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Robert R. Payne
Department Commander

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DEPARTMENT
COMMANDER**

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The Memorial Service began with a prayer by Acting-Chaplain John Minor. Brother John Minor gave the Chaplain’s report (a copy of the report is included in the appendix).

The Encampment recessed at 9:14 AM to prepare for the opening of the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. (hereafter called the “Encampment”).

The Encampment resumed at 9:25 AM.

Department Commander Robert Payne called the Encampment to order. Commander Payne instructed the Department Guide to determine if all entitled to remain and instructed the Color bearer to assist him. Department Guide Nathan Tingley reported that all were entitled to remain.

Commander Payne instructed the Department Secretary to call the roll of officers.

Department Commander	Robert Payne	present
Senior Vice Commander	Terrance McKinch	present
Junior Vice Commander	Nathan Smith	present
Member of Council	Charles Worley	present
Member of Council	Kevin Lindsey	excused
Member of Council	Michael Maillard	present
Secretary	Richard Denney	present
Treasurer	Bruce Gosling	present
Chief of Staff	Dean Lamphere	present
Counselor	Paul Davis	present
Chaplain	Charles Buckhahn	excused
Acting Chaplain	John Minor	present
Patriotic Instructor	David Kimble	present

Color Bearer	Edgar Dowd	present
Signals Officer	David Wallace	present
Editor "Michigan Messenger"	Rick Danes	present
Historian	Keith Harrison	present
Guide	Nathan Tingley	present
Guard	Steve Martin	present
Graves Registration Officer	Rick Danes	present
GAR Records Officer	Gary Gibson	present
C. W. Memorials Officer	John H. McGill	present
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Nathan Tingley	present
C-a-L Coordinator	George Boller	excused
Aide de Camp		
Camp Organizer	James Pahl	present

The Secretary announced that the roll is call.

Commander Payne proceeded with the opening ritual.

Rules of the Encampment

- **Other than the Commander's report, officer reports will be limited to 5 minutes.**
- **Brothers will be able to speak twice on a given topic.**
- **When speaking proceed to the microphone, identify yourself by name and camp.**
- **All debate will be done in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty.**
- **All voting will be done by use of the voting card issued to delegates upon arrival.**
- **The Department reserves the right to institute other methods of voting as the circumstances allow.**

The Commander appoints James B. Pahl, PCinC as Encampment Parliamentarian.

The Commander appoints Paul Davis, PDC as Encampment Counselor.

- **NO SMOKING- in the Building, smoke in your vehicles or designated smoking areas.**
- **At this time, please turn off or silence your cell phones.**
- **Lunch will be at 12:15: Lunch tickets are not available today and must have been pre-purchased.**
- **No Banquet, but a testimonial dinner for Commander in Chief Don Shaw is planned for after the Encampment.**

The Proceedings of the 134th Annual Michigan Department were announced as being approved. Moved by DSVC McKinch. 2nd by Dean Lamphere. Passed.

The Committee on Credentials was appointed with L. Dean Lamphere, Jr. PDC as chair with Lloyd Lamphere, Sr., PCC and Steve Martin, CC as members.

The Commander introduced the following National Officers:

National Commander in Chief – Don Shaw, CinC, PDC.

National Council of Administration member – Paul Davis, PDC.

Assistant National Counselor Blue Book, Past Commander in Chief, and holder of numerous offices – James Pahl, PCinC, PDC.

MOLLUS Liaison and Past Commander in Chief Keith Harrison, PCinC, PDC.

Past Commander in Chief Ken Freshley, PCinC, PDC.

Paul Davis, Commander of the Michigan Commandery of MOLLUS.

National Chief of Staff Terrance McKinch, DSVC, CC

National Aide de Camp L. Dean Lamphere, Jr. PDC, PCC.

A hearty welcome was offered to the National Officers visiting the Encampment.

Commander in Chief Shaw was offered to make a few remarks. He opted to share comment later in the Encampment.

The report from the Credentials Committee was requested. However, the tabulation was still ongoing. The report was deferred until later.

Commander appointed the following committees:

- **Bylaws Committee: Terrance McKinch, DSVC (chair), Dick Denney, PCC, and Paul Davis, PDC members.**
- **Officers Reports Committee: Paul “Dave” Arnold, PDC (chair), Chuck Worley, PDC, and Rick Danes, PCC members.**
- **Resolution Committee: David Smith, PDC (chair), James B. Pahl, PCinC, and Gary Gibson, PDC members.**

The Commander proceeded to the presentation of the Officer reports.

The Department Commander instructed the Department Guide to transfer the gavel to the Department Senior Vice Commander.

The Department Senior Department Commander assumed the Chair.

Department Commander Payne gave his report. (Report is included in the appendix.)

DVSC McKinch requested a motion to “Refer this report and all subsequent officers’ reports to the Encampment Committee on Officer’s Reports.

It was moved by DJVC Nate Smith to refer all officer reports to the Encampment Committee on Officer’s Reports. 2nd was offered by David Wallace, PDC.

The motion was approved.

The DSVC returned the gavel to Commander Payne and Commander Payne resumed the chair.

DSVC Terrance McKinch gave the Department Senior Vice Commander’s report. (Report is included in the appendix.)

DJVC Nathan Smith gave the Department Junior Vice Commander’s report. (Report is included in the appendix.)

Department Secretary Richard Denney gave the Department Secretary’s report. (Report is included in the appendix.)

Department Treasurer Bruce Gosling gave the Department Treasurer’s report. (Report is included in the appendix.)

Department Counselor Paul Davis gave Department Counselor’s report. (Report is included in the appendix.)

Department Patriotic Instructor David Kimble gave the Department Patriotic Instructor's report. (Report is included in the appendix.)

Department Color Bearer Edgar Dowd gave the Department Color Bearer's report. (Report is included in the appendix.)

Department Chief of Staff L. Dean Lamphere, Jr. had nothing to report.

Department Signals Officer and Chair of the Communications and Technology Committee David Wallace gave the Signal Officer's report combined with the C&T Committee report. (Report is included in the appendix.)

Editor of the Michigan Messenger Rick Danes gave the Editor's report. (Report is included in the appendix.)

Department Graves Registration Officer Rick Danes gave the Department Graves Registration Officer's report. (Report is included in the appendix.)

Department Keith Harrison gave the Department Historians report.

Department Guide Nathan Tingley had nothing to report.

Department Eagle Scout Coordinator Nathan Tingley gave the report. (Report is included in the appendix.)

Department Guard Steven Martin had nothing to report, but stated" it was an honor to serve as the Department Guard".

Department GAR Records Officer Gary Gibson gave a report on the state of the GAR records. (Report is included in the appendix.)

Department Civil War Monuments Officer John McGill gave the Department Civil War Monuments Officer's report. (Report included in the appendix.)

The Encampment broke for recess at 10:30 AM.

The Encampment reconvened at 10:42 AM.

Department Secretary Richard Denney read the report of the Camp at Large report as supplied by Coordinator George Boller. (Report included in the appendix.)

Communications and correspondence

A request for the restoration of rank by Governor Crapo Camp No. 145 for Brother Daniel Vernon Graves who has rejoined Camp No. 145 and the Department of Michigan for the restoration of his former rank of Past Camp Commander. This vote was postponed until the Credential Committee's report. (The request from Brother Graves and the resolution from Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 are included in the appendix.)

The report from the Credential Committee was prepared. It was declared that all Department of Michigan brother attending were entitled to vote. (Committee report is included in the appendix.)

The request for restoration of Past Camp Commander rank for Brother Daniel Vernon Graves was brought before the Encampment for a vote. Passed.

A proposed amendment was passed at the 137th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to amend Article V, Section 2b. (A full copy of the Amendment is included in the appendix.)

It was moved Doug Parks to bring the amendment to a vote. A second to the motion was made by Paul Davis. Discussion ensued. A vote was taken with 51 Brothers in favor of approving the amendment and 0 against approving the amendment. Passed. (A copy of the Amendment report is in the appendix.)

Commander Payne read a request from Albert & James Lyon Camp No. 266 requesting assistance for materials for the All Veterans Museum in Escanaba.

A letter from Michael Paquette declaring his intent to be a candidate for the office of Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

A resolution was read to ask for the Encampment's endorsement for Brother Paul Davis announcing his candidacy for the office of Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

Awards

Abraham Lincoln Award. Award will not be presented this year.

The Austin Blair award for the greatest number of members gained was presented to Robert Finch Camp No. 14 by Commander Payne

The Orlando LeValley Award for the greatest percentage of members gained was earned by Russell A. Alger Camp No. 266.

The J. Richard Greene Award for the best Camp Newsletter was presented to Frederick H. Hackeman Camp No. 85 by Commander Payne.

The Encampment recessed so the committees could caucus. 11:12 AM

The Encampment resumed at 11:34 AM.

Reports from the Committees

The Bylaws Committee will report after lunch.

Brother Chuck Worley reported on the Officer recommendations:

Department Commander's recommendations: the primary and parked "suvcwmi"

1. The proceeds to help camps with special projects. (\$6486.42) The committee agrees with the recommendation with the stipulation that there are rules and a process for receiving the funds. Approved.

2. The proceeds from the permanent fund go into a Michigan Annual Encampment Fund to assist in the funding of the Encampment. (\$1194.27) the committee agrees with the recommendation. Approved.

Dean Lamphere moved to have the recommendations approved at the sound of the gavel if there is no discussion. A second to the motion was offered by Nathan Smith. Motion was approved.

Signal Officer's recommendations:

1. That the Department continue to host its website with Bluehost's web hosting and site backup service, which also includes administering the primary and parked "suvcwmi" domain name variations, at an annual cost of \$180 (to be billed for 24 months 14 August 2019) and renewal of domain names at an annual cost of \$49.

The committee agrees with the recommendation. Approved.

James Pahl rose to a question of information asking if the Signals Officer can change service providers without a vote of the Encampment. The response was no. James Pahl then asked the recommendation be approved with the addition of the Signal Officer has the authority to change service providers should the circumstances deem that necessary. A second to the motion was offered by Keith Harrison. Amended recommendation was approved.

2. That enrollment in the cloud based dbBee.com “Standard Plan” be authorized by the Department at the current annual rate of \$83.40, primarily as a replacement of the existing Graves Registration database function. This includes unlimited records, unlimited reports, 30 projects, 1 GB of data transfer per month and full control over report styling. The Communication & Technology Committee would remain the administrative point of contact, including authorization of users. The committee agrees with the recommendation. Some discussion. Commander Payne called for a vote. Motion and recommendation approved.

3. That the Department purchase a single-user license for a copy of Nitro Pro 12 PDF solution for the office of the Department Secretary at a onetime cost of \$159.00 as an essential administrative tool for that Office. The committee agrees with the recommendation. Approved.

The Eagle Scout Coordinator Brother Tingley has one recommendation to file a resolution on behalf of the Department of Michigan with the National Organization to change the Job Description of the National Eagle Scout Coordinator. On February 1st of this year the Boy Scouts of America started to let girls into their Scouts, BSA Program with the opportunity to earn the Eagle Scout rank. The change should be made to **CHAPTER III NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, Article VII-Officers Job Descriptions & Duties, Section 22.** “The National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator shall recognize the advancement of young men belonging to the Boy Scouts of America to the rank of Eagle Scout,” to “The National Eagle Scout Coordinator shall recognize the advancement of young men **and women** belonging to the Boy Scouts of America to the rank of Eagle Scout,”

As this is a resolution, it was moved by Doug Park and seconded by David Rehkopf to refer this resolution the Resolution Committee. Discussion ensued.

The motion to send the resolution to the Resolution Committee was passed.

Brother David Smith reported on the Resolution Committee’s findings.

The letter From Brother Paquette, Department of the Chesapeake, seeking the Office of Junior Vice Commander in Chief be acknowledge by the Department Secretary and state that it was read before the Annual Michigan Department Encampment.

The Resolution supporting Brother Paul Davis for the Office of Junior Vice Commander in Chief was approved by the Encampment. Let the record show it was a unanimous vote.

Brother Davis was invited to make a few comments.

James Pahl moved to have the resolution supporting Brother Davis be sent to the National Secretary, Department Commanders, and Department Secretaries.

A second to the motion was made by Dean Lamphere. Motion approved.

Brother Chuck Worley gave the department Council report. (The Council report is included in the appendix.)

Brother Jim Pahl asked Brothers to peruse the display in the lobby from the GAR Hall Museum in Eaton Rapids.

Brother Gosling announced that merchandise would be available during the lunch break.

Encampment broke for lunch at 12:07 PM.

Encampment resumed at 1:01 PM.

Brother David Smith returned with the Resolution Committee's findings on the Eagle Scout language change. The Resolutions Committee recommends the following: This resolution is to be referred to the incoming Department Commander for the creation of a special committee for review and to report back their findings at the 2020 Department Encampment. Passed.

Old business

Brother Paul Davis, Operational Guidelines committee Chair, presented the recommended changes to the Department of Michigan's Operational Guidelines.

(Copy of the proposed changes with the Encampment's actions is in the appendix.)

Bylaws Committee report

Brother Terry McKinch presented the Bylaws Committee report. (A copy of the Committee report with the subsequent actions by the Encampment is included in the appendix.)

Commander Payne returned to the Operating Guidelines to handle Brother Nathan Tingley's tabled motion. Brother Tingley moved to remove from the table the motion on the change of language regarding the Eagle Scouts in paragraph 10. Second by Brother David Wallace. Approved.

The Encampment recessed at 3:00 PM.

The Encampment resumed at 3:20 PM.

Commander Payne invited PCinC Ken Freshley to speak on the upcoming National Encampment in Independence, Ohio.

Good of the Order-Housekeeping

Camp 43 invites Brothers to attend their Memorial Day observance May 27th.

Commander Payne asked Brother Chuck Worley to present the Officer Recommendation Committee finding on the Officer recommendations.

1. That the 2019-2020 recommended Department budget be approved. Approved

2. That the funds held by the Treasurer, \$29.58 from old Camp 67 and \$182.50 from the Greenville Monument fund be placed in the Permanent fund of the Department. Approved.

