

Minutes of The 131th Annual Encampment
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War
Saturday, March 28, 2015
Great Lakes Christian College
Lansing, Michigan

A Joint Opening Ceremony with Ladies of the Allied Orders was conducted prior to the Call To Order of the Encampment. The Allied Orders introduced their honored guests and Officers, some of whom gave brief remarks. Chaplain Buckhahn gave the invocation and read names of those who have passed during the past year. The Ladies of the Allied Orders then departed the auditorium.

1. Call To Order: The 131th Department of Michigan Annual Encampment was called to order in the auditorium of Great Lakes Christian College by DC Davis at 9:45 AM Saturday, March 28, 2015. At the request of DC Davis, the Guide, assisted by the Color Bearer, determined that all present were entitled to remain.

2. Roll Call of Officers: The Department Secretary called the Roll of Officers with results as follows:

Department Commander:	Paul Davis DC	Present
Senior Vice Commander:	Dale Aurand PCC	Present
Junior Vice Commander:	L. Dean Lamphere, Jr. CC	Present
Department Council:	Charles Worley	Present
Department Council:	Robert Griggs PCC	Present
Department Council:	Kevin Lindsey PCC	Absent - Excused
Secretary:	George Boller	Present
Treasurer:	Bruce Gosling PCC	Absent - Excused
Chief of Staff	Don Shaw PDC	Present
Counselor:	James B. Pahl PCinC, etc., etc.	Present
Chaplin:	Charles Buckhahn PCC	Present
Patriotic Instructor:	Gary Granger PCC	Present
Color Bearer:	Edgar Dowd PCC	Present
Signals Officer	Patrick Wallace	Present
<i>Michigan Messenger</i> Editor:	Rick Danes CC	Present
Historian:	Chris Cox	Present
Guide:	Dave Smith	Present
Guard:	Robert Payne	Present
Graves Registration Officer	Rick Danes CC	Present
G.A.R. Records Officer	Gary Gibson PDC	Absent- Excused
C.W. Memorials Officer	Bruce Butgereit PDC	Present
Eagle Scout Coordinator:	Jerry Olson	Absent - Excused
Camp-At-Large Coordinator	Dennis Zank	Present
Aide-de-Camp	Keith Harrison PCinC	Present

3. Opening of The Encampment according to Ritual:

DC Davis led the Encampment in reciting the principles of our Order: Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. Chaplin Buckhahn invoked the Divine Blessing. Color Bearer Dowd presented the colors and DC Davis led the Encampment in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Declaration of the 131th Encampment being open for the conduct of Business

DC Davis thereupon declared the Encampment open for the conduct of business.

5. Rules for the Encampment

Report of the Credentials Committee was deferred by DC Davis. The Commander repeated the usual rules for voting and for those wishing to speak. Furthermore, if there are no objections to a recommendation, it will be adopted at the sound of the gavel. All discussion is to be conducted in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty and everyone is reminded that smoking is not allowed anywhere on the Campus and all cell phones are to be turned off in the auditorium.

DC Davis appointed Counselor Pahl as Encampment Parliamentarian.

6. Approval of Past Proceedings

DC Davis solicited a motion to approve the posted Minutes of the 130th Department Encampment. Motion to approve by Keith Harrison, second by Rick Danes. There being no discussion, the Motion carried by vote of the Encampment.

7. Recognition and Welcome of Current National Officers

DC Davis asked the Guide to escort the flowing Current National Officers in attendance to the Altar after which DC Davis introduced each to the applause of the Encampment:

Commander-in-Chief: Tad D. Campbell
National Council of Administration Member: Donald Shaw
Assistant National Counselor and past Commander-in-Chief: James Pahl
MOLLUS Liaison and past Commander-in-Chief: Keith Harrison

8. Recognition of Past National Officers in Attendance

DC Davis asked past National Officers present to stand for recognition which was then given by the Encampment. In attendance were Keith Harrison PCinC, James Pahl PCinC, William McAfee PChaplain, Perley Mellor PCinC, Dave Wallace.

9. Recognition of Past Department Commanders in Attendance

DC Davis recognized Brothers Keith Harrison, James Pahl, Dave Wallace, Dennis Derr, Bruce Butgereit, Chuck Worley, Bill Brennan, and Don Shaw.

10. Appointment of Encampment Committees

DC Davis made appointments as follows:

Bylaws:	James Pahl
Officer Reports:	Don Shaw
Resolutions:	Rick Danes, Chairman; Skip Bryant; Dave Smith

11. Reports of Department Officers and Committees

DC Davis instructed the Guide to pass the gavel to SVC Dale L. Aurand.

11A) Commander's Report: Paul Davis

DC Davis summarized his written Report which is on file with the Department Secretary. It contains two recommendations: 1) Certain items in the Department Bylaws be updated during the upcoming year, and 2) a Committee be appointed by the new DC to review Department Operating Guidelines and report to the next Department Encampment in 2016. Thereafter, the gavel was returned to Commander Davis.

11B) Senior Vice Commander's Report: Dale L. Aurand

SVC Aurand presented his Report which contains one recommendation: 1) that a Committee be appointed to review and update Department Guidelines as appropriate and report at the next Department Encampment in 2016. The report is on file with the Department Secretary.

11C) Junior Vice Commander's Report: L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.

JVC Lamphere presented his Report which is on file with the Dept. Secretary.

11D) Secretary's Report: George Boller

Secretary George Boller presented his Report which is on file with the Department Secretary.

11E) Treasurer's Report: Bruce Gosling

In his absence, Treasurer Bruce Gosling's Report was presented by Chuck Worley. It contains two recommendations: 1) 2014 income generated by the Permanent Fund be retained as part of the permanently restricted balance of the Fund, and 2) the proposed 2015 operating budget for the General Fund be accepted as presented. The Report is on file with the Department Secretary.

11F) Chaplain's Report: Charles Buckhahn

Chaplain Charles Buckhahn presented his Report which was filed with the Department Secretary.

11G) Council's Report: Chuck Worley, Skip Bryant in the absence of Kevin Lindsey, Bob Griggs

Council's report was presented and is on file with the Department Secretary..

11H) Counselor's Report: James Pahl

Counselor James Pahl reported that no opinions had been solicited from him during the past year.

11I) Patriotic Instructor's Report: Gary Granger

PI Gary Granger presented his Report which was filed with the Department Secretary.

11J) Chief of Staff's Report: Don Shaw

Chief of Staff Don Shaw presented his Report which was filed with the Department Secretary.

11K) Nominating Committee Report: Rick Danes

Chairman Danes presented the Committee's Report containing the recommended Officer slate for the upcoming year.

