

Minutes of the 123rd Annual Encampment

Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Saturday, March 31, 2012
Great Lakes Christian College
Lansing, Michigan

The assembled Brothers were called to order by Department Commander Shaw. Prior to the Camp Opening, a brief Memorial Service was held in conjunction with the Ladies of the Allied Orders in remembrance of those Brothers and Sisters who had passed since the last Encampment. The Sister of the Allied Orders departed with the thanks of those present.

The Encampment was opened in accordance of Ritual at 9:13 am, Saturday May 31, 2012 at the Great Lakes Christian College in Lansing, Michigan, Department of Michigan, with Commander Don Shaw presiding.

The Department Secretary called the Roll Call of Officers as follows:

Department Commander:	Don Shaw	Present
Senior Vice Commander:	Paul David Arnold	Present
Junior Vice Commander:	Kevin Lindsey	Present
Treasurer:	Bruce Gosling	Present
Secretary:	Paul Davis	Present
Department Council:	Rick Greene	Present
Department Council:	Howard Streeter	Present
Department Council:	Tom Jenkins	Present
Patriotic Instructor:	Gary Granger	Excused
Chaplin:	William McAfee	Present
Counselor:	James Pahl	Present
Historian:	Matt Adair	Present
Chief of Staff:	Robert May	Present
Guard:	Dale Aurand	Present
Guide:	Philip Criepe	Present
Color Bearer:	Ed Dowd	Excused
G.A.R. Records Officer:	Gary Gibson	Present
Memorials Officer:	Doug Armstrong	Excused
Signals Officer:	William Morris	Excused
Camp At Large Coordinator:	L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.	Present
Graves Registration:	Rick Danes	Present
<i>Messenger</i> Editor:	Rick Danes	Present
Eagle Scout Coordinator:	Jerry Olson	Present

Rules for the Encampment were read by Commander Shaw.
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.

James Pahl was appointed Parliamentarian by Commander Shaw.

Commander Shaw advised the Brothers that no smoking was allowed anywhere on the Campus. All cell phones were to be silenced.

Commander Shaw asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the 122nd Department Encampment. Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Neil Breugh and seconded. Corrections were proposed by Dennis Derr II. Motion passed with the corrections.

Commander Shaw appointed the Credentials Committee consisting of Brothers Jack Frost and Matt Adair.

Recognition of Guests

Commander Shaw asked all past National Officers to stand for recognition. Current National Commander-in-Chief Don Palmer shared some observations concerning the survey from the National Encampment to help out with developing a long-term vision for our organization:

- Average age of those who responded was 63 which points out the need for more youth programs.
- Better communications with the National organization is desired.
- Banner and website both are viewed as positives by the members but more emphasis on local activities may be a good idea.
- Civil War memorials will be receiving more attention on the website.
- The importance of the 501-C3 status was discussed.
- Stronger relationships with the other Allied Orders should be developed.
- Need to establish and promote SUVCW branding in order to advertise more effectively

The Credentials Committee chaired by Matt Adair requested a postponement of their report which was granted.

Commander Shaw proceeded with the appointment of committees as follows:

Bylaws:	Chaired by Dave Arnold.	David Neese, George Goodrich
Officers' Rpts:	Chaired by Gary Gibson.	Bill Skillman, Bill Eaton
Resolutions:	Chaired by Jim Pahl.	Gary Naugle, Tim Koleen

Reports of Officers

Commander Shaw passed the gavel to Dave Arnold.

1. Commander's Report: Commander Shaw then proceeded with his report. His topics included the department's brochure project, a display concerning our organization, storage needs for our records, mid-term get together, and web presence issues. Please read the full report contained in the reports addendum.

DSVC Arnold then submitted a motion to refer the Commander's Report and all subsequent Officers' Reports to the Encampment's Committee on Officer Reports, and returned the gavel to the Department Commander who then proceeded with the meeting.

William McAfee made a motion concerning the reading of reports which was seconded and approved.

15 minute recess, reconvening at 10:50

2. DSVC Report: David Arnold.
Dave expressed pleasure in the great job that the camps around the state have been doing to "Keeping Green the Memory."
He also put forward recommendations for our bylaws in the area of our legislative activities, ceremonies and rituals, and standardized training.
Dave's many occurrences of representing our department were also documented.
Please read the full report contained in the reports addendum.

3. DJVC Report: Kevin Lindsey.
Kevin mentioned his involvement in processing new members obtained through National and his attendance at events in Birmingham and Flint.
Please read the full report contained in the reports addendum.

4. Secretary Report: Paul Davis.
Paul discussed his experiences at being our secretary and his efforts in helping individual camps in being more timely and accurate in their reporting. He also mentioned the effort of recording our meetings with the latest technology.
Please read the full report contained in the reports addendum.

5. Treasurer Report: Bruce Gosling.
Reported the Department is in a very solid financial position and gave detailed figures for all accounts.
Please read the full report contained in the reports addendum.

6. Chaplin Report: William McAfee submitted his written necrology report. Having read the names of the departed Brothers during the Memorial Service, he had nothing further to report but suggested the Chaplin's budget be reduced to \$75.
Please read the full report contained in the reports addendum.

7. Counselor Report: Jim Pahl.

Jim reported on his decision as to who can properly file a complaint.
Please read the full report contained in the reports addendum.

8. The Patriotic Instruction: Gary Granger

The secretary read the report which stated that of the 20 camps reporting, all had a designated or installed Patriotic Instructor, nine of the instructors had visited their local schools, eighteen had visited Living History events, and nineteen had participated in Memorial Day services.
Please read the full report contained in the reports addendum.

9. Color Bearer Report:

No report; excused.

10. Chief of Staff Report: Robert May.

No report.

11. Signals Officer: Bill Morris.

Report was read by Jim Pahl and combined with the Communications and Technology report.

It was noted that there were several problems that developed during the introduction of the new Form22Mi form which centered on timely and accurate information being passed. These problems are addressed in a new Operating Guideline which allows Camps the option of forwarding signed copies of a Camp's completed Form 22 and a Form 22MI directly to the Signals Officer as soon as they wish.

Please read the full report contained in the reports addendum.

12. Editor, *Michigan Messenger* Report: Rick Danes

Rick expressed a desire to reduce the number of times incorrect email addresses are on file as the Messenger is sent electronically to all camps within the Department.

He also noted that the publication was awarded its third Marshall Hope Award for being the best newsletter in the nation!

Please read the full report contained in the reports addendum.

13. Graves Registration Report: Rick Danes

Rick noted that some camps still have not sent their graves related record that they have in their possession and only half of the camps attend the Grave Registration Officers quarterly meetings.

Despite these areas that could be improved, the Department of Michigan's Graves Registration Program is second to none in the national organization and currently has more than 63,000 records in the database.

Please read the full report contained in the reports addendum.

14. Historian Report: Matt Adair

Matt discussed the continuing efforts of trying to locate records that are important to our organization and thanked Brother Goodrich of Camp #14 for lending the records of his camp so that they could be duplicated.

He also described the information found at the Burton Historical Collection of the Detroit Public Library which mentions 389 different camps formed in the state of Michigan.

Matt encourages all camps to submit material for inclusion in the archives.

Please read the full report contained in the reports addendum.

15. Department Guide Report:

No report.

16. Department Guard:

No report.

17. GAR Records Officer Report: Gary Gibson

Gary discussed the records that were located concerning Weber Post No. 206, Orcutt Post No. 79 of Kalamazoo, a lead on the records of B.G. Bennett Post No. 71, and a lead on the records of Maj. Noah Ferry Post No. 4 in Montague.

He also talked about the desire to obtain photographs of GAR halls that no longer exist and thanked Brother Matt Adair for all his help.

Please read the full report contained in the reports addendum.

18. Eagle Scout Coordinator Report: Jerry Olson

Jerry briefly summarized his activities by mentioning there were 50 certificates and letters prepared during the prior year; he also mentioned that the \$125.23 expenses for this activity were covered by the coordinator himself.

Please read the full report contained in the reports addendum.

19. Patriotic Instruction by Gary Gibson

20. Candidacy of Tad Campbell

Motion of support made by Bill McAfee with general discussion following. Jim Pahl pointed out that the department doesn't make recommendations and the motion was withdrawn.

Break for lunch 11:52 – 1:45

Continuation of Officer's Reports:

21. Monuments and Memorials Officer Report: Doug Armstrong

Report presented by Bruce Butgereit

Bruce reported that 44 monuments were added to the database this year, bringing the total to 245.

He also pointed out that the department has room for improvement and the committee will help out in any way it can, including the preparation of a handbook of instruction for each camp's Memorials Officer.

Please read the full report contained in the reports addendum.

22. Resolution by Matt Adair Concerning HATHI Trust - Passed

Resolution:

Whereas the 150th anniversary of the Civil War is upon us and the 150th anniversary of the founding of the GAR is fast approaching

Whereas the Hathi Trust Digital Library has digitized over eight million books and is committed to the long term preservation of these digital assets and providing free, online, public access to books in the public domain or for which they have received a copyright release statement

Whereas the Grand Army of the Republic, the publisher and copyright holder of numerous publications, no longer exists and the Grand Army of the Republic, through the Deed of Conveyance, transferred all records and property to the Commandery-in-Chief of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the intent of said Deed of Conveyance was to provide for the public use of such records

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the Brothers of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, recommend that the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War grant the Hathi Trust Digital Library copyright release for works created by the Grand Army of the Republic in order to foster research and open access

Be it further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the National Secretary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for affirmative action at the 2011 National Encampment and that this resolution be forwarded to all Departments and Camps-At-Large National Organization of the SUVCW.

23. Awards

The Austin Blair Membership Award for the camp with the largest increase in membership had 3 camps tying for the honor: Camp 7 Austin Blair, Camp 17 Curtenius Guard, and Camp 67 US Grant.

The Orlando LeValley Award was presented to Camp 43 Nash-Hodges for the largest percentage increase in membership.

24. Reports of Committees:

a. Storage and Facility – Chuck Worley

This committee seeks to end its assignment, by recommending that:

- The Department not enter into a contractual agreement for a commercial climate controlled storage unit.
- The Department not seek Partnership with Historic Fort Wayne.
- The Department continues its membership with Historic Fort Wayne Coalition.
- Should Camp or Department property be in jeopardy of loss to another controlling party, immediate notification commence to the Department Commander and Department Council.
- The Department continue to be aware of its storage needs and act upon a suitable solution should one be discovered.

Please read the full report contained in the reports addendum.

b. Ceremonies and Rituals – Dale Aurand

Please read the full report contained in the reports addendum.

c. Bylaws – Dave Arnold

Item 1. Legislative Committee: Recommended removal of Article 9 Section 5 – not passed

There was a discussion by Max Riekse on need for representation in Lansing and Chuck Worley talked about communicating within our own organization to voice concerns with individual legislators.

Item 2. Ceremonies and Rituals: Recommended modification to Article 9 Section 11 to remove Degree Teams – passed.

Item 3. Standardized Training: Recommended modification to Article 20 Sections 3-5, with a new section 6 – passed with the changing of 'shall appoint' to 'may appoint'.

There was much discussion about who has authority between the camps and the SVR as to uniforms and who would provide instruction to the members.

Please read the full report contained in the reports addendum.