Commander Payne asked Brother David Smith to present the Department Resolution Committee report on the resolution by Brother Nathan Smith on the Eagle Scout language. (A copy of the report is in the appendix.) The Committee recommends that the resolution be referred to a "special committee to selected by the incoming Department Commander" to review this resolution and report back their findings at the 2020 Department Encampment. Approved.

Upcoming Dates:

April 17-18, 2020, Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Springfield, Illinois

August 9-10, 2019, National Encampment will be in Cleveland, Ohio.

Weekend of November 23rd-Gettysburg Remembrance Day Celebration.

The Don Shaw Testimonial Dinner- here at the conference center at 5:45 PM.

The Next Annual Michigan Department Encampment is June 6, 2020 at this facility.

The Encampment recessed at 3:55 PM.

The Encampment resumed at 4:15 PM.

Nominations

Brother Rick Danes, Chair of the Nominating Committee presented the Nominating Committee report. (A copy of the report is in the appendix.)

Brother in consideration for offices are:

Department Commander-	Robert R. Payne, PCC
Department Senior Vice Commander-	Terrence L. McKinch, CC
Department Junior Vice Commander-	Nathan L. Smith, CC
Department Secretary-	Richard Denney, PCC
Department Treasurer-	Bruce Gosling, PCC
Department Council-	Charles L. Worley, PDC
	David V. Ramsey, SVC
	Steven S. Martin, CC

For Department Commander- Robert R. Payne, PCC.

Nominations were called 3 times from the floor.

Nominations were closed.

The Chair recognized Brother James Pahl. James Pahl moved that if only one candidate is nominated for the office that the Department Secretary cast one ballot for that candidate. Brother Paul Davis seconded that motion. Motion approved.

The Department Secretary cast one vote for Robert R. Payne for Department Commander.

For Department Senior Vice Commander-Terrence L. McKinch, CC.

Nominations were called 3 times from the Chair.

Nominations were closed.

The candidate assented when asked if he would serve.

The Department Secretary cast one vote for Terrence L. McKinch for Department Senior Vice Commander.

For Department Junior Vice Commander Nathan L. Smith, CC.

Nominations were called 3 times from the Chair.

Nominations were closed.

The candidate assented when asked if would serve.

The Department Secretary cast one vote for Nathan L. Smith for Department Junior Vice Commander.

For Department Secretary-Richard Denney, PCC.

Nominations were called 3 times from the Chair.

Nominations were closed.

The candidate assented when asked if he would serve.

The Senior Vice Commander cast one vote for Richard Denney for Department Secretary.

For Department Treasurer- Bruce Gosling, PCC.

Nominations were called 3 times from the Chair.

Nominations were closed.

The candidate assented when asked if he would serve.

The Department Secretary cast one vote for Bruce Gosling for Department Treasurer.

Department Council- 3 open positions.

Council Member No. 1- Charles L. Worley, PDC.
Nominations were called 3 times from the Chair.

Nominations were closed.

The candidate assented when asked if he would serve.

The Department Secretary cast one vote for Charles L. Worley for Department Council Member No. 1.

Council Member No. 2- David V. Ramsey, SVC

Nominations were called 3 times from the Chair.

Nominations were closed.

The candidate assented when asked if he would serve.

The Department Secretary cast one vote for David V. Ramsey for Department Council Member No. 2

Council Member No. 3- Steve S. Martin, CC

Nomination were called 3 times from the Chair.

Nominations were closed

The candidate assented when asked if he would serve.

The Department Secretary cast one vote for Steven S. Martin for Department Council Member No. 3.

Election of Delegates.

Gary Grainger Camp No. 160

Gary Naugle Camp No. 43

David Ingall camp No. 43

Terrence McKinch Camp No. 145

Bruce Gosling Camp No. 135

Ron Shull Camp No. 17

Steve Martin Camp No. 17

Neal Zabicki Camp No. 145

Edgar Dowd Camp No. 145

Lloyd Lamphere No. 145

Roger McClary Camp no. 462

Richard Denney Camp No. 145

Steve Williams Camp No. 85

Roy Richards Camp No. 145

Brother Jim Pahl moved that the remaining delegate positions be filled from the department roster until filled and the remaining Brothers be listed as Alternates. Brother Dennis Derr II seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Commander Payne read an article from the Banner entitled "Credentials, Your Department, and You." Written by Joseph S. Hall, Chairman, National Credentials Committee.

The Encampment recessed at 3:55 PM.

The Encampment resumed at 4:15 PM

The Department Commander gave out Certificates of Appreciation.

Installation of Officers

Commander in Chief Donald W. Shaw proceeded to share some comments with the Encampments.

Commander in Chief Donald W. Shaw proceeded to install the Department Officers for the 2019-2020 term by the Ritual.

Newly installed Department Commander Payne gave a few remarks.

The Annual Michigan Department Encampment was adjourned with the Closing Ceremony per ritual.

The Encampment was adjourned at 4:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty

Richard Denney

Secretary

Department of Michigan

Annual Michigan Department Encampment

April 27, 2019

Appendix A

Officer Reports



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

Department Commander's Report
Robert R Payne, Commanding
April 27, 2019



Brothers,

This past year has been one I will never forget. It has been a pleasure serving as your Department Commander. We have faced some new challenges and some old challenges.

In looking at our Department, our numbers are slightly down, this is somewhat to be expected due to the aging of our ranks. The 5 Year plan, as laid out last year, calls for a 3% gain in membership each year and 3 new camps by 2022. I am glad to report we have a provisional camp formed in the Grand Rapids area. They are currently conducting preliminary meetings, under the guidance of our Department Camp Organizer, James B. Pahl, PCinC. As to the increase in membership, that is a hard one for the Department alone to manage. I know camps are adding new members, but we are still having trouble retaining members. If we, as brothers, do not connect with all brothers and keep them engaged in our local camps, they will not stay. Please do all you can to engage and connect with all brothers. It will help our order prosper.

Over the past year I have greatly enjoyed traveling around the state. Here is a list of the activities I have been engaged in this year:

1. Participated with Camp 17 Memorial Day Ceremonies at Mt. Hope Cemetery and Greenlawn Cemetery, Lansing
2. Participated in the Eaton Rapids Memorial Day Parade and activities on GAR Island in Eaton Rapids on Memorial Day(Observed).
3. Attended the DUVCW Memorial Day Services in Sunfield.
4. Officiated at the Internment of a Brother from the Department of Colorado, in Toledo, Ohio. Gratefully assisted by the men of Co. A, 14th MI Vol. Inf., Irish Rifle.
5. Attended Camp meetings with Camps 7,14,17,20,145,427,250,160.
6. Traveled to Framington, MA to attend the National Encampment.
7. Attended the 25th Anniversary of Henry Plant Camp 3.
8. At the request of Camp 17, I represented the Department at the funeral of PCC Dennis Zank in October.
9. Attended the Christmas get together hosted by Gov Crapo Camp 145.
10. Officiated at the Installations at 13 Camps, 5 Camps retained their Officers, 2 Camps were installed by DSVC Terry McKinch, 1 by PCinC James B Pahl, and 1 Camp by PDC Paul Davis.
11. Traveled to Gettysburg, PA, in November, for Remembrance Day.
12. Traveled to Springfield, IL, just a couple weeks ago, for the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies and a memorial service for Dr. Benjamin Stephenson, Founder of the GAR.

I have 2 recommendations for our Order:

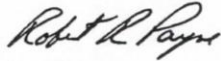
1. Proceeds from the 2017 National Encampment should go to a Special Projects Fund to assist Local Camps with special projects
2. Proceeds from the Permanent Fund should go into an "Annual Michigan Department Encampment Fund" to assist in funding the Encampment.

With the help of PDC J. Doug Parks and his Encampment Committee, I was able to assist in the planning of The Annual Michigan Department Encampment. I am trusting that all will go well and we will have a successful Encampment.

Along the same lines, a Testimonial has been planned and will be executed after the Encampment for our own Don Shaw as the Commander in Chief . This was also a challenge, but with the help of many Past Department Commanders, it has come together quite well.

With your approval, I am looking forward to serving another term in office.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



Robert R Payne
Department Commander
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

/s/

Richard Denney
Department Secretary
Department of Michigan
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Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

April 27, 2019

Brothers of the 135th Annual Department of Michigan SUVCW, I bring you Greetings and Salutations from the Village of Lennon. I want to commend all the Brothers and Camps for their hard work for our order and encourage them to think outside the box when recruiting for our order. The youth of today are our future leaders, the Sons and Daughters we need and want, and we can help them understand our Order and the other Allied Orders. I have attended many Eagle Scout Courts of Honor, Sea Cadet and ROTC Honor Ceremonies. These young men and women have excelled in a world that is full of negative influences. We must look to these exemplary young people to help carry on the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. Others Brothers have gone to our schools to help the young people understand the Great War Between the States, and those heroes who fought, died and survived so that the Union would be preserved. Let us carry on the work of those Union Veterans who worked to keep the Union whole, and remember those who honorably served.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty
Terry McKinch, Senior Vice-Commander



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



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

**Office of
Junior Vice Department Commander
Nathan L. Smith, CC**



JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S REPORT

DATE: 27 Apr 2019
SERIES: 2018-2019

Department Commander Robert Payne, fellow brothers, and honored guests,

It has been my pleasure to serve the 2018-2019 term as the Junior Vice Department Commander and I would like to thank all of the brothers for the opportunity to do so.

During the 2018-2019 term I interacted with numerous individuals interested in becoming members of the SUVCW. I also during this term processed over a half dozen applications and forwarded them to the appropriate Camps to start the membership process.

Respectfully Submitted

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Nathan L. Smith, CC
Junior Department Vice Commander
Department of Michigan, SUVCW



**Headquarters
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**



**Office of the Department Secretary
Report to the 135th Annual Department of Michigan Encampment**

To Commander Payne and the 135th Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I thank the 135th Encampment for the opportunity to serve them as Department Secretary for the 2018-2019 term.

I wish to thank Department Commander Payne, the Department Officers and Camp Officers for their cooperation, counsel, patience, and time in aiding me in the performance of the duties of the office. In particular I wish to thank PCinC Jim Pahl for his excellent work in assembling the Encampment proceedings after I transcribe them, PDCs Paul Davis, David Wallace and Executive Director David Demmy for their aid, counsel, experience, and wisdom in the traversing the maze and jungle of paperwork I encounter in my duties of this office.

The receiving of properly prepared documents continues at a good and proper pace and with the exception of a few camps everyone complies in a timely manner.

I thank the Camp Secretaries for their ongoing efforts in assisting the Department in meeting our commitments.

This term all forms and reports were submitted to the National Headquarters well before their required deadline. I will make every effort to see that this practice continues.

The discrepancies between the Department's and the National roster continues as a work in progress, within the next two months I will send each camp its portion of the National roster for the Department of Michigan to the camps for inspection and to correct addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses so a Form 30 change of address may be submitted so our Brothers may continue to receive the Banner.

At the present time (April 27, 2019) I have received 17 Form 27 annual reports. I have sent out an alert about the April 30, 2019 deadline and so far, 3 camps have not complied. One Form returned for bad math. Camp Bylaws: a steady stream of Camp bylaws has been sent to Department Headquarters with Camps complying. I wish to apologize for not supplying a signature page template right out of the gate which could have simplified the process.

I am continuing the work on a program of training for Camp secretaries and future Department Secretaries. I encourage anyone who has questions about the processing of forms or process involved in the secretaries work to not to hesitate contacting me. I am here to assist you.

I will continue to have the Annual Department Encampment proceedings published in a timely manner. Included in the review and update of the Department Operating Guidelines is a request for the Department Secretaries budget to be increased by \$50.00. I would encourage the Encampment to approve this due to increased expenses of postage, increased mailings, and the rising cost of supplies. Also Brother Wallace will request an expenditure for Nitro Pro 12 software program for use of the Department Secretary, I ask that this be approved.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Richard Denney, PCC

Secretary, Department of Michigan, SUVCW

Organized in 1881 – Legal heir of and representing the Grand Army of the Republic.



DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

April 27, 2019

Report of the Department Treasurer

Commander Payne, Officers and Brothers of the Department of Michigan

The Department of Michigan has concluded the financial business of the 2018 Membership Year and our finances continue to be positive. We posted revenues and expenditures from normal operations during 2018 of \$4,237.77 and \$2,416.27 respectively to the General Fund. This resulted in an excess of revenues of \$1,821.50 for the year.

Total funds available amounted to \$22,766.76 as of December 31, 2018. Of that total, \$65.42 is restricted for Gettysburg flag replacement and \$182.50 remains in the Greenville Monument restricted account. A total of \$23,986.23 represents unassigned cash that may be disposed of by this Encampment.

The Department of Michigan Permanent Fund reflects a total of \$52,353.74, which consists of a permanently restricted balance of \$51,159.47 and a temporarily restricted income accumulation of \$1,194.27.

I wish to report:

1. All permanent fund assets have been invested in government-backed securities or insured certificates of deposit through an Edward Jones account. Stated interest rates on investments are between 2.2% and 3.875% with a net yield of 2.28% on our investment for the year after amortization of bond premiums.
2. That the actual expenses incurred for the year were \$3,567.73 under the budgeted amount for the year. This is largely due to officers not submitting requests for expense reimbursements under the Department Guidelines and not having to reorder Department merchandise held for sale. Further, I am investigating an alternate source for our brass kepi badges that will substantially reduce the cost of our merchandise.

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

1. That the proposed 2019 operating budget for the General Fund, attached to this report, be accepted as presented.
2. That the \$29.58 held by the Treasurer from the dissolution of Camp 67 and the \$182.50 restricted funds for the Greenville monument be transferred to the Permanent Fund of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I appreciate the trust placed in me by the Brothers of this Department in electing me to the position of Treasurer for this past term of office. 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



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Paul Davis • Counselor • Department of Michigan

26 March, 2019

Report Of The Department Counselor

Department Commander Payne and Brothers of the Department of Michigan:

Since the last Annual Michigan Department Encampment, I was approached by Department Commander Payne to research and render an official opinion on a couple of matters. These issues concerned requirements of the various Camps of the Department with regard to their installation of officers; and the responsibilities of the Installing Officer.

