4	7
	Camp Commander	1
	Delegate	3
	Past Camp Commander	2
	Past Dept Commander	2
Total for Gov. Henry Crapo Camp		8
Camp# 160	Allotted Delegates	PCCs
Henry Wallace	2	6
	Camp Commander	1
	Past Camp Commander	2
Total for Henry Wallace Camp		3
Camp# 180	Allotted Delegates	PCCs
Carpenter- Welch	2	4
	Camp Commander	1
	Delegate	2
	Past Camp Commander	2
Total for Carpenter- Welch Camp		5
Camp# 255	Allotted Delegates	PCCs
LeValley-Heusted	2	2
	Delegate	1
	Past Camp Commander	1
	Past Dept Commander	1

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<b>Total for LeValley-Heusted Camp</b>		3	
Camp# 427	<b>Allotted Delegates</b>	PCCs	
Sgt. John Cosby	5	2	
	Camp Commander	1	
	Delegate	2	
Total for Sgt. John Cosby Camp		3	
Camp# 462	Allotted Delegates	PCCs	
Russell A. Alger	2	0	
	Camp Commander	1	
Total for Russell A. Alger Camp		1	
<b>Total Number of Brothers in Attendance</b>			