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Department of Michigan  
Proceedings



139<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Department Encampment

April 1, 2023

Holiday Inn of Midland

Midland, Michigan

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Nathan Smith, Department Commander

## NATIONAL OFFICERS VISITING



Bruce Frail - Commander-in-Chief



Allison Pollitt – Auxiliary National President



Brothers attending the Encampment



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

139<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment Midland, Michigan April 1, 2023

## ENCAMPMENT AGENDA & INFORMATION

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- 8:00 AM – Registration Opens
- 9:00 AM – Encampment Convenes & Joint Memorial Service
- 12:00 PM – Recess for Lunch
- 12:00 PM – Dept. Chaplains Meeting.
- 1:30 PM – Encampment Reconvenes
- 5:00 PM – Encampment Closes

### LUNCH INFORMATION

Brothers who have Pre-Paid for the Lunch Buffet can get their Meal Vouchers at the Registration Table

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Opening of Encampment
2. Introduction of National Officers & Allied Orders in Attendance
3. Joint Memorial Service
4. Roll Call of Officers
5. Report of the Credentials Committee
6. Appointment of Encampment Committees
7. Department Officer's Reports
8. Reception and reference of communications (Bylaws and/or Resolutions)
9. Department Awards
10. Membership Awards
11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
12. Report of the Department Council
13. Old Business
14. New Business
15. Commander-in-Chief's Remarks
16. For the Good of the Order
17. Nomination of Officers
18. Election and Installation of Officers
19. Election of Delegates to the National Encampment
20. Installation of Officers
21. Closing of the Department Encampment


*"Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty"*

### RULES OF THE ENCAMPMENT


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Encampment Program

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Nathan L. Smith  
Department Commander

**Delegate Voting Card**

## JOINT OPENING WITH THE AUXILIARY

Opened at 9:04 AM by DC Nathan Smith requesting a prayer from acting Chaplain John Minor.

DC Smith instructed the Guide Shaeffer, CC to escort the National Officers in attendance to the Altar,

Commander in Chief Bruce Frail, Past Commanders in Chief James Pahl and Ken Freshley, and Council of Administration Robert Payne. A hearty welcome was given to the National Officers.

C in C Frail gave greetings from the National Order.

DC Smith also recognized Gary Gibson, PDC, Past Council of Administration, David Wallace, PDC, Past National Secretary, L. Dean Lamphere, Jr. PDC, Past National Member At large Coordinator, and J. Douglas Park, PDC, Past Council of Administration.

DC Smith asked the Guide to escort the Sisters of the Auxiliary to the Altar.

Present were Allison Pollitt, National President ASUVCW, Sue Freshley, National Vice President of the ASUVCW, Linda Kronberg, National Council and Past National President of the ASUVCW, and Connie Horning, President of the Michigan ASUVCW.

Allison Pollitt, Sue Freshley and Connie Horning gave some welcoming remarks.

Linda Kronberg thanked the brothers for their assistance at the last National Encampment.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

DC Smith asked the Chaplain to read the names of our departed Brothers.

Max D. Miller-Austin Blair Camp #7

Charles Waters-Austin Blair Camp #7

Keith B. Harrison, PCinC-Curtenius Guard Camp #17

Michael Shumway-Curtenius Guard #17

Gerald M. Lintemuth-Alexander French Camp #28

Donald W. Shaw, PCinC-Gov. Crapo Camp #145

Gary N. Pritchard-Sgt. John S. Cosbey Camp #427

No Sisters departed this year.

Acting Chaplain Minor presented a prayer.

DC Smith concluded the Memorial Service and asked the Guide and Color Bearer to escort the Sisters to the door so they may go to conduct the business of the Auxiliary.



## MINUTES OF THE ENCAMPMENT

DC Smith called the Encampment to order at 9:26 AM.

DC Smith asked the Guide and Color Bearer to ascertain if all brothers were entitled to remain.

The Guide reported that all present had proper credentials and were permitted to remain.

DC Smith asked the Secretary to call the roll of Officers. (Roll call is in Appendix A.)

DC Smith proceeded to open the Encampment by ceremony.

The acting Chaplain invoked the Divine Blessing.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commander in Chief Frail.

The Rules of the Encampment were read. (Rules are listed in Appendix B.)

DC Smith asked Color Bearer Dowd, PCC to retrieve the Department Flag and bring it to the Altar. The Guide was asked to bring Commander in Chief Frail and Past Commander in Chief Jim Pahl to the Department Flag for presentation of ribbons for hosting the National Encampment in 2000, 2017, and 2022. (Note: the ribbons will be attached to the Department Flag.)

Report of the Credentials Committee: The report of the Credentials Committee will be given prior to the nominations of Department Officers.

Appointment of Department Committees:

Bylaws: SVDC Gary Swain, PCC, Chair, Dick Denney, PCC, and Jim Pahl, PCinC.

Officer Reports: Gary Gibson, PDC, Chair, Robert Payne, PDC, and Dale Aurand, PDC.

Resolutions: David Wallace, PDC, Chair, Terry McKinch, PDC, and Lloyd Lamphere, Sr., PCC.

Fraternal Relations: James Pahl, PCinC, Chair, Commander in Chief Bruce Frail, PDC, and PCinC Ken Freshley, PDC.

DC Smith called for the Department Officers reports. (Department Officer's reports are in Appendix C.)

DC Smith asked the Guide to escort SVDC Gary Swain to the podium, transfer the gavel, and assume the Commander's station during DC Smith's report.

DC Smith gave his report.

SVDC Swain called for a motion to refer this report and all subsequent Officer Reports to the Encampment Committee on Officer Reports. David Smith, PDC so moved. A 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Kimble. The motion was approved.

SVDC Swain, PCC gave his report.

JVDC Martin, PCC gave his report.

Department Secretary Denney, PCC gave his report.

Acting Treasurer Worley, PDC gave the Department Treasurer report.

DC Smith stated the proposed budget and the Treasurer's recommendations will be acted upon in New Business.

Chief of staff Smith, PDC gave his report.

Chaplain's report was filed with the Department Secretary.

Counselor's report was filed with the Department Secretary.

The Department Military Officer's and Color Bearer's report were given by Edgar Dowd, PCC.

The Department Eagle Scout Coordinator's report was given by Lloyd Lamphere, Sr. PCC.

The Department Patriotic Instructor's report was given by Terry McKinch, PDC.

The Department Camp-at-Large Coordinator- No report.

The Department Aide-de-Camp- No report.

The Department Guide: No report.

The Department Guard: No report.

The Department Signals Officer report was given by Rob Payne, PDC.

The Department Historian: No report.

The Editor, "Michigan Messenger" report was filed with the Department Secretary.

The Department Graves Officer report was filed with the Department Secretary.

The Department Civil War Monuments Officer report was filed with the Department Secretary.

The GAR records Officer Report was given by Gary Gibson, PDC.

DC Smith recessed the Encampment at 10:33 AM.

DC Smith resumed the Encampment at 10:43 AM.

DC Smith asked Department Secretary Denney if there is any correspondence.

Secretary Denney responded that there was a letter from Roderick J. Fraser, Jr. USN (Retired).

Announcing his candidacy for Council of Administration. (Correspondence is in Appendix D).

Department Awards:

Abraham Lincoln Award: There were no submissions for the Abraham Lincoln Award.

Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award: There were no submissions for the Award.

J. Richard Greene Award: The J. Richard Greene award is in honor of the late PDC J. Richard Greene and is for the outstanding Camp Newsletter based on the review and subject to criteria of Camp Newsletters voluntarily submitted to the Committee over the course of the year. This year's recipient is General Orlando M. Poe Camp #444 of Cadillac.

Membership Awards:

DC smith announced the winners of the membership awards.

Austin Blair Award: The Austin Blair Award is for the greatest number of members gained during the year.

This year's recipients are:

General Israel B. Richardson Camp #2

Robert Finch Camp #14

Alexander French Camp #28

U. S. Grant Camp #67

Gov. Crapo Camp #145

Orlando LeValley Award: the Orlando LeValley Award is for the greatest percentage increase in membership during the year.

This year's recipient is Alexander French Camp #28 with a 40% increase.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees. (Reports can be viewed in Appendix)

DC Smith: I wish to entertain a motion that any Committee recommendation other than Bylaws is unopposed, that it is adopted at the sound of the gavel. Terry McKinch, PDC so moved. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob Payne, PDC. Motion was approved. (Committee reports are in Appendix E.)