Also an opinion was requested of the Counselor regarding any possible bias or potential conflict of interest as it may affect a Camp Council Member with regard to his signature on the Form 22 Installation of Officers.

The subject of an Audit conducted by Camp Councils versus an examination of the books and finances to ensure they were in order was also researched and opinion rendered.

The Department Commander also sought opinion and suggestions for a variety of matters that did not require an official ruling of the Counselor, these being primarily procedures and process management items.

As Counselor I was also part of the Bylaws Committee which is charged with annually reviewing the Department Bylaws and proposing any amendments to those Bylaws. This has been done and recommendations submitted to the Department Secretary.

The Department Operating Guidelines were also reviewed and the Committee provided its recommendations at the last Encampment. Due to time constraints, however, they were not presented to the 2018 Encampment. Changes to the Operating Guidelines must be brought before the Department for either approval or rejection by the membership. This will require action at the 2019 Annual Michigan Department Encampment. Recommendations are completed and have been sent to the Department Secretary.

On a couple of occasions I represented the Department at various activities including installation of Camp Officers and traveling to the Upper Peninsula with Department Commander Payne to install the Officers in Camp 266.

In closing, please note the Department will be called upon to ratify or reject an amendment to the Constitution, per G.O. No 7.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty
Paul Davis
Counselor, Department of Michigan SUVCW

Report of the Department Chaplain

It is my duty to report to the 2019 Encampment of the passing of our brothers in the Son of Union Veterans. Since the last Department Encampment there have been only three deaths which have been reported to me. They are the following:

Brother Cleon M. Duryea of the General Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20, who passed on August 8, 2018, at the age of 92, in Allegan, Michigan;

Brother Clifford (Bob) Burhans of the General Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20, who passed on August 3, 2018, at the age of 92, in Kalamazoo, MI; and

Brother Bob Winnie of the Robert Finch Camp No. 14, who passed on September 10, 2018, at the age of 97, in Traverse City, Michigan.

I thank the Camp Commanders, Secretaries, and Chaplains who notified me of these passings and I urge the various Camps to use the death notice form when a death occurs in your Camp. The form is found in the Department of Michigan website in The Bugle Call section.

I also urge the various Camps to inform me when sickness or injury strikes any of our Brothers or their wives. I have received a number of such notifications this year, and I appreciate the effort to inform me so that I may place them on my daily prayer list.

During the past year, I officiated at the committal of our late Brother, Dennis Zank, on September 29, 2018. I also served on this year's J. Richard Greene Award Review Committee. I hope that today's first Department Encampment Chaplains' Meeting might become an integral part of our annual Encampment.

I invite the Brothers to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Saginaw, Michigan, on Sunday, May 26th, for Bethlehem's 10:30am Memorial Weekend Service. I will be conducting the Service as well as preaching.

Sunday, June 30th, will mark the end of my 41 years of ministry within the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Bethlehem will celebrate my retirement on Sunday, June 16th. All of you, my Brothers, are invited to the events of June 16th. I will inform the Department, as plans are finalized. In the coming year, my wife and I plan to visit grandchildren (4 year old Hannah and the grandson due June 20th to our son and daughter-in-law), ready the house to sell, and eventually move south to be closer to them. Thus, this is the last Encampment in which I can accept appointment as Department Chaplain. I am honored that I have been called to serve the Department these past five years. May the Heavenly Father continue to bless us and our work in the year ahead.

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



DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR ANNUAL REPORT

Annual report
Report Deadline June 1, 2019

Department Name: MICHIGAN

Department Patriotic Instructor Signature: David W. Kimball

Department Commander Signature: [Signature]

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete form and send to National Patriotic Instructor. Report numbers, hours volunteered and money spent. Fill in box or write narrative as applicable. Do not fill in shaded boxes.

KEY:

Y = Yes. N = No. # = Number. Hrs = Hours. Amt = Dollar amount spent.

	Y	N	#	Hrs	Amt
1			58	440	977.21
2			103	403	9,932.00
3			3		
4	3	7	12	8.5	40.00
5	9	1	57	99.5	55.60
6	5	5	19	9	45.80
7	6	4	32	58	48.52
8	6	4	25	133	209.52

9	Veterans Day Participation?			24	43	36.24
10	How many Community Events involving Patriotic Holidays?			17	68	100%
11	How many Patriotic/Americanism Essay Contest Participation?			2		
11a	Number of Schools Participating?			5		
11b	Number of Youth Groups Participating?			0		
11c	Number of Students Involved?					
11d	Scholarships Awarded if any?			0		
12	How did you promote the SUVCW in your Department? (continue on page 4 if necessary)					
13	Did Members wear and display member Badges at events?	10				
14	How many Flag Etiquette programs did you provide to the Community, businesses, and Schools?			2 + 250 WHS (2015)		
15	Did you promote Patriotic Holidays participation in your Department?	8		15		
16	Did you support the Boy Scouts Eagle Scout Awards Program?	6	4			
17	Did you support the JROTC/ROTC Cadet Program?	5	5			

18	What events or functions did your Department participate in by showing how important Patriotism/Americanism is to our organization, community, state, and nation? (continue on page 4 if necessary)				
19	Did your Department include our Sisters from the Allied Orders?	7	3		
20	How many events were the Sisters of the Allied Orders included?			54	
21	Was a Patriotic Instructor appointed?	8			
22	Department Patriotic Instructor provided patriotic and/or educational presentations at Department Meetings?	8	5	245	
23	As Department Patriotic Instructor, what forms of communication did you use? (continue on page 4 if necessary) E-MAIL, MAIL, VERBAL, MUSIC LIVING HISTORY TALKS, GETTYSBURG. APPOMATOX, BRUNSWICK ME.				
24	Suggestions for the Patriotic Instructor positions (continue on page 4 if necessary):				

25	How many Camps within your Department?			21		
26	How many Camp Patriotic Instructors within your Department?			21		

No.	Narrative Continuation
	ATTACHED-



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27 April 2019

Joint Report of the Signals Officer and Communications & Technology Committee

Brothers of the 135th Annual Department Encampment,

As another Departmental year ends, I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve the Department as Signals Officer and Chair of the Communications and Technology Committee. I am pleased to report that there were no new successful malicious attacks against the Departments' website during the past 12 months. The injected advertising text has been remediated as part of a review of the individual pages and files that comprise the website. Targeted "spear-phishing" email attacks have continued during this past year, and these are most likely a continuation of the post-National Encampment attempts that occurred within 90-days of the encampment hosted by the Department in 2017. Information regarding these attempts has been shared with the National Organization. At the 134th Department Encampment, this office was authorized to pursue the purchase and deployment of an SSL (Secure Socket Layer protocol) certificate to ensure secure connections to the Department's website. I am pleased to report that our hosting provider, Bluehost.com, has provided this certificate to our primary domain, "suvcwmi.org," our "parked" domains, "suvcwmi.com" and "suvcwmi.net," and all website sub-domains, to the Department at no cost.

Going into this administrative year, the primary goal for this Office was to resolve the ongoing issue with the Graves Registration database and search page. The focus was to either repair and upgrade the existing SQL database structure, or to replace it with a suitable alternative. SQL database administrators do not come cheap. In discussions with several, it quickly became apparent that it would be cost prohibitive for the Department to pursue the approach of restructuring and upgrading the existing Graves Registration Database structure using the Structured Query Language format. In searching for a suitable alternative, limited testing has been ongoing through dbBee.com, which is a cloud-based "software as a service" that allows for publishing and maintaining stored data in either a Microsoft Excel Spreadsheet or an MS Access database format. It allows for the creation of searchable forms that can be embed into a webpage. The results have been very encouraging and have been shared with the Department's Graves Registration Officer, Brother Danes. Besides the existing graves "search page" on the Department website, additional specific search pages can be created for the members of the Departments' Graves Registration Committee to use.

During this administrative year, this Office has assisted our esteemed Department Secretary with formatting issues encountered with several PDF forms. This has impacted his performance targets and prevented effective utilization of his time. The "you're only as good as the tools you use" comment has come up in our conversations on several occasions, and we both agreed that proper tools are the backbone of any administrative process. It is simply important to provide the proper and most effective tools for a job.

Based on the above, I have the following recommendations for the 135th Department Encampment:

- That the Department continue to host its website with Bluehost's web hosting and site backup service, which also includes administering the primary and parked "suvcwmi" domain name variations, at an annual cost of \$180 (to be billed for 24 months 14 August 2019) and renewal of domain names at an annual cost of \$49;
- That enrollment in the cloud based dbBee.com "Standard Plan" be authorized by the Department at the current annual rate of \$83.40, primarily as the replacement of the existing Graves Registration database function. This includes unlimited records, unlimited users, 30 projects, 1 GB of data transfer per month and full control over report styling. The Communication & Technology Committee would remain the administrative point of contact, including authorization of users;
- That the Department purchase a single-user license for a copy of Nitro Pro 12 PDF solution for the office of Department Secretary at a one-time cost of \$159 as an essential administrative tool for that Office.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

David F. Wallace, PDC
Signals Officer

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

Thanks for your order!

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PAYMENT DETAILS

Payment Method:
 Transaction Type: pp:AUTH_ONLY

RECEIPT DETAILS

Receipt Number: 35427056
 Status: Authorized
 Date: 30 July 2017

DESCRIPTION	DOMAIN	TERM	EXPIRATION	PRICE
Plus Hosting	suvcwmi.org	24 months	14 August 2019	\$287.76
Site Backup Pro	suvcwmi.org	24 months	14 August 2019	\$71.76
Sitelock Security - Lite	suvcwmi.org	1.98 year	14 August 2019	\$0.00

Subtotal: \$359.52

Total: \$359.52

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Subtotal: \$15.99

Total: \$15.99

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Date: 03 May 2018

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Domain Name Registration	suvcwmi.com	1 year	18 May 2019	\$15.99
Domain Name Registration	suvcwmi.net	1 year	18 May 2019	\$16.99

Subtotal: \$32.98

Total: \$32.98

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

Office of the Editor – *Michigan's Messenger*

27 April 2019

To Department Commander Robert R. Payne, PCC and
Attendees of the 135th Department of Michigan Encampment

Greetings,

This being my 14th year as editor of our exceptional Department newsletter, I submit:

Currently, Michigan's Messenger is sent electronically to all Camps within the Department on a quarterly basis. 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.

Upon the publishing of a new edition, the Camp contacts receive a copy and then e-mails copies of the newsletter to their Camp, or arranges for copies to be made available to those who do not have e-mail. In this manner, all Brothers can take the opportunity of participating in Department Events.

As Officers and Camps continue to submit articles that they want to share with the Department, 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, PCC
Editor Michigan's Messenger
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Who Will Tell the Story When the We Are Gone?

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

**OFFICE OF THE GRAVES REGISTRATION
OFFICER**

27 April 2019

To Department Commander Robert R. Payne, CC, PCC and
Attendees of the 135th Department of Michigan Encampment

Greetings,

This being my 19th year as Graves Registration Officer for the Department, I submit:

Reiterating my report from past years, the achievements of the Committee, although significant, did not meet the stated goals of previous period'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 Camps that did not attend meetings during the past year are: 2, 3, 14, 20, 28, 43, 67, 85, 145, 160, 180, 255, 250, 266, and 462. Camps 3, 85, and 250 have not made a report or otherwise contributed in the past few years.

The Committee meets every quarter, realizing our 76th meeting in March of this year, as we achieved an average attendance of over 30% of the total camps in the Department at each meeting. These meetings created meaningful dialog that is useful to Camp Graves Registration Officers (CGRO) and allowed them a forum to express ideas, concerns, and to spend time teaming about the resources available to them.

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. That database has reached 74,938 records (an increase of over 460 in the past year) of heroes buried both in Michigan and in outstate locations. This officer has also undertaken the task of reconciling all entries both in the National and department databases.

In addition, the Committee continues its work on the "Last Soldier" project, created by Member Jim Petrimoulx from Camp 67. We hope to publish this list as part of the Graves Registration section of the Department Website, with Camps reporting changes to the department Officer.

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

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



Richard E. Danes, CC
Graves Registration Officer Department of
Michigan, and Member
National Graves Registration Committee
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Keeping Green the Memory



**Headquarters
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**



Office of the Color Bearer

27 April 2019

Commander in Chief Shaw, Department Commander Payne, Officers, Staff and Brothers here assembled.

I bring this report as Color Bearer for the Department of Michigan, SUVCW for the year 2018-2019.

I am very proud to have carried the "Colors" and cared for them. It is my wish, that in some small way, I have paid Honor and Tribute to those who have gone on before.

As we get older, I am reminded of a lesson given me some time ago. The adage is- "There are three things that happen as we get older. The first is the memory goes and... well I forget the other two." I should probably write things down to remember but then would forget why I wrote them.

As I sat writing this report, I probably have forgotten places we have been and things we have done. But we pushed on and marched to remember those that gave all on that Battlefield.

From year to year Mother Nature seems to say "Here try this one..."

Just recently, we were in Springfield, Illinois to remember a dark day in our history. We paid tribute to our 16th President Abraham Lincoln. Then from there to Petersburg, Illinois. Not necessarily a dark day but, a time when a man stepped up and remembered his comrades and set out to provide care and comfort to them.

Other days will soon come that are important dates to remember, Flag Day, the Fourth of July, and many others too numerous to mention.

I close with a line from our Memorial Day Program, "-to keep green the memories". It is my wish, that, I have done my part to honor so many who have carried our National Colors.

Respectfully submitted.

Edgar Dowd

Color Bearer

Department of Michigan

SUVCW

Organized in 1881 – Legal heir of and representing the Grand Army of the Republic.



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Subject: Annual Report of the Department Guide, 2018-2019 term

Commander Payne, Officers and Men of the Department of Michigan,

The official responsibilities as prescribed by the Job Descriptions of the Order for the Department Guide are limited to the Department Encampment. As a result, there has been no activity to date to report.