Brief recess was called at 3:13 and meeting reconvened at 3:28

d. James T. Lyon – Jim Pahl Bylaws Amendment

The award was created at the 2011 Department Encampment, requiring a Camp to submit an application with subjective criteria if they want to be considered for the Camp of the Year award from Department.

The special committee reported they had completed the recommended application form and forwarded it to the Department Commander for his use. The special committee then recommended it be discharged.

Committee on Officers Reports – Gary Gibson

Following items were passed:

- Parade – Detroit
- Records Place
- 22MI Form
- Treasurer
- Merchandise – Advertise in Banner with \$400 budget
- Treasurer – continuing budget to bridge calendar year/fiscal year
- Jim Pahl – Provides authority to pay bills until 2012 budget approved from Jan 1 to Encampment
- Tom Jenkins – Ongoing, not just one single time recommendation
- Chaplain McAfee – reduce budget to \$75
- Tom Jenkins – Report of Council – Please see report for details

Reports of Committees:

Receipt and Reading of Communications

The Department Secretary noted that there was extensive communication during the year and the majority was via Email with the subjects being largely routine.

Written communication included:

1. Communications and Technology Committee recommended that the Department's web presence continue to be developed with the help of Brother Adair. Also, other websites of Civil War topics should be linked to the Department's site.
2. An Operating Guide for our Form 22MI should be created and GPS technology should be used more diligently to help document locations pertinent in meeting our objectives. A GPS Coordinator may be established.

Resolutions Committee

- No recommendations for endorsements for National officers.
- Don Shaw, candidate for COA – forward to all departments and National Secretary noting that there was unanimous support by all brothers at the encampment.
- HATHI Trust: Department will re-introduce to National to publish but retain copyright – Passed
- Tad Campbell – no endorsement position

Old Business

Dave Arnold discussed the brochure that was designed and made available proofs of the final product which was very well received. He also took the opportunity to acknowledge Bruce Butgereit for his skill and expertise in helping with the design and layout.

Max Riekse suggested using photographs of younger people and more activities.

New Business

Matt Adair discussed the need for a headstone for Past Department Commander Julius Ripley of Fenton and suggested purchasing the headstone for \$500 with donations from the camp. Tom Jenkins pointed out the need to consider the family's wishes. Rick Green offered a donation and suggested Past Department Commanders donate for the headstone.

A short recess was called to allow the Commander-in-Chief to attend a meeting with the Ladies of the Allied Orders.

The Committees were discharged and the secretary was to send a letter of thanks plus a check for \$75 to the college.

Good of the Order

Bruce Butgereit discussed the purchasing of the GAR hall in downtown Detroit by Minefield USA.

Ray Lake discussed the monument dedication in Richmond, Kentucky.

Bill Lowe discussed headstone dedication for a soldier whose remains were never found.

Bill McAfee discussed a dedication in Monroe, Michigan scheduled for June 8-9.

Nominations Committee and Election of Officers:

Rick Danes proceeded with his report.

Please read the full report contained in the reports addendum.

Elections of Officers

The call for nominations was announced to the floor. After the third call, there were no additional nominations and the nominations were closed.

Jim Pahl moved to elect the nominees by acclamation, seconded by Dennis Zank, and passed unanimously.

The Officers elected include:

Department Commander: Paul "David" Arnold

Senior Vice Commander: Paul Davis

Junior Vice Commander: Dale Aurand

Treasurer: Bruce Gosling

Secretary: Dennis Fyke

Department Council: Kevin Lindsey

Department Council: Richard Greene

Department Council: Tom Jenkins

Election of Delegates to the National Encampment:

Max Riekse, Robert May, and Dale Aurand were elected to attend the August 9th encampment followed by all remaining Brothers in alphabetical order.

Commander Shaw called for a brief recess at 4.35 pm.

The Encampment was reconvened at 4:45 pm.

Installation of Department Officers

The installation of elected Officers was conducted by Commander-in-Chief Donald Palmer according to Ritual and all elected officers took their place at their respective stations.

The Secretary read the list of Appointed Officers as follows:

Counselor	James B. Pahl, PCC, PDC, PCinC
Chaplin	William B. McAfee, PCC
Patriotic Instructor	Gary Granger, PCC
Color Bearer	Edgar Dowd
Signals	Open, Interim Bill Morris, PCC
<i>Messenger</i> Editor	Rick Danes, PCC
Historian	Matt Adair
Guard	Chris Cox
Guide	Bruce Benedict
Graves Registration	Rick Danes, CC
GAR Records	Gary Gibson, PCC, PDC
Memorials Officer	Bruce Butgereit, PCC, PDC
Eagle Scout	Jerry Olson
Camp-At-Large	L. Dean Lamphere Jr.
Aide-de-Camp	Brian Shumway, PCC
Department Aide	Keith Harrison

The installation of Officers was conducted by Commander-in-Chief Donald Palmer according to Ritual and all elected officers took their place at their respective stations.

Commander Dave Arnold made a few appreciative remarks and the Encampment was closed according to Ritual at 5:02 pm.

The 124th Department Encampment will be held on Saturday, May 4th, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted, In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty
Dennis Fyke
Secretary, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

SUVCW Department of Michigan
Department Encampment Meeting of Mar 31, 2012
Reports Addendum

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Report 01: Commander

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

To the
123rd Annual Encampment
Lansing, Michigan
March 31, 2012

Brothers,

The year that has just passed has been a busy one. We started the year with a number of goals, some of which have been realized, some on the verge of coming into being, and some which have not come to pass. Through all our efforts, we have maintained the duties we as a Department have to the National Organization and to our Camps. In short, given all that has gone on, we have done well and are in good shape.

My activities as Commander have included visits, either to camp meetings, for installations, for parades, for dinners, or for other events to every camp in the state. In all of my travels, I have found committed brothers doing the work of Keeping Green the Memory of our forbearers who, between 1861 and 1865, fought to save this country. These visits have actually been the highlight of my time as Commander. The work of the Order is done in the camps, and when ever and where ever I was privileged to see or even lend a hand in that work, I happy for the experience. I see it as the chance for the Department to let the camps know we support them and are there to assist if need be.

Following on that theme, the Department has tackled projects meant to give that support to the camps. First is our brochure project. That is one of those projects we have worked on through the year and is nearly ready to go into implementation. Under the direction of Senior Vice Commander Arnold and with the assistance of brothers throughout the Department, a brochure has now been developed. Printing companies are on line to begin production. Before making the production run, we thought we would like to show off the final product. Copies are available at the display table for examination only. When fully implemented, this brochure will have an end cost of between .09 and .11 cents per copy. In the past, a number of our camps have paid as much as \$1.00 per copy for brochures. This represents a huge saving simply by using our collective buying power.

The Department also has a handle on it's very own display which may be used at Department events. Again under the direction of Senior Vice Commander Arnold, the project is nearly complete and you should see the final product at the next encampment.

The Department has also examined the need for a Department Headquarters facility and storage area for our archives. A special committee under the direction of PDC Worley,

has toured various of the possible facilities. While the facilities examined were of historic significance they were found not to meet the needs of the Department at this time. The archival storage problem is an ongoing one, temporarily solved for us by the good graces of our current Department Historian, but this is a problem that ultimately will need to find a resolution.

The Department has sponsored a mid term departmental activity again this year, again in the form of participation in the Detroit Veteran's Day Parade. With the visit to Historic Fort Wayne as a part of the experience, and the chance to overnight in one of the gems of Michigan History, the experience provided not only the chance to do honor to the veterans of all American wars, but the opportunity for camaraderie and fellowship as well.

Further, the Department has fielded delegations to the National Encampment in Washington DC, to the Lincoln Tomb Services in Springfield, Illinois and to the Remembrance Day Observances in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. At the Springfield and Gettysburg events, Michigan's own SVR unit, the 14th Michigan SVR, has been privileged to participate and even take leading roles.

A new addition to the department this year was a form, a departmental form called 22MI. Over the past years we have had some trouble keeping information on our department web site up to date, we have had consternation from some of our camps, who don't seem to get our electronic Michigan's Messenger and we have never been in compliance with national policy requiring us to get an individuals permission before publishing his contact information on the web. The form 22MI attempts to fix all of those problems. By in large, it has successfully done so as of this writing.

I come now to a topic which has arisen in the Department and through the Allied Orders. That of fraternity. We are not as large as many of the patriotic and fraternal organizations out there. An example is the difference between the combined Allied Orders and the Combined SR, SAR, DAR and CAR, the Revolutionary War organizations. Frankly we are less than one-fifth their size. This despite a larger potential membership base on which to draw. We need to be working as closely together with our own kindred organizations as we can to reverse this situation. Remember, the participants in the other Allied Orders are people who have the same goal that we do. As such they deserve our respect and cooperation and we should expect the same from them. We need to involve them in projects where we can and allow each to use the strengths of the other to create a synergy that will carry us all farther than we might have done alone.

In each of the forgoing paragraphs I have touched on a particular aspect of what has been going on with the department in general and my activities as Commander in particular. Then there is everything else. There have been literally hundreds of times where questions were answered, problems were fixed, connections were made between camps or brothers to pursue projects for the good of the order, or simply counsel was given. This activity was a major part of what I did. As is the case with my visits to the camps, it

was, though time consuming, a favorite part of my job. It put me in contact with the brothers from around the Department and allowed me in many cases to make a difference for the good order and health of our department. It allowed me to touch base with the men at who's pleasure I have served. I have told people often as I have travelled around the state, that I have one of the proudest jobs a man can have. I serve at the pleasure of 500 of the best men in Michigan. It has been an honor to so serve, and will be a memory I will carry with me for the rest of my life.

My Recommendations to this encampment would be:

1. Continue a mid term get together, such as has been done for the last two years with the Detroit Veteran's Day parade.
2. Continue the search for suitable housing for our records, coupled, if possible, with a departmental headquarters.
3. Continue the use of the new 22MI to address web maintenance, Messenger distribution, and national policy compliance.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Donald W. Shaw
Department Commander
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Report 02: DSVC

Paul "David" Arnold
Senior Vice Commander
Michigan Department
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
March 31, 2012

Department of Michigan Brothers and Camps:

It has been a busy year and I am pleased that I have been able to represent you in my position as Department of Michigan, Sr. Vice Commander. It has been a pleasure to visit many of your camps and hear of the many projects and programs that all of you have been involved with. As you know, we all have been charged with "Keeping Green the Memory" of those who served the Union during the American Civil War (1861 – 1865). I am happy to report, based on what I have seen, that Camps around the State have been doing a great job in that endeavor.

As you know, the position of Department Sr Vice Commander is responsible primarily for Department Bylaws and Programs and Publicity. As Bylaws Committee Chair, I was asked at last year's Department Encampment to examine several potential bylaws changes and report back to this year's Encampment.

In January, camp secretaries were sent proposed bylaws changes electronically to be forwarded and shared with their respective Camps, and sent out in hard copy to those not having electronic media. Listed below are the recommended bylaws changes:

Recommended Bylaws Changes

Legislative Committee:

Current Article IX, Section 5 states:

The Legislative Committee shall keep itself informed of all legislation which may be introduced in the Michigan Legislature, of such a nature as to affect the interest of this Order and/or the other Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, or the patriotic interest of the people, and may recommend to the Camps, subject to the approval of the Department Commander, any action that the committee deems advisable or expedient. The Legislative Committee shall consist of the Department Commander, Secretary and three other Brothers of the Department, appointed by the Commander.