11L) Color Bearer's Report: Ed Dowd

C.B. Ed Dowd presented his Report which was filed with the Department Secretary.

11M) Department Graves Registration Officer's Report: Rick Danes

G.R.O. Rick Danes presented his Report which was filed with the Department Secretary.

11N) Michigan's Messenger Editor's Report: Rick Danes

Editor Rick Danes presented his Report which was filed with the Department Secretary.

11O) GAR Records Officer's Report: Gary Gibson – Gary Gibson's Report was submitted in his absence and was filed with the Department Secretary. The Report includes a recommendation that a portion of the Recorder Officer's annual budget be apportioned to the GAR Memorial Hall and Museum in Eaton Rapids.

11P) Civil War Memorials Officer's Report: Bruce Butgereit -

Bruce Butgereit presented his Report which has been filed with the Department Secretary.

11Q) Department Historian's Report: Chris Cox

Chris Cox presented his report which is which is on file with the Department Secretary. The Report includes two recommendations: 1) Department records be scanned and stored on a hard drive for the use of the Department and 2) the Department investigate the purchase of a hard drive to be used per the first recommendation.

11R) Signals Officer: Patrick Wallace

Patrick Wallace presented his Report which was filed with the Department Secretary. It contains five recommendations: 1) The Communication and Technology Committee (CTC) seek to bring the Department website into compliance with a protocol accessible to all

Internet users, 2) the CTC establish certain standards for the Department website, 3) the CTC explore multiple storage locations for information on the Department Website and be authorized to expend up to \$100.00 annually for such storage, 4) the CTC explore the Department's social media presence, and 5) the CTC adopt a new security protocol soon to be available.

11S) Department Guard – no report

11T) Department Guide – No report

11U) Eagle Scout Coordinator - .No Report

11V) Camp-at-Large Coordinator – No Report

11W) Communications and Technology Committee Report: Keith Harrison

Chairman Harrison presented his Report which was filed with the Department Secretary. It contains two recommendations: 1) The Department's Signals Officer serve as Chair of the CTC, and 2) that a backup Department Webmaster be appointed to serve on the CTC.

11X) Ceremonies and Ritual Committee – No Report

11Y) Special Committee on the CW Sesquicentennial Report: Keith Harrison

Chairman Harrison presented his Report which was filed with the Department Secretary.

12. Patriotic Instruction Gary Granger:

A short Patriotic Instruction was presented by P.I. Gary Granger.

The Encampment recessed at 11:10 AM

The Encampment reconvened at 11:30 AM.

13. Report of Encampment Committee on Officer Reports: Chairman Don Shaw

Chairman Shaw thanked the Officers for their presentations and recommendations. Brother Pahl moved that any recommendation not objected to be adopted as the sound of the gavel, with second by Brother Harrison. There being no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

The Committee's recommendations and the Encampment's Decisions are as follows:

1) Department Commander

Committee's recommendation: Refer both recommendations to Bylaws Committee – there being no objection, the Committee's recommendation was adopted at the sound of the gavel.

2) Senior Vice Commander

Committee's recommendation: Refer recommendation to Bylaws Committee – there being no objection, the Committee's recommendation was adopted at the sound of the gavel.

3) Treasurer

Committee's recommendation: both recommendations be adopted. There being no objection, Committee's recommendation was adopted at the sound of the gavel

4) GAR Records

Committee's recommendation: Refer recommendation to Department Council - there being no objection, the Committee's recommendation was adopted at the sound of the gavel.

5) Historian

Committee's recommendation: Refer recommendation 1) to CTC after re-wording to include coordination with GAR Memorial Hall and Museum - there being no objection, the Committee's recommendation was adopted at the sound of the gavel.
Recommendation 2)???

6) Signals

Committee's recommendation: Refer all five recommendations to CTC - there being no objection, the Committee's recommendation was adopted at the sound of the gavel.

DC Davis thanked the Committee for its recommendations.
A discussion of form 22MI ensued.
DC Davis then presented an award to Brother Keith Harrison.

The Encampment recessed at 12:00 Noon.

The Encampment reconvened at 1:30 PM.

Marcia Butgereit gave brief comments.

14. Department Awards

14A) Orlando LeValley Award

DC Davis presented this Award, established by Department Bylaws, to Gilluly-Kingsley Camp No. 120 for being the Camp having the greatest annual percentage increase in new members (23.5%).

14B) Austin Blair Award

DC Davis presented this Award, established by Department Bylaws, to Gilluly-Kingsley Camp No. 120 for having the greatest annual numerical increase in new members (4).

14C) Department Officer Awards

Commander Davis presented Award Certificates to Department Officers who had served during the preceding year.

14D) Abraham Lincoln Award:

DC Davis thanked Committee Chairman Dave Wallace for the Committee's work in selecting this year's recipient Chuck Harthey who has submitted numerous records to the database of the Department.

DC Davis announced that the two recipients of the newly instituted Mary Walker Award will be announced at this evening's banquet.

15) Commander-in-Chief's Remarks

CinC Campbell spoke about his visitations to some of the Departments and issues of national importance.

16.) Report of Encampment Committee on Resolutions:

16A) The Committee recommended approval of a Resolution by Pritchard Camp No. 20 to purchase a GAR Flag and staff for placement in the State Capital at a cost not to exceed \$600.00.

17.) Old Business

None

18.) New Business

Brother Chris Skillman has volunteered to be Department Webmaster. Motion by Bob Griggs, second by Rick Danes, that Brother Skillman be appointed. Unanimously approved.

Max Reiske discussed efforts of his Camp and communities in his Camp's jurisdiction to secure monuments/plaques to soldiers who have received the Congressional Medal Of Honor.

Brother Griggs reported a \$50.00 donation by Blair Camp No. 7 to the Grass Lake Museum for restoration of CW letters and documents. Motion for the Department to donate \$100.00.

Sister Zukowski expressed thanks to the Encampment on behalf of the Women's Relief Corps.

Motion by Dean Lamphere to send a letter to National endorsing Don Shaw's election to National, second by Bob Griggs, unanimously adopted.

Keith Harrison gave an update on the status of the GAR Memorial Hall and Museum .

19) Good of the Order

Chris Cox discussed streamers on the Department flag.

Flasks have been engraved.

Paul Arnold gave an update on the effort to seek 501c(3) tax status..

Reminder of Lincoln Tomb Ceremony.

Placement of a Plaque for Pvt. Andrew Bee

20) Discharge of Encampment Committees

DC Davis discharged the Encampment Committee on Officer Reports and Committee on Resolutions, thanking them for their service.