/s/

Nathan K. Tingley

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Subject: Annual Report of the Department Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, 2018-2019 term

Commander Payne, Officers and Men of the Department of Michigan,

It has been an honor this past year to serve as the Department Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator for the State of Michigan. A total of 14 certificate applications have been reported and processed from this office from many SUVCW Camps in the Department. Currently this office holds in care for the Department of Michigan 12 Eagle Scout Certificates. I would encourage all Camps to keep 10 certificates on hand at any given time so that they are able to process any applications they would receive without delay of mail.

Recommendations,

1. File a resolution on behalf of the Department of Michigan with the National Organization to change the Job Description of the National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator. On February 1st of this year the Boy Scouts of America started to let girls into their Scouts, BSA program with the opportunity to earn the Eagle Scout rank. The change should be made to **CHAPTER III NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, Article VII – Officers Job Descriptions & Duties, Section 22.** “The National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator shall recognize the advancement of young men belonging to the Boy Scouts of America to the rank of Eagle Scout,...” to “The National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator shall recognize the advancement of young men **and women** belonging to the Boy Scouts of America to the rank of Eagle Scout,...”

/s/

Nathan K. Tingley

Nathan K. Tingley
Department Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Report of the G.A.R. Records Officer
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
April 27, 2019

Commander Payne, Officers, Delegates and Brothers,

Another year has come to a close. The work of the G.A.R. Records Officer, and the Committee, moves forward. But, it only moves forward with the assistance of all Brothers.

There are a few brothers whom I must single out for their assistance and willingness to notify this office when they come across the locations of previously unknown records from Michigan G.A.R. Posts. Brother Bruce Butgereit is always on the lookout for records in his travels, and he always finds something. His finds include:

The charter for the O.M. Poe Post No. 433 of Detroit is at the Detroit Historical Society; additionally, they have several other items identified online but most are images of the building, a few photos of the men, and other miscellaneous items. It is very likely there is more in their collection that has not been scanned.

The Clarke Historical Library in Mt. Pleasant hold the records from the Billy Cruson Post No. 347 of Breckenridge, Michigan. Records include reports, membership records, receipts, correspondence, books and miscellaneous items, as well as records from the Women's Relief Corps No. 95, also of Breckenridge.

The Clarke also holds the family papers of Major Amasa Brown Watson, including biographical materials, family correspondence; business correspondence, mostly related to lumber and timber; the Republican National Convention, 1888; the education of his nephews at the Michigan Military Academy (Orchard Lake, Mich.); General Orders, 1861; and after his death, his wife's correspondence related to the building of his mausoleum, and miscellaneous papers related to the Amasa B. Watson G.A.R. Post No. 395 of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Brother Tom Bruce of Camp No. 20 is always working on a project for the Order, and continues his search for members of various posts.

Brother Gary Swain, Past Commander of Camp No. 20, notified this office of the discovery of the parade banner of the James F. McGinley Post No. 201 of Manistee. The banner is on display in the Historical Society museum in downtown Manistee. Unfortunately, the staff of the museum had no clue what it was, or that it was even on display.

The Robert Finch Camp No. 14 newsletter, "The Sharpshooter" recently featured the news about the possible location of the Israel Richardson Post No. 13, G.A.R. Hall in Harbor Springs, Michigan. The fact that between the two second story windows it says "G.A.R.", is pretty convincing. This hall's location and a photograph will be added to our information, and in the future, the photos of all surviving G.A.R. Halls will be added to the Department website.

In the past year, as always, several inquiries have been received by this office. Most are requests for information on a comrade of the Grand Army, or a soldier or sailor who served from Michigan. Interestingly, most inquiries come from persons who are not members of the Allied Orders. I have made it a practice that when the information is communicated to the person, I also state that they must truly be proud of their ancestor's service, and that they have an opportunity to honor their ancestor by joining the

Sons of Union Veterans, the Daughters, or one of the other Allied Orders. Most times they ask for the information and I am able to put them in contact with a camp or tent in their area.

As always, it is an honor to serve the department in this capacity, and I look forward to continuing the work.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

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



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVILWAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN



April 27, 2019

To Department Commander Robert R. Payne, PCC and
Attendees of the 135th Department of Michigan Encampment

Greetings,

This being Monuments and Memorials Officer for Son of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I submit:

Over the course of the year, I have regularly reported about the ongoing battles over the interpretation and status of Civil War monuments, seemingly at times though, as a statue is removed, a new one may go up and over the past several years, in cities and on college campuses across the nation, Civil War statues and monuments have been removed or relocated, steps often prompted by an ignorance of history or an impassioned debate on current issues.

The ongoing saga of Grant's House in Detroit

One local story out of Detroit is the relocation of Presidents Ulysses S. Grant's house in Detroit. As it stands now, in the bedroom of the Detroit house where Civil War hero and U.S. President Grant lived in the mid-1800s, there's now a dirty waterbed and plywood covers the windows of the two-story white clapboard house at the former Michigan State Fairgrounds near Eight Mile and Woodward. Grant lived in the house as a young officer prior to the Civil War. The historic home, which was moved to the fairgrounds in 1936, is in disrepair, with holes in the walls and piles of trash in rooms. However, over the past few years, plans are in the making to move the home of the 18th president of the United States to the Eastern Market area near the Dequindre Cut pedestrian and bicycle path. It would be renovated to become an education center run by Michigan's Department of Natural Resources, said Sandra Clark, director of the Michigan History Center in Lansing. Once relocated, the remodeled home would have some historical programming and serve as a community space.

And because it would be located in the Eastern Market district, there could be a garden aspect, too. "Grant had a kitchen garden. We'd like to have that," Clark said. For years, historical preservationists and others have attempted to find a way to restore and find a new location for Grant's home. It is still unclear as of today whether the new plan will become reality.

"It's one of the oldest surviving structures in the city of Detroit," said Dan Austin, author of several books about Detroit history and founder of the website HistoricDetroit.org. Grant is one of three presidents known to have lived in Michigan. The others are Gerald Ford and George H.

W. Bush, who was stationed briefly at Naval Air Station Grosse Ile at the end of World War II.

The core idea is to move the home to the city's Eastern Market area at the Wilkins Street bridge, which is next to the Dequindre Cut. The DNR runs another education center nearby on Detroit's downtown riverfront. Officials for Eastern Market Corp. and the state's Michigan Historical Commission — which advises the DNR — confirmed the plans but stressed that funding and other approvals have still not been finalized.

As quoted back in 2017: "I hope we can say something publicly by the end of the month," said Dan Carmody, president of Eastern Market Corp. "This is a complicated deal with a lot of moving parts."

Grant, who was born and raised in Ohio, lived in the home with his wife, Julia Dent, from April 1849 to May 1850. It was built either in 1836 or 1837 — historical references differ — and its original location was at 253 E. Fort, near Russell and Rivard streets in the area now known as Lafayette Park. At the time Grant lived there, military barracks were located at Russell and Clinton. The home was saved from demolition in 1936 when the Michigan Mutual Liability Co. insurance company bought it and presented it as a gift to the fairgrounds. The home was relocated in 1958 within the grounds to its current spot. It was open to the public for years but it eventually was closed and mainly was used as storage facility, Clark said: "That's how that waterbed somehow got in there," she said. Historical items from the house were moved to the historic Fort Wayne when the state fairgrounds closed.

So far as to date, efforts to find new life for Grant's home have not succeeded. There still are talks to move the home to either Belle Isle or Historic Fort Wayne since Greenfield Village declined an offer to take control of the home several years ago.

As far back as 2015, the state and Eastern Market thought they had a deal to move the house to the Detroit Edison Public School Academy's campus on St. Aubin, near Gratiot. That's also near Dequindre Cut and close to the site for the current plan, but that didn't pan out either.

Currently, the state fairgrounds is still in the process of a change in ownership and the debate with the city of Detroit is ongoing. I will continue to follow up on this issue.

"The Missing Cannon in Prospect Park"

A more recent issue of concern is the latest report from Camp 427's member Gary Prichard whom forward to me his concerns about the missing Civil War era cannon in Prospect Park. The Cannon in Prospect Park (Corner of Prospect and Cross Streets in Ypsilanti) stands guard in Prospect Park is the largest cannon in the State of Michigan. The weapon was cast at West Point Foundry in 1865 and taken to Fort McClery, Kittering, Maine and mounted as a coastal defense gun. There in 1901 Ypsilanti Mayor Oliver Thompson admired it and learned it was to be replaced so he decided to apply for it on behalf of the city and after two years of correspondence, the cannon arrived at the depot in October of 1902. On the advice of Mayor Thompson it was given to the Carpenter Post of the G.A.R. and John Engel hitched eight horses to the wagon and moved the weapon to the base of Cross Street hill, but because of the weight, could go no further. A stonecrusher with tractor wheels was used to carry the gun up the hill. The cannon was set in place on October 13, 1902. However, no one can now recall when the cannon has been removed and according to Gary, after he called the city, he was told that the cannon was probably temporarily moved so the city can complete several upgrades to the park. I plan on following up on this report and see if there are any more definitive answers.

Finally, I will continue to report on the recent and ongoing phenomenon of vandalized monuments and memorials. How are we to deal with people who are more intent on tearing down history rather than building on it? People who are more interested in destruction than education?

This recent phenomenon of destroying historical statues and markers continues to spread across the country like a plague. And it's no longer confined to memorials dealing with the Civil War. Everything from the Joan of Arc statue in New Orleans to the William Lee (father of the U.S. Airborne) statue in North Carolina has been vandalized. Even the Peace Monument in Atlanta has been vandalized. We must do what we can to be vigilant and stop this sickness dead in its tracks.

It is suggested that modern, affordable and rugged surveillance video cameras could be used to capture the crimes along with building up alliances with local authorities and civically active crime stopper groups. It is increasingly disappointing to hear of these historic monuments, statues, landmarks and murals vandalized with spray paint or being demolished by gangs. Not to mention the significant amounts of trash that is now being left behind following regular holiday weekends. These monuments, often 90-100 years, are all that is left of our history and family records. We should not leave them destroyed, we should repair or replace them.

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

S - 

John McGill
Commander of Camp No. 427
Monuments and Memorials Officer
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Who Will Tell the Story When the We Are Gone?

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
2019 REPORT OF THE CAMP-AT-LARGE COORDINATOR
FOR RUSSELL A. ALGER CAMP NO. 462

TO: DEPARTMENT COMMANDER ROBERT R PAYNE and THE
135TH ENCAMPMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

I appreciate the opportunity to have been of service over the past year. My principal tasks have been to keep members informed of Dept. and National Orders, to record and report changes in status of members, to respond to inquiries from potential new members, and to process new membership applications by forwarding fees to our Dept. Treasurer and documentation to our Dept. Secretary. The Camp currently has 12 members, three of whom are new. One member has been listed as dropped because of failure to pay dues, and one other member transferred out to another Department Camp. The Camp has three Life Members. 2019 Membership Cards have been mailed to all dues-paying members.

Files in my possession still need some additional reorganization and culling of obsolete documents, tasks which I leave to my successor.

Respectfully submitted,


George L. Boller

April 27, 2019

Camp-at-Large Coordinator

2019 Department Council Annual Report
For the 135nd Encampment of the Department of Michigan, SUVCW
April 27, 2019

Commander, Brothers, and Distinguished Guests of the Order; The brothers of the Department Council are pleased to offer our report to today's Encampment.

For the administrative year of 2018-2019, your Department Council approved several items for the benefit of the Department of Michigan operations. The first of these was to approve an advance of \$1250.00 for the Encampment Committee to use for securing the 2019 Department Encampment site and other down payments. The expectation is that these funds would be paid back to the treasury and a line item budget would be added for future Encampments.

The Department Council was also asked to approve a change of Brothers approved to endorse checks and other instruments to conduct the business of the Department of Michigan. Removed, as signatories are Brothers Brian Shumway and Max Newman. Added, as signatories are Department Officers, Brothers Richard Denney and Charles Worley. The Council concurred that Brother Worley would not endorse any checks written to himself or pertained to a Council decision that he voted upon in order to avoid a conflict of interest.

With the decision made to dissolve the Allied Orders Encampment/Convention Committee, the left over funds needed to be divided. A balance of \$1275.37 left in the treasury divided equally would amount to \$318.84 for each order that participated. The members of the Council discussed this proposal and decided that the Sons should propose dividing the funds three ways for the Ladies Allied Orders to share equally for the Good of the Orders and future partnerships of the Michigan organizations.

The Department Treasurer's 4th quarter/Year to Date balance sheets and proposed budget for 2019 have been reviewed and appear to be in good order.

Respectfully submitted.
Department Council members

Michael Maillard,
Kevin Lindsey,
Charles Worley

Annual Michigan Department Encampment

April 27, 2019

Appendix B

Treasurer's Report

Department of Michigan
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Financial Report-General Fund
 For the Year ended December 31, 2018

Balance Sheet

Assets	
Cash in bank	22,766.76
Site Deposit for 2019 Dept. Encampment	250.00
Merchandise Inventory - Kepi Badges	1,217.39
Total Assets	<u>24,234.15</u>
Liabilities	
	0.00
Fund Equity	
Unrestricted Balance	23,986.23
Restricted Balances	
Rally Round the Flag	65.42
Sesquicentennial	0.00
Greenville	182.50
Total Fund Equity	<u>24,234.15</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>24,234.15</u>

Statement of Revenues and Expenses

For the Year Ended
 December 31, 2018

Revenues	
Per-capita	2,966.00
Departmental Sales	733.50
Dept. Encampment Registration	330.00
Donations	0.07
Sales of 2017 Nat'l Encampment Badges	208.20
Brochure Sales	0.00
Total Revenues	<u>4,237.77</u>
Expenses	
Cost of Goods Sold	399.00
Advertising - Banner & National Encampment	387.00
Shipping Costs	50.35
Office Expenses & Postage	
Department Encampment Costs	480.51
Insurance	90.00
Donation to GAR Hall	200.00
Department Records Project	0.00
Website Costs	32.98
Donations	500.00
Bank Charges	13.00
Officer & Committee Expenses per Guidelines	149.43
Past Dept. Commander Jewel	114.00
Total Expenses	<u>2,416.27</u>
Net Revenue (Expense)	<u>1,821.50</u>

Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Financial Report-Permanent Fund
For the Year Ending December 31, 2018

Assets

Edward Jones Money Market Fund	6,179.21
TVA Power Bond	5,065.89
Farm Credit Bank Bond	7,058.33
Farm Credit Bank Bond	6,048.36
Glens Falls NY Pub Impr GO	10,070.86
Federal Home Loan Bank Bond	9,931.09
Bridgewater Savings Bank 2.2% CD	4,000.00
Morgan Stanley Bank 2.45% CD	4,000.00
Accrued Interest Purchased	0.00
Total Assets	<u><u>52,353.74</u></u>

Fund Equity

Restricted Balance	51,159.47
Temporarily Restricted Balance	1,194.27
Total Fund Equity	<u><u>52,353.74</u></u>

Statement of Revenues and Expenses

For the Year Ended
December 31, 2018

Revenues

Interest Income	1,268.99
Amortization of Bond Premiums	-74.72
Gain (Loss) on Matured Investments	0.00
Total Revenues	<u>1,194.27</u>

Expenses

Total Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Net Revenue (Expense)	<u><u>1,194.27</u></u>

OPERATING BUDGET PERFORMANCE		Department of Michigan SUVCW 2017					
REVENUES	Budget	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	Difference
Department Per Capita	4,000	66.00	2,850.00	42.00	8.00	2,966.00	(1,034.00)
Sales	1,200	265.00	115.00	253.50	100.00	733.50	(466.50)
Brochure Sales	20	-	-	-	-	-	(20.00)
Donations	100	-	-	-	0.07	0.07	(99.93)
Natl Encampment Badge Sales	-	-	208.20	-	-	208.20	208.20
Encampment Receipts	400	-	330.00	-	-	330.00	(70.00)
Total Revenues	\$ 5,720	\$ 331.00	\$ 3,503.20	\$ 295.50	\$ 108.07	\$ 4,237.77	\$ (1,482.23)

EXPENSES	Budget	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	Difference
Cost of Goods Sold	1,000.00	135.00	-	180.00	84.00	399.00	(601.00)
Advertising	200.00	192.00	195.00	-	23.47	387.00	187.00
Officer Expenses	2,075.00	19.43	106.53	-	-	149.43	(1,925.57)
Insurance	90.00	-	90.00	-	-	90.00	-
Past C-in-C Gift	50.00	-	-	-	-	-	(50.00)
Website & LLS Certificate	425.00	-	32.98	-	-	32.98	(392.02)
Department Archives Project	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	(100.00)
Project GAR Records	300.00	-	-	-	-	-	(300.00)
Postage	80.00	50.35	-	-	-	50.35	(29.65)
Dept. Encampment Exp.	290.00	241.31	239.20	-	-	480.51	190.51
Visiting Nat'l Officer Expense	250.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Fees	-	-	13.00	-	-	13.00	13.00
Supplies & Other Expenses	50.00	-	-	-	-	-	(50.00)
Donations approved by Enc.	500.00	-	500.00	-	-	500.00	-
102 USCT Monument Pledge	500.00	-	-	-	-	-	(500.00)
PDC Jewell	124.00	114.00	-	-	-	114.00	(10.00)
Donations Eaton Rpds GAR	200.00	-	200.00	-	-	200.00	-
Memorial Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	\$ 6,234.00	\$ 752.09	\$ 1,376.71	\$ 180.00	\$ 107.47	\$ 2,416.27	\$ (3,567.73)
Excess Revenues (Expenses)	\$ (514.00)	\$ (421.09)	\$ 2,126.49	\$ 115.50	\$ 0.60	\$ 1,821.50	\$ 2,085.50

REMARKS: We had to pay two years advertising in 2018 to the Banner. We were not billed in a prior year.

**Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Proposed Budget
Year ending December 31, 2019**

	Actual December 31, 2018	Adopted 2018 Budget
Revenues		
Per-capita	2,966.00	3,500.00
Departmental Sales	733.50	1,000.00
Dept. Encampment Registration	330.00	400.00
Dept. Encampment Meals	0.00	0.00
Donations	0.07	50.00
Sales of 2017 Nat'l Encampment Badges	208.20	0.00
Brochure Sales	0.00	20.00
Total Revenues	<u>4,237.77</u>	<u>4,970.00</u>
Expenses		
Cost of Goods Sold	399.00	500.00
Advertising	387.00	200.00
Postage & Shipping	50.35	80.00
GAR Records (500 less GAR Donation below)	0.00	300.00
Department Archives Project	0.00	100.00
Department Encampment Costs	480.51	1,200.00
Visiting National Officer Expense	0.00	250.00
Insurance	90.00	90.00
102 USCT Monument Pledge	0.00	500.00
Website Costs	32.98	100.00
SSL Certificate	0.00	50.00
Donations-Eaton Rapids GAR Hall	200.00	200.00
Donations-Stephenson Plaza	250.00	0.00
Donation-Great Lakes Christain College	250.00	0.00
Officer & Committee Expenses (Per guidelines)	149.43	2,075.00
Bank Charges	13.00	0.00
Office Expenses & Supplies	0.00	50.00
Past C-inC Gift	114.00	124.00
PDC Badge	<u>2,416.27</u>	<u>5,819.00</u>
Net Revenue (Expense)	<u>1,821.50</u>	<u>(849.00)</u>

Annual Michigan Department Encampment

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Appendix C

Resolutions

Michael A. Paquette

11901 Branchwater St., Fredericksburg, Virginia 22407-6701

11 March 2019

Commander and Brothers,

This letter serves to affirm my candidacy for election to Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief for which I humbly ask for your support.

For the past three years I have had the honor to serve on the Council of Administration and the year prior, I served as National Chief of Staff. During these four years I had the privilege of twice being in the Commander-in-Chief's inner circle which has afforded me additional insight on how business is conducted at the senior levels of our Order.

In addition to my tenure on the Council of Administration I have served on the National Monuments Grants Committee (as Chair), the National Encampment Site Committee, the Programs and Policy Committee, the National Special Committee on Strategic Development, and the CinC Appointed Committee to conduct negotiations with the Allied Orders related to National Encampment contracts and relationships. Through each of these varied positions I have become well-acquainted with the challenges our Order currently faces and along with several forward-thinking Brothers from around our country, I have worked hard to tackle and help solve them. Knowing how business is conducted at the national level is vital to our long-term success and with this knowledge and experience I have dedicated myself to helping us as an Order achieve that goal.

I am a member of the Sons of Veterans Reserve and currently am the Commander of the Second Military District.

At the Department level I have served as Commander, SVC, JVC, Secretary-Treasurer, Patriotic Instructor and Counselor. As chair, I led the Department Host Committee for two very successful National Encampments; the first in Reston, Virginia in 2010, and the second in Richmond, Virginia in 2015. In my home Camp, I have been elected as Camp Commander, SVC, JVC and currently serve as Counselor. I had the good fortune to become a charter member of two camps; the Irish Brigade Camp #4 in Fredericksburg, Virginia and the Colonel Crowther Camp #89 in Tyrone, Pennsylvania.

I am a member in the Department of the Chesapeake, Rhode Island, and Pennsylvania and for several years, it has been a pleasure and privilege to attend numerous Department Encampments around the country. At every gathering I have enjoyed meeting so many of you, my Brothers. We are men who share a common passion for our Order, its history and its future. And, as a Marine Corps veteran who retired as a Master Sergeant after 20 years of active duty service to our country, my obligation continues to burn bright with my unwavering commitment to a vibrant, healthy and relevant Order.

As we continue to meet the current issues facing our Order head-on, I have the experience to take on the challenges tomorrow brings. With your support for my candidacy for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief I pledge to do everything in my power to represent you in a manner in which you **and** our noble ancestors would be proud. Thank you in advance for your consideration and for your untiring dedication to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,



Michael A. Paquette, PDC
National Council of Administration
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department Headquarters
3940 Keller Road
Holt, MI 48842



A Resolution of the Department of Michigan
Endorsement of Paul Davis, PDC
for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Now comes before the Brothers of the 138th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at Independence, Ohio, their Brothers of the Department of Michigan with the following Resolution of Endorsement of Brother Paul Davis, PDC, for their worthy consideration;

Whereas, Brother Paul Davis, PDC, is a Life Member in Good Standing of the U.S. Grant Camp No. 67 of Bay City/Saginaw, and dual member of the LeValley-Heusted Camp No. 255 and Robert Finch Camp No. 14, and of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and

Whereas, Brother Paul Davis, PDC, has honorably served the Department of Michigan for two terms as Department Commander, having previously honorably served and represented the Department in various elective and appointive Department positions including multiple terms as Department Secretary; and

Whereas, Brother Paul Davis, PDC, is currently serving the National Organization as a Member of the Council of Administration, having previously honorably served as the Co-Chair of the 2017 National Encampment Executive Host Committee, and having honorably served the National Organization in various appointive positions; and

Whereas, Brother Paul Davis, PDC, is an honored and respected Companion of the Michigan Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, currently serving as its Commander, having previously honorably served as its Senior Vice Commander; and

Whereas, Brother Paul Davis, PDC, is an honored and respected member of the Marine Corps League, the Marine Corps Association, the Harding-Olk-Craidge Post No. 18 of Bay City, American Legion and the Michigan Living History and Education Association; and

Whereas, Brother Paul Davis, PDC, is honored and respected as a published author and award-winning documentary film maker, and as adjunct faculty with a state university in Michigan for thirteen years;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that we, the Brothers of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, hereby heartily endorse Brother Paul Davis, PDC, for election to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the 138th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Department Secretary be directed to spread this resolution upon the permanent record of this 135th Encampment of the Department of Michigan, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Brothers of the 138th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for their worthy consideration.

Unanimously adopted this 27th day of April 2019 at the 135th Annual Department Encampment of the Department of Michigan at Okemos, Michigan.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Richard Denney, PCC

Richard Denney, PCC
Department Secretary

Annual Michigan Department Encampment

April 27, 2019

Appendix D

Proposed Bylaws changes

BYLAWS COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Bylaws Committee met and per the Bylaws conducted its annual review of the Bylaws for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Michigan.

General Information:

1. Department Bylaws due to National by July 30, 2019

2. G.O. 7, Series 2019, RE: Ratification. The Bylaws Committee calls the attention of the Department to the requirement of voting to ratify or reject the National Constitution amendment as contained in G.O. 7, Series 2019. This must be done at the April 2019 Annual Michigan Department Encampment.

Findings and Recommendations:

Following are the findings and recommendations of this committee:

1. Bylaws Article II Meetings: Section 2: Page 3, Insert from Operating Guidelines:

CURRENT:

In the event of the failure to fix the time and place of the Annual Michigan Department Encampment before May 1st the same shall be determined by the Department Commander:

CHANGE:

In the event of the failure to fix the time and place of the Annual Michigan Department Encampment before May 1, the Department Commander shall appoint a committee of three Brothers to provide a recommendation by May 15th in any year for three dates and three locations to the Department Commander for his decision as to selecting the time and location of the Annual Michigan Department Encampment.

Jim Pahl moved to Change May 1 to February 1. Nate Smith seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Jim Pahl moved to change May 15 to February 15. Dennis Derr II seconded the motion. Gary Gibson substituted a motion to change May 15th to March 15th. the motion was seconded by Nathan Tingley. Discussion ensued. Motion as passed.

The Committee concurs

The change to the Bylaws was approved.

2. Article III- Section 1. Page 4, Officers and Their Duties: Secretary and Treasurer are NOT mentioned as elected Officers.

CURRENT:

The elected officers of the Department shall be as follows: Department Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander and (3) members of the Council.
Deleted language.

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CHANGE:

Add Secretary and Treasurer as elected officers to read:

The elected officers of the Department shall be as follows: Department Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer, and (3) members of the Council.

Also delete a note: Deleted Language

The Committee concurs

The change to the Bylaws was approved.

Article III- Section 1. Page 4, Officers and Their Duties:

CURRENT:

They shall serve for the term of one ~~(1)~~ year or until their successors are duly elected and installed. Beginning in 2019, the terms of office of the Department Secretary and Treasurer (or Department Secretary-Treasurer) shall be for three (3) years.

CHANGE:

Delete: **Beginning in 2019**...RE: Terms for Secretary/Treasurer

To now read: **The terms of office of the Department Secretary and Treasurer.....**

They shall serve for the term of one (1) year or until their successors are duly elected and installed. **The terms of office of the Department Secretary and Treasurer** (or Department Secretary-Treasurer) shall be for three (3) years.

The Committee concurs

The change to the Bylaws was approved.

3. Article III, Section 2, Page 4: Last Sentence:

CURRENT:

...,these Bylaws and/or the Order's Ceremonial and Ritual (Ritual).

CHANGE:

Delete: **word (Ritual) with Parens**

...,these Bylaws and/or the Order's Ceremonial and Ritual.

The Committee concurs

The change to the Bylaws was approved.

4. Article III, Section 5, Page 4:

CURRENT:

It shall be the duty of the Commander and the Secretary, jointly to make arrangements for temporary Headquarters and place of meeting for the Annual Michigan Department Encampment.

Delete: and place of meeting for the Annual Michigan Department Encampment.

CHANGE:

INSERT: *The Site Selection Committee shall select the time and place for the Annual Michigan Department Encampment.*

It shall be the duty of the Commander and the Secretary, jointly to make arrangements for temporary Headquarters. *The Site Selection Committee shall select the time and place for the Annual Michigan Department Encampment.*

The Committee concurs

The change to the Bylaws was approved.

5. Article IV, Authorized Expenditures, Page 5 Section 1:

CURRENT:

Typical expenses may include, but are not limited to, long distance telephone calls, postage and mileage.

CHANGE:

Delete long distance telephone calls

Typical expenses may include, but are not limited to, long distance telephone calls, postage and mileage.

The Committee concurs

The change to the Bylaws was approved.

6. Article VI Council, Section 1, Page 5: Concerning the use of the word **audit** ~~Line 4.~~

CURRENT:

They shall convene no later than the first day of the Annual Michigan Department Encampment [at nine o'clock a.m. (9:00 am)] for the purpose of a full audit of the Department books and accounts, and accounting for all Department property; and to review a budget, prepared by the Treasurer, for the ensuing year; and for the consideration of such other business as may be brought to its attention.

Delete the word audit and insert in its place:

... inspecting and examining the Department books and accounts for accuracy...

CHANGE:

They shall convene no later than the first day of the Annual Michigan Department Encampment [at nine o'clock a.m. (9:00 am)] for the purpose of *inspecting and examining* the Department books and accounts, and accounting for all Department property; and to review a budget, prepared by the Treasurer, for the ensuing year; and for the consideration of such other business as may be brought to its attention.

The Committee concurs

The change to the Bylaws as approved.

7. Same in Article VI Council, Section 2, Page 5: Regarding word audit

CURRENT:

They shall convene no later than the first day of the Annual Michigan Department Encampment [at nine o'clock a.m. (9:00 am)] for the purpose of a full audit of the Department books and accounts, and accounting for all Department property; and to review a budget, prepared by the Treasurer, for the ensuing year; and for the consideration of such other business as may be brought to its attention.

Delete the word audit and insert in its place:

...for the purpose of inspecting and examining the Department books and accounts for accuracy.

CHANGE:

They shall convene no later than the first day of the Annual Michigan Department Encampment [at nine o'clock a.m. (9:00 am)] for the purpose of *inspecting and examining* the Department books and accounts, and accounting for all Department property; and to review a budget, prepared by the Treasurer, for the ensuing year; and for the consideration of such other business as may be brought to its attention.

The Committee concurs

The change to the Bylaws was approved.

8. Article VII Reports, Section 1, Page 5

CURRENT:

All officers shall present an Annual-Report, in writing, at the Annual Michigan Department Encampment.

CHANGE:

First Sentence: **Delete hyphen** between words Annual and Report

ARTICLE VII Reports, Section 2, Page 5

CURRENT:

The Secretary shall make and keep a record of the proceedings.....within 60-days following. Deleted sentence. He shall make a regular report....

CHANGE:

Delete Deleted Sentence in Section 2, Line 4

The Committee concurs

The change to the Bylaws was approved.

9. Article VII, Section 3, page 6, second sentence,

CURRENT: This report shall be presented the Annual Michigan Department Encampment.

Insert word at to read

CHANGE:

This report shall be presented at the Annual Michigan Department Encampment.

The Committee concurs

The change to the Bylaws was approved.

10. Article VII, Reports, Section 4:

CURRENT:

Following their receipt, the above specified regular reports shall be embodied in the Commander's next Department Orders.

CHANGE:

Delete Section 4

The Committee concurs

The change to the Bylaws was approved.

11. Article IX Committees Section 4. Page 6. Note: the Bylaws Committee shall be chaired by the Senior Vice Commander

...then on page-7 same Section sentence 7, it states The Senior Vice Department Commander **or** Committee Chair.

CURRENT:

The Bylaws Committee shall be chaired by the Senior Vice Commander and also include the Department Counselor and Department Secretary. Additional Brothers

may be added as necessary.....The Senior Vice Department Commander or Committee Chair shall submit any approved amendments.....

CHANGE:

The Senior Vice Commander **is** the Committee Chair. **Delete or Committee Chair**

The Bylaws Committee shall be chaired by the Senior Vice Commander and also include the Department Counselor and Department Secretary. Additional Brothers may be added as necessary.....The Senior Vice Department Commander shall submit any approved amendments.....

The Committee concurs

The change to the Bylaws was approved.

12. Article IX Committees Section 4. Page 7

CURRENT:

The Senior Vice Department Commander or Committee Chair shall submit any approved amendments to the Department Bylaws to the Department Commander for proper signature and forward same to Commander-in-Chief for approval and signature within 60-days following Annual Michigan Department Encampment.

Line 10. after word forward, add **a copy of the revised Bylaws**

Line 11. add the word **the** before Commander

And add the word **the** before Annual Michigan

CHANGES:

The Senior Vice Department Commander shall submit any approved amendments to the Department Bylaws to the Department Commander for **his** signature **and the Senior Vice Department Commander shall forward a copy of the revised Bylaws to the** Commander-in-Chief for approval and signature within 60-days following **the** Annual Michigan Department Encampment.

The Committee concurs

The change to the bylaws was approved.

13. Article IX, Committees Section 5: Line 6, **Delete colon** after the word Department

CURRENT:

The Legislative Committee shall consist of the Department: Commander, Secretary and three Brothers.....

CHANGE:

The Legislative Committee shall consist of the Department Commander, Secretary and three Brothers.....

The Committee concurs

The change to the Bylaws was approved.

14. Article IX Committees Section 12, page 8 line 3 and 4

CURRENT: The committee's purpose shall be to prepare a slate of officers, listing one or more Brother(s) for each elected office (of the Department),

Delete open and closed parens () after word Brother and around words of the Department,

CHANGE:

The committee's purpose shall be to prepare a slate of officers, listing one or more **Brothers** for each elected office of the **Department**,

The Committee concurs

The change to the Bylaws was approved.

15. Article IX Committees: Section 13, Page 8

CURRENT:

The Credentials Committee shall consist of three appointed Brothers with one designated as the Chair. The Chair will handle the process of preregistration of Delegates as prescribed before the Annual Michigan Department. At the Annual Michigan Department Encampment, the Credentials Committee will ascertain that all Delegate Credentials are in order and issue each approved Delegate a voting card and Delegate ribbon. Visitors to the Annual Michigan Department Encampment may receive a Delegate ribbon as a souvenir if sufficient quantities are available. All Delegates that have not preregistered will be registered by the Committee. Upon Completion of Delegate registration, the Credentials Committee will prepare a record of statistics of the Delegates, along with the allowed voting strength of each Camp within the Department.

Move the sentence to the end of the Paragraph, **Visitors to the Annual Michigan Department Encampment may receive a Delegate ribbon as a souvenir if sufficient quantities are available.**

Line 7: Amend as follows: **All Delegates that have not pre-registered will be required to register with the Credential Committee at the Annual Michigan Department Encampment to receive their Delegate ribbon and voting card.**

And ADD: Visitors will not be provided with a voting card as they are not eligible to vote.

Place the above at the end of Section 13.

CHANGE:

The Credentials Committee shall consist of three appointed Brothers with one designated as the Chair. The Chair will handle the process of preregistration of

Delegates as prescribed before the Annual Michigan Department. At the Annual Michigan Department Encampment, the Credentials Committee will ascertain that all Delegate Credentials are in order and issue each approved Delegate a voting card and Delegate ribbon. **All Delegates that have not pre-registered will be required to register with the Credential Committee at the Annual Michigan Department Encampment to receive their Delegate ribbon and voting card.** Upon Completion of Delegate registration, the Credentials Committee will prepare a record of statistics of the Delegates, along with the allowed voting strength of each Camp within the Department.

Visitors to the Annual Michigan Department Encampment may receive a Delegate ribbon as a souvenir if sufficient quantities are available.

Visitors will not be provided with a voting card as they are not eligible to vote.

The Committee concurs

The change to the Bylaws was approved.

16. Article XVI, Elections and Installations, Section 1, Page 11

CURRENT:

Section 1: The Camps of this Department shall elect Camp Officers between the first regular meeting of the Camp during the months of October September and the first meeting of the Camp in December, inclusive. Elections shall conform to any regulations established by the C&R.

CHANGE:

Section 1: The Camps of this Department shall elect Camp Officers between the first meeting of the Camp during the months of September and the first meeting of the Camp in December, inclusive. Elections shall conform to any regulations established by the C&R.

The Committee concurs

The change to the Bylaws was approved.

17. Article XVI, Elections and Installations, Section 2, Page 11

CURRENT:

Section 2: The Camps of this Department shall install Camp Officers between the first regular meeting of the Camp during the months of November September and the first meeting of the Camp in January, inclusive. The installation shall conform to any regulations established by the C&R and shall be performed by proper authority, that being the Department Commander or his designee. ~~or the commander in Chief of his designee.~~

CHANGE:

Section 2: The Camps of this Department shall install Camp Officers between the first meeting of the Camp during the month of September and the first meeting of the Camp in January, inclusive. The installation shall conform to any regulations established by the C&R and shall be performed by proper authority, that being the Department Commander or his designee.

The Committee concurs

The change to the Bylaws was approved.

ADD NEW SECTION 3:

Section 3: Should the C&R establish dates for the election and/or the installation of Camp Officers that might be more restrictive than those established in Sections 1 and 2, said restrictions shall take precedence.

The Committee concurs

The change to the Bylaws was approved.

18. Article XVII, Section 3, Page 12

Recommend rewording as follows:

These Bylaws and any amendments or additions thereto, shall be effective immediately after their adoption at the Annual Michigan Department Encampment and subsequent approval by the Commander-in-Chief.

These Bylaws and any amendments, alterations, or additions thereto, after their adoption by the Annual Michigan Department Encampment, and subsequent approval by the Commander In Chief, shall be effective immediately.

The Committee concurs

The Change to the Bylaws was approved.

19. Article XIX Awards and Insignia, Page 12 and 13.

Section 3: Lincoln Award, *Delete Award be presented at the SUVCW Banquet.*

CURRENT:

Authorization for a Department certificate of appreciation is provided. The award shall be known as the Abraham Lincoln Award. The award shall be conferred by the Commander upon any individual or entity who, in the judgment of a three-member panel appointed by the Commander, has through his/her action, words and /or deeds significantly contributed to the furtherance of the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic within the state of Michigan. Recommendations for possible recipients of said award shall be submitted along with a one-page description of the contribution made, to the Committee Chair whose email address shall be included with the notice that nominations are open, no later than two (2) months prior to the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. Recipients of the award shall be publicly announced and a certificate presented at the Annual Michigan Department

Encampment, SUCW Banquet. No more than three (3) recipients shall be selected for the award in any one-year.

CHANGE:

Authorization for a Department certificate of appreciation is provided. The award shall be known as the Abraham Lincoln Award. The award shall be conferred by the **Department** Commander upon any individual or entity who, in the judgment of a three-member panel appointed by the **Department** Commander, has through his/her action, words and/or deeds significantly contributed to the furtherance of the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic within the state of Michigan. Recommendations for possible recipients of said award shall be submitted along with a one-page description of the contribution made, to the Committee Chair whose email address shall be included with the notice that nominations are open, no later than two (2) months prior to the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. Recipients of the award shall be publicly announced and a certificate presented at the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. No more than three (3) recipients shall be selected for the award in any one-year.

Section 4: Article XIX Awards and Insignia, Section 4: Mary Walker Award:

CURRENT:

Authorization for a Department Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Appreciation Award is provided. The Department Commander may confer the award, which is presented to Sisters of the Allied Orders in recognition of outstanding, sustained, and conspicuous service to the Department of Michigan of the SUCW in furtherance of its mission and goals. The medal and certificate would be presented to a recipient with a red ribbon to denote it was presented by a Department. The Department Commander may present up to 2 awards per administration upon recommendation of any Past Commander-In-Chief, Past Department Commander, or current Camp, Department, or National elected officer.

CHANGE:

Authorization for a Department Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Appreciation Award is provided. The Department Commander may confer the award, which is presented to Sisters of the Allied Orders in recognition of outstanding, sustained, and conspicuous service to the **SUCW**, Department of Michigan of the SUCW in furtherance of its mission and goals. The medal and certificate **is to** be presented to a recipient with a red ribbon to denote it was presented by a Department. **Recommendations for the Mary Walker Award may be made by any Past Department Commander, current Camp Commander, current Department elected Officer or a current National Elected Officer. Recommendations are to be submitted in writing to a Court Of Honor consisting of three Brothers of the Department as appointed by the current Department Commander. The**

Department Commander shall not be a member of the Court of Honor. The Court of Honor will be empaneled to review all nominations and recommend to the Department Commander their decision to concur with or reject any nomination. For those nominations for which the Court of Honor approves, the Department Commander may then present up to two (2) Awards annually during his term of office.

The Committee concurs

The change to the Bylaws was approved.

Section 5: Add The J. Richard Green Award:

J. Richard Green Award

A three-member panel consisting of the Department Secretary, Department Newsletter Editor, and Department Chaplain shall decide the most outstanding Camp newsletter based on review of Camp newsletters voluntarily sent to them over the course of a year, Encampment to Encampment, with a majority decision made 30 days prior to the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. A certificate shall be awarded with the winning Camp's name and the newsletter editor listed.

The Committee concurs

The change to the Bylaws was approved.

19. Article XXI SVR-Camp Guards, Page 13

CURRENT:

Each member of any Camp Guard shall wear upon their kepi the insignia adopted by the Department, being the VII Corps 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 and trimmed in gold.

CHANGE

Each member of any Camp Guard **may** wear upon their kepi **or appropriate head gear of their choice** the insignia adopted by the Department, being the VII Corps Badge. The Badge shall contain a silver, five-point star (point down). There shall be a crescent moon around the top of said star. The moon shall be red and trimmed in gold.

20. Article XXI Section 7, Camp Guards, Page 14

CURRENT:

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.

Delete word to, between Camp and provide.

CHANGE:

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

The Committee concurs

The change to the Bylaws was approved.

21. Article XXI Section 8, Page 14 SVR-Camp Guards

CURRENT:

For the purpose of these Bylaws, the presentation of the Colors, ~~and related activities, at meetings, ceremonies and other functions~~ need not be considered a "military" activity.

Delete current language and replace with:

CHANGE:

For the purpose of these Bylaws, the presentation of the Colors at Department and Camp meetings are not to be considered a "military" activity.

The Committee concurs

The change to the Bylaws was approved.

22. Article XXI, Section 10, Page 14 SVR-Camp Guards

CURRENT:

There shall be no money paid out from the Department Treasury to any source expense or purpose for the SVR or any Camp Guard, unless it is so voted by a two-thirds vote of those present and entitled to vote at an Annual Michigan Department Encampment.