Bylaws Committee Recommendation:

Since the Department has not had a sitting Legislative Committee in many years, it is recommended that this section be removed from the Department of Michigan Bylaws and this section reserved, rather than re-numbering subsequent sections.

Ceremonies & Ritual Committee

Current: Article IX, Section 11 states:

The Ceremonies and Rituals Committee shall assist Camps with appropriate use of the Ritual in performing ceremonies at Camp functions. It shall help Camps to organize Camp Guards and provide training for these groups in effective presentations and programs. It shall develop "Degree Teams" to handle ceremonies and other duties at Department level functions. It shall provide guidance and assistance in regard to dress and appearance of Brothers participating in ceremonial functions. The Rituals and Ceremonies Officer shall chair the Committee.

Bylaws Committee Recommendation:

Since the Department has not used Degree Teams for many years, it is recommended that we modify Article IX, Section 11 by removing language as indicated:

Modify Article IX, Section 11

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Standardized Training:

It has been brought to the attention of the Department that during SUVCW public ceremonies, inconsistencies in military etiquette and procedures have been occurring on a regular basis. It is recommended that the Department develop a standardized training program in this area.

The Department Bylaws Committee agrees with the above observation regarding standardization of training. It would recommend the following modification to Article XX (Sons of Veterans Reserve and Camp Guards)

Current ARTICLE XX - Sons of Veterans Reserve and Camp Guards states:

Section 1. The Department of Michigan will encourage the establishment of a military unit known as the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) as outlined within the Constitution and Regulations of the Order.

Section 2. The Department Commander may call upon the SVR Officer commanding within the Department and request the SVR to provide an appropriate appearance and military participation on behalf of the Department.

Section 3. The Senior Officer of any SVR unit existing within the Department, present at any Department function, shall assume overall command of the military aspects of the Department function. The senior officer of each Camp Guard participating in the Department function shall place himself and his Camp Guard under the command of the SVR Officer.

Section 4. Camps may maintain an Independent Camp Guard under the auspices of the Camp. Said Camp Guards would not be governed by the Standard Operating Procedures of the National Military Department, SVR. The highest-ranking officer of any Camp Guard shall be Captain.

Section 5. Each member of any Camp Guard shall wear upon their kepi the insignia as adopted by the Department, being the VII Corp Badge. The Badge shall contain a silver, five-point star (point down). There shall be a crescent moon around the top of said star, touching four of the points. The moon shall be red in color and trimmed in gold.

Section 6. The Department may call upon the various Camps and request that the Camps provide an appropriate appearance and military participation at a Department function.

Section 7. For the purposes of these By-Laws, the presentation of the Colors, and related activities, at meetings, ceremonies and other functions need not be considered a "military" activity.

Bylaws Committee Recommendation

Modify Article XX (Sons of Veterans Reserve and Camp Guards) by adding new Section 6 and then renumbering all subsequent sections.

New Section 6 would read as follows:

Section 6. The Department Commander shall appoint a Department Aide who has knowledge of Civil War infantry drill and of the various ceremonies used by the Order wherein uniformed Camp Guards participate. The Department Aide shall serve as a coordinator between various Camp Guards as they participate in Department functions and shall serve as Commanding Officer of the combined Camp Guards at Department functions. The Department Aide shall also coordinate uniformed activities with any SVR units participating in Department activities and shall place himself under the authority of the senior SVR officer present at such events. The Department Aide shall also provide instruction to the various Camp Guards in practices, protocols and procedures in conducting public ceremonies of all types.

Programs and Publicity:

Department Membership Brochure:

At last year's Department Encampment it was recommended that a generic Department Membership Brochure be developed, that could be printed in bulk and made available for purchase to camps around the state at a greatly reduced cost. I am happy to report that the project has come to fruition. Proofs of the new Department of Michigan membership brochure are available at the encampment today for your viewing. We hope to send them to the printer in short order and make them available to your camps very soon. I would like to take this opportunity to thank PDC Bruce Butgereit for his skill and expertise in helping with the design and layout on this project.



Department Display Board:

At last year's Department Encampment, funds were allocated for the purchase of a table top, convention style display board to be utilized at Department visibility events. We are in the process of finalizing the purchase and a new Department of Michigan display board should be available for use soon (see below).



Senior Vice Commander Visits and Events:

During the past year I visited or attended (13) events at Camps throughout the State, including (3) Austin Blair Camp #7, (2) Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20, Nash Hodges Camp #43, (3) George Anderson Camp #58, Frederick Hackeman Camp #85, (2) March to the Sea Camp #135, Gov Henry Crapo Camp #145, Henry Wallace Camp # 160, and Wa-Bu-No Camp #250.

In my capacity as Senior Vice Commander, I had the opportunity to represent the Department of Michigan SUVCW by speaking at (3) ceremonies at various locations throughout the state, as well as marching in a number of parades. I also attended numerous events honoring Civil War and current Military Service Members.

Listed below is a detailed list of Camps/Events attended:

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| May 21, 2011 | Attended the Department of Michigan, SUVCW Encampment in Lansing MI. |
| May 30, 2011 | Represented the Dept of Michigan, SUVCW giving the keynote address at the Woodland Cemetery, Memorial Day Service in Woodland Mi. |
| June 5, 2011 | Represented the Dept of Michigan SUVCW marching in the Jackson Michigan Rose Parade. |
| June 11, 2011 | Represented to Dept of Michigan at a Civil War grave re dedication (Mt. Rest Cemetery, in St. Johns, MI). The George W. Anderson Camp No. 58, honored William R. Howland, the last Civil War Veteran to be buried in Clinton County in a re-dedication ceremony. |
| June 12, 2011 | Represented the Dept of Michigan, SUVCW marching with the Frederick Hackeman Camp #85 at the Three Oaks Flag Day Parade in Three Oaks Mich. |
| June 13, 2011 | Represented the Dept of Michigan SUVCW at the graduation of members of the Lansing Mi, Young Marines program. Sponsored by the Capitol Detachment of the Marine Corp League. |
| June 14, 2011 | Represented the Dept of Michigan SUVCW at a Flag Day Ceremony at the GleanersFraternal Organization headquarters in Adrian Mi. |
| July 11, 2011 | Visited the Austin Blair Camp #7 Camp meeting in Jackson. |
| July 14, 2011 | Visited the Wa-Bu-No Camp #250 meeting in Shepherd Mi. |
| July 18, 2011 | Visited the George Anderson Camp #58 meeting in Dewitt Mi. |
| Aug 11 - 13, 2011 | Attended the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at Reston Virginia. |
| Aug 27 - 28, 2011 | Organized and helped man the Department of Michigan table display at the Jackson Michigan Civil War Muster. |
| Sept 1, 2011 | Attended the Headstone Re-dedication Ceremony in Tecumseh for Nash-Hodges Camp #43, representing the Department of Michigan SUVCW. |
| Sept 10, 2011 | Attended the Department SUVCW Graves Registration meeting at the Capitol Area District Library. |

Sept 13, 2011	Visited the March to the Sea Camp #135 in Centreville Michigan.
Sept 17, 2011	Attended and delivered an address at the headstone re-dedication of Aquilla Carey in Gobles Mi. Sponsored by the General Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20.
Oct 7, 2011	Represented the Dept of Michigan SUVCW at a parade and posting of colors in Williamston Mich.
Nov 1, 2011	Visited the Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20 in Kalamazoo.
Nov 4 & 5, 2011	Stayed overnight at Historic Fort Wayne and represented the Department in the Detroit Veterans Day Parade.
Nov 9, 2011	Represented the Department of Michigan SUVCW at the premiere of the Documentary " <i>The Michigan Experience – The American Civil War Years</i> " at the State of Michigan Historical Complex in Lansing Mi.
Nov 12, 2011	Set up Department Table Display at the 2nd annual Civil War Sesquicentennial Conference at the State Historical Complex in Lansing Mi.
Nov 14, 2011	Attended and assisted with the Installation of the officers of Austin Blair Camp #7 in Jackson Mi.
Nov 22, 2011	Represented the Dept of Michigan SUVCW by attending a ceremony honoring 4 Medal of Honor winners in Jackson Mi at the invite of Austin Blair Camp #7.
Dec 3, 2011	Conducted the Installation of Officers at the Henry Wallace Camp #160 in Corunna Mi.
Dec 7, 2011	Represented the Dept of Michigan SUVCW by attending and speaking at a ceremony dedicating a large canvas lithograph commemorating over 500 Civil War Soldiers who served in the Civil War from Ingham County Mi. The dedication ceremony was held at the courthouse located in Mason Mi.
Dec 10, 2011	Attended the Dept of Michigan Graves Registration Committee meeting at the Capitol Area District Library in Lansing Mi.
Jan 10, 2012	Conducted the Installation of the March to the Sea Camp #135 at the Fisher Lake Inn in Three Rivers Mi.
Jan 14, 2012	Conducted the Installation of the Gov Henry Crapo Camp # 145 at the Flushing Museum in Flushing Mi.
Jan 16, 2012	Conducted the Installation of the George Anderson Camp #58 at the VFW Hall in Dewitt Mi.

In closing, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Department of Michigan, Sr. Vice Commander for the last year, and wish all of you and your camps the best.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty:

Paul "Dave" Arnold
 Department of Michigan
 Sr. Vice Commander
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Report 03: DJVC

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department of Michigan
Department Junior Vice Commander
March 26, 2012

To: Department Commander Shaw and the Encampment
Re: The report of the Department Junior Vice Commander

Commander,

It has been my honor to serve as the Department Junior Vice Commander. During the past year I have received 7 applications for new Brothers from National and have directed them on to camps within the Department, following up on them when necessary.

As DJVC I was unable to attend the Department Encampment due to my daughter's wedding, but I did attend the Birmingham, Mi Memorial Day celebration, and the Camp Thompson Historic Marker Dedication in Flint, MI.

Respectfully Submitted In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Kevin Lindsey, Secretary
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Report 04: Secretary



Sons of Union Veterans Of The Civil War Department of Michigan

Report of the Department Secretary For the 123rd Department Encampment March 31, 2012

Commander Shaw, Brothers of The Department of Michigan:

It has been my pleasure to serve Commander Shaw and the Brothers of this Department since you first placed your confidence in me during our 121st Encampment. Today we are assembled here in 2012 for our 123rd Department Encampment and I can't help but wonder where the time has gone.

During my first several months, I fumbled around with all of the various forms and reports required for the Camps as well as the Department. I thought there really had to be a better way of handling these tasks. As your Secretary, I discussed this matter with Commander Shaw and we were in agreement that there had to be a better, more efficient and less time consuming way of record keeping for the Department.

In 2011, during the 122nd Encampment, in answer to this mandate to work smarter and not harder, to improve our accuracy of reporting and to ensure deadlines were met, we created and implemented the Camp Secretary Training and Instruction Program. The program included electronic copies of all Forms on a CD, a Matrix of those Forms and the dates when they were to be completed and Instructions on how to complete the documents.

During the following months, I had the opportunity to visit many of the Camps and discuss the program with Camp Commanders and Secretaries to gather their feedback and suggestions for providing constant improvement of the program which they were most gracious in providing.