Bylaws Committee report was given by SVDC Swain, PCC.

Legislative Committee-No report.

Membership Committee-No report.

Graves Registration Committee- Report filed with the Department Secretary.

Civil War Memorials Committee- Report was included with the Civil War Memorials Officer's report and filed with the Department Secretary.

GAR records Committee report- The report was filed as part of the GAR Records Officer's report.

Communication and Technology Committee- Chairman Rob Payne, PDC informed the Encampment about the new National Website.

Nominating Committee- The report will be given prior to the nomination of officers.

Ceremonies and Rituals Committee- No report.

Credentials Committee- L. Dean Lamphere, Jr. PDC gave the report.

102<sup>nd</sup> USCT Memorial Committee- David Wallace, PDC gave a report.

Military and Veterans Affairs- The report was included in the Military and Veterans Affairs Officer's report.

Kalamazoo Lincoln Project Special Committee- Charles Worley, PDC gave the report.

National Encampment Committee Chair Jim Pahl, CinC, gave a final report on the National Encampment held in Grand Rapids, MI.

Old Business- None.

New business:

DC Smith stated at this time we will discuss the Department Treasurer's recommendations and the proposed budget.

Recommendation No. 1- to accept the proposed budget with the following additions: \$500.00 budget for the Outreach Committee. Increase the Department Secretary's budget by \$50.00 from \$250.00 to \$300.00. Increase the Eagle Scout Coordinators budget by \$300.00 from \$200. To \$500.00. Moved to accept by Rick Danes, PCC. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale Willet. An amendment to the motion was made by Jim Pahl, PCinC to update the Guidelines to for the Officer expenditures. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Katz. Amendment to the motion was approved. The motion to approve the Department budget with the amendment was approved.

Recommendation No. 2-Given the occupation of the current Department Treasurer, that the Encampment Committee be instructed not to schedule Department Encampments for the remaining two years of his term before the established due date for filing individual income tax returns thereby enabling him to fulfill his duties to the Department by being able to participate in the proceedings. The recommendation is moved to the Bylaws Committee.

N0. 3- recommendation is lengthy is found in the Treasurer's report found in Appendix C.

It was moved by John Bennett and 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Kimble, PCC to approve the recommendation. Approved.

Commander in Chief Bruce Frail was asked to come to the podium to deliver some remarks.

(Prior to his remarks, he was presented a gift from the Department of Michigan.)

Commander in Chiefs remarks:

1. He gave the reason for his badge being draped. It is for all the brothers who have passed during his term.
2. He encouraged everyone to fill the recent Skills Survey.
3. Life membership: Life membership is at the old rate. If you are considering becoming a life member, do it now as the matter will come up before the National Encampment.
4. He reported on the new National Website and congratulated Rob Payne and David Wallace, PDCs for their assistance on technical matters.
5. He spoke about fund raising at the National level.
6. He encouraged everyone to check out Memorial University.
7. He asked for submissions got National Awards.

Todd Cordell spoke to the Encampment about the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battles of Gettysburg and Vicksburg.

DC Smith called for a lunch break at 12:02 PM. A blessing was for by acting Chaplain John Minor.

The Encampment resumed at 1:30 PM.

Report of the Committee on Officer Reports- Gary Gibson, PDC, Chair. (The recommendations can be found in Appendix C-Officer Reports)

It was moved by Terry McKinch, PDC and 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Kimble, PCC to accept the Officer recommendation at the sound of the gavel if there is no opposition. Approved.

DSVC Swain, PCC asked to make the Special Outreach Committee a standing committee. The Committee concurs. It is sent to the Bylaws Committee for action. Approved.

Department Secretary Denney, PCC requested a \$50.00 increase in his budget. Approved.

Chief of Staff David Smith PDC has presented 4 recommendations.

1. It is recommended to the National Encampment to conduct a census to identify real Grandchildren of Union Civil War Veterans. The Committee had no recommendation.  
Commander in Chief Frail addressed this recommendation and relayed that the National is in the process of identifying Real Grandchildren. Terry McKinch moved to have the matter sent to the Resolutions Committee to craft a Department Resolution to support the National's efforts in this matter. 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Kimble. Discussion. The motion was approved to send this to the Resolution Committee to craft a Department Resolution of support to the National Encampment. Approved.
2. Recommendation 2 is lengthy and can be read in Appendix C. It is sent to the Bylaws Committee.
3. To establish a Keith G. Harrison Award for the best Camp Website. The Committee concurs. This recommendation is to be sent to the Bylaws Committee. Approved
4. To establish a Donald W. Shaw Award for the Most Outstanding Social Media Online Presence by a Camp. The Committee concurs. This recommendation is to be sent to the Bylaws Committee. Approved.

Civil War Monuments Officer John McGill, PCC had the following recommendations.

1. Maintain that all records are up to date and secure. The Committee has no recommendation. As this is the current practice this was ruled out of order.
2. Update contact information for reporting for the new Monuments and Memorials Officer. The committee has no recommendation. The matter is handled annually by the incoming Signals Officer. The recommendation was ruled out of order.
3. Continue to help with the enhancement of Department's/Camp's ability to catalog Graves, GAR Posts and Memorials/Monuments as well as other databases. The Committee has no recommendation. As this is a continuing process at the Department/Camp level the recommendation was ruled out of order.

Signals Officer Rob Payne, PDC had the following recommendations.

1. The Department needs to move to a new style of Website. The Committee concurs. Approved.
2. The Department discontinue active support of the Michigan Graves Database and direct brothers to the National site. The Committee concurs. Approved.
3. The Department needs to actively seek brothers with a desire to assist in the technology areas of the Order. The Committee concurs. Approved.
4. Recommends that every Camp in the Department, who has their online information published by the Department, submit to the Webmaster, no later than 2 weeks after the installation of their Camp Officers, the information they want published on the Department Website for their Camp. The Committee concurs and directs the new Department Commander include this in his initial Department Order. Approved.

The Resolutions Committee report will be given later following the break.

Department Council Report. (Report is in Appendix G.)

Chair David Smith, PDC, gave the Council Report.

Break at 2:05 PM.

The Encampment resumed at 2:20 pm.

David Wallace, PDC, Chair of the resolutions Committee presented the resolution for the National Encampment from the Department of Michigan. (The resolution report can be found in Appendix H.)

DC Smith asked CinC Frail to speak on the SUVCW National Special Committee to review Membership Qualifications. (This report can be located in Department Order #5 in the Department website at suvcwmi.org under Headquarters, then Past Orders.)

CinC Frail read Recommendation No. 1. Much discussion ensued. The Recommendation was approved by vote of the Encampment.

CinC Frail read Recommendation No. 2. Much discussion ensued. The Recommendation was approved by vote of the Encampment.

CinC Frail read Recommendation No. 3. Much discussion ensued. Jim Pahl, PCinC, moved to forward Recommendation No. 3 to the National Encampment without a recommendation from the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. 2<sup>nd</sup> by L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., PDC. The motion was voted on and approved.

CinC Frail read Recommendation No. 4. The recommendation was approved by vote of the Encampment.

CinC Frail read Recommendation No. 5. The Recommendation was approved by vote of the Encampment.

Gary Gibson, PDC moved that the Department of Michigan SUVCW participate in the Historical Society of Michigan Annual Conference in Roscommon, MI, September 22, 23, 24, 2023. The Department to participate as an exhibitor showing headstone replacement/cleaning and our work in GAR records to promote the Sons. The fee is \$100.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob Payne, PDC. This was assigned to the Special Outreach Committee.

Good of the Order.

DC Smith discharged all Encampment Committees from the duties with his thanks.

DC Smith thanked the Holiday Inn of Midland for their hospitality.

DC Smith thanked everyone who made the Encampment possible.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The Abraham Lincoln Tomb Ceremony will be held April 15, 2023 at 10:00 AM in Springfield, IL.

The Dr. Benjamin F. Stephenson Memorial Service will be held at the Rose Hill Cemetery at 3:00 PM in Petersburg, IL.

The Gettysburg Remembrance Day will be held the Weekend of November 18, 2023.

Jim Pahl, CinC related changes and upcoming events at the GAR Museum in Eaton Rapids, MI.

Jim Pahl, CinC, also stated that the Banner is in need of articles of activities of the Michigan Camps.