CHANGE:

Add: ***There shall be no money paid out from the Department Treasury to the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) or any Camp Guard, unless it is approved by a two-thirds vote of the Brothers present and entitled to vote at an Annual Michigan Department Encampment.***

The Committee concurs

The change to the Bylaws was approved.

23. Article XXIII: Section 1, Page 14 Annual Michigan Department Encampment

CURRENT:

All delegates to the Annual Michigan Department Encampment, including Past Department Commanders, current and Past Camp Commanders, Department Officers, and Camp Delegates, or Camp Alternates serving in the absence of the Camp Delegates, shall be charged a Registration Fee, unless waived in section 2 below. Delegates who preregister with an appointed Brother serving as the Chair of the Credentials Committee shall be charged a discounted registration fee, as described in the Department of Michigan Operating Guidelines. Only those properly registered shall be entitled to vote at the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. Registration fees for the next Annual Michigan Department Encampment shall be reviewed and may be revised by the current Annual Michigan Department Encampment. Fee structures will be published in the next Michigan's Messenger following the Annual Michigan Department Encampment.

Modify language to be:

CHANGE:

All delegates to the Annual Michigan Department Encampment, shall be charged a Registration Fee, unless waived in **Article XXIII, Section 2. Delegates who pre-register with the Credential Committee, that Committee having a Brother as a Chair of the Credentials Committee, shall be charged a discounted registration fee, as described in the Department of Michigan Operating Guidelines.** Only those properly **registered and properly credentialed as a Delegate** shall be entitled to vote at the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. Registration fees for the Annual Michigan Department Encampment shall be reviewed **annually** and may be revised by the current Annual Michigan Department Encampment. Fee structures, **if changed, will be published via Department Order** following the Annual Michigan Department Encampment.

The Committee concurs

Jim Pahl moved to after "registered and properly credentialed as a Delegate" add or as an alternate. Nathan Tingley seconded the motion. The Motion Passed. The change with the language added by the motion was approved.

24. Article XXIV, Separation, Dissolution and Disposition of Assets Page 15

National Mandated Language is required as follows:

Section 1: ORGANIZATION

The Camp shall be constituted and remain constituted as provided by the Constitution and Regulations (C&R) governing the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and shall be known as the Department of Michigan SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR. The Department is organized as an unincorporated association under the laws of the State of Michigan. The organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and

scientific purposes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

Section 2: ACTIVITIES NOT IN FURTHERANCE OF EXEMPT PURPOSES:

No part of the net earnings, if any, of this unincorporated association, shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the unincorporated association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes described in section 501(c)3. No substantial part of the activities of the unincorporated association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the unincorporated association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these by-laws, the unincorporated association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an unincorporated association exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an unincorporated association, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)2 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 3: SEPARATION, DISSOLUTION AND DISPOSITION OF ASSETS:

In the case of surrender or forfeiture of the Department Charter, all Department property and assets shall be turned over to the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War via the Department Commander of the affected Department acting as his duly authorized representative to collect and hold all such property in trust for the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization exempt from taxes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 4: All property of the Department shall be held for the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as a charitable trust that is held and used for the purpose for which the Order exists. Any such transfer or disposal within six months of disbandment or surrender of the Department Charter without the written consent of the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is prohibited. The property and funds of the Department shall not be divided among its members.

Section 5: In the event the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, no longer exists, said property and funds shall revert to the benefit of the first and any remaining organization of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic or in their absence, to the State Archives of Michigan.

Section 6: Notwithstanding the above language, upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within

the meaning of section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose.

The Change to the Bylaws was approved.

26. Section 3 continued on page 16 has several instructions at the top of this page that were intended as instructions and not Bylaws content.

Delete Items 1 through 4

The Committee concurs

The change to the Bylaws was approved.

28. Article XXV Minors: Page 16

Section 2: Edit as follows: **Delete Here are** and replace with, These are the initial objectives....

The Committee concurs

The change to the Bylaws was approved.

Paragraph A. through F.

These paragraphs have been mandated by the National Organization.

Our Bylaws committee feels it is necessary to address some of these issues and the language used in these paragraphs, but they will first have to be discussed with the National Organization as to clarification as we are not at liberty to change these at only our Department level.

Respectfully Submitted:

Department Bylaws Committee
Terrance McKinch, DSVC, Chair
Paul Davis, Department Counselor
Richard Denney, Department Secretary
Rob Payne, Department Commander

(Draft April 4, 2019)

Annual Michigan Department Encampment

April 27, 2019

Appendix E

Proposed Guidelines

Brother Secretary:

I have no material property in my possession that belongs to the Department.

I do have a variety of electronic documents that include the following:

Documents Concerning the Bylaws

1. A draft of the proposed changes to the Department Bylaws. A copy of which has been previously provided to the Department Secretary.
2. Multiple drafts of interim examinations concerning the Bylaws
3. Past Copies of the Bylaws used as reference.
4. Miscellaneous notes from the members of the Bylaws committee concerning opinions and discussion points relevant to proposed changes.

Documents Concerning the Operating Guidelines

1. A draft of the proposed changes to the Department Operating Guidelines. A copy of which has been previously provided to the Department Secretary.
2. Multiple drafts of interim examinations concerning the Operating Guidelines
3. Past Copies of the Operating Guidelines used as reference.
4. Miscellaneous notes from the members of the committee concerning opinions and discussion points relevant to proposed changes.

Official Opinions

The Department Commander requested written opinions on two matters. These opinions were researched and written opinions provided to the Department Commander. These are in possession of the Department Commander.

I also have electronic copies of the same.

The Department Commander requested a number of opinions, advice and counsel from the Department Counselor. These opinions and advice were provided aurally only.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Paul Davis
Department Counselor

Operating Guidelines Review and Recommendations the Department of Michigan, SUVCW

Per direction from the Commander Smith dated 30 July 2017, a special Committee was appointed to Review and make recommendations concerning the Operating Guidelines for the Department of Michigan as well as some other considerations listed below.

The review of the Operating Guidelines indicated there were instances where any changes to the Bylaws may also require changes to the Operating Guidelines and vice versa in order to ensure compatibility between the two documents.

The Committee completed its review and the results were approved by Department Commander Smith. Due to the amount of business transacted at the 134th Annual Michigan Department Encampment, these changes to the Operating Guidelines were not presented to the Encampment at that time. The requirement for approval of these proposed changes requires they be posted for review at least 60 days prior to the 135th Annual Michigan Department Encampment and then acted upon during the 135th Annual Michigan Department Encampment.

As a result, the Operating Guidelines Review Committee brings to this Encampment certain matters for your consideration so as ensure compatibility and eliminate any conflicting language between the two documents.

The Commander's directive:

Part 1: Review the Department Operating Guidelines and propose any modifications or additions as recommended by the committee.

This part of the report is centered on any changes to the Operating Guidelines as well as any changes that may be required in the Bylaws so as to be in line with and not conflict with, or be ambiguous when considered singly or together.

Methodology:

To ascertain if the current Department Operating Guidelines and any proposed changes are also, in compliance with the current Department and National Bylaws, both documents were consulted to ensure the proposed/revised Department Operating Guidelines were also in compliance.

The evaluation process, also includes those items to be addressed by the Bylaws Committee at this 2019 Department Encampment.

Please also note that an extensive search was made of the National and Department Bylaws, the Department Guidelines for the past versions and also any other documentation or historical references including Department and National Proceeding and any and all relevant documentation such as financial reports.

In addition, the National Counselors have been contacted for their advice and counsel in these matters.

Proposed Changes: Operating Guidelines

Paragraph 2. ~~The portion of each A Camp's delegate representation to the Annual Michigan Department Encampment is based on that portion membership~~ shall be based on ~~of~~ the Camp's membership as of March 31st and its having filed Form 27 (Camp Annual Report) with the Department prior to the **Annual Michigan** Department Encampment. Any Camp that does not file its Form 27 prior to the **Annual Michigan** Department Encampment will have its delegate representation based on the most current Form 27 on file with the Department. The current Camp Commander and past Camp Commanders are in addition to the delegate strength based on Camp membership described above.

~~The portion of the~~ **The** Department's delegate representation to **the National Encampment** that is based on membership **and** will be determined by the Department Annual Report (Form 35), which shall be compiled from all the Camps Form 27 (Camp Annual Reports) on file with the Department as of May 1st (Form 35 is due at the National Organization on or before the last day of May). **The current Department Commander and past Department Commanders are in addition to the delegate strength based on the Department membership described above. Passed.**

Delegates to the National Encampment shall be elected at the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. Those brothers attending a National Encampment who have not been elected a Delegate shall be designated as Alternate Delegates and may upon approval of the Department Commander be seated as a Delegate to replace an Elected Delegate who is not in attendance. Passed.

Paragraph 5: Dress Code

For Reference: The Current Dress Code follows:

5. While the Department of Michigan shall have no required dress code, the Department shall have an optional dress guideline for all Camps within the Department. The dress shall include a hat of Civil War-period Union Army kepi style, dark wool, blue in color, with a leather bill. The kepi may be decorated with any of the following: a hat badge consisting of an open top wreath encircling the letters "SUV" of gold color, affixed to the front center of the kepi, a Department of Michigan Cap Mark of the Civil War Union Army Corps Style, consisting of a crescent moon over a five point star, affixed to the top center of the kepi. The VII Corps Cap Mark shall be red with optional gold edging and silver star. The jacket shall be civilian or a Civil War-period Union Army four button fatigue blouse (also known as a sack coat), dark blue in color, with (optional) affixed to the right collar the letters "MICH" and affixed to the left collar the letters "NO." followed by the member's Camp number, 6 " in height, all of gold color. Dress style slacks of dark blue or black color, a dress style shirt, solid white in color, a necktie of subdued color or preferably of the SUVCW badge or crest pattern and leather dress style shoes of black or brown complete the dress.

White dress gloves also may be worn. The above is a guideline and shall not be construed to be a required dress of any Brother.

The following is recommended and would be placed before the text above.

The Department of Michigan has no required dress code. The Department has an optional dress guideline for all Camps within the Department as follows:

The dress ***guideline may*** include a hat of Civil War-period Union Army kepi style, dark wool, blue in color, with a leather bill. The kepi may be decorated with any of the following: a hat badge consisting of an open top wreath encircling the letters "SUV" of gold color, affixed to the front center of the kepi, a Department of Michigan Cap Mark of the Civil War Union Army Corps Style, consisting of a crescent moon over a five point star, affixed to the top center of the kepi. The VII Corps Cap Mark shall be red with optional gold edging and silver star. The jacket shall be civilian or a Civil War-period Union Army four button fatigue blouse (also known as a sack coat), dark blue in color, with (optional) affixed to the right collar the letters "MICH" and affixed to the left collar the letters "NO." followed by the member's Camp number, ó " in height, all of gold color. Dress style slacks of dark blue or black color, a dress style shirt, solid white in color, a necktie of subdued color or preferably of the SUVCW badge or crest pattern and leather dress style shoes of black or brown complete the dress. White dress gloves also may be worn. The above is a guideline and shall not be construed to be a required dress of any Brother.

Generally, the dress guideline for the Annual Michigan Department Encampment shall be business casual attire including sport coat and slacks or suit with shirt and tie.

The Camps being more casual in their meetings, may determine what is appropriate dress for its Camp meetings and activities. Passed.

Paragraph 6: "A discounted pre-registration fee for Camp delegates to the next Department Encampment will be \$5.00 per person. Anyone pre-registering less than 7 days before the Department Encampment will be charges \$10 per person."

Change as follows:

A pre-registration fee for Camp delegates to the **Annual Michigan Department Encampment** will be \$5.00 per person. Anyone pre-registering less than 7 days before the **Annual Michigan Department Encampment** will be charged \$10 per person. Present and Past National Officers shall be exempt from paying the Encampment Registration Fee. **Brother Jim Pahl moved to insert the word "elected" between the National and Officers. A second to the motion was made by Brother Terry McKinch. Motion was passed. Paragraph 6 was rhen passed.**

Paragraph 7: "Annually Budgeted Authorized Expenditures: Annually budgeted authorized expenditure limits allow for reimbursement for the below listed officers and committees will appear in the Department's annual budget. Approved expenditures would typically include: Long distance phone calls, postage, mileage, supplies, etc.; but would not include such expenditures as: equipment, lodging, meals, etc. Requests for expenditures

above budgeted limits shall be made in advance of such expenditure to the Department Treasurer, who in conjunction with the Department Council, shall review the request and

make a recommendation to the Department Commander, who will either approve or reject the recommendation. All requests for reimbursement of expenses shall be accompanied by documentation of expenses incurred.”

Change as follows:

Annually Budgeted Authorized Expenditures: Annually budgeted authorized expenditure limits, allowed for reimbursement for the below listed officers and committees, will appear in the Department’s annual budget. Approved expenditures would typically include: ~~Long distance phone calls~~, postage, mileage, **and** supplies, etc.; but would not include such expenditures as: equipment, lodging, meals, etc. Requests for expenditures above budgeted limits, shall be made in advance of such expenditure to the Department Treasurer, who in conjunction with the Department Council, shall review the request and make a recommendation to the Department Commander, who will either approve or reject the recommendation. ***If the request for funds is made by the Department Commander, the Department Council may either accept, modify or reject the request.*** All requests for reimbursement of expenses shall be accompanied by documentation including actual receipts for all expenses incurred.

		Recommendations
a. Department Commander:	Up to a maximum of \$100.00	\$150 (\$50 increase)
b. Senior Vice Commander:	Up to a maximum of \$100.00	\$100
c. Junior Vice Commander:	Up to a maximum of \$150.00	\$150
d. Secretary:	Up to a maximum of \$150.00	\$200 (\$50 Increase)
e. Treasurer:	Up to a maximum of \$50.00	\$100 (\$50 Increase)
f. Historian:	Up to a maximum of \$100.00	\$100
g. Eagle Scout Coordinator:	Up to a maximum of \$200.00	\$200
h. Bylaws Committee:	Up to a maximum of \$50.00	\$50
i. Membership Committee:	Up to a maximum of \$50.00	\$50
j. Graves Registration Officer:	Up to a maximum of \$300.00	\$300
k. Civil War Memorials Officer:	Up to a maximum of \$100.00	\$100
l. G.A.R. Records Committee:	Up to a maximum of \$500.00	\$500
m. Communications & Technology:	Up to a maximum of \$100.00	\$100
n. Nominating Committee:	Up to a maximum of \$50.00	\$50
o. Camp-At-Large Coordinator:	Up to a maximum of \$50.00	\$50

Passed.