As a result of our Secretary's Program we have achieved an 88% performance improvement. Our reporting deadlines have been met, accuracy has improved and we have come a long way. I would like to thank all of the Camp Secretaries and their Camp Commanders for embracing our initiative.

During the 122nd Encampment, the Department Secretary was charged with the responsibility of conducting a study on a digital audio recording system for the purpose of capturing the Department Encampment proceedings.

In this regard, I have worked with our Historian to evaluate and make a recommendation as to a suitable system. Together we explored many systems and formats including various types of storage and media retrieval systems. The state of the industry is ever changing and we are currently at a crossroads as to what the next formats, systems and media will be and making an assessment as to the life-cycle future for such a system.

Even as the technology landscape continues to evolve and an ever accelerated rate, we believe, generally speaking, that the best system for use today and into the foreseeable future is a solid state digital recording device using removable media probably being some variation of the current SD card.

Brother Adair is currently conducting tests of a system to determine its suitability for use at events such as our Encampment but also as an archival system for additional use by the Department. The system being evaluated is the H2 Digital Handy Recorder from Zoom Technologies.

Just briefly, the system has dual facing front and rear microphones allowing 90 degree recording from the front and 120 degree recording from the rear with the capability of providing a four channel 360 degree recording.

Included with this report are several pages of technical data and specifications for the system. As luck would have it, the system is now significantly cheaper than it was last year with the introduction of the new model H2n.

At this time, I would defer the final recommendation of a suitable system to Brother Adair to leverage this systems across all of the other needs of the Historian and the Department which are not insignificant when compared to a single, once a year use at a Department Encampment such as this.

In closing, I would like to thank Commander Shaw, the Department Officers with whom I have served and the many Camps and Brothers who have made my job an easy one. During my tenure as your Secretary I have had the good fortune of meeting with many of you as well as several Brothers at the National level including past Commanders in Chief Leo Kennedy and Brad Schall. and some of you in this room. I have had the privileged to make the acquaintance of Danny Wheeler, David Demmy our National Executive Director and Richard Orr our National Treasurer.

In the execution of my office I have also had the opportunity to learn the operation and machinations of the Sons of Union Veterans at the Camp, Department and National level. The C & R and the Department Bylaws have been my late night reading companions on several occasions.

Finally, I will not pursue an additional term as your Department Secretary as it is my desire to serve the Department in a different office for which I have declared my candidacy.

I sincerely thank all of you.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

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

Report 05: Treasurer



DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

March 31, 2012

Report of the Department Treasurer

Commander Shaw, Officers and Brothers of the Department of Michigan

The Department of Michigan has concluded the financial business of the 2011 Membership Year and our finances continue to be positive. We posted revenues and expenditures during 2011 of \$6,246.25 and \$3,288.86 respectively to the General Fund. This resulted in an excess of revenues of \$2,957.39 for the year. Total funds available amounted to \$8,349.88 as of December 31, 2011. Of that total, \$757.50 is the Sesquicentennial restricted account, \$419.00 is restricted Rally Round the Flag funds and \$406.41 is the Greenville Monument restricted account. A total of \$6,766.97 represents unassigned cash that may be disposed of by this Encampment.

Additionally, the Department of Michigan Permanent Fund reflects a total of \$34,808.58, which consists of a permanently restricted balance of \$34,395.60 and a temporarily restricted income accumulation of \$412.98.

I wish to report:

1. In accordance with the direction of the Department Council, all permanent fund assets have been invested in government-backed securities through an Edward Jones account. Interest rates on investments are between 2.5% and 3.875%.
2. The Sesquicentennial fund balance remains at \$757.50.
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 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. That the income generated by the Permanent Fund in 2011 be retained as part of the permanently restricted balance of the fund.

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2. That no funds transferred from the General Fund to the Permanent Fund at this time.
3. Over the last several years our sales of merchandise have been declining. I would recommend that we begin advertising our merchandise in the *Banner* and adopt a budget for this not to exceed \$400. This budget would be sufficient for four quarterly page advertisements.
4. It has been observed that due to our fiscal year beginning on January 1 to coincide with our reporting year for tax purposes, the Department is functioning without an approved budget for several months before approval is made by the annual Encampment. I would recommend that, in addition to approval of an annual budget, that this Encampment adopts a continuing budget at the same levels for up to five months of the following year.

I appreciate the trust placed in me by the Department in electing me to this last term as Treasurer. I have submitted my name for consideration by the Encampment as Department Treasurer in the coming year. It has been an honor to serve the Department, and continue to be proud to be able to offer my professional skills in this position.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

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

Organized 1881 – Legal Heir to and Representing the Grand Army of the Republic.

Department of Michigan
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Financial Report-General Fund
 For the Year ended December 31, 2011

Balance Sheet

Assets	
Cash in bank	8,349.88
Total Assets	<u>8,349.88</u>
Liabilities	
	0.00
Fund Equity	
Unrestricted Balance	6,766.97
Restricted Balances	
Rally Round the Flag	419.00
Sesquicentennial	757.50
Greenville	406.41
Total Fund Equity	<u>8,349.88</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>8,349.88</u>

Statement of Revenues and Expenses

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2011
Revenues	
Per-capita	4,186.25
Departmental Sales	1,630.00
Dept. Encampment Registration	430.00
Dept. Encampment Meals	0.00
Donations	0.00
Interest Income	0.00
Total Revenues	<u>6,246.25</u>
Expenses	
Cost of Goods Sold	1,160.00
Postage	75.63
GAR Records	0.00
Department Encampment Costs	879.05
Insurance	90.00
Supplies	64.20
Department Records Project	367.37
Website Costs	190.80
Lincoln Wreath	185.50
Span Am Banner	75.25
National Encampment Gifts	41.44
Officer & Committee Expenses per Guidelines	84.62
Donations (Fort Wayne)	75.00
Total Expenses	<u>3,288.86</u>
Net Revenue (Expense)	<u>2,957.39</u>

Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Financial Report-Permanent Fund
For the Year Ending December 31, 2011

Assets

Edward Jones Money Market Fund	1,083.10
TVA Power Bond	5,269.01
Farm Credit Bank Bond	6,076.95
Farm Credit Bank Bond	6,207.20
FHLMA Note	6,241.23
Federal Home Loan Bank Bond	9,931.09
Accrued Interest Purchased	0.00
Total Assets	<u><u>34,808.58</u></u>

Fund Equity

Restricted Balance	34,395.60
Temporarily Restricted Balance	<u>412.98</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u><u>34,808.58</u></u>

Statement of Revenues and Expenses

For the Year Ended
December 31, 2011

Revenues

Transfers from General Fund	0.00
Interest Income	<u>412.98</u>
Total Revenues	<u>412.98</u>

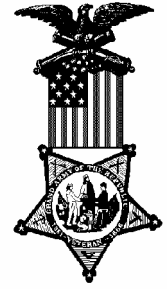
Expenses

Total Expenses	<u><u>0.00</u></u>
Net Revenue (Expense)	<u><u>412.98</u></u>

Report 06: Chaplin



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN



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REPORT of the DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

March 31, 2012

Commander Shaw:

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, May 21, 2011:

2006:

10/22: George V. Holland, J.D., Life Member, Russell A. Alger Camp No. 462, Camp at Large.

2011:

6/ 20: Clarence F. Rabach, Robert Finch Camp No. 14, Traverse City.
7/15: Robert H. LaPoint, Gen. Benjamin D. Prichard Camp No. 20, Kalamazoo.
7/18: Richard J. Beach, Nash-Hodges Camp No. 43, Blissfield.
10/25: Francis L. Akins, Colegrove-Woodruff Camp No. 22, Marshall.

2012:

1/20: Roger E. Church, Robert Finch Camp No. 14, Traverse City.
1/31: Albert Harper, Jr., Gen. Benjamin D. Prichard Camp No. 20, Kalamazoo.

During this fiscal year I have attended and/or participated in the following activities related to my position as Department Chaplain:

- Department Encampment May 21, 2011;
- Attended National Encampment August 11-13, 2011;
- Annual Civil War Muster in Jackson August 27, 2011;
- Attended Sesquicentennial Planning Meeting in Lansing, Nov. 12, 2011;
- Attended Camp No. 7 ASUVCW Christmas Dinner on Dec. 11, 2011;

I submitted appropriate reports of the deaths of Michigan brothers to Department and National officers, as required. I sent cards of condolence to the families of the departed brothers as well as some "Get Well" cards to those whose illnesses, circumstances and addresses, etc., were made known to me.

I appreciate the foresight of the 2010 Department Encampment in allocating money for a budget for the Chaplain. I did not need to use it this year, but my supplies of cards and stamps are getting low and may need to be replenished, depending on the future usage, which we hope will be minimal. Therefore, I will recommend the continuance thereof in the event I need more of the same or an equally appropriate use for it, but at a reduction as noted below. I have annotated on the package of the above-mentioned cards and stamps to whom they belong and should go in the event that they are required to be sent/given to my successor, due to my incapacity or inability to do so myself, whoever and whenever that might occur.

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.

RECOMMENDATION: I recommend that the 2012 Encampment reduce the “Chaplain’s Budget” by 25 percent to the amount of \$75.00 for the coming fiscal year.

Respectively submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

William B. M^cAfee

"Serve the Lord with gladness."

Report 07: Counselor

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR

REPORT TO THE 123rd DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

On December 14, 2011, I was requested by Brother Commander Don Shaw for an opinion on our National Regulations as it relates to Chapter III, Article VI (Discipline) and who can file a complaint against a brother of the Order pursuant to the National Regulations. The following is my formal opinion:

Question: Per National Regulations, Chapter III, Article VI (Discipline), can charges be filed by someone who is not a brother of the SUVCW.

It is my opinion that someone who is not a brother of the Order cannot file charges and activate the discipline process outlined in Chapter III, Article VI. I refer you to Section 7 of Article VI, which reads: "All accusations must be made by one or more Brothers against one or more Brothers."

I can tell you as the author of these sections during a previous term as National Counselor and chair of the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations, the original intent of this language was to prohibit Camps and Departments from filing charges. However, the language is very clear that complaints can only be filed by brothers of the Order.

The only exception to this prohibition would be employees and/or independent contractors of the Order. Amendments to Chapter III, Article VI at the National Encampment in Reston, VA., adds language in Section 3 that would allow for such complaints, particularly in the harassment arena.

In fraternity, charity and loyalty,

James B. Pahl, PCinC
Counselor, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Report 08: Patriotic Instructor

**Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Patriotic Instructors Report to the
123rd Department Encampment**

March 31st, 2012

Department of Michigan
Patriotic Instructor Report
March 30, 31, 2012 Encampment

March 16, 2012
Addendum's added into text March 28, 2012

To: SUVCW MI Department Commander Donald Shaw

Commander, Brothers:

First I wish to acknowledge the efforts of the various Camp Patriotic Instructors for making this report possible. Thank you.

It is my honor to report that as of March 28, 2012 -- when this report with addendum's was filed -- that 20 camps responded; Camps number 1, 2, 3, 7, 14, 17, 20, 22, 43, 58, 67, 120, 135, 139, 145, 160, 180, 266, 427 and 462. As of March 28th, four camps had not reported. Camps not reporting for various reasons: 28, 85, 250, 255,

Of the Camps reporting all either had a designated and installed Patriotic Instructor or had an individual who assumed that responsibility.