21) Thank you to GLCC

DC Davis then solicited a motion for a letter of thanks to Great Lakes Christian College for the use of their facility and accompanying gift to the College. A Motion for \$100.00 gift was placed on the floor and seconded. There being no discussion, the motion carried by unanimous vote of the Encampment.

22) Report of Credentials Committee

58 Brothers present are entitled to vote.

23) Nomination of and Election of Officers for 2015-2016:

DC Davis asked for the report of the Nominations Committee.

Chairman Danes reported the Committee's nomination of the following slate of candidates for the five elective offices. The remaining offices are appointed by the Commander.

Commander: Dale Aurand PCC

Sr Vice Commander: L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.

Jr Vice Commander: Dave Smith CC

Secretary: Gerald L. Jacobs

Treasurer: Bruce Gosling PCC

Chief of Staff: Don Shaw, PDC

Council: Robert Griggs PCC, Charles Worley, PDC, Kevin Lindsey, PCC

Counselor James B. Pahl, PCinC
Chaplin Charles Buckhahn, CC
Patriotic Instructor Gary Granger, PCC
Color Bearer Edgar Dowd, PCC
Signals Officer Patrick Wallace
Messenger Editor Rick Danes, CC
Historian Chris Cox
Guide Robert Payne
Guard: Ronald Shull
Graves Registration Officer Rick Danes, CC
GAR Records Officer Gary Gibson, PDC
Memorials Officer Bruce Butgereit
Eagle Scout Coordinator Dewey Jones
Camp-At-Large Coordinator Dennis Zank, PCC
Aide-de-Camp Keith Harrison, PCinC

DC Davis then explained the details of the customary nomination procedure:

The stated nomination procedure was then followed for each elective office. There were no additional candidates.

Brother Pahl then moved for election of the slate by acclamation without votes for individual offices. Second by Brother Danes. Motion unanimously adopted by the Encampment.

DC Davis congratulated the new officers and appointed officials.

27) Nomination and Election of Delegates to National Encampment:

The following Brothers were nominated and elected:

Gary Granger, Dave Smith, L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., Ron Shull, Paul Davis, Rick Danes, Gary Swain, Mike Culp, Bob Griggs, Ron Shull, Dean Lamphere. DC Aurand is an automatic Delegate by virtue of his office.

Motion by Jim Pahl to nominate and elect all of the above as Delegates, second by Keith Harrison. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted by vote of the Encampment.

Brother Pahl then solicited a motion to fill remaining Delegates in alphabetical order from the Department roster, with the remainder of the roster being alternates. The motion was seconded by Brother Harrison, and there being no discussion, it was adopted by vote of the Encampment.

30) Installation of Officers according to Ritual:

The gavel was transferred to CinC Campbell who installed the elected officers and appointees according to Ritual. After the newly elected were at their respective stations, the CinC declared them legally installed and qualified to enter upon the discharge of their several duties for the term ending at the Department Encampment, 2016, or until their successors are regularly elected, qualified and installed, after which Chaplain Buckhahn offered a blessing.

31) Closing of Encampment:

Before the closing, PCinC Mellor bestowed a Past Department Commander Medal on PDC Davis.

There being no further business, DC Aurand closed the Encampment according to Ritual and after the Chaplain had given the Closing Blessing, DC Aurand declared the 131st Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War duly closed.

Respectfully Submitted, In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty
George Boller
Secretary, Department of Michigan (2014-2015)
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

The next Department Encampment will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2016.

Department Officers for 2015-2016

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Jr Vice Commander: Dave Smith CC
Secretary: Gerald L. Jacobs
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Historian Chris Cox
Guide Robert Payne
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GAR Records Officer Gary Gibson, PDC
Memorials Officer Dennis Fyke
Eagle Scout Coordinator Dewey Jones
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Aide-de-Camp Keith Harrison, PCinC

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

2014-15

COMMANDER'S REPORT

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

SECRETARY'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

COUNCIL'S REPORT

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT

CHIEF OF STAFF'S REPORT

NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

COLOR BEARER'S REPORT

GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT

MICHIGAN MESSENGER EDITOR'S REPORT

GAR RECORDS OFFICER'S REPORT

MEMORIALS OFFICER'S REPORT

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

SIGNAL'S OFFICER'S REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL REPORT



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

Commander's Report: 131st Department Encampment March 28, 2015

I would like to start my report with a few words of gratitude to all of the Brothers and all of the Camps of the Department of Michigan for their service to the Order and making Michigan one of the best if not the very best Department in the Order.

Through your efforts, the Department of Michigan is highly regarded and respected within the Order and at the National level.

I would like to thank all of the Brothers for the support you have shown me during the past two years in allowing me to serve you as your Department Commander.

I would also extend my thanks and gratitude to all of the elected Officers of the Department as well as the appointed officers and committees who have helped and supported me.

In the past two years, the Department has faced a few challenges, but more importantly we have had some great successes as well.

The untimely and last minute resignation of our Webmaster just before the 130th Encampment took several months to remedy. I would like to extend our appreciation to Patrick Wallace for coming to our rescue as an interim webmaster.

I am also happy to announce that today you will be presented with a proposal for a long-term, professional solution to our web hosting and Webmaster needs.

We have had three Camps that were very fragile. I am happy to report that all three are still with us and we are pleased that they will remain with us for the foreseeable future.

Two of our Camps, Robert Finch, Camp 14 and Austin Blair, Camp 7 both celebrated 100 year anniversaries this year and we again congratulate them.

On April 18th, the National Encampment Site Committee will be visiting Michigan for its final review of our proposal and facilities for hosting the 2017 National Encampment.

Most Camps in the Department are acutely aware of the need to recruit new members to the Order. Our new membership has run from about 38 to 50 to new members each of the past two years. Sadly we are experiencing a net loss of approximately 20 to 25 members each year.

I had the opportunity these past two years to personally meet many of the Brothers of the Department and see the good work you do and the activities your Camps are engaged in.

Our presence in the public media has continued to improve and we hope that the importance of our activities will continue to grow and be regarded as news worthy.

Our Michigan Messenger is our own PR mechanism for the Department and submissions by your Camps are always welcomed and encouraged. The Banner should not be overlooked either, as Michigan is and should be proud of our service and accomplishments.

More and more Camps are publishing Newsletters and sharing them with the Camps within the Department. I encourage all Camps to consider doing the same.

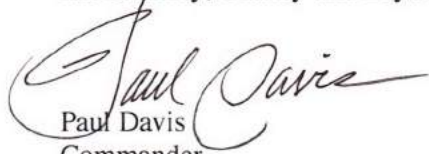
We have two recommendations:

1. I have reviewed the Department Bylaws once again and there are still some items that need to be updated. These updates have already been ratified by the Brothers of this Department at a previous encampment. I would recommend the incoming Commander see to the necessary revisions in an expedited manner.