DC Smith announced a break at 3:21 PM.

Dc Smith called the Encampment back into session at 3:35 PM.

The Credentials Committee report was given by Chair L. Dean Lamphere, Jr. The total who can vote is 35. (The report in Appendix J.)

## NOMINATIONS

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by Department Secretary Denney, PCC. (The report is in Appendix K.)

Gary Gibson, PDC moved that at the close of nominations for a particular office, if there is only one candidate for the office, that the Department Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the candidate. 2nd by John Bennett. The motion was approved.

Department Commander:

Candidate Gary Swain, PCC.

DC Smith asked Brother Swain “if elected are you willing to serve?” The answer was in the affirmative. “What other offices do you hold in the Order?” “Department Senior Vice Commander.”

DC Smith called three times for other nominations. None being presented, Brother Swain was elected by a unanimous ballot.

Department Senior Vice Commander:

Candidate Steve Martin, PCC.

DC Smith asked Brother Martin “If elected are you willing to serve?” The answer was in the affirmative. “What other offices do you hold in the Order?” “Department Junior Vice Commander and Senior Vice Commander of Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17.”

DC Smith called three times for other nominations. None being presented, Brother Martin was elected by unanimous ballot.

Department Junior Vice Commander:

No resumes were submitted to the Nominating Committee. David Smith, PDC, nominated David Kimble, PCC for the office.

DC Smith asked “if elected are you willing to serve?” the answer was in the affirmative. “What other offices do you hold in the Order?” “Department Council member”

DC Smith called three times for other nominations. None being presented, Brother Kimble was elected by unanimous ballot.

Department Council No. 1:

Candidate David Smith, PDC.

DC Smith asked Brother Smith “If elected are you willing to serve?” The answer was in the affirmative. “What other offices do you hold in the Order?” “Department Council member, Chief of Staff, and Commander of Orlando M. Poe Camp No. 444”

DC Smith called three times for other nominations. None being presented, Brother Smith was elected by unanimous ballot.

Department Council No. 2:

Candidate Robert Payne, PDC.

DC Smith ask Brother Payne “If elected are you willing to serve?” the answer was in the affirmative. “What other offices do you hold in the Order?” “Council of Administration, National Webmaster -Home, Department Council, Department Signals Officer, Camp Council Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17 and Camp Council for Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145.”

DC Smith called three times for other nominations. None being presented, Brother Payne was elected by unanimous ballot.

Department Council No. 3:

No resumes were submitted to the Nominating Committee. David Smith, PDC nominated Nathan Smith, PCC.

At this point, DSVC Swain assumed the Department Commander station. DSVC Swain asked Department Commander Smith “If elected will you serve?” The answer was in the affirmative. “What other offices do you hold in the Order?” “Department of Michigan Commander and Camp Secretary for LeVally-Heusted Camp No.255.”

DSVC Swain called three times for other nominations. None being presented, Brother Smith was elected by unanimous ballot. DC Smith reassumed the Department Commander’s station.

Election of Delegates:

1. Ron Shull, PCC
2. Russ Gordon, PCC
3. Richard Denney, PCC
4. Lloyd Lamphere, Sr. PCC

The Encampment elected the above as delegates.

Jim Pahl, PCinC, moved the rest delegation be taken from the roster of brothers of the Department alphabetically from the top, of those brothers in good standing who do not have standing credentials. Further, the remainder of the Roster of the Michigan Department roster as brothers in good standing be elected as alternates. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry McKinch. Motion was approved.

DC Smith asked DSVC Swain who his installing officer will be. DSVC Swain replied that CinC Frail would be the installing officer.

Gary Gibson, PDC pinned the Depart Commander’s badge on DSVC Swain.

David Smith, PDC pinned the Past Department Commander’s badge on DC Smith.

CinC Frail proceeded to install the officers. CinC Frail asked DSVC Swain” if he had his staff appointments?” DSVC Swain answered “He did.”

The Department Secretary read the list of elected and appointed officers.

CinC Frail proceeded to install the Department officers by ritual.

Department commander Swain gave a few appropriate remarks.

Acting Chaplain Minor asked for God’s blessing on our Encampment.



The 139<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Department Encampment was duly closed by Department Commander Gary Swain at 4:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

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



**Appendix A**  
**Roll Call of Officers**

Officers and Staff of the Department of Michigan  
2022-2023

Position	Name	present	Not Present
Commander	Nathan L. Smith, PCC	x	
Senior Vice Commander	Gary Swain, PCC	x	
Junior Vice Commander	Steven Martin, PCC	x	
Members of the Council	David Smith, PDC (Chair)	x	
	Robert R. Payne, PDC	x	
	David Kimble, PCC	x	
Secretary	Dick Denney, PCC	x	
Treasurer	Bruce S.A. Gosling		x
Chief of Staff	David Smith, PDC	x	
Counselor	Paul T. Davis, PDC		x
Chaplain	Rev. Charles Buckhahn		x
Patriotic Instructor	Terry McKinch, PDC	x	
Color Bearer	Edgar J. Dowd, PCC	x	
Signals Officer	Robert R. Payne, PDC	x	
Editor, "Michigan Messenger"	Richard E. Danes, PCC	x	
Historian	Keith G. Harrison, PCinC	In Memoriam	
Guide	Ronald Shull, PCC		x
Guard	Lloyd Lamphere, Sr., PCC	x	
Graves Registration Officer	Richard E. Danes, PCC	x	
G.A.R. Records Officer	Gary L. Gibson, PDC	x	
Civil War Memorials Officer	John H. McGill, CC		x
Eagle Scout	Lloyd Lamphere Sr., PCC	x	
Camp-At-Large Coordinator	L. Dean Lamphere, Jr. PDC	x	
Camp Organizer	James B. Pahl, PCinC	x	
Aide-de-Camp	L. Dean Lamphere, Jr. PDC	x	
Military Affairs Officer	Edgar J. Dowd, PCC	x	
Ceremonies & Rituals Officer	Keith G. Harrison, PCinC	In Memoriam	

**Appendix B**  
**Rules of the Encampment**

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  - Past Department Commander Chuck Worley is appointed Encampment Counselor. - *acting asst. Treasurer*
  - Lunch will be at 12:00PM or thereabouts.
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**Appendix C**  
**Officer's Reports**



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



NATHAN L. SMITH, DC, PCC

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**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S REPORT**  
**SERIES: 2022-2023**

**DATE: 01 April 2023**

Brothers of the Department of Michigan,

It has been a pleasure serving again as the Department Commander for the 2022-2023 term. Having now served the past two terms as Department Commander, it is now time to pass the torch on to our next Commander. Our organization continues to have many dedicated Brothers who are working diligently to carry on our traditions and to preserve the memory of our Civil War ancestors. This dedication is all too well needed as we look to the future. Like many fraternal organizations, our membership, sadly, is in decline. It is my sad duty to report that I was recently notified that Colgrove-Woodruff Camp No. 22 of Battle Creek intends on disbanding, a request that has now been forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief for approval. Two other Camps in March also have reached out inquiring on also disbanding, those being: Henry Wallace Camp No. 160 of Corunna and Carpenter-Welch Camp 18 of Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti. All of these Camps have cited similar reasons for disbanding, such as a decline in membership numbers, aging of members, lack of meetings due to Covid Concerns, and problems with recruitment.

I have one recommendation for our Order as we look to the next term:

1. That the Special Outreach Committee that was originally created for the 2021-2022 term be made a permanent Standing Committee. The Special Outreach Committee has been instrumental in compiling and examining various outreach programs relating to the Civil War. As we face membership challenges and potential Camp Closures, this Committee is needed to help drive more interest and to assist us in retaining and generating new members within our Order. I recommend that this be referred to the 2023-2024 Bylaws Committee for review and consideration.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Nathan L. Smith, PCC  
Commander, Department of Michigan





Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Department of Michigan  
General Benjamin Pritchard, Camp 20

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February 3, 2023

Department Senior Vice Commander  
Department of Michigan  
Annual Report

Department of Michigan Officers and Brothers of the Order:

Please allow me to express my gratitude for the confidence that you have placed in me by appointing me to the position of Senior Vice Commander-Department of Michigan. I am most appreciative of the opportunity to assist the Department in striving to achieve our objectives.