PART ONE – Patriotic Instructors

Seventeen Camps reported having either a Patriotic Instructor report or programs as part of each meeting; three did not.

PART TWO – School/Education Programs

Nine Camps said representatives from their Camp visited schools to share the history of the Civil War and/or offered patriotic exercises about The United States of America Flag; 11 did not.

PART THREE – Living History and Other Venues

Eighteen participated in living history events or other venues to educate the public about the Grand Army of the Republic and the Allied Orders; two did not.

PART FOUR – Memorial Day

Nineteen Camps participated in community Memorial Day services; one did not.

PART FIVE – Veterans Day

Eighteen participated in community Veterans Day services; two did not.

PART SIX – ROTC

Three Camps participated in a total of seven ROTC programs; 17 did not.

PART SEVEN – Eagle Scouts

Nine camps participated in a total of 20 Eagle Scout programs; 11 did not.

PART EIGHT – Working Together

Fourteen Camps worked together with members of other Allied Orders; six did not.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I would also like to thank all of the Brothers for their continuing efforts to promote the SUVCW's presence in and around their communities and for attending the State and National Encampments. Brothers throughout the State reported their participation in nearly 70 community festivals and parades.

Add to that number the many Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Remembrance Day parades.

AND, add to that slightly more than 100 Civil War related dedications, memorials, presentations, services, events and programs.

The Patriotism and involvement by all the Brothers should make every one of us proud to be members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Respectfully Submitted In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

(This E-mail serves as my signature)
Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War
Department of Michigan
Patriotic Instructor
Gary A. Granger

(Note: This report received in a body of an e mail message and not as an attachment. It was formatted into a report style to be read to the Dept Encampment due to the Dept Patriotic Instructor not being able to attend due to illness.)

Report 09: Color Bearer

No report

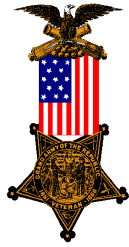
Report 10: Chief of Staff

No report

Report 11: Signals Officer

Report was combined with the Communications and Technology report.

Report 12: Michigan Messenger



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVILWAR DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

Office of the Editor – *Michigan's Messenger*



*To Department Commander Donald Shaw and the Attendees of the 123rd Department of Michigan Annual Encampment,
Greetings.*

This will serve as the final report for the year 2011-2012 of the activities of the Editor of Michigan's Messenger the official newsletter of the Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Currently, Michigan's Messenger is sent electronically to all Camps within the Department. A continual problem is that current e-mail addresses are not always on file with the Department Secretary or with this Editor. Each Camp contact should then e-mails copies of the newsletter to their Camp, or arrange for copies to be made available to those who do not have e-mail. In addition, Michigan's Messenger is sent to all Department Officers and to the Commander-in-Chief.

However, the Editor continually receives communications from Brothers who do not receive Michigan's Messenger in any format, therefore depriving them of the opportunity of participating in Department Events.

Each of the quarterly editions were completed and released on time, and at the 2011 National Encampment, the Messenger was awarded it's third Marshall Hope Award for the best Department Newsletter in the Nation.

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, Michigan's Messenger will continue to be the nationally recognized publication that it is today, and will be provided to the Membership at no cost.

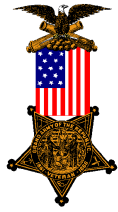
Under the Department Commander's leadership, Michigan's Messenger continues to flourish, and remains a publication second to none in the National Organization.

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

*Richard E. Danes, CC
Editor Michigan's Messenger
Department of Michigan*

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Report 13: Graves Registration



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVILWAR DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

Office of the Graves Registration Officer



To Department Commander Donald Shaw and the Attendees of the 123rd Department of Michigan Annual Encampment,

Greetings.

This will serve as the final report for the year 2011-2012 of the activities of the Department Graves Registration Committee.

The achievements of the Committee, although significant, did not meet the stated goals of previous year's Committee Reports - we were not able to recover all graves related records from all camps, and although we encouraged all camps to appoint an active Graves Registration Officer (CGRO), some camps still fail to do so.

The Committee met quarterly realizing our 50th consecutive meeting in March of this year, as we achieved an average attendance of 50% of the camps at each meeting. These meetings created meaningful dialog that is useful to CGROs and allows them a forum to express ideas, concerns, and to spend time teaming about the resources available to them. We use a handbook developed by the committee that standardizes abbreviations, sources, and report content. Each CGRO that attends a quarterly meeting receives an updated copy of the department database which is used in their research and in sharing information with the public. Every quarter the updated information is put on-line by our Department Signals Officer, and that database has reached 63,000 records of heroes buried in Michigan and outstate locations.

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, CC
Graves Registration Officer
Department of Michigan, and Member
National Graves Registration Committee
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

Report 14: Historian

Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Report of the Department Historian 123rd Encampment, March 31, 2012

Brothers,

I have the honor to submit the following report concerning the activities of the Department Historian for the 2011-2012 year:

Work continues with trying to locate records of important value to the Department.

After the last encampment, Brother George Goodrich, Historian for Camp #14 allowed me to borrow the older records of the camp. Much of this information consisted of the original membership descriptive books for Camp #14 when it was located in Grand Rapids.

These books contain information on a number of Past Department Commanders, so they are particularly valuable to reconstructing our history. All the materials were duplicated either digitally, and/or photocopied and placed in the Department Archives.

Using the information discovered last year at the Burton Historical Collections of the Detroit Public Library, a database has been started to enumerate information on camps and members.

So far, all the basic information such as Camp name, charter date, disbanding date, etc. has been transcribed. It is amazing to see that, over time, there have been at least 389 camps formed in the Department of Michigan.

While processing the Department Archives, it was discovered there were some important pieces of information missing. One of the most important of these was the Department Encampment sign in book. A photocopy of this is contained in our records, but it is important that we find the original. This book contains the dates, places, and attendees of all the Department Encampments from the 1940s – 1990s.

If any brother knows of the location of this book, please contact me.

Another item being search for is the original camp charter of the State Camp #1 out of Detroit. There are some digital photo prints of this charter, but the location of the original is not noted. It is important that we document the location of this item for the future.

This summer I was contact by Warren Barber III, a former Past Department Commander. He was able to provide me with photocopies of the relevant pages from programs of the Allied Orders documenting Department Commanders and other officers. While not originals, these copies have helped fill in a number of gaps of information on the Department PDC's.

This past winter, stabilization of the silk banner from the Farragut Post #32, G.A.R. was completed. The banner was placed between sheets of acid free, non-buffered tissue paper, then between polyester batting for padding and support and rolled around a storage tube. This was then placed in a textile storage box.

I would like to encourage the Brothers of the Department to submit materials for inclusion in the archives. If you have records you no longer wish to manage, please consider sending them along. Copies of records are always accepted as well. The work of the Department is conducted through the work of our Camps and Brothers and it is important we document this going forward.

Examples of records the would be fantastic to have include:

- Minutes
- Membership records and applications
- Annual reports
- Newsletters
- Photographs (digital or in print)
- Newspaper clippings, links to online articles

Finally, as a reminder to Department Officers, and in accordance with the operating procedures approved at the 2011 Department Encampment, any records not in use by your office should be transferred to the Department Historian for inclusion in the Department Archives.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Matthew L. Adair

Report 15: Guide

No Report

Report 16: Guard

No Report

Report 17: GAR Records

Combined Report of the GAR Records Officer and Committee
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
31 March 2012

Commander Shaw, Officers and Brothers:

This year has been rather quiet, compared to last year, although your committee and this office have been diligent in their work.

The records of Weber Post No. 206 were located by Bro. Bruce Butgeriet, PDC. These records are located in the Burton Collection of the Detroit Public Library. The citation of the finding aide reads as follows:

Grand Army of the Republic
Department of Michigan
Weber Post No. 206
1898-1925

This collection, of one volume, is the Journal of Proceedings of Major Weber Post No. 206 of the Department of Michigan GAR. Included in the journal are newspaper clippings (most of which are obituaries) and lists of soldiers' graves in Antrim County's Lakeview Cemetery, Forest Home and Eldred Cemetery, Kearney Township; and Chapin Farm, Custer Township (pages 168-170 and 204).

Contents of Collection: I Volume

The Memorial Book of Orcutt Post No. 79 of Kalamazoo, located in the Kalamazoo Public Library, has been on the open shelves in the reference room for many years. After meeting with the head reference librarian, and discussing with her the possibility of theft due to value, the book has been removed. It was also suggested to the librarian that a copy of all pages that were filled in be made and bound, and then placed on the open shelves again, to facilitate use by researchers. This concept was well received, and that project is on the schedule for the coming summer.

We have a lead on the records of the B. G. Bennett Post No. 71, which are in private hands. Bro. Matt Adair has been in contact with the holder of those records, and is monitoring the situation.

We have another lead on the records of the Maj. Noah Ferry Post No. 4 in Montague. It is said that there are records residing in the local museum. We are following up on that lead as well.

The list of *Found GAR Post Records* that appears on the website has been updated. This new list will be posted on the Department website very soon.

One aspect we have been working on is locating and photographing existing buildings in the State of Michigan that were formerly GAR Halls, or were the meeting places of various posts. We would also like to locate photos of GAR Halls that are no longer standing. The goal is to gather these photos and place them on the GAR Records Committee website, as a permanent record of the meeting places of the several posts. This project can also assist us in locating existing records of those posts. We currently have photos of the halls in Marshall, Sunfield, Detroit, Paw Paw, and St. Joseph. We have photos of halls no longer standing, such as Battle Creek and Lawton. It is requested of every brother who may know the location of a GAR Hall or the building where a post met within the State of Michigan, to please contact this office, so that a photograph can be obtained, and pertinent information can be recorded.

The work of this committee continues. There will be years that we find a substantial amount of records, like last year, and there will be some that are rather lean, like this year. The value of this committee and the work that it does cannot be overstated. We will continue to track down and inventory the records of the Grand Army posts of Michigan, and do what we can to insure that they are preserved for the coming generations.

I would be remiss if I did not commend Bro. Matt Adair for the work that he has done for this committee. His diligence and resourcefulness has made him a valuable asset to this committee, and to the Department of Michigan.

I have one recommendation; that the committee budget remain the same for the fiscal year 2012-2013.