2. The Department Operating Guidelines as amended at the 116th Annual Department Encampment dated April 23, 2005 or any more recent version if one should exist should be reviewed. I would recommend that the incoming Commander appoint a committee to review the Operating Guidelines and report their findings to the Senior Vice Commander and his Bylaws Committee for action at the 132nd Department Encampment.

This concludes my report and my service to you as your Commander and I humbly thank you, each of you, for allowing me to serve you.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Davis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Paul Davis
Commander

Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**2014-2015 YEAR END REPORT
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER**

Dale L Aurand

Department Brothers, it has been an enjoyable year serving as your Senior Vice Commander. It was an honor to attend a number of events extending from Ispheming, to White Pigeon. Joining in the dedication of headstones and memorials allowed me to meet a number of Brothers.

I was fortunate to attend the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in April and hope to again this year. My attendance to the National Encampment at Marietta, GA was enjoyable. My wife and I visited the Marietta and Chattanooga National Cemeteries.

The Central Regional Association meeting, which includes all of the Allied Orders, was held in Oberlin, OH. The 2015 Conference will be held at Dundee, MI. in October. I encourage all Brothers of the Department to attend.

Michigan was well represented at Remembrance Day in Gettysburg. As in the past Allied Order attendees conducted a brief ceremony at a preselected Michigan Unit monument on the battlefield.

At the 2014 Department Encampment it was proposed and accepted the purchase of a 2nd Department Flag to accompany the Commander. The order was placed, but due to circumstances beyond our control the order has not been filled. Our National QuarterMaster, Danny Wheeler, PC-in-C, has been in contact with me regarding the status of the order and the search for a new vendor. We hope to have the situation resolved in the near future.

It has been brought to my attention the Department Guidelines are in need of updating. I recommend a committee be named to review and offer changes to be presented at the 2016 Department Encampment.

Fraternally
Dale L. Aurand



L. Dean Lamphere Jr.
Junior Vice Department Commander
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March 27, 2015

Paul Davis
Department Commander
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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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RE: Report of the Junior Vice Department Commander

To: Commander Davis, through you to the Brothers Assembled

Sir I respectfully offer the following report summarizing the activities of the Junior Vice Department Commander during the term 2014 – 2015.


We received two applications from the Junior Vice Commander-n-Chief Don Martin, one was then forwarded to the LeValley-Heusted Camp and the other forwarded to the Russell A. Alger Camp.

I participated in the National Encampment with my fellow Michigan Brothers in Atlanta, Georgia and toured several historical sites with them to enjoy the location and honor the memory of our ancestors.

I also participated with our Brothers and Sisters from the Allied Orders at the Remembrance Day Parade and services. Michigan continues to stand tall and proud at this event and my Brothers from around the country are drawn to our details.

I wish I could offer more of a report but I was caught up in travel for work which kept me in Mississippi most of the year. I want to thank the Brothers of the Department of Michigan for allowing me to serve them in this role.

Respectfully in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.
Junior Vice Department Commander

CC: Paul Davis, Department Commander
George Boller, Department Secretary



**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
GEORGE BOLLER, SECRETARY**

To Commander Davis and the 131th Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

The Secretary thanks the 2014 Encampment for having given him the opportunity to serve a second term. Once again the Secretary thanks the Commander, and other Department and Camp Officers, for their counsel and cooperation in aiding the Secretary in performance of duties of this office.

There continues to be a large amount of paperwork which the Secretary must handle in a timely fashion. The ability to do that depends on cooperation of the individual Camps. When an individual Camp fails to fulfill its obligations to the Department, it is other Camps which suffer from that failure.

During the past year, the Secretary has conveyed communications from the National organization and orders from the C-in-C and from the Department to the individual Camps using modern technology. While modern technology has been an enabler of that, certain matters are still handled by traditional paper mailings. The Secretary suggests that certain procedures, such as those involving payments, be handled by modern technology so as to avoid the burden of paperwork. A Camp Officer who is responsible for communicating with the Department Secretary needs to be acutely aware of specific requirements for filing papers with the Department. This Secretary has received applications for new members lacking one or more of the required payment, Form No. 3, or Form No. 30. When this Secretary has asked for the missing items, he has not been favored with a timely response in some instances.

The Secretary has also had the burden of repeatedly reminding some Camps of proper procedures, occasionally without success. Another burden has been the inability to communicate with all Camps via modern technology, i.e. via e-mail. The Commander's recent Order will hopefully cure that.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

George Boller, Secretary

Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War



DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

March 28, 2015

Report of the Department Treasurer

Commander Davis, Officers and Brothers of the Department of Michigan

The Department of Michigan has concluded the financial business of the 2014 Membership Year and our finances continue to be positive. We posted revenues and expenditures during 2014 of \$6,055.00 and \$3,724.56 respectively to the General Fund. This resulted in an excess of revenues of \$2,330.44 for the year. Total funds available amounted to \$14,775.09 as of December 31, 2014. Of that total, \$757.50 is the Sesquicentennial restricted account and \$182.50 remains in the Greenville Monument restricted account. There has been no change in any of the restricted balances from my last report. A total of \$13,835.09 represents unassigned cash that may be disposed of by this Encampment.

Additionally, the Department of Michigan Permanent Fund reflects a total of \$37,849.02, which consists of a permanently restricted balance of \$36,789.66 and a temporarily restricted income accumulation of \$1,059.36.

I wish to report:

1. 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% with a net yield of 2.80% on our investment for the year.
2. The only item to exceed budgeted expenses for the year was the cost of maintaining the inventory for our Departmental merchandise. This \$1,539.50 overage was the result of having to order additional Kepi Badges earlier than expected due to the large number of sales of that item during the year.
3. The Rally Around the Flag fund balance was fully expended for replacement flags for the Gettysburg Cemetery observance on Remembrance Day.
4. The Greenville Monument fund expended \$223.91 for projects in the Greenville Cemetery.

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

1. That the \$1,059.36 in income generated by the Permanent Fund in 2014 be retained as part of the permanently restricted balance of the fund.
2. That the proposed 2015 operating budget for the General Fund, attached to this report, be accepted as presented.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. S. A. Gosling', written in a cursive style.