Department Commander Nathan Smith established a Special Outreach Committee with the expressed mission of forging relationship with outside organizations that share a common interest with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The establishment or strengthening of existing relationships has the potential to assist our efforts in keeping the memory green of the Boys in Blue, increasing awareness of the SUVCW and enhancing our efforts in retaining membership and recruiting new members. We initially targeted Civil War Round Tables, Genealogical Societies and local Historical Societies as organizations with shared interests and potential recruiting opportunities. We continue to encouraging all camps and brothers within the Department of Michigan to actively participate in these local organizations. We have compiled a list of these brothers, their contact information and available programs and organized these into individual SUVCW Speaker Bureaus. To date, eight brothers from the Department of Michigan have volunteered their expertise in a wide variety of appropriate topics including: many aspects of the Civil War, military genealogical research and Michigan history. We have prepared a menu of programs tailored to each of the target organizations and offered our assistance in providing quality programing. These were then disseminated to the targeted organizations in the first quarter of 2022 and updated and recirculated in January of 2023. Over the past year the speaker volunteers were invited to deliver live programs to these organizations on ten occasions. Updated copies of the available programs, by organizational types, are attached to this report. It is the intent of the Outreach Committee to widen our focus in the coming year to include special events with other targeted organizations as appropriate recruiting opportunities.

It was also my pleasure to serve on a special PR committee for the 2022 National Encampment. The committee focused on initiating contacts with state and local government leaders and was successful in soliciting endorsements and welcomes to the delegates of the August National Encampment in Grand Rapids. We also prepared press releases that were sent to all relevant media prior to the Encampment seeking coverage and publicity for this important event.

It has also been my honor to serve on the SUVCW Dept. of Michigan Special Committee on the Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Statue. This committee, under the chairmanship of Brother Chuck Worley PDC, has successfully raised important funds for the completion of the statue.

Pursuant to the request from Department Chief of Staff David S. Smith neither I or my committees are in possession of any Department property.

I look forward to the continuing opportunity to play a meaningful role in the coming year in the achievement of the Department of Michigan's objectives. It is recommended that a budget of \$500 be established for the Outreach Committee to allow funding for expanded activities.

Respectfully Submitted

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Gary L. Swain, PCC  
Department Senior Vice Commander  
Department of Michigan, SUVCW

Name		Location	Camp #	Contact Info.	Program	Comments
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	269 288-1655 or jin@michlist.com	Self Publishing-There's a Book in every Genealogist	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html	
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	269 288-1655 or jin@michlist.com	Tracing Your Civil War Ancestors	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html	
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	269 288-1655 or jin@michlist.com	Fold3-Discover Your Family's Military Past	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html	
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	269 288-1655 or jin@michlist.com	Census Research	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html	
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	269 288-1655 or jin@michlist.com	Beyond the Federal Population Schedule	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html	
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	269 288-1655 or jin@michlist.com	Putting it all Together	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html	
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	269 288-1655 or jin@michlist.com	Getting Around the Brick-wall	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html	
Swain, Gary	Kalamazoo	20	Phone 305 606-5699 or garyswain@aol.com	Digging Up Your Ancestors-Generology in the Cemetery	Available April-October Lecture and/or Cemetery Workshop-	
Swain, Gary	Kalamazoo	20	Phone 305 606-5699 or garyswain@aol.com	Gravestone & Monument Cleaning and Preservation	Available April-October	

Camp			Contact Info.	Program	Comments
Name	Location	Camp #			
Brown, Cameron	Kalamazoo	135	Phone 269 625-0275 or cameronsbrown@frontier.com	Lincoln's Winning Smile	
Brown, Cameron	Kalamazoo	135	Phone 269 625-0275 or cameronsbrown@frontier.com	The Relevance of Abraham Lincoln	
Cox, Michael	Charlotte	17	Phone 517 449-7639 or mikecox954@gmail.com	First Person Impression of Senator Zachariah Chandler	
Davis, Paul	Traverse City	14	Phone 989 392-2004 or pdmarcomm@aol.com	I Rode with Custer: The Diary of Charles Safford, 5th Michigan Cavalry	Available April-October
Davis, Paul	Traverse City	14	Phone 989 392-2004 or pdmarcomm@aol.com	The Case of Dr. Samuel A. Mudd, Trial and Lincoln Assassination	Available April-October
Davis, Paul	Traverse City	14	Phone 989 392-2004 or pdmarcomm@aol.com	Allegan to Andersonville: The Diary of George Bailey, 3rd Michigan Infantry	Available April-October
Davis, Paul	Traverse City	14	Phone 989 392-2004 or pdmarcomm@aol.com	The Guardian of the Great Lakes, USS Michigan	Available April-October
Davis, Paul	Traverse City	14	Phone 989 392-2004 or pdmarcomm@aol.com	The Other Civil War: The Navy Perspective	Available April-October
Davis, Paul	Traverse City	14	Phone 989 392-2004 or pdmarcomm@aol.com	Artifacts/Badges/Medals/Weapons Civil War Show and Tell	Available April-October
Davis, Paul	Traverse City	14	Phone 989 392-2004 or pdmarcomm@aol.com	4th Michigan Cavalry: Capture of Jefferson Davis/Benjamin Pritchard/Minty/Robert Burns/Kalamazoo	Available April-October
Davis, Paul	Traverse City	14	Phone 989 392-2004 or pdmarcomm@aol.com	Civil War Trivia Quiz with Audience Participation	Available April-October
Gibson, Gary	Kalamazoo	20	Phone 269 345-3827 or glgsuvcw@aol.com	Kalamazoo County and the Civil War	
Gibson, Gary	Kalamazoo	20	Phone 269 345-3827 or glgsuvcw@aol.com	Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) America's First National Veterans Organization	

## SUVCW Speakers Bureau

## Civil War Round Table Programs

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Department of Michigan

Holmes, Gary	Blissfield	43	Phone 517 673-0535 or gholmes@blissfieldschools.us	The 18th Michigan and the Sultana Disaster	
Ingall, David	Temperance	43	Phone 734 847-9527 or dcicw@yahoo.com	"The Forgotten Custer" Gen. George A. Custer's Life through the Civil War	
Ingall, David	Temperance	43	Phone 734 847-9527 or dcicw@yahoo.com	Michigan's Civil War Sites and Stories	
Ingall, David	Temperance	43	Phone 734 847-9527 or dcicw@yahoo.com	Detroit's Civil War Sites and Stories	
Ingall, David	Temperance	43	Phone 734 847-9527 or dcicw@yahoo.com	Monroe County Michigan in the Civil War	
Ingall, David	Temperance	43	Phone 734 847-9527 or dcicw@yahoo.com	Battle of the Little Big Horn "The Real Story"	
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	Phone 269 288-1655 or jjacks01@yahoo.com	The Irish Brigade in the Civil War	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	Phone 269 288-1655 or jjacks01@yahoo.com	Company K of the First Michigan Sharpshooters	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	Phone 269 288-1655 or jjacks01@yahoo.com	The 1st Michigan Colored Troops of the Civil War	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html
Swain, Gary	Kalamazoo	20	Phone 305 606-5699 or garyswain@acl.com	Michigan in the Civil War	Available April-October
Swain, Gary	Kalamazoo	20	Phone 305 606-5699 or garyswain@acl.com	Michigan and the Road to Disunion	Available April-October

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Brown, Cameron	Kalamazoo	135		Phone 269 625-0275 or cameronsbrown@frontier.com	Lincoln's Winning Smile	
Brown, Cameron	Kalamazoo	135		Phone 269 625-0275 or cameronsbrown@frontier.com	The Relevance of Abraham Lincoln	
Cox, Michael	Charlotte	17		Phone 517 449-7639 or mikecox954@gmail.com	First Person Impression of Senator Zachariah Chandler	
Gibson, Gary	Kalamazoo	20		Phone 269 345-3827 or gigsuvcw@aol.com	Kalamazoo County and the Civil War	
Gibson, Gary	Kalamazoo	20		Phone 269 345-3827 or gigsuvcw@aol.com	Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) America's First National Veterans Organization	
Holmes, Gary	Blissfield	43		Phone 517 673-0535 or gholmes@blissfieldschools.us	The 18th Michigan and the Sultana Disaster	
Ingall, David	Temperance	43		Phone 734 847-9527 or dcicw@yahoo.com	"The Forgotten Custer" Gen. George A. Custer's Life through the Civil War	
Ingall, David	Temperance	43		Phone 734 847-9527 or dcicw@yahoo.com	Michigan's Civil War Sites and Stories	
Ingall, David	Temperance	43		Phone 734 847-9527 or dcicw@yahoo.com	Detroit's Civil War Sites and Stories	
Ingall, David	Temperance	43		Phone 734 847-9527 or dcicw@yahoo.com	Monroe County Michigan in the Civil War	
Ingall, David	Temperance	43		Phone 734 847-9527 or dcicw@yahoo.com	"The Forgotten Custer" Gen. George A. Custer's Life through the Civil War	
Ingall, David	Temperance	43		Phone 734 847-9527 or dcicw@yahoo.com	Battle of the Little Bif Horn "The Real Story"	
Ingall, David	Temperance	43		Phone 734 847-9527 or dcicw@yahoo.com	Monroe's Historic Woodland Cemetery	