For the Committee,

Gary L. Gibson, PDC
Chairman
GAR Records Committee

Matt Adair
Rick Greene, PDC
Chuck Hartney
Paul D. Hodges, PDC
Doug Park, PDC

Report 18: Eagle Scout Coordinator



The Eagle Scout Award

SONS OF UNION VETERANS

OF

THE CIVIL WAR

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

EAGLE SCOUT AWARD PROGRAM

ANNUAL REPORT

2011 --- 2012

EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATOR

**JERRY ANDREW OLSON, PCC
APPOINTED DEPARTMENT OFFICER**

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATE
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

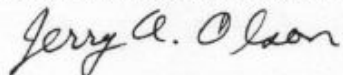
AWARDS GIVEN OUT FOR YEAR
MAY, 2011 TO MARCH, 2012

THERE WERE 50 CERTIFICATES AND LETTERS
GIVEN OUT FOR THIS PERIOD

POSTAGE, PAPER, AND INK EXPENSES
TOTAL----- \$ 125.23
(COVERED BY THE EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATOR)
SOME SUPPLIES REMAIN FOR COMING YEAR

A LIST OF THE EAGLE SCOUTS
FOR THIS PERIOD IS SUPPLIED

YOUR FAITHFUL SERVANT IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,



JERRY ANDREW OLSON, PCC
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
EAGLE SCOUT COMMENDATION PROGRAM OFFICER
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR REPCIPENTS

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| 45. | KELBY THOMAS ANKERSON
SUVCW # 14 | APRIL 9, 2011
WILLIAMSBURG, MI. |
| 46. | STEPHEN ROBERT WURST
SUVCW # 14 | APRIL 9, 2011
MAPLE CITY, MI. |
| 47. | MATTHEW P. GRAVES
SUVCW # 2 | JUNE 11, 2011
HIGHLAND, MI. |
| 48. | ANDREW C. NORDSTROM
SUVCW # 1 | JUNE 7, 2011
GRAND RAPIDS, MI. |
| 49. | MATTHEW STEVEN TRAXIER
SUVCW 31 | JUNE 4, 2011
NEWAYGO, MI. |
| 50. | NATHAN DUKES
SUVCW #1 | JUNE 11, 2011
FREMONT, MI. |
| 51. | AUSTIN MATTHEWS
SUVCW # 1 | MAY 15, 2011
FREMONT, MI. |
| 52. | STUART M. BAILY
SUVCW # 2 | JUNE 18, 2011
STERLING HIEIGHTS, MI. |
| 53. | ROBERT ALLEN LIPPARD
SUVCW # 2 | JUNE 18, 2011
STERLING HEIGHTS, MI. |
| 54. | BUBBY ALLEN WHITAKER JR.
SUVCW # 7 | MAY 25, 2011
EATON RAPIDS, MI. |
| 55. | DEVIN MICHAEL CRAW
SUVCW # 22 | AUGUST 6, 2011
MARSHALL, MI. |

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| 56. | MATTHEW ROBERT ONDERICEK * SPECIAL CASE *
SUVCW | 2011
PITTSBORO, NJ |
| 57. | ANTHONY BOGUCKI
SUVCW # 2 | OCTOBER 2, 2011
ROCHESTER HILLS, MI. |
| 58. | COLE EDWARD GLUKLICK
SUVCW # 250 | OCTOBER 2, 2011
CLARE, MI. |
| 59. | BRIAN S. THOMPSON, TROOP 172
SUVCW # 2 | NOVEMBER 6, 2011
MILFORD, MI. |
| 60. | PATRICK WILLIAM MONAGHAN
SUVCW # | OCTOBER 2, 2011
EDWARDSBURG, MI. |
| 61. | ETHAN VANCE HARDY
SUVCW # | NOVEMBER 24, 2011
STERLING HEIGHTS, MI. |
| 62. | RONALD JACOB EDWARD HOAG
SUVCW # | OCTOBER 29, 2011
HAMILTON, MI. |
| 63. | TIMONTHY JAMES WOIKE
SUVCW # 427 | OCTOBER 29, 2011
LIVONIA, MI. |
| 64. | JACOB BENJAMIN COURT
SUVCW # -- GLADWIN CO. | DECEMBER 3, 2011
BEAVERTON, MI. |
| 65. | EMERSON MATHEW FORTIER
SUVCW # -- GLADWIN CO. | DECEMBER 3, 2011
BEAVERTON, MI. |
| 66. | JAMES KEEGAN WALKER, TROOP # 383
SUVCW # 120, LIVINGSTON CO. | DECEMBER 10, 2011
HARTLAND, MI. |

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| 67. | BROCK RUDOLPH GABBERT
SUVCW # 250, CLARE CO. | DECEMBER 20, 2011
HARRISON TOWNSHIP, MI. |
| 68. | JAMES W. CARISTEDT
SUVCW # 2, OAKLAND CO. | 2011
ROCHESTER, MI. |
| 69. | PATRICK WILLIAM MONAGHAN
SUVCW # , CASS CO. | 2011
EDWARDSBURG, MI. |
| 70. | COREY STONE
SUVCW # 19, MACOMB CO. | 2011
MT. CLEMENS, MI. |
| 71. | CHRISTOPHER STONE
SUVCW # 19, MACOMB CO. | 2011
MT. CLEMENS, MI. |
| 72. | MIKIOS CARL JURKO
SUVCW # 19, MACOMB CO. | 2011
MT. CLEMENS, MI. |
| 73. | RYON SMITH
SUVCW # 19, MACOMB CO. | 2011
MT. CLEMENS, MI. |
| 74. | DYLAN R. BOWER
SUVCW # 19, MACOMB CO. | 2011
MT. CLEMENS, MI. |
| 75. | MICHAEL JAMES ROOSA
SUVCW # , MACKINAC | JUNE 2012
MARYSVILLE, MI. |
| 76. | TOMAS EDWARD MEHALL
SUVCW # 1, KENT CO. | FEB. 12, 2012
GRAND RAPIDS, MI. |
| 77. | SCOTT THOMAS CATHEY
SUVCW # 1, KENT CO. | FEB. 12, 2012
GRAND RAPIDS, MI. |
| 78. | NICHOLAS JOSEPH WARREN
SUVCW # 1, KENT CO. | FEB. 12, 2012
GRAND RAPIDS, MI. |

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| 79. | MITCHEL STEVEN HMYAK
SUVCW # 1, KENT CO. | FEB. 12, 2012
GRAND RAPIDS, MI. |
| 80. | ANDREW THOMAS BAMIKOW
SUVCW # 1, KENT CO. | FEB. 12, 2012
GRAND RAPIDS, MI. |
| 81. | ERIC LUKEZICH
SUVCW # 266, DELTA CO. | MARCH 12, 2012
GLADSTONE, MI. |
| 82. | JARED K. MEYERS
SUVCW # 1, KENT CO. | MARCH 3, 2012
WYOMING, MI. |
| 83. | THOMAS JACOB BAUCUS
SUVCW # 120, LIVINGSTON CO. | FEBRUARY 19, 2012
HOWELL, MI. |
| 84. | JAKOB ARIO HAFEN
SUVCW, # 2, OAKLAND CO. | FEBRUARY 10, 2012
SOUTHFIELD, MI. |
| 85. | JOSHUA PALMER, TROOP 271
SUVCW # 427, WAYNE CO. | JANUARY 28, 2012
LIVONIA, MI. |
| 86. | ANDREW D. MICHAUD
SUVCW # 120, LIVINGSTON CO. | MARCH 17, 2012
HOWELL, MI. |
| 87. | NICHOLAS FRANCIS DONOVAN
SUVCW # 250 OR 67 | MARCH 3, 2012
BEAVERTON, MI. |
| 88. | ZACHARY EDWARD DONOVAN
SUVCW # 250 OR 67 | MARCH 3, 2012
BEAVERTON, MI. |

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF
THE CIVIL WAR
EAGLE SCOUT AWARD
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN**

**THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT EAGLE SCOUT
COORDINATOR**

- 1. SUPPLY LETTER AND CERTIFICATE TO CONTACT PERSON OR ASSOCIATED SUVCW CAMP IN AREA.**
- 2. NOTIFY SUVCW CAMP IN AREA OF EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR IF CERTIFICATE WAS SENT TO CONTACT PERSON.**
- 3. FILE COPY OF APPLICATION IN "PERPETUAL" RECORD OF DEPARTMENT EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATOR.**
- 4. KEEP LIST OF EAGLE SCOUTS NAME AND DATE OF COURT OF HONOR, AND SUVCW CAMP INVOLVED.**
- 5. SUBMIT A REPORT TO ANNUAL DEPT. OF MICH. MEETING IN MAY COVERING THE PREVIOUS YEAR.**
- 6. SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE NATIONAL EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATE COORDINATOR BY JULY 10TH COVERING THE PREVIOUS YEAR.**

Report 19: Nominating Committee

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

Office of the Nominating Committee

To Department Commander Donald Shaw and the Attendees of the 123rd Department of Michigan Annual Encampment,

Greetings.

This will serve as the final report for the year 2011-2012 of the activities of the Department Nomination Committee.

This year the committee members appointed by Commander Shaw were Brothers Gary Gibson, Richard Scott, Jim Jackson, David Waldron, and myself.

All committee members worked as a team and achieved the goal of presenting a slate of good men for this Encampment's consideration for election as your 2012-2013 Department Officers.

The recommended slate of officers are:

<i>Department Commander</i>	<i>David Paul Arnold</i>
<i>Senior Vice Commander</i>	<i>Paul Davis</i>
<i>Junior Vice Commander</i>	<i>Dale Aurand</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Bruce Gosling</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Dennis Fyke</i>
<i>Department Council</i>	<i>Kevin Lindsey</i>
	<i>Richard Greene</i>
	<i>Tom Jenkins</i>

With the experience that I have gained serving on this committee the past several years, and there being no such guidance, I will work to create a committee guideline that can be used by future nomination committees in their work, and a webpage that will have information about Brothers who seek office in the future.

On behalf of the Committee members, thank you for the opportunity to serve.

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

*Richard E. Danes, CC
Chairman, 2012 Nomination Committee
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

Report 20: Department Headquarters Exploratory Committee

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Michigan,
March 31, 2012

Commander, Officers, and Delegates of the 123nd Department Encampment:

The Department Headquarters Exploratory Committee would like to submit the following report for the consideration of the delegates of the Department Encampment. In collaboration with Brothers Jim Weeks and Tim Kolean, we will briefly summarize our discussions and remain available to answer additional questions.

The assignment of this committee is to find a suitable place of storage for the property of the Department of Michigan. The property was inventoried in 2009 and submitted to the members of the Department Council.

Climate Controlled Storage Units

In discussing the essential elements of the Departments wishes. We surveyed several climate controlled storage businesses in each of our localities. In trying to get to a comparison of rental agreements the following table would typify the ongoing cost to the Department.

For a climate controlled 10 ft. by 10 ft. storage unit:

Location	Monthly Charge	Discounted Prepay	Annual Rental
Portage, MI	\$85.23	\$73.06/7 mo.	\$1022.76
Grand Rapids, MI	\$90.00	\$81.00/mo./yr.	\$972.00
Ann Arbor, MI	\$159.00	N/A	\$1908.00

Table 1

Ongoing rental expense would only be one aspect of this solution. Another expense to consider is an insurance policy to cover a loss. The Department would need to appoint a camp/brother(s) to maintain the organization of our contents, be available to open the unit for another brother or brothers that wished to research the contents that are kept there, and act as liaison to protect the property and notify the Department Officers should there be a change of situation.

The members of the committee also realized that the selection of a Climate-Controlled Storage Unit vendor and location would have to be decided for the convenience of the Camps of the Department. The City of Lansing maybe centrally located to all of the Camps of the Department. The City of Ann Arbor or Flint might be more central for the concentration of Camps and Brothers.

The value and size of our collection is intangible. Some items have the interest of the larger Historical Societies and could find a home with them. The large portion of the collection needs restoration and appropriate filing, and is of interest only to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The Committee members felt reasonably assured that the Department would rarely turn our property over with the kind of agreements and licensing that currently is available to organizations of our size. Therefore, a future item of business that might concern us is how do we promote and utilize the material we have in our possession, when it's out of sight in a storage unit.

Historic Fort Wayne

We were made aware of another opportunity that the Department Commander asked us to investigate. An offer to become a partner of Historic Fort Wayne (HFW) of Detroit was extended to the Sons of Union Veterans by the members of Historic Fort Wayne Coalition. There were a number of issues to consider about this offer.

Chairman of the Historic Fort Wayne Coalition, Tom Berlucchi, is no stranger to the Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans. I had an opportunity to meet and have a long conversation



with Tom at the State Library in April 2011 during the Plowshares to Swords event. The most impressive trait about Tom is his genuine and passionate involvement with the preservation of Historic Fort Wayne. The committee's (Brothers Jim Weeks and Chuck Worley) second interview with Tom and other members of the Executive Board took place on November 4th, 2011 on the grounds of Historic Fort Wayne.

The offer extended to the Department of Michigan is intended to be mutually beneficial to both organizations. The Department has been attempting to find a suitable, accessible, and long-term location for the storage of our accumulation of property and records. HFW is seeking compatible organizations that will provide a research/educational component, historical interpretations, and long-term occupancy with the partnership. Examples of other organizations that are HFW partners include the Tuskegee Airmen Museum, Native American Community, and Vintage Baseball. The members of the Historic Fort Wayne Coalition, another class of participation, which the SUVCW Department of Michigan has subscribed for two years, provide additional support toward the preservation of HFW and the partners.

As a partner, the Department of Michigan would sign a lease with the City of Detroit Recreation Department for five years for a nominal amount (\$5.00). We would occupy the Surgeon's House on Office Row. We would have access to the grounds, 24-hour security, and freedom to operate and hold functions of our choosing. There are some fund raising activities (paranormal activities and tours) already licensed to other groups. Sons'

activities could be coordinated with other groups to maximize the community interest and develop HFW as a family-friendly destination attraction.

The Surgeon's House



Restoration of the Surgeon's House would be the initial project undertaken by the Department of Michigan. During the Committee's visit we were unable to tour the interior of the house that evening, therefore we are not certain of the overall condition of the house. The exterior does need work and the roof needs replaced, at what level could not be determined that evening. Renovation projects would have to conform to original Federal contracted specifications. The Surgeon's house is two stories, and at the time it was assigned the Officer's Club, an addition was built to accommodate the bar.

To be candid, the restoration of the Surgeon's House would require materials, time, and advanced carpentry/masonry skills along with volunteer labor. The Department of Michigan would want to consider our liability and loss exposure and the continuous expense and limits of insurance coverage. At the end of the five-year lease, the Department would be at mercy of the renewal clause. The consensus of the Committee members was that the project was doable and could be finished. We also were skeptical that we, as an organization, could maintain the momentum demanded by magnitude of the project, and possible fragmentation of the membership before completion.

The upside of undertaking this project is the successful completion of a beautiful Officer's Quarters. Where the Department of Michigan could maintain its headquarters at a premier Michigan Civil War site. Where we would be in the company similar organizations at a destination site.

Other Considerations

The Committee continued the discussion of the impact of finding a long-term headquarters. Our first consideration was the location of Detroit in regards to accessibility of our members. To summarize the imbedded charts, we assumed that the Department would likely chose Lansing as the ideal meeting place for Department activities. The alternative would be Historic Fort Wayne in Detroit. What seems to shake out is that the Northern Camps would experience some increased travel time and mileage to Detroit. The Department's Western Camps would see the greatest time and mileage increases to HFW. The Eastern side of the Department would benefit in both categories to meet in Detroit. The committee felt the added burden of traveling to Detroit would discourage a number of Camps from participating fully or at all.

Another consideration that has to be measured is the amount of participation that our organization is willing to contribute to the success of Historic Fort Wayne. It is conceivable that every weekend and holiday would have to be covered with our presence. Our own mission and projects could become neglected in the service for another organization. This would also require the assignment of a schedule of brothers or camps to be present and protect our interest at other times, whether that is to open the house for our committees or functions or to investigate unforeseen problems.

It is fair to further mention that "participation" in some form or another involves financial expenditures. The Department of Michigan would have to move and resolve a procedure to define acceptable expenses and determine the extent that we "participate".

Conclusions and Recommendation

To summarize the committee's conclusions, we felt that we were like Joshua's twelve spies to the Land of Caanan. Yes there is risk and reward in partnering with Historic Fort Wayne. Partnering is a once in a lifetime opportunity, yet we might lose our identity and our mission in doing so. We concluded that there would eventually be a strain on our bonds of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty that as brothers is more important than a location. There is also precedence in the decision of the past National Encampment not to seek a permanent National Headquarters.

The Department still has no suitable place to store its property. Presently a portion resides at Brother Matt Adair parents' home.

This committee seeks to end its assignment, by recommending that:

- The Department not enter into a contractual agreement for a commercial climate controlled storage unit.
- The Department not seek Partnership with Historic Fort Wayne.
- The Department continues its membership with Historic Fort Wayne Coalition.
- Should Camp or Department property be in jeopardy of loss to another controlling party, immediate notification commence to the Department Commander and Department Council.
- The Department continue to be aware of its storage needs and act upon a suitable solution should one be discovered.

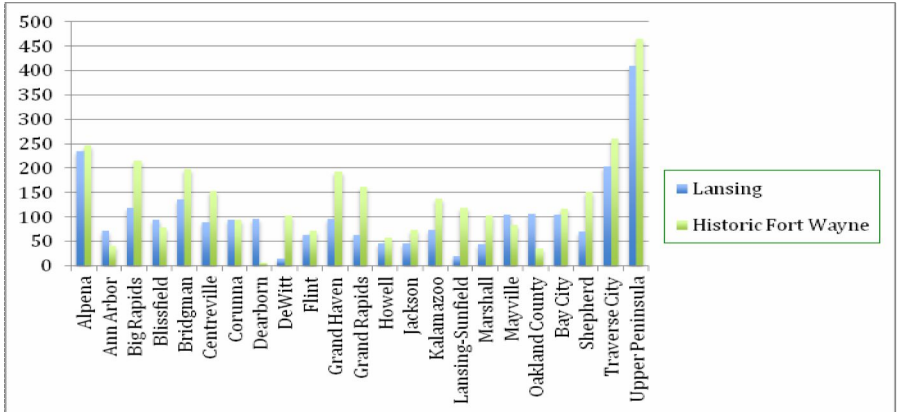


Chart 1

	Lansing	Time	Historic Fort Wayne	Time
Alpena	235	4 hrs 2 min	247	4 hrs 10 min
Ann Arbor	72	1 hr 19 min	40	46 min
Big Rapids	118	1 hr 56 min	216	3 hrs 28 min
Blissfield	94	1 hr 44 min	78	1 hr 21 min
Bridgman	135	2 hr 14 min	199	3 hr 16 min
Centreville	89	1 hr 40 min	153	2 hr 42 min
Corunna	94	1 hr 42 min	94	1 hr 42 min
Dearborn	95	1 hr 38 min	6	15 min
DeWitt	14	20 min	102	1 hr 45 min
Flint	63	1 hr 7 min	72	1 hr 13 min
Grand Haven	95	1 hr 38 min	193	3 hr 11 min
Grand Rapids	63	1 hr 4 min	161	2 hr 37 min
Howell	45	50 min	57	1 hr 2 min
Jackson	46	55 min	74	1 hr 23 min
Kalamazoo	74	1 hr 21 min	137	2 hr 23 min
Lansing-Sunfield	20	35 min	118	2 hr 8 min
Marshall	44	49 min	103	1 hr 48 min
Mayville	104	1 hr 53 min	84	1 hr 41 min
Oakland County	106	1 hr 58 min	36	51 min
Bay City	105	1hr 49 min	116	1 hr 56 min
Shepherd	69	1 hr 14 min	151	2 hr 31 min
Traverse City	203	3 hr 26 min	260	4 hr 21 min
Upper Peninsula	410	7 hrs 12 min	466	7 hrs 58 min

Table 2

Report 21: Monuments and Memorials



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department Civil War Memorials Committee *Michigan*

March 31, 2012

To: Commander Don Shaw and fellow Brothers

From: Department Memorials Committee; Brother Doug Armstrong, Department officer and members Brothers Dick Williams and Bruce B. Butgereit

Re: Department Memorials Committee Report (2011-2012)

Greetings Commander:

The Department Civil War Memorials Committee wishes to report that as of the date of this Encampment, there are 245 memorials in our database with 44 added in this past year.

An assessment of this data provides the following –

- 43 Counties are represented out of 83 in the State
- 1 monument from Indiana recognizes the service of members of the 4th Michigan Infantry
- Of the 245 assessments received – 102 include the required CWM Form 61 and 143 do not.
- 45 CWM Form 61 have useable photos attached – 200 do not have the required photos
- The most recent assessment was 2011 with 11. 143 assessments are over 10 years old with the oldest conducted in 1996.
- There are no GAR Buildings in this list

Based upon this report, as a Department we have room for improvement and as a Committee, we are prepared to assist in any way we can. However, the tasks of locating, assessing, recording, and researching Michigan's memorials fall to each Camp.

One way to accomplish these tasks is to ensure that each Camp Commander appoints a Civil War Memorials officer. The success of the Camp CW Memorials officer can be improved with the help of the Camp working together.

In the months following this Encampment, the Memorials Committee will submit a handbook of instruction for Camp CW Memorials officers to the Department Commander and Department Council for review and approval. A new instruction manual, being prepared by the National Civil War Memorials officer, Brother Walter Busch, will serve as a companion guide.

Also following this Encampment, the Memorials Committee will begin communicating with Camp Commanders and Camp Civil War Memorials officers via email in an effort to answer any questions or to provide further assistance. Based upon this communication, a meeting timetable will be discussed for the benefit of all concerned.

As we look to the future, we ask those Camps that have submitted material in the past on their Civil War Memorials to please work with us in providing needed updates. One goal will be to have an updated Civil War Memorials page on our Department website at the earliest opportunity.

We thank Commander Shaw for his confidence in our Committee and look forward to working with the next Department Commander.

Submitted on behalf of Brother Doug Armstrong in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Bruce B. Butgereit
1691 Summerfield St. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49508
Ph: 616.827.3369
Email: civil-war@comcast.net

Report 22: Ceremonies and Rituals

December 21, 2011

Department of Michigan
Recommendation of Ceremonies and Rituals Committee

Commander Shaw,

Department By-laws... **Article IX, Section 11** state “ *It shall develop “Degree Teams” to handle ceremonies and other duties at Department level functions.*” This reference to “Degree Teams” has been reviewed by the members of Committee, we have concurred that the term should be eliminated.

Since all officers of the Department and individual camps should be conducting ceremonies according to the Ceremony and Ritual guidelines. As indicated in **Article III, Section 3** “*All officers shall be brothers of the Department of Michigan and shall perform duties as specified by the C & R, Ritual, these by-laws and the Orders of the Commander.*”

F. C. & L.

Dale Aurand
Chairman
Ceremonies and Rituals

Report 23: Bylaws

**Paul "David" Arnold
Senior Vice Commander
Michigan Department
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

(Report of the Bylaws Committee to the 2012 Department Encampment).

Department of Michigan Brothers and Camps;

At the 2011 Department Encampment several items were discussed and referred to the Bylaws Committee for review and recommendation in regards to potential Bylaw changes.. Following are the recommendations of the Committee regarding those referrals.

Legislative Committee:

Current Article IX, Section 5 states:

The Legislative Committee shall keep itself informed of all legislation which may be introduced in the Michigan Legislature, of such a nature as to affect the interest of this Order and/or the other Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, or the patriotic interest of the people, and may recommend to the Camps, subject to the approval of the Department Commander, any action that the committee deems advisable or expedient. The Legislative Committee shall consist of the Department: Commander, Secretary and three other Brothers of the Department, appointed by the Commander.

Bylaws Committee Recommendation:

Since the Department has not had a sitting Legislative Committee in many years, it is recommended that this section be removed from the Department of Michigan Bylaws and this section reserved, rather than re-numbering subsequent sections.

Ceremonies & Ritual Committee

Current: Article IX, Section 11 states:

The Ceremonies and Rituals Committee shall assist Camps with appropriate use of the Ritual in performing ceremonies at Camp functions. It shall help Camps to organize Camp Guards and provide training for these groups in effective presentations and programs. It shall develop "Degree Teams" to handle ceremonies and other duties at Department level functions. It shall provide guidance and assistance in regard to dress and appearance of Brothers participating in ceremonial functions. The Rituals and Ceremonies Officer shall chair the Committee.

Bylaws Committee Recommendation:

Since the Department has not used Degree Teams for many years it is recommended that we:

Modify Article IX, Section 11, by removing language as indicated:

The Ceremonies and Rituals Committee shall assist Camps with appropriate use of the Ritual in performing ceremonies at Camp functions. It shall help Camps to organize Camp Guards and provide training for these groups in effective presentations and programs. ~~It shall develop "Degree Teams" to handle ceremonies and other duties at Department level functions.~~ It shall provide guidance and assistance in regard to dress and appearance of Brothers participating in ceremonial functions. The Rituals and Ceremonies Officer shall chair the Committee.

Standardized Training:

It has been brought to the attention of the Department that during SUVCW public ceremonies, inconsistencies in military etiquette and procedures have been occurring on a regular basis. It is recommended that the Department develop a standardized training program in this area.

The Department Bylaws Committee agrees with the above observation regarding standardization of training. It would recommend the following modification to Article XX (Sons of Veterans Reserve and Camp Guards)

Current ARTICLE XX - Sons of Veterans Reserve and Camp Guards states:

Section 1. The Department of Michigan will encourage the establishment of a military unit known as the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) as outlined within the Constitution and Regulations of the Order.

Section 2. The Department Commander may call upon the SVR Officer commanding within the Department and request the SVR to provide an appropriate appearance and military participation on behalf of the Department.

Section 3. The Senior Officer of any SVR unit existing within the Department, present at any Department function, shall assume overall command of the military aspects of the Department function. The senior officer of each Camp Guard participating in the Department function shall place himself and his Camp Guard under the command of the SVR Officer.

Section 4. Camps may maintain an Independent Camp Guard under the auspices of the Camp. Said Camp Guards would not be governed by the Standard Operating Procedures of the National Military Department, SVR. The highest-ranking officer of any Camp Guard shall be Captain.

Section 5. Each member of any Camp Guard shall wear upon their kepi the insignia as adopted by the Department, being the VII Corp Badge. The Badge shall contain a silver, five point star (point down). There shall be a crescent moon around the top of said star, touching four of the points. The moon shall be red in color and trimmed in gold.

Section 6. The Department may call upon the various Camps and request that the Camps to provide an appropriate appearance and military participation at a Department function.

Section 7. For the purposes of these By-Laws, the presentation of the Colors, and related activities, at meetings, ceremonies and other functions need not be considered a "military" activity.

Bylaws Committee Recommendation

Modify Article XX (Sons of Veterans Reserve and Camp Guards) by adding new Section 6 and then renumbering all subsequent sections.

New Section 6 would read as follows:

Section 6. The Department Commander shall appoint a Department Aide who has knowledge of Civil War infantry drill and of the various ceremonies used by the Order wherein uniformed Camp Guards participate. The Department Aide shall serve as a coordinator between various Camp Guards as they participate in Department functions and shall serve as Commanding Officer of the combined Camp Guards at Department functions. The Department Aide shall also coordinate uniformed activities with any SVR units participating in Department activities and shall place himself under the authority of the senior SVR officer present at such events. The Department Aide shall also provide instruction to the various Camp Guards in practices, protocols and procedures in conducting public ceremonies of all types.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Bylaws Committee

Paul (David) Arnold, PCC, Chair
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Report 24: Council Report

March 31, 2012

TO: Don Shaw, Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War

FROM: Department of Michigan Council

SUBJECT: 2011-2012 Annual Department Council Report

The Department of Michigan Council was called on to consider a number of subjects this past year. Nine items were brought before the Council and handled via electronic meetings.

- 1. The Council performed an audit of the Department Treasurer financial records and found all entries to be correct.**
- 2. The Council considered and voted to place the Permanent Fund in U. S. Government backed securities.**
- 3. The Council, at the bequest of the Commander voted to honor the Brothers who served in the Spanish American war with the purchase of streamers for the Camp's colors.**
- 4. The Council approved the reimbursement of Matt Adair for the purchase of archival quality UV resistant fascia glass to protect the Department Charter.**
- 5. The council considered the suggestion to increase the price to the Brothers of Department merchandise. Council decided to continue the price at the present level so long as the Department does not operate at a loss in wholesale prices.**
- 6. The Council examined and approved the financial report from the Department Treasure ending 30 September, 2011.**
- 7. The Council considered a request from an individual in Venezuela for a donation of a Department 125th Anniversary medal. After deliberation, the Council determined that the credentials of the individual making the request were not sufficient to fill the request. Council felt that the individual making the request may have had ulterior motives for the request and that the Department merchandise would not be provided in these cases.**

8. The Council deliberated the suggestion from Commander Shaw as to the disposition of the flags of the defunct Grant Camp 101. They donated their Camp flag and also their 34 star American Flag to Richardson Camp 2 who notified the Department. The council concurred with the Commander's idea to place the Camp flag in the archives, donate the flag staff to the new U. S. Grant Camp 67, and allow Camp 2 to remain as the custodian of the 34 star flag for use by any camp who may want to use it for an event.

9. The Council deliberated the pending request from the Fort Wayne Coalition for a donation. These donations have been handled in the past by a special vote by the Council when they were made as they were never a Line Item in the annual Department Budget as approved by the Encampment. Council approved a motion to add a Line Item to the annual budget entitled Donations to be used to support any worthy cause such as the Coalition without having to make a special decision outside of the approved budget.

Respectfully Submitted:

**PDC Richard Greene
Jenkins**

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Council Thomas

Report 25: Communications and Technology

Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Report of the Communications and Technology Committee
123rd Annual Encampment, March 31, 2012

Brothers,

I have the honor of submitting the following report for the Communications and Technology Committee for consideration by the Encampment.

First and perhaps most important, the committee joins the Brothers of the Department in congratulating Brother Matt Adair for his long hours of difficult work which resulted in the Department of Michigan earning the first annual Horace Greeley Award for the Best Department Website. Brother Adair has repeatedly demonstrated his skill and generosity in helping the Department spread the word of its good works. Even though other demands compelled Matt to move to a less active role on the committee, he continued to offer his insight and guidance in shaping how the Department presents its information. The Brothers of the Committee thank Matt for his dedication to the ideals of our Order.

The Department's Website has continued to follow the path laid out by Brother Adair; it is after all a proven winner. We have also been looking at a few different ways of making the site more attractive and informative. Again, Brother Adair has been experimenting with different formats for making the website more visually appealing.

The committee opened a new photo page in free space offered by Flickr.com where PCinC Jim Pahl has been most generous in sharing photographs of American Civil War sites taken during his many travels.

During the present term, the Department Commander directed the committee to assist in the development of a new Department based form intended to help us meet an aspect National Policy. Among other things, this policy required "specific consent" be granted by the individual Brother before their postal or electronic mail address is published on the web. In theory, the new form (Form 22MI) would be completed as a companion to the Camp's Form 22 and sent along to the Department Secretary who in turn would forward both forms to the Department Signals Officer. The Signals Officer would then use this as a guide for updating a Camp's web information. After it was implemented we were surprised to see that when specific consent was required, there were fewer email addresses listed by our Camps. There were several problems that developed during the introduction of this new form which centered on timely and accurate information being passed which will be addressed in the recommendations portion of this report.

The Department entered the social media world with the opening of a new Facebook page. This page was intended to spread the word of our Order into other areas and provide a means for

our Brothers, members of the other Allied Orders and the interested public to link together and pass information a bit faster. During the initial process we decided to require users of this page be approved prior to posting. As it turns out we made the right decision in that we found other such pages which allowed anyone the freedom to post anything soon started collecting some unfortunate and irrelevant posts. PCinC Jim Pahl took the lead in this area as well and continues to oversee this page as part of the committee.

We have also been looking at the application of the nation's Global Positioning System for the Department. While developed as a navigational aid, GPS could be applied to what we do and help us enter yet another untapped area to supplement other existing information, to create a stand-alone useful tool and to help spread the word about the Order. During this initial effort the committee adopted a standard for creating "waypoints" and went on to look at applications for the Department.

One aspect under consideration involves working with the Department's Civil War Memorials Committee in the creation of a database of Michigan's monuments available for download through the webpage. The more adventurous might choose to help map out Michigan's many battlefield markers or monuments in the National Military Parks which could conceivably allow a historian to walk the field following a Michigan regiment's movements during a battle.

Another, which may offer a very innovative way of helping others remember those old soldiers that have gone before is entering the Geocaching hobby (www.geocaching.com). In this application, a member of the committee would coordinate interested Brothers and perhaps our Sisters in the creation of "Geocaches" recognizing Michigan's Civil War history. Such sites could be local training grounds, encampments, enlistment stations, monuments or really anything having to do with Civil War era history in Michigan. Following existing Geocaching rules, the participant would create a cache, then develop a short write up explaining the relevance of the site to the war and then place a cache nearby. They would then turn this information over to the "Geocaching Coordinator" member of the committee, who would present it for listing at Geocaching.com. The objective of this project would be to help others learn about Michigan's contribution to the United States during the war by identifying local sites and explaining their significance. In the process the participating Brothers would be spreading the word about our Order to a new audience. This was a relatively late development and might have already been in the works had the assigned Brother not had more of life's demands thrust upon him.

Recommendations

I recommend that the Department's web presence continue to be developed and refined, especially if Brother Adair has the time to foster new ways of presenting the Department's information.

I also recommend that we continue to seek out other existing scholarly websites of interest to the Civil War historian and incorporate links to them from the Department's site.

The implementation of Form 22MI has been the cause of several problems. I believe many could be resolved by creating a new Operating Guideline which allows Camps the option of forwarding signed copies of a Camp's completed Form 22 and a Form 22MI (be they digital or hard) directly to the Signals Officer as soon as they wish. Camp officers will still be required to forward the original forms to the Department Secretary as before.

A few Camps of this Department maintain their own sites either on the Department's space or on other servers. I suggest that these Camps still be required to submit their Form 22MI to the Department Secretary to insure compliance with National Policy.

The application of GPS Technology is an untapped field for the Order and is certainly capable of assisting us in meeting our objectives. I suggest the Committee seek out a GPS Coordinator as part of the Communications and Technology Committee who will act as a point contact, will be able to create and maintain different databases that may be developed and coordinate the Department's efforts in the use of this technology.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
William Morris, PCC