Paragraph 9: Officers and Committees who maintain Department Records (databases, spreadsheets, word processing documents, etc.) in an electronic format on their computers shall provide the Department Signals Officer with an electronic copy of those records 30 days prior to the annual Department Encampment. The Department Signals Officer will post (via FTP) the submitted electronic records in compressed format to the Michigan department allocated server space on the National SUVCW Server.

Change As follows:

Officers and Committee Chairs who maintain Department Records (databases, spreadsheets, word processing documents, etc.) in an electronic format on their computers or other electronic devices shall provide the Department Signals Officer with an electronic copy of those records 30 days prior to the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. The Department Signals Officer shall collect these files and create a suitable backup copy for archival purposes using a standard format such as a .pdf file. Brother Keith Harrison moved to insert the words "and the Department Secretary" between "Department Signals Officer" and "with". Brother Steve Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed. Brother Keith Harrison moved that Paragraph 9 be submitted to the Communications and Technology Committee for recommendations on electronic mail and records. Brother Nathan Tingley seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Paragraph 10: "The Department Commander will appoint the appropriate number of Brothers to serve on the Allied Orders Department Encampment Site Committee."

Change as follows:

Insert/Add: "The Department Commander will appoint the appropriate number of Brothers, being no less than three, to serve on the Annual Michigan Department Encampment Site Committee."

Insert/Add: The Annual Michigan Department Encampment Site Committee shall select the time and place for the Annual Michigan Department Encampment and report their findings to the Department Commander before May 1st in any year.

Insert/Add: In the event of the failure of the Site Committee to fix the time and place of the Annual Michigan Department Encampment before May 1st, the time and place shall be determined by the Department Commander, Secretary, Treasurer and the members of Council; by a majority vote of those present at a meeting; duly called by the Commander at least 30 days prior to June 1st in any year. A change in the Department Bylaws prompted a change in Paragraph 10 to: The Department Commander will appoint the appropriate number of Brothers being no less than three to serve on the Annual Michigan Department Encampment Site Committee.

The Annual Michigan Department Site Committee shall select the time and place for the Annual Michigan Department Encampment and report their findings to the Department Commander before February 1st in any year.

In the event of the failure of the Site Committee to fix the time and date of the Annual Michigan Encampment before February 1st, the Department Commander shall

appoint a committee of Three Brothers to provide a recommendation by March 15th in any year for three dates and 3 locations to the Department Commander for his decision as to selecting and the time and location of the Annual Michigan Department Encampment.

Annual Michigan Department Encampment

April 27, 2019

Appendix F

Committee Reports

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

2019 J. Richard Greene Award Committee

27 April 2019

*To Department Commander Robert R. Payne, DC, PCC and
Attendees of the 135th Department of Michigan Encampment*

Greetings,

*A committee consisting of three members, Reverend Charles Buckhahn, PCC, Brother Dick Denny, JVC, and
Chair Richard Danes, PCC were appointed to review submitted Camp newsletters and choose one that
represents the best in the Department. A total of eleven entries from five Camps were considered based on
such criteria as readability, content, appearance, distribution, and regularity of issue.*

A matrix was created with the issues to be considered, and a point system attached.

*The competition was fierce, with a unanimous decision made with a separation of only one point between the first and
second Camps.*

*I am proud to announce that the Camp chosen for the inaugural Richard J. Greene Award for the "Most Outstanding
Newsletter in the Department of Michigan" during the 2018 – 2019 year is Camp 85 and their monthly "Camp Communicator".*

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, 2019 - 2020 J. Richard Greene Award Committee
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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

Office of the Nominating Committee

27 April 2019

To Department Commander Robert R. Payne, DC, PCC and
Attendees of the 135th Department of Michigan Encampment

Greetings,

This being my 7th year as Department Officers Nominations Chairman, I submit:

This will serve as a report for the recent activities of the Officers Nominations Committee.

This year the Department Commander appointed a Committee Chair and 4 Brothers to present a list of at least one good man for each of the annual Department Officers' positions for the Department Encampment's consideration for the term 2019 - 2020.

In the 2018-2019 year, Brothers I. Dean Lamphere, PDC, Edgar Dowd, PCC, David Kimble, CC, David Smith, PDC, and Richard Danes, PCC as chair were appointed as committee members.

All committee members work as a team and achieved the desired goal.

Brothers who placed their name in consideration were:

Department Commander –	Robert R. Payne, PCC
Department Senior Vice Commander –	Terrence L. McKinch, PCC
Department Junior Vice Commander –	Nathan L. Smith, CC
Department Secretary –	Richard Denney, PCC
Department Treasurer –	Bruce Gosling, PCC
Department Council –	Charles L. Worley, PDC
	David V. Ramsey, SVC
	Steven S. Martin, CC

A webpage containing information about Brothers who seek office is used, due to the excellent work of our Signals Committee. This feature enables the members to read about and see who is seeking office before the Department Encampment.

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, 2019 - 2020 Nomination Committee
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



2019 Annual Michigan Department Encampment Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp Delegate Voting Strenght

Camp	Allotted	Delegates	Alternates	Dept. Cmdrs	Camp Cmdrs	PDC's	PCC	Voting Strength
Gen. Israel B. Richardson #2	10				1			1
Henry Plant #3	4				1			1
Austin Blair #7	21	1			1		1	3
Robert Finch #14	8	2			1	3		6
Cutenius Guard #17	25	4	(PDC) 2	1	1	2	1	11
Gen. Benjamin Pritchard #20	15					1		1
Colgrove-Woodford #22	13						1	1
Alexander French #28	10							0
Nash-Hodges #43	7							0
George W. Anderson #58	10							0
US Grant #67	9				1			1
Frederrick H. Hackeman #85	10	1			1			2
Gilluly-Kingsley #120	13							0
March to the Sea #135	7					1	2	3
Gov. Henry Crapo #145	12	5	1	(CNC) 1	1	3	2	13
Henry Wallace #160	10							0
Carpenter-Welch #180	8				1		2	3
Wa-Bu-No #250	11							0
LeValley-Heusted #255	8							0
Albert & James Lyon #266	9							0
Sgt. John Cosbey #427	9	2			1	1		4
Russell A. Alger #462	4	1						1

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**Headquarters
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**



**Annual Department of Michigan Encampment
April 27, 2019
Report of the Resolutions Committee**

David S. Smith, PDC, Chair
Hon. James B. Pahl, PCinC
Gary Gibson, PDC

The Resolutions Committee has reviewed three resolutions presented to the Encampment. Two resolutions are in reference to the upcoming election of Junior Vice Commander in Chief at the 2019 National Encampment hosted by the Department of Ohio, held in Cleveland, Ohio.

The first resolution is a request to support Brother Michael Paquette of the Department of the Chesapeake. PDC Paquette is very qualified for the office. At this time the Resolutions Committee recommends that the Department of Michigan acknowledge receipt of the proposed resolution from the Department of the Chesapeake.

On the second resolution by Department Secretary Denney with regards to the Department of Michigan's full support of Brother Paul Davis, PDC for the office of Junior Vice Commander in Chief – the Resolutions Committee overwhelmingly is in favor of the Department of Michigan supporting PDC Davis in his pursuit of said office. PDC Davis is extremely qualified to serve the Order in this role and it is our unanimous recommendation to approve this resolution.

The Eagle Scout Language Change Resolution. The Resolution Committee recommends the following: This resolution is to be referred to the incoming Department Commander for the creation of a special committee for review and to report back their findings at the 2020 Annual Michigan Department Encampment.

These recommendations herein are submitted on behalf of the 2019 Department of Michigan Resolution Committee this 27th day of April, in the year of our Lord 2019.

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty.

David S. Smith, PDC
Committee Chair

Organized in 1881 – Legal heir of and representing the Grand Army of the Republic.

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Appendix G

Correspondence



CAMP HEADQUARTERS
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN



ALBERT AND JAMES LYON CAMP No. 266

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Dated 4/3/2019

Greetings Commander Payne,

Our Camp Brothers participated in a panel discussion regarding the new "**all veterans museum**" in Escanaba recently, the first of it's kind in the UP.

Can someone in the Department help us to understand how to submit a request of grant money on the behalf of the SUVCW? The museum folks are 5013C. Run it up the flagpole and see if anyone salutes.

We will be given plenty of room for displays, on a loan basis. Does the Department want to contribute articles to the Civil War display? The display is seen by 80,000 through out the year. Held at the UP State fairgrounds complex.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty
Patrick Kennedy, Camp Commander

Patrick Kennedy

Cc; Donald Shaw, C&C, Paul Nelson, PhD
Enc! current newsletter

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Appendix H

Request for Restoration of Rank



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Michigan
Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145
507 Oakbrook Circle
Flushing, Michigan 48433-1706
www.govcrapocamp145.org



16 April 2019

Robert R. Payne
Department Commander
Department of Michigan SUVCW
3940 Keller Road
Holt, MI 48842

Dear Brother Payne,

At the regular meeting of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 the Brothers of the Camp unanimously welcomed Daniel Vernon Graves back into membership of our Order after an absence of 13 years. Brother Graves was granted an Honorable Discharge in 2006 due to his commitments to his duties with McLaren Regional Medical Center, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and reserve law enforcement in Shiawassee and Genesee counties. He has since retired from his primary profession after 43 years, and desired to return to the Camp room.

As part of his reapplication to membership in our Order, Brother Graves requested restoration of his Past Camp Commander rank, which the Brothers of the Camp unanimously endorsed. Camp Commander McKinch directed that this communication be directed to you along with the accompanying documentation including Brother Graves request for restoration of rank, for your consideration and review. Please let me know if you have any questions or require any other clarification.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

David F. Wallace

David F. Wallace, PDC
Camp Secretary

Cc: Richard Denney, Department Secretary

dwallace@govcrapocamp145.org

From: dangraves@centurytel.net
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2019 8:30 PM
To: David Wallace
Subject: Request for restoration of rank.

Dear Brothers of Gov. Crapo Camp and the Dept. of Michigan.

During your assembly and meeting at the annual encampment, I am humbly asking to have my previous rank of Past Camp Commander restored. At my request, I was honorably discharged from Gov. Crapo Camp in 2006. At the time, it seemed with full-time hospital employment and serving our country / community, time and resources seem too short.

Brief History:

Already being a licensed EMT, I entered the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in Nov. 1997. This decision was a direct result of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1996. At Station Saginaw River, I served on a reserve schedule from April 1998 through Jan. 2005. At this time, I took an inactive roll so I could enter reserve law enforcement. On Jan. 20th. 2005, I started with the Shiawassee County Sheriff's Office as a reserve deputy. I stayed here until Sept. of 2012. In Jan. 2013, I returned to my previous CG command until August 2013. In December 2013, my resume was accepted at the Clayton Township Police Department. I began serving here as a reserve police officer in April of 2014. I still serve here, mostly augmenting the night shift road patrol. All of this occurred while being employed full-time at McLaren Regional Medical Center in Flint. In January 2018, I separated / retired from the CG Auxiliary with 19 yrs, 4 months and 8 days credited service. On December 7th. 2018, I retired from McLaren Hospital with 43 years of service. I would like to remain with CTPD a few years yet.

In Closing, I appreciate your consideration of my request.

Respectfully, Daniel Graves

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Daniel V. Graves

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Appendix I

**Department report of Voting on Proposed Amendment to the SUVCW
Constitution**



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

**DEPARTMENT REPORT
of
Voting on Proposed Amendment
to the
SUVCW Constitution**

At the 137th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans meeting in Framingham, Massachusetts 10-11 August, 2018, at which a quorum was present throughout, and the required majority of such delegates voted in favor to amend Article V, Section 2b of the National Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as follows:

Article V, Section 2b. If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of ~~the last proceeding~~ any National Encampment is in violation of or in conflict with our Congressional Charter, and/or the Constitution, and/or National Regulations, and/or United States Law, and/or any State's Law, he may propose such General Order(s) to delay implementation of such action or suspend such action if previously implemented, until such time as the violation or conflict can be corrected. A two-thirds majority vote of the Council of Administration is required to support the proposed General Order authorizing the Commander-in-Chief to proceed, the Commander-in-Chief abstaining from participating in such vote and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief may only vote to break a tie. Such presentation and vote may be taken by electronic means of communication. The Commander-in-Chief must propose a resolution to the conflict by the next National Encampment.

This change clarifies the Commander-in-Chief's authority to take action to suspend or delay the implementation of an action taken by any National Encampment rather than just the last National Encampment, and includes State Laws as well as United States Laws. The process for taking such action by the Commander-in-Chief remains the same.

As contained in Article IX of the Constitution, this amendment cannot be effected until favorably acted upon and ratified by at least by 50% of the departments.

As required by the SUVCW Constitution, and by Commander-in-Chief Donald W. Shaw, in his General Order No. 7, Departments are directed to vote to approve, or disapprove, the proposed amendment during their 2019 Department Encampments, and report the results of that vote on this form.

DIRECTIONS:

1. At a time while in session, the above proposed change to the Constitution shall be read to the membership.
2. After discussion, the Department Commander (or acting chair) shall call for a vote to approve/disapprove.
3. At the completion of the vote, the Department Secretary shall tally and report the vote below. A simple majority is all that is required for passage.

DEPARTMENT of Michigan Date of Vote: 27 Apr 19

Total present and eligible to vote? 51 Yea 51 Nay 0 Circle (Pass / Fail)

By signature below I hereby certify that the above tally of votes is accurate.

Department Commander

Department Secretary

Mail this report directly to: Jonathan C. Davis
National Secretary
240 Merriman Drive
West Jefferson, OH 43162