## SUVCW Speakers Bureau

## Historical Society Programs

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Department of Michigan

Ingall, David	Temperance	43	Phone 734 847-9527 or dcicw@yahoo.com	Monroe & Lenawee Counties' Underground Railroad and Black Civil War Troops	
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	269 288-1655 or jjacks01@yahoo.com	The Irish Brigade in the Civil War	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	269 288-1655 or jjacks01@yahoo.com	Company K of the First Michigan Sharpshooters	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	269 288-1655 or jjacks01@yahoo.com	The 1st Michigan Colored Troops of the Civil War	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	269 288-1655 or jjacks01@yahoo.com	The War of 1812-The Only War Partially Fought on Michigan Soil	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	269 288-1655 or jjacks01@yahoo.com	The Haskell Home Orphanage Tragedy	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	269 288-1655 or jjacks01@yahoo.com	Historic Oak Hill Cemetery (Battle Creek)	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html
Swain, Gary	Kalamazoo	20	Phone 305 606-5699 or garyswain@aol.com	Michigan in the Civil War	Available April-October
Swain, Gary	Kalamazoo	20	Phone 305 606-5699 or garyswain@aol.com	Michigan and the Road to Disunion: The Civil War and the War before the War	Available April-October
Swain, Gary	Kalamazoo	20	Phone 305 606-5699 or garyswain@aol.com	Talking Stones: History in our Cemeteries	Available April-October
Swain, Gary	Kalamazoo	20	Phone 305 606-5699 or garyswain@aol.com	Gravestone Preservation: Cleaning & Repair	Lecture and/or Cemetery Workshop- Available April-October



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Department of Michigan  
Curtenius Guard, Camp #17

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OFFICE OF JUNIOR VICE  
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

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Steven S. Martin, PCC

2022-2023

Date March 19, 2023

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Department Junior Vice Commander  
Department of Michigan  
Annual Report

Commander-in-Chief Frail, Department Commander Nathan L. Smith, Fellow Officers, Brothers, and honored guest.

It has been my pleasure to serve the 2022-2023 term as Junior Vice Commander of the Department of Michigan. I would like to thank all the brothers for the opportunity to do so.

During the 2022-2023 term, I was able to assist several brothers join the camp at large for various reasons. I also have had the pleasure of assisting new member prospects in locating camps that are near their home location. I have been able to assist in the communication of several camp JVC's and potential new members. One potential member is active military and currently stationed in the state of Maryland. I am currently working with him on becoming a new member in that state.

This year I have had the pleasure of participating in several zoom meetings with Brother John Conrad National Organization Expansion Officer, Kevin Martin NJVC as well as several DJVC from around the country. Much brainstorming has taken place during these meetings regarding recruitment techniques and retention of current members. Much of what has transpired at these zoom meetings will be brought forth at the National Encampment.

Thank you all so much for allowing me to serve our order. I look forward to assisting the advancement of our order in this coming year 2023-2024.

Respectfully Submitted

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Steven S. Martin, PCC  
Department Junior 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 139<sup>th</sup> Annual Department of Michigan Encampment**

**01 April 2023**

**To Commander In Chief Frail, Department Commander Smith, and the Brothers of the 139<sup>th</sup> Annual Department of Michigan Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.**

**I would like to thank the 139<sup>th</sup> Encampment for the opportunity to serve as Department Secretary for the 2022-2023 Term.**

**I also wish to thank Department Commander Smith, Chief of Staff David Smith, Executive Director David Demmy, Assistant Executive Director Susan Mitchell, the Department and Camp Officers for their aid in conducting the operation of my office.**

**I wish to thank Brother Jim Pahl, PCinC for his valuable assistance in the editing and publishing of the 137<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment proceedings.**

**This term all reports, forms, and necessary documents have been submitted to National Headquarters well before their required deadline.**

**I encourage anyone having questions about the preparation and processing of forms or the processes involved with their duties as Camp Secretary, do not hesitate to contact me please.**

**Last year, a group of updated forms were released by National Headquarters, I have and intend to publish a list of the updated current forms. This list will be updated and published as new forms are released.**

**I wish to note that the Form 22 Installation of Camp Officers report was very slow in reaching my office this year. I have hopes that next year will prove better.**

**Also, a couple of reminders, please report the passing of brothers to me and the Department Chaplain as soon as possible. Please mail the appropriate Form 30 to me as quickly as possible.**

**Please be sure that the updated Form 27 Annual Camp Report is used. This is necessary as the fee structure has changed.**



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



**I do appreciate the hard work of the Camp Secretaries and please feel free to contact me at any time.**

**I have one recommendation: I request that the Department Secretary's budget be raised by \$50.00. The cost of postage and general supplies have risen and strains the current budget, I also expect these costs to increase in the coming year.**

**Thank you and best regards,**

**Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,**

**Richard (Dick) Denney, PCC  
Secretary, Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**



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

April 1, 2023

### Report of the Department Treasurer

Commander Smith, Officers and Brothers of the Department of Michigan

The Department of Michigan has concluded the financial business of the 2022 Membership Year and our finances continue to be positive. We posted revenues and expenditures from normal operations of the General Fund during 2022 of \$5,788.53 and \$4,779.84 respectively to the General Fund. This resulted in an excess of revenues over expenses of \$1,008.69 for the year.

Total Net Assets available amounted to \$34,718.39 as of December 31, 2022. Of that total, \$65.42 is restricted for Gettysburg flag replacement. A total of \$33,221.97 represents unassigned cash that may be disposed of by this Encampment, \$100.00 is a site deposit for the 2023 Department Encampment and \$1,331.00 is inventory of Department merchandise available for sale.

The Department of Michigan Permanent Fund reflects a total of \$54,873.99, which consists of a permanently restricted balance of \$53,979.77 and a temporarily restricted income accumulation of \$894.22.

As directed by the 2020 Department Encampment a separate fund was created with a loan from the General Fund in the amount of \$10,000 for the purpose of providing initial funding for hosting the 2022 National Encampment to be held in Grand Rapids. As of 12/31/22 the National Encampment was successfully concluded, the loan repaid to the General Fund, an excess of revenues over expenses of \$10,135.43 was turned over to the General Fund and the National Encampment fund was closed.

I wish to report:

1. All bills have been paid, funds received deposited and all required reporting to the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have been submitted in a timely manner.
2. As directed by 2017-2018 Dept. Order #11, all IRS form 990N filings for Camps not opting to be treated as unincorporated associations have been timely filed by the Department Treasurer.

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

3. All permanent fund assets have been invested in government-backed securities, mutual funds invested in government backed securities or insured certificates of deposit through an Edward Jones account. A net yield of 1.63% on our investment for the year after amortization of bond premiums reflecting the low interest environment.

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

1. That the proposed 2023 operating budget for the General Fund, attached to this report, be accepted as presented.
2. Given the profession of the current Treasurer of the Department, that the Encampment Committee be instructed to not schedule Department Encampments for the remaining two years of his term before the established due date for filing individual income tax returns thereby enabling him to fulfill his duties to the Department by being able to participate in the proceedings.
3. Largely due to hosting two successful National Encampments in recent history, the Department General Fund checking account has a balance of \$33,221.97. The annual operating budget of the Department is less than \$5,000. This would indicate that the Department has accumulated cash in its checking account in excess of that needed for normal operations. The 501(c)(3) status granted to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War would argue against accumulation of funds versus its use for charitable and educational purposes. It is my recommendation that a special committee be appointed to:
  - a. Determine the amount of excess cash that exists at this time and,
  - b. Determine a plan to employ this resource in keeping with the spirit of the 501(c)(3) status of the Order.