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

**Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Financial Report-General Fund
For the Year ended December 31, 2014**

Balance Sheet

Assets

Cash in bank	14,775.09
Receivable-MOLLUS (Gettysburg Flags)	747.40
Total Assets	<u>15,522.49</u>

Liabilities

0.00

Fund Equity

Unrestricted Balance	14,582.49
Restricted Balances	
Rally Round the Flag	0.00
Sesquicentennial	757.50
Greenville	182.50
Total Fund Equity	<u>15,522.49</u>

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity 15,522.49

Statement of Revenues and Expenses

For the Year Ended
December 31, 2014

Revenues

Per-capita	3,980.00
Departmental Sales	1,705.00
Dept. Encampment Registration	370.00
Dept. Encampment Meals	0.00
Donations	0.00
Brochure Sales	0.00
Total Revenues	<u>6,055.00</u>

Expenses

Cost of Goods Sold	2,439.50
Advertising - Banner	192.00
Shipping Costs	73.70
Office Expenses & Postage	31.84
Department Encampment Costs	352.52
Insurance	90.00
Department Flag (second flag)	460.00
Department Records Project	0.00
GAR Records Project	0.00
Past C-in-C Gift	0.00
Memorial Donations	0.00
Gettysburg Flags	0.00
Officer & Committee Expenses per Guidelines	0.00
Past Dept. Commander Jewel	85.00
Total Expenses	<u>3,724.56</u>

Net Revenue (Expense) 2,330.44

Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Financial Report-Permanent Fund
For the Year Ending December 31, 2014

Assets

Edward Jones Money Market Fund	3,096.84
TVA Power Bond	5,269.01
Farm Credit Bank Bond	7,103.65
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
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Total Assets	<u><u>37,849.02</u></u>

Fund Equity

Restricted Balance	36,789.66
Temporarily Restricted Balance	<u>1,059.36</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u><u>37,849.02</u></u>

Statement of Revenues and Expenses

For the Year Ended
December 31, 2014

Revenues

Interest Income	1,059.36
Donations	0.00
Gain (Loss) on Matured Investments	<u>0.00</u>
Total Revenues	<u>1,059.36</u>

Expenses

Total Expenses	<u><u>0.00</u></u>
Net Revenue (Expense)	<u><u>1,059.36</u></u>

OPERATING BUDGET PERFORMANCE

Department of Michigan SUVCW 2014

REVENUES	Approved	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	Difference
Department Per Capita	3,700		3,871.00	99.00	10.00	3,980.00	280.00
Sales	1,600	460.00	515.00	310.00	420.00	1,705.00	105.00
Brochure Sales	130		-	-	-	-	(130.00)
Donations (PDC Marker)	50		-	-	-	-	(50.00)
Encampment Receipts	480		370.00	-	-	370.00	(110.00)
Total Revenues	\$ 5,960	\$ 460.00	\$ 4,756.00	\$ 409.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 6,055.00	\$ 95.00

EXPENSES

Cost of Goods Sold	900.00		192.00		2,439.50	2,439.50	1,539.50
Advertising	200.00					192.00	(8.00)
Officer Expenses	2,075.00			90.00		-	(2,075.00)
Insurance	90.00					90.00	-
Past C-in-C Gift	50.00					-	(50.00)
Sesquicentennial	300.00					-	(300.00)
Department Archives Project	500.00					-	(500.00)
Project GAR Records	500.00	26.64			47.06	73.70	(500.00)
Postage	-						73.70
Dept. Encampment Expense	700.00		352.52			352.52	(347.48)
Communication & Technology	225.00					-	(225.00)
Supplies & Other Expenses	80.00	23.25			8.59	31.84	(48.16)
Dept. Training Video	750.00					-	(750.00)
Department Flag	460.00			460.00		460.00	-
PDC Jewell	-				85.00	85.00	85.00
Donations	75.00					-	(75.00)
Memorial Donations	100.00					-	(100.00)
Total Expenses	\$ 7,005.00	\$ 49.89	\$ 1,094.52	\$ -	\$ 2,580.15	\$ 3,724.56	\$ (3,280.44)
Excess Revenues (Expenses)	\$ (1,045.00)	\$ 410.11	\$ 3,661.48	\$ 409.00	-2,150.15	2,330.44	3,375.44

REMARKS: Cost of goods was over budget because of the unexpected necessity of ordering more Kepi Badges

Past DC Jewell was not budgeted for 2014 but I ordered early because I wanted to be sure it was in hand for the Encampment
The training video never got off the ground, this will not be in the 2015 proposed budget

**Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Proposed Budget
Year ending December 31, 2015**

	Actual December 31, 2014	Adopted Budget
Revenues		
Per-capita	3,980.00	3,900.00
Departmental Sales	1,705.00	1,700.00
Dept. Encampment Registration	370.00	390.00
Dept. Encampment Meals	0.00	0.00
Donations	0.00	50.00
Brochure Sales	0.00	100.00
Total Revenues	6,055.00	6,140.00
Expenses		
Cost of Goods Sold	2,439.50	900.00
Advertising	192.00	200.00
Postage & Shipping	73.70	80.00
GAR Records	0.00	500.00
Department Archives Project	0.00	500.00
Sesquicentennial Committee	0.00	0.00
Department Encampment Costs	352.52	390.00
Insurance	90.00	90.00
Department Training Video	0.00	0.00
Website Costs	0.00	225.00
Donations	0.00	75.00
Memorial Donations	0.00	100.00
Officer & Committee Expenses (Per guidelines)	0.00	2,075.00
Department Flag	460.00	0.00
Office Expenses & Supplies	31.84	40.00
Gettysburg Wreaths	0.00	0.00
Past C-in-C Gift	0.00	50.00
PDC Badge	85.00	0.00
Total Expenses	3,724.56	5,225.00
Net Revenue (Expense)	2,330.44	915.00

Report of the Department Chaplain

It is my duty to report to the 2015 Encampment of the passing of our brothers in the Son of Union Veterans. Since the last Department Encampment there has been only ^{three} ~~two~~ passings which have been reported to me. They are Brother John E. Lohrstorfer of Colegrove Woodruff Camp #22, who passed from this life on May 5, 2014, ~~and~~ Brother Steven Redinger of Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20, who passed from this life on January 20, 2015, ^{and} ~~*~~

Last year, two names unfortunately were missing from the list of brother's deaths; Brother Richard F. Garman of Robert Finch Camp #14, who passed on November 18, 2013; and Brother Robert Diver of Austin Blair Camp #7, who passed on November 11, 2013. We remember them this year.

I urge the Camp Commanders, Secretaries, and Chaplains of our various Camps to send to me a filled out Death Notice in a timely manner whenever a brothers dies. It is one of my responsibilities to inform the Camps of the Departments whenever a brothers dies.

I close with a word of thanksgiving that only ^{three} ~~two~~ brothers are mourned by us in this Encampment and during this past year. Many the Heavenly Father continue to give to all of us health and joy in the year ahead.

The Rev. Charles F. Buckhahn
Department Chaplain
Department of Michigan, Sons of the Union Veterans

The Rev. Charles F. Buckhahn

* Allen A Pifer PCC #14
Robert Finch
3/5/15

Paul Davis Commander
Department of Michigan S.U.V.C.W

Commander and Brothers of the Department. I am pleased to present to you the report for the Department Council for the 2014 year.

It was a quiet year for the members of the council, as only a few items came before it.

- 1.) We were contacted about the purchasing of a second Department flag. It was recommended that this item be placed on the agenda for the Encampment.
- 2.) When the William A. Kent Camp No. 83 disbanded, \$400 that had been raised for the restoration of the G.A.R. memorial in the Forest Home Cemetery in Greenville was transferred to the Department and is held in a restricted fund. PDC Bruce Butgereit and Brother Gerry Christiansen, both of Camp No. 1, did work on that memorial using money spend out of pocket and requested reimbursement in the amounts of \$124.19 and \$99.72 respectively. The council recommended repayment to the Brothers.
- 3.) In June, Brother Gosling wanted to order additional S.U.V.C.W. kepi badges. He found that the cost of the badges had increased to the point that we would need to raise our prices from \$35 to \$45. Brother Gosling checked around with other sources to see if we could find a different vendor. One with the quality that we strive for could not be found. It was the recommendation of the council that we stay with the same vendor and when our supply we have on hand runs out raise the price of the badge.
- 4.) The contract was presented to us for the placement of our archival records to the James B. Brainerd Post #111 G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum. Upon reading the contract a change in wording was proposed that it was felt would better protect the Department and its records. The recommend change was made and it was the recommendation of the council to sign and move ahead with the project.
- 5.) At last year's encampment it was voted on to purchase new flags to be used on Remembrance Day in the Gettysburg National Cemetery. Although there is not enough monies budgeted for this the remainder of the money will be made up by the sale of the old flags and reimbursed to the Department by those sales and any shortages made up by MOLLUS. It was recommended that this be done.

Respectively submitted in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty

Chuck Worley – PDC
Kevin Lindsey – PCC
Bob Griggs – PCC

Department of Michigan Council

Charles J. Haley
Steve Bryant - in Kevin's Absence
Bob Griggs



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Michigan

Dated March 23 2015

**Annual Report of Department Patriotic Instructor
to the National Patriotic Instructor**

To Brother Gregory M. Carter, PCC
National Patriotic Instructor

Brother; I have the honor to make the following report

Data compiled from Camp reports:

1. How many Camps responded to your Patriotic Instructor Survey? 7

2. Was a Patriotic Instructor appointed and installed in each Camp? Yes

If not, state how many and what reasons:

In the seven camps that reported a Patriotic Instructor signed the documents. Since the other camps did not respond I cannot verify that a Patriotic Instructor was appointed and installed in each Camp.

3. How many of your Camps provided patriotic and educational presentations at each meeting? 2

4. How many of your Camps visited schools to share the history of the Civil War and/or offer patriotic exercises about the flag of the United States of America? 3

What types of presentations were offered?

School flag programs, U.S. Flag exercises, history of the Civil War, Civil War Life (soldier and civilian), various local and state parades, funerals, presentations to service organizations, assisting museums in putting on Civil War Camps, established a uniformed living history club at a local high school, among others. Massing of Flags MI Historical Society

5. How many of your Camps participated in living history events or other venues to educate the public about the Grand Army of the Republic and the Allied Orders? 4

What types of presentations were offered?

Time Line Events, Civil War Events (both in Michigan and throughout the U.S.), at various museums both local and statewide, participation in Civil War Round Tables, working with Allied Orders on the State Encampment and Central Region Association of Allied Orders, Lincoln Tomb Service, Gettysburg Remembrance Day,

6. How many of your Camps participated in Memorial Day services? 7

7. How many of your Camps participated in Veteran's Day services? 6

8. How many ROTC Awards were presented by your Camps? 2

9. How many Eagle Scout Awards were presented by your Camps? 0

10. What was the total number of events that Camps within your Department participated in? 35

11. How many of your Camps work together with members of other Allied Orders? 4

Data as it relates to your term as DPI (may/should include your predecessor's data as well):

1. How often did you communicate with your Camp Patriotic Instructors? quarterly

2. What was your form of communication with the various Camp Patriotic Instructors?

Email, telephone, articles in the Michigan Messenger

3. Did you set up or participate in any educational, genealogical, or historical events on behalf of the Department (including the Dept. Encampment)? none

Please list below the events you and/or your predecessor participated in for your/his term as DPI.

a. Participated in Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day Bridge Walk, Voyager School Program, in county where I reside.

b. Helped to organize and participate in the Western Michigan Living History Association's annual Grand Rogue Historic Timeline event held in September each year in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

c. Allied Orders Encampment and Conventions Committee Meetings, Lansing

d. Attended the October Central Region Association of Allied Orders Conference in Ohio and worked on planning the 2015 CRA to be held in Dundee, Michigan

e. Meetings with ASUVCW-MI and attended meetings with ASUVCW National Vice-President Linda Kronberg

f. Allied Orders dinner Traverse City, MI

Remarks:

We continue to struggle with all camps complying to the request to supply Patriotic Instructor reports. We now accept reports over the phone, via email and postal service.

Suggestions for improvements in Patriotic Instruction:

Continue to stress the compliance with reporting.

Respectfully submitted,

Name Gary A. Granger

Signature _____

Department Patriotic Instructor

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

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT CHIEF OF STAFF

Brothers,

During the previous year, my activities in the Office of Chief of Staff have been largely confined to giving advice, when sought by the Department Commander or any other officer within the administration, either appointed or elected. On those occasions when advice has been sought, I did my best to offer what I considered to be sound advice based on my understanding of the realities within the Department and in light of our Department By-Laws and the current National C & R.

I was able to assist the Commander as an installing officer for officer installation of one of the camps.

I thank those with whom I have worked for a most satisfying experience and look forward to serving in whatever capacity I can in the future.

I have no recommendations for this encampment.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,



Donald W. Shaw, PDC
Chief of Staff
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

2-18-15



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

Office of the Nominating Committee



To Department Commander Paul Davis and the Attendees of the 132nd Department of Michigan Annual Encampment,

Greetings.

This will serve as the final report for the year 2015-2016 of the activities of the Department Nomination Committee.

This year the committee members appointed by Commander Davis were Brothers Chuck Worley PDC, Donald Shaw PDC, Keith Harrison PC-in-C, David Wallace, PDC, 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 2015-2016 Department Officers.

The recommended slate of officers are:

<i>Commander</i>	<i>Dale L. Aurand, PCC</i>
<i>Senior Vice Commander</i>	<i>L. Dean Lamphere, CC</i>
<i>Junior Vice Commander</i>	<i>David S. Smith</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Bruce S. A. Gosling, PCC</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Gerald. L. Jacobs</i>
<i>Department Council</i>	<i>Robert Griggs, PCC</i>
	<i>Charles L. Worley, PDC</i>
	<i>Kevin Lindsey, PCC</i>

This is the fourth year that a webpage containing information about Brothers who seek office was created, due to the excellent work of our Signals Officer, Pat Wallace. This feature enables the members to read about and see who is seeking office before the Department Encampment. A recommended guideline for the administration of the Nominations Committee has been developed, checked for sustainability, and will be used in coming years for future committees.

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, 2015 Nomination Committee
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

MARCH 28, 2015

COMMANDER DAVIS, STAFF AND BROTHERS HERE ASSEMBLED, I BRING THIS REPORT AS COLOR BEARER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN SUVCW.

Once again it HAS BEEN my PRIVILEGE to be the keeper OF THE COLORS for MICHIGAN. I DEEM IT AN HONOR TO DO SO, I CERTAINLY DO HOPE THAT I HAVE DONE my part to emulate those who have CARRIED THE COLORS BEFORE ME.

While I may NOT HAVE BEEN THERE PERSONALLY the COLORS HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE ON MANY OCCASIONS. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK the 14th MICHIGAN COMPANY A SUR. THEY STEPPED IN AND GAVE A HELPING HAND. AFTER ALL OUR THIS IS WHAT OUR ORGANIZATION IS ABOUT FRATERNITY, CHARITY AND LOYALTY. FRATERNITY MEANS we are a brotherhood, CHARITY IS THE LOVE WE HAVE FOR EACH OTHER AND FOR OUR COUNTRY and FINALLY BUT NOT LEAST LOYALTY, IN ITS VERY SIMPLEST, I STAND WITH YOU AND YOU STAND WITH ME.

ONCE AGAIN, LET ME SAY THANK YOU.
FOR THIS HONOR AND PRIVILEGE.

AND ON A FINAL NOTE, ALWAYS FLY THE
FLAG WITH PRIDE AND DIGNITY.

RESPECTFULLY Submitted

Edgar Dowd

Edgar Dowd

COLOR BEARER

Dept OF MICHIGAN

SUVCW



**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVILWAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN**



OFFICE OF THE GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

To Department Commander Paul Davis and the Attendees of the 132nd Department of Michigan Annual Encampment,

Greetings.

This will serve as the final report for the year 2014-2015 of the activities of the Department Graves Registration Committee.

Reiterating my report from past years, 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. I will be happy to share the Camps that do not participate at a later time.

The Committee met quarterly, realizing our 61st meeting in March of this year, as we achieved an average attendance of 50% of the total camps in the Department at each meeting. These meetings created meaningful dialog that is useful to Camp Graves Registration Officers and allowed 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 complete 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. That database has reached 69,500 records of heroes buried in Michigan and outstate location. This is an increase of over 2500 records for the current year,

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*



**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVILWAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN**



Office of the Editor – *Michigan's Messenger*

To Department Commander Paul Davis and the Attendees of the 132nd Department of Michigan Annual Encampment,

Greetings.

This will serve as the final report for the year 2014-2015 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. In addition, Michigan's Messenger is sent to all Department Officers and to the Commander-in-Chief.

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

A re-occurring 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. This 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 News and Events.

As Officers and Camps continue to submit articles that they want to share with the Department, and as 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

Communications and Technology Committee Report

This year really has been one of transition with most of it being consumed with obtaining a Brother to serve a new Signals Officer (webmaster). We know that the Department Commander and others have expended many hours in order to find a Brother qualified and interested in serving in this very important position. The committee has two recommendations.

1. That the Department's Signals Officer serve as chair of the Communication and Technology Committee rather than just as a member. The rationale for this is that it is the Signals Officer who works first hand with the Department website and therefore knows what it is that he may need to elicit the support from the other members of the committee.

2. That a backup Department Webmaster be appointed to serve on the Communications and Technology Committee. This is needed in order to ensure much more streamline transition as far as Department Website and Committee are concerned should the Department Signals Officer need to leave his position midterm.

Ceremonies and Ritual Committee Report

Nothing to report.

Special Committee on the Civil War Sesquicentennial Report

The work of this committee has been a joint effort with the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners, the Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee of the Michigan Historical Commission, History Remembered, Inc., and the Michigan Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States to ensure that information regarding various Michigan events, programs, commemorations, etc. is known throughout the state. This has been accomplished via a compilation of statewide events calendar for each year of the Civil War Sesquicentennial. This information also includes events and programs put on by many of the Department's local Camps. The event calendar that was developed will be retained in the United States Library of Congress as an indication of what was done in Michigan to commemorate the Sesquicentennial. The calendar also can be accessed from the Michigan Department website.

A program that is still in the planning aspect is the establishment of a monument to the Michigan men who fought at Antietam. The land on which the monument is eventually to sit has been purchased and work is being now directed to the design of the monument. The Department special committee is working with the same group as listed above on this project. The lead on this project is the Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee of the Michigan Historical Commission

Keith G. Harrison

Keith G. Harrison PDC, PCinC

Chair, Communications and Technology Committee

Chair, Ceremonies and Ritual Committee

Chair, Special Committee on the Civil War Sesquicentennial

March 28, 2015

Report of the GAR Records Officer
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Commander Davis, Officers, Delegates and Brothers,

It is with great regret that I am unable to be with you in Encampment today. With the limitations placed on me by my current employment situation, I am not able to be as active as I would like.

The work moves forward, at a slower pace than usual, but it moves forward. This year, most of my efforts have been to respond to inquiries from outside the Allied Orders requesting information about veterans and Posts within Michigan. The fact that these requests have grown more frequent over the last few years is a testament that the Sons of Union Veterans has become a recognized and valuable resource. We are the "go to" organization for assistance in questions related to Union veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic. These inquiries are mostly related to genealogical research, and a few have come from outside the state. At every instance, I make the suggestion to consider joining one of the Allied Orders. I tell them their ancestor would have been familiar with the organizations, and how the veteran would most likely approve of their affiliation. There is most often a positive response. One was a referral to join the Davis Camp in Pittsburgh, PA.

The main goal I have set for this office for the coming year is to have the list of found GAR Post records updated and posted on the Department website. This has not been done for several years, and it is well past the time to do it.

I have one recommendation.

Considering the current agreement existing between the Department of Michigan and the GAR Memorial Hall and Museum, it is recommended that \$200 of the annually budgeted \$500 to the GAR Records Officer be annually apportioned to the GAR Memorial Hall and Museum to assist in the care, maintenance, and scanning of the Department's artifacts and records and that an annual report be submitted by the GAR Memorial Hall and Museum to the Department at its annual encampment.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Gary L. Gibson, PDC
GAR Records Officer



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS

Department of Michigan

15 March 2015

To: Commander Paul Davis and fellow Brothers

Re: Department Civil War Memorials Officer and Committee Report 2014-2015

Greetings Commander:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve again as the Department Civil War Memorials Officer.

Leadership 101 teaches us that leaders, or officers in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War must lead by example and offer advice and encouragement to those we are accountable too. We are taught to be positive even when the results aren't ideal. A good leader is also honest and when things aren't as they should be, that leader must shoulder the blame and look for other ways to encourage better results. As the Department Memorials Officer, I accept responsibility for where the Memorials project stands as a Department.

The number one reason I have not advanced the Memorials as I would have liked is due to the time and effort I've put into the Gettysburg 150th commemorative program. This project has consumed a great deal of my free time.

There are still some realities that cannot be ignored and they include -

- ◆ Most Camps have never submitted a Form 61 to the Department.
- ◆ The last assessment Form CWM-61 I received was in 2013.

There is however, some good news to report. In anticipation of the completion of the Gettysburg project and appointment by the incoming department commander as memorials officer, I have been putting together a website for sharing the over 435 Civil War and G.A.R. memorials across the state. This project will take several years to complete but will represent the first true access by the public to view these reminders of the Civil War and G.A.R. online.

This work will also include images of the known G.A.R. memorial halls and buildings in Michigan.

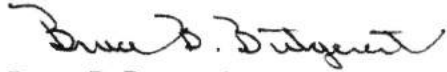
Brother Gerald Grieve, a member of the Department Memorials Committee is also overseeing a project to locate, identify, and assess each cannon in the state. Using the records compiled by Brother Dick Hutchins and donated to the Department in 2013, Brother Grieve has contacted Camp

"To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and the men who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865"

Commanders and Memorials Officers in an effort to not only identify what cannons exist but those that have disappeared.

On behalf of Memorials Committee member Jerry Grieve, I wish our report reflected greater success.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



Bruce B. Butgereit
1691 Summerfield St. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49508
616.291.6939
Email: civil-war@comcast.net

Brothers,

I am happy to have served as your Department Historian this past year. As your Historian I worked on a headstone dedication for my ancestors; Augustus "Clark" Norton and Edson M. Norton this past May. Thank you to all that who participated in the dedication. I work with Camp 7 with a lot of the programs that the camp did through the past year. I helped with school programs, Memorial Day Parades and the Concord Civil War Day. I was the lead on the Civil War camp week at the Ella Sharp Museum. I also attended the National Encampment in Marietta, Georgia. While there I had a chance to talk many brothers about the history of the boys in blue and our order. After talking with the National Historian I have seen that our order and the records that we hold from the Grand Army of the Republic should be looked at as a part of our history as Allied order and a county. In August As a part of the Jackson Civil War Society to bring the history alive at the Jackson Civil War Muster. I was the bus tour guide of Civil War Era Jackson. During the fall I work as an intern at the Kalamazoo Public Library and did research on the veterans that are buried in the city of Kalamazoo and found more men that buried in those cemeteries that were not on file with the Graves Registration Officer. I have given them to the GRO.

I have two recommendation:

Recommendation 1: The records of this department and any camp records that are in the department records to be scanned or photographed and placed on to a hard drive for the use of the department.

Recommendation 2: The department look in to buying a portable hard drive for the records to be placed on.

Again I thank you all of you for being your Department Historian this past year.

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher Cox". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Christopher Cox
Department Historian



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Michigan
Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145
Flint, Michigan



Report of the Department Signals Officer

Commander Davis and Brothers of the 131st Department Encampment,

Thank you for your trust in appointing me as the Department's Signals Officer for this interim period. I have tried to maintain the Department's website with all supplied updates where possible, and on a timely basis given my other professional responsibilities. For the most part, I believe these efforts to have been successful. Within the timeframe of my appointment, I have been able to review most of the Department's website and also its use of other social media, such as Facebook. Based upon this review, I would make the following recommendations to you and through you to the Brothers of the Encampment:

1. That the Communications and Technology Committee should undertake a review the Department's website with a goal of bringing the site into compliance with the W3C's HTML5 web coding standard. This would ensure that the Department's website will continue to be accessible on all current and future Internet browsers, and it will make the site more easily maintained for future development.
2. That the Communication and Technology Committee undertake the task of establishing and documenting minimum written standards for the Department's website, including expectations of page content, timeliness of updates, etc. The committee should also oversee the task on ensuring that written procedures are developed and documented for the various processes in maintaining the website, including such items as domain name renewals and backing up data. This would ensure a smoother transition for any Brother accepting the Signals Officer responsibility.
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Again, please accept my thanks for allowing me to serve your administration during this time period.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Patrick D. Wallace
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A program that is still in the planning aspect is the establishment of a monument to the Michigan men who fought at Antietam. The land on which the monument is eventually to sit has been purchased and work is being now directed to the design of the monument. The Department special committee is working with the same group as listed above on this project. The lead on this project is the Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee of the Michigan Historical Commission

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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AWARD

"LET US STRIVE ON TO FINISH THE WORK WE ARE IN..."

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IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR ACTIONS, WORDS AND DEEDS THAT HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE FURTHERANCE OF THE MEMORY OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC WITHIN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, THROUGH YOUR TIRELESS EFFORTS IN HONORING "THOSE WHO WORE THE BLUE" BY SEARCHING OUT, CATALOGING, RETRIEVING AND MAINTAINING GAR AND SUV RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT, BY THE AUTHORITY IN ME VESTED BY THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, I DO HEREBY CONFER THIS CERTIFICATE AT LANSING, MICHIGAN, THIS 28TH DAY OF MARCH 2015.

BY: _____
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

ATTEST: _____
DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

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GOV. AUSTIN BLAIR MEMBERSHIP AWARD
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Gilluly-Kingsley Camp No. 120

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CAMP INITIATING THE MOST NEW
BROTHERS PRECEDING THE DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT,
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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, I DO HEREBY CONFER
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IN RECOGNITION OF THE CAMP DEMONSTRATING THE
LARGEST PERCENTAGE MEMBERSHIP GROWTH PRECEDING THE
DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT, BY THE AUTHORITY IN ME VESTED BY THE
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