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. 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  
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
 Financial Report-General Fund  
 For the Year ended December 31, 2022

**Balance Sheet**

<b>Assets</b>	
Cash in bank	33,287.39
Site Deposit for 2023 Dept. Encampment	100.00
Due from National Encampment Fund	0.00
Merchandise Inventory - Badges & Blazer Patches	1,331.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>34,718.39</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
	0.00
<b>Fund Equity</b>	
Unrestricted Balance	24,517.54
Transfer from National Encampment Fund	10,135.43
Restricted Balances	
Rally Round the Flag	65.42
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<u>34,718.39</u>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Equity</b>	<u>34,718.39</u>

**Statement of Revenues and Expenses**

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2022
<b>Revenues</b>	
Per-capita	2,628.00
Departmental Sales	1,416.00
Dept. Encampment Registration	280.00
Dept. Encampment Meals	0.00
Perm Fund Support-Encampment Costs - 2021	636.55
Perm Fund Support-Encampment Costs - 2022	808.98
Donations	19.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>5,788.53</u>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Cost of Goods Sold	442.00
Advertising - Banner & National Encampment	192.00
Shipping Costs	134.19
Department Encampment Costs	1,088.98
Insurance	90.00
Supplies	27.45
Donation to GAR Hall	200.00
Technology Costs	1,810.31
Graves Registration Project	0.00
Eagle Scout Awards	420.00
Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Project Donation	0.00
Gettysburg Wreaths	38.14
Officer & Committee Expenses per Guidelines	231.77
Past Dept. Commander Jewel	105.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>4,779.84</u>
<b>Net Revenue (Expense)</b>	<u>1,008.69</u>

**OPERATING BUDGET PERFORMANCE**

**Department of Michigan SUVCW 2022**

	Adopted Budget	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	Difference
<b>REVENUES</b>							
Department Per Capita	2,950.00	-	2,612.00	4.00	12.00	2,628.00	(322.00)
Sales	1,250.00	90.00	435.00	621.00	270.00	1,416.00	166.00
Brochure Sales	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	50.00	-	19.00	-	-	19.00	(31.00)
Perm Fund Costs Support 2021	636.25	-	636.55	-	-	636.55	0.30
Perm Fund Costs Support 2022	575.00	-	-	-	808.98	808.98	233.98
Encampment Registration	400.00	-	280.00	-	-	280.00	(120.00)
Encampment Meals	325.00	-	-	-	-	-	(325.00)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>6,186.25</b>	<b>\$ 90.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,932.55</b>	<b>\$ 625.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,090.98</b>	<b>\$ 5,788.53</b>	<b>\$ (397.72)</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>							
Cost of Goods Sold	500.00	30.00	100.00	234.50	77.50	442.00	(58.00)
Advertising	192.00	192.00	-	-	-	192.00	-
Officer & Committee Expenses	2,200.00	108.14	123.63	-	-	231.77	(1,968.23)
Officer Expenses not Claimed	(1,900.00)	-	-	-	-	-	1,900.00
Insurance	90.00	-	90.00	-	-	90.00	-
Technology Costs	1,000.00	-	112.31	270.00	1,428.00	1,810.31	810.31
Department Archives Project	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	(100.00)
Project GAR Records	500.00	-	-	-	-	-	(500.00)
Postage & Shipping	120.00	106.04	11.60	11.60	4.95	134.19	14.19
Dept. Encampment Exp.	1,300.00	-	888.98	200.00	-	1,088.98	(211.02)
Eagle Scout Program Awards	-	-	-	420.00	-	420.00	420.00
Graves Registration Project	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies & Other Expenses	-	-	27.45	-	-	27.45	27.45
Donation to Eaton Rapids GAR	200.00	-	200.00	-	-	200.00	-
Past C in C Gift	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	(100.00)
102 USCT Monument Pledge	500.00	-	-	-	-	-	(500.00)
PDC Jewell	120.00	-	-	105.00	-	105.00	(15.00)
Donations Approved at Encpmnt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gettysburg Wreaths	-	-	-	-	38.14	38.14	38.14
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 5,022.00</b>	<b>\$ 436.16</b>	<b>\$ 1,553.97</b>	<b>\$ 1,241.10</b>	<b>\$ 1,548.59</b>	<b>\$ 4,779.84</b>	<b>\$ (242.16)</b>
<b>Excess Revenues (Expenses)</b>	<b>\$ 1,164.25</b>	<b>\$ (346.16)</b>	<b>\$ 2,428.58</b>	<b>\$ (616.10)</b>	<b>(457.61)</b>	<b>1,008.69</b>	<b>(155.56)</b>

**REMARKS:** I failed to make the Encampment support transfer from the Perm Fund in 2021, Dept Council approved transfer in 2022 I did not write off the \$200 Encampment deposit against expense in the second quarter. Permanent Fund support for 2022 should be \$808.98.

**Department of Michigan**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
**Financial Report-Permanent Fund**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 2022**

**Assets**

Edward Jones Money Market Fund	5,002.64
Schwab Intermediate Term US Treasury	16,404.15
Vanguard Intermediate Term US Treasury	16,414.21
Farm Credit Bank Bond	7,030.42
Glens Falls NY Pub Impr GO	10,022.57
	0.00
	0.00
	0.00
Accrued Interest Purchased	0.00
	0.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><u>54,873.99</u></u>

**Fund Equity**

Restricted Balance	53,979.77
Temporarily Restricted Balance	894.22
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<u><u>54,873.99</u></u>

**Statement of Revenues and Expenses**

	<u>For the Year Ended</u> <u>December 31, 2022</u>
<b>Revenues</b>	
Interest Income	396.93
Amortization of Bond Premiums	-20.37
Dividend Income	517.66
Capital Gain Dividends	0.00
Transfer from General Fund	0.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>894.22</u>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Transfer to General Fund - Encampment Expenses	1,445.53
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>1,445.53</u>
<b>Net Revenue (Expense)</b>	<u><u>-551.31</u></u>

Department of Michigan  
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
 Financial Report-2022 Nat'l Encampment Fund  
 For the Period Ending December 31, 2022

<b>Assets</b>	
Cash in Bank	0.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Due to General Fund	0.00
<b>Net Assets</b>	
Net Assets	0.00
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<u>0.00</u>

**Statement of Revenues and Expenses**

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2022
<b>Revenues</b>	
ASUVCW Contribution	700.00
Other Donations	220.00
Program Advertising	2,860.00
Table Rents	275.00
Iron Brigade Badge Sales	9,920.00
Encampment Shirt Sales	3,585.00
Banquet Reservations	6,944.00
Tour Reservations	597.50
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>25,101.50</u>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Cost of Hotel	7,255.35
Cost of Sales - Shirts	1,638.00
Cost of Sales - Iron Brigade Badges	2,423.00
Delegate Badges	1,952.51
Shipping & Handling	714.60
Programs	1,435.28
Banquet Entertainment	600.00
Other Banquet Costs	672.05
Tour Expense	1,196.75
Supplies	445.37
Bank Fees	29.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>18,361.91</u>
<b>Net Revenue (Expense)</b>	<u>6,739.59</u>
Add SUVCW Contribution reported in 2021	3,500.00
Less Expenses reported in 2021	<u>-104.16</u>
<b>Overall Profit for Encampment</b>	<u>10,135.43</u>
Transferred to the General Fund	



Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Inventory of the Treasurer

January 17, 2023

In my possession are the following:

On my personal computer are all Word documents, Excel spreadsheets and other accounting records of the Department of Michigan.

On a separate portable hard drive are copies of all Excel and Word files that is kept in a fire proof safe.

The 2020, 2021 and 2022 accounting records in hard copy along with all current year records. These consist of all bank statements, brokerage statements, receipts, deposit records and invoices to support expenditures. Additionally, I have records for the forms 990N that were filed by the Dept. Treasurer on behalf of all Camps of the Department 2017 – 2021.

The check books and registers of the General Fund of the Department of Michigan.

All inventory of merchandise held for sale by the department including 3 Blankinton Kepi badges, 100 Coins for Anything Kepi badges, blazer badges and embroidered 7<sup>th</sup> Corps badge, 37 Michigan at Gettysburg reprints, as well as 2009 Department of MI Encampment badges and 2017 National Encampment Badges.

Department of Michigan  
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
 Proposed Budget  
 Year ending December 31, 2023

	Actual December 31, 2022	Proposed 2023 Budget
<b>Revenues</b>		
Per-capita	2,628.00	2,650.00
Departmental Sales	1,416.00	750.00
Dept. Encampment Registration	280.00	400.00
Dept. Encampment Meals	0.00	0.00
Donations	19.00	50.00
Permanent Fund Encampment Support 2021 *	636.55	0.00
Permanent Fund Encampment Support Current	808.98	900.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>5,788.53</b>	<b>4,750.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Cost of Goods Sold	442.00	200.00
Advertising	192.00	192.00
Postage & Shipping	134.19	110.00
GAR Records	0.00	500.00
Department Archives Project	0.00	100.00
Department Encampment Costs	1,088.98	1,300.00
Supplies	27.45	0.00
Insurance	90.00	90.00
102 USCT Monument Pledge	0.00	500.00
Technology Costs	1,810.31	1,000.00
Graves Registration Project	0.00	0.00
Donations-Kalamazoo Lincoln Project	0.00	0.00
Donations-Eaton Rapids GAR Hall	200.00	200.00
Eagle Scout Awards	420.00	0.00
Gettysburg Wreaths	38.14	40.00
Officer & Committee Expenses (Per guidelines)	231.77	2,200.00
Expected Officer Expense Shortfall in Requests	0.00	(1,950.00)
Past C-in-C Gift	0.00	100.00
PDC Badge	105.00	120.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>4,779.84</b>	<b>4,702.00</b>
<b>Net Revenue (Expense)</b>	<b>1,008.69</b>	<b>48.00</b>

\* This transfer was not made during the 2021 fiscal year. Subsequent transfer has been made during 2022 with the approval of the Department Council



David S. Smith, LM, PDC  
Chief of Staff & Council (Chair) - Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
david.smith@suvcwmi.org



## 2022-2023 CHIEF OF STAFF ANNUAL REPORT – DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

Department Commander Smith, Secretary Denney, and the Brothers of the Department of Michigan,

It has been my honor and privilege to serve for the 2022-2023 administrative term of the Department of Michigan. During the 2022-2023 administrative term an unusually low amount of Camps required Officer Installations, as the vast majority of Camps across the Department of Michigan retained their slate of Officers from the previous term. A cursory overview of the tasks assigned and performed during this term includes:

- Assisted and consulted with the Department Commander on various questions and tasks as requested.
- Tracked the Department Commander's official Department business schedule.
- Oversaw scheduling and tracking of the Installation of Camp Officers by the Department Commander or his representative. Provided aid and options to various Camps for installations as needed.
- Assisted various Brothers from around the Department as requested on numerous topics.
- Sent communications as required or requested.

DEPARTMENT PROPERTY: during this administrative term, I have had no Department property in my possession.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION 1: A resolution to be drafted (prior to the 2023 National Encampment) by the Department of Michigan to the National Organization to establish a National special committee to research and generate a census of current SUVCW Brothers that are "Real Grandsons". With the last of the Real Sons at present, Real Grandsons are our organization's next closest generation to our noble ancestors that preserved the Union. By identifying these living Real Grandsons that are almost certainly in very limited numbers, the SUVCW can commemorate their special place generationally within our Order, as well as tracking them for their remaining years.

RECOMMENDATION 2: This recommendation is submitted for referral to the Department of Michigan Bylaws Committee for the 2023-2024 administrative term, with the committee reviewing the recommendation to make a currently special committee into a standing committee and present the recommendation to the Camps within the Department at least 60 days prior to the 2024 Department Encampment for a vote at that event, the recommendation being:

The Military and Veteran Affairs Committee be made a standing committee, adding this within the Department of Michigan Bylaws in: ARTICLE IX – Committees, Section 1. Additionally, a description of the Military and Veteran Affairs standing committee should be added with the proposed language under ARTICLE IX – Committees, Section 14 as: "Section 14. The Military and Veteran Affairs Committee shall advise the Department and Camps of items of interest or that concern Veterans and current members of the U.S. Armed Forces. The committee may seek opportunities and recommend actions in which the Department can aid Veterans and current members of the U.S. Armed Forces. The committee shall consist of the Military and Veteran Affairs Officer (if so appointed) as Chair, with no fewer than four additional Brothers (with preference to Veterans or current members of the U.S. Armed Forces when possible) of the Department appointed by the Commander."



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**RECOMMENDATION 3:** This recommendation is submitted for referral to the Department of Michigan Bylaws Committee for the 2023-2024 administrative term, with the committee reviewing the recommendation to add a new annual award within the Department Bylaws and present the recommendation to the Camps within the Department at least 60 days prior to the 2024 Department Encampment for a vote at that event, the recommendation being:

The creation of the Keith G. Harrison Award for the Most Outstanding Website by a Camp as judged within the Department of Michigan during the administrative term. The proposed language for the award would be added to ARTICLE XIX-Awards and Insignia, Section 6, and is as follows: "Section 6. Authorization for the Keith G. Harrison Award is provided. A three-member panel consisting of three Brothers appointed by the Department Commander shall decide which Camp has the most outstanding website within the Department of Michigan based on review of Camp websites as nominated by Camps to the Department via the Department Secretary and/or Department Commander and thusly forwarded to the three-member panel for review over the course of a year, Encampment to Encampment, with a majority decision made 30 days prior to the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. Items to be evaluated by the three-member panel may include visual aesthetics and design of the website, functionality of the website, inclusion of interesting information, ease of contacting the Camp, up-to-date Camp information such as events and activities, cross referencing links to Camp social media channels, new features, etc. A certificate shall be awarded with the winning Camp's name and webmaster listed."

**RECOMMENDATION 4:** This recommendation is submitted for referral to the Department of Michigan Bylaws Committee for the 2023-2024 administrative term, with the committee reviewing the recommendation to add a new annual award within the Department Bylaws and present the recommendation to the Camps within the Department at least 60 days prior to the 2024 Department Encampment for a vote at that event, the recommendation being:

The creation of the Donald W. Shaw Award for the Most Outstanding Social Media Online Presence by a Camp as judged within the Department of Michigan during the administrative term. The proposed language for the award would be added to ARTICLE XIX-Awards and Insignia, Section 7, and is as follows: "Section 7. Authorization for the Donald W. Shaw Award is provided. A three-member panel consisting of three Brothers appointed by the Department Commander shall decide which Camp has the most outstanding presence within the Department of Michigan based on review of Camp social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, etc.) as nominated by Camps to the Department via the Department Secretary and/or Department Commander and thusly forwarded to the three-member panel for review over the course of a year, Encampment to Encampment, with a majority decision made 30 days prior to the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. Items to be evaluated by the three-member panel may include frequency of activity, postings of interest, ease of contacting the Camp, regularity of dissemination of Camp information such as events and activities, visual aesthetics and design of the page, cross referencing to Camp websites and/or other social media channels, etc. A certificate shall be awarded with the winning Camp's name and social media manager/administrator listed."

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/

David S. Smith, LM, PDC  
Chief of Staff - Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department Chaplain's Report  
139<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment  
Department of Michigan, SUVCW  
April 1, 2023

Brothers:

During the past year, the Camps of the Department witnessed the passing of five brothers. They are:

Brother Gary Norris Pritchard, Sgt. John S. Cosby Camp No. 427, May 31, 2022;

Brother Max D. Miller, Austin Blair Camp No. 7, September 18, 2022;

Brother Mike Shumway of Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17, September 22, 2022;

Past Commander-In-Chief and Past Department Commander Donald W. Shaw of Governor Crapo Camp No. 145, December 14, 2022; and

Past Commander-in-Chief and Past Department Commander Keith Graham Harrison of Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17, January 12, 2023.

It was my honor to participate in the role of Chaplain in the rite of burial for Brother Don Shaw. It was also my honor to officiate at the funeral for Brother Keith Harrison and participate in his rite of burial. The Department of Michigan and the national level of the SUVCW will greatly miss their leadership and guidance. We all will miss their friendship.

During the past year, I served on the J. Richard Greene Award Committee and was chairman for the Abraham Lincoln & Dr. Mary E. Walker Award Committee.

To help the Department Chaplain in his duties, I urge the various Camp Secretaries to inform the Chaplain of any serious health problems of any Brother and of any death within their Camp. It is the policy of the Chaplain to send get-well cards to the sick, and to inform the Department of the passing of a Brother and to send a sympathy card to the family.

At the invitation of Gov. Crapo Camp 145, I participated in both the Memorial Day and Veterans Day Observances at the Soldier's and Sailor's Monument in the City of Flushing Cemetery.

As the Encampment takes place two weeks before Easter, I do pray a most joyous Easter to all the Brothers of the Department of Michigan and their families. Our Captain in the well-fought fight is risen! He is risen indeed, hallelujah!

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
Chaplain Charles F. Buckhahn, PCC  
Department Chaplain, Department of Michigan, SUVCW



## REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR FOR THE YEAR 2022

During the 2022 term for the SUVCW Department of Michigan, the Department Counselor was contacted on several occasions by individuals seeking advice, interpretation, and guidance concerning a variety of items regarding the National and Department Bylaws, the Department Operating Guidelines and other questions concerning procedural matters not clearly defined in any of the written documents regarding the operation of the Department and/or items that should be examined and possibly be amended. The Counselor is aware of only one proposed amendment to the Bylaws which could then also require any change(s) in the Operating Guidelines to ensure compatibility in execution. That amendment was duly forwarded to the Bylaws Committee for examination and recommendation.

There were also additional proposed amendments to the Bylaws, for example language concerning the procedures for Best Newsletter examination and process were put forward, but failed consideration by the Encampment due to unusual and procedural issues.

Inquiries were also received from individual Brothers, as well as Camps concerning matters such as the National Dues increase and how to implement the General Order concerning the dues increase. The matter and procedures for establishing Camp Guards was also addressed. The Department Commander had requested guidance and interpretations regarding procedural matters and counsel about the Annual Department Site Selection Committee as well as individuals concerned with the various options open to them.

The Department Counselor is also an appointed member of the Bylaws Committee.

Typical inquiries that came before the Department Counselor included:

1. Procedures regarding assignment of Camp geographical boundaries.
2. Procedures concerning the Authority and Process for selecting the Annual Department Of Michigan Encampment.
3. Status of Dual Members and Credentials.
4. Judging Criteria and procedures for a Department Award.
5. Formation of a Camp Guard and who can serve on a Camp Guard.
6. Authority of Camp Guards and the Sons of Veterans Reserve.
7. Personal and Camp Liability Insurance and Certificate of same.
8. Authority and responsibility of a Camp Council.

Lastly, a matter of great concern occurred during the 2022 Department Encampment.

An individual was allowed to offer an Amendment to the Bylaws and a vote taken in violation of the Bylaws regarding a 60 days notice. It appeared that the motion and change to the Bylaws was voted on and approved for adoption. The party making the motion was in error. All parties that allowed the motion to go forward including the Department Commander, the Appointed

Encampment Counselor as well as the Appointed Encampment Parliamentarian remained moot and took no action to address this gross error.

Respectfully Submitted In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Paul Davis  
Department Counselor



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



**Report of the Military Affairs Officer's Report**

**April 1, 2023**

**Commander, Staff and Brothers,**

**I must start with an apology. While, yes, we did have a committee, but due to my own "putting off till tomorrow what can be done today", we did not function, a responsibility I take on myself.**

**We can still do the work of the order by reaching out to the American Legion, VFW, Vietnam Veterans, and other service-oriented groups.**

**Sometimes, we may be welcomed with opened arms. Other time, we may face a more difficult challenge.**

**If any other Military Affairs Officer has any input to offer, as to what works and what does not, it will be gladly accepted.**

**This is a new year. We can and will accomplish much more.**

**Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,**

**Edgar Dowd, PCC  
Military Affairs Officer  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**





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



**Report of the Department Color Bearer**

**April 01, 2023**

**Commander, Staff, and Brothers,**

**I bring this report as Color Bearer for the Department of Michigan, SUVCW. Several years ago, I was approached and asked if I would serve as Color Bearer. Long story short, I said "Yes". I can say I have enjoyed every moment of it. The "Colors" have gone wherever needed. Springfield, Ill. For the Lincoln Tomb Observance, Memorial Day, Veteran's Day and Gettysburg Remembrance Day to name a few. This year, the "Colors" were needed at two events that most of us wish we did not need to attend. I speak of the services for Past Commanders in Chief, Keith Harrison and Donald Shaw. While it was a difficult time, it was an honor to stand in tribute to them. I bring this to a close with the words of the National Anthem. "And this our motto- In God we trust and the Star-Spangled Banner in Triumph shall wave, o'er the land of the Free and the Home of the Brave.**

**Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,**

**Edgar Dowd, PCC  
Color Bearer  
Department of Michigan  
SUVCW**

## **WHY SUVCW INVOLVED?**

**1910 Boy Scouts of America formed and adopted as a platform which included escorting GAR members at reunions especially Gettysburg.**

**In 1938 at the dedication of the Eternal Flame at Gettysburg, Bud Atkinson, former Commander and Chief of the SUVCW was a 15 year old Boy Scout who wheeled GAR veterans around the battlefield. At that ceremony 14 members of the Michigan 14th acted as color guard. This was also the 150 anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg.**

**The boy scouts took care of members of the GAR. Now we return that favor by honoring Boy Scouts who reach the level of Eagle Scout, the highest honor of Boy Scouting.**

**I proudly wear Bud Atkinson past camp commanders badge and thats why I serve as Eagle Scout Coordinator.**

**Respectfully Submitted;  
In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty**

**Lloyd D. Lamphere, Sr.  
Eagle Scout Coordinator**

**TO: Michigan Department of SUVCW Encampment**  
**FROM: Lloyd D Lamphere, Sr. Eagle Scout Coordinator**  
**DATE: April 1, 2023**  
**SUBJECT: Eagle Scout Report**

**Miles Driven: 1,004 miles**  
**Nine Eagle Scout Awards Presented**  
**7-24-22 Aaron C. McGhee**  
**7-24-22 Evan P. McGhee**  
**7-24-22 Trevor J. Eisenbacher**  
**8-20-22 Zachary VanSlooten**  
**10-16-22 Spencer Melton**  
**10-24-22 Joseph Laird**  
**11-5-22 Benjamin Hunt**  
**11-06-22 Jacob Switala**  
**12-22-22 Jayce Douglas Elmore**

**EXPENSES: POSTAGE 8-16-22 \$1.44**  
**POSTAGE 8-16-22 \$2.40**

**50 ENVELOPES**  
**17 STAMPS**  
**1 LARGE MAILING ENVELOP**

**SUPPLIES ON HAND AT START: NONE**

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**7-3-22 Received 24 certificates from Dean Lamphere**  
**8-13-22 Received from Jim Lyons 10 Large Patch (6") \$70**  
**Received from Jim Lyons 10 Challenge Coins \$140**

**2023 Inventory**

**44 Eagle Scout certificates**  
**14 Large 6" patches**  
**1 Small 3" patches**  
**21 Challenge coins (Most received from Jim Lyon - improperly made - wrong colors)**

**A big thank you to David Wallace who prints out the certificates and letters of commendation for each eagle scout.**

**What happens at an eagle Scout Honor Court?**

**They are all different, determined by family and troop leadership. they must have 13 required merit badges - most have over 70. They must accomplish a project which require a minimum of 100 hours which includes family, troop members, and community to complete the project.**

**Required Merit Badges**

**Camping**

**Citizenship in Society**

**Citizenship in Community**

**citizenship in Nation**

**Citizenship in World**

**Communication**

**Cooking**

**Cycling**

**Emergency Preparedness**

**Family Life**

**First Aid**

**Personal Fitness**

**Personal Mangement**

**Sustainability**

**Who was the most famous Eagle Scout?**

**Michigan     President Ford, achieved his Eagle Scout rand in 1927.**

**USA             Neal Armstrong(first man to walk on moon) achieved his Eagle Scout rand in 1947.**

**TO: Michigan Department of SUVCW Encampment**  
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#	Department	Y	N	#	Hours	Amount
<b>Michigan</b>						
1	How many Civil War history education events conducted to include Patriotism, Americanism, and Civic Responsibility?			172	56	\$0.00
2	How many Civil War history education events conducted via living history or other venues?			24	4	\$0.00
3	How many flags given or sent to military troops?			1	0	\$0.00
4	Armed Forces Day	Y		2	3	\$20.00
5	Memorial Day Participation	Y		35	164	\$504.00
6	Flag Day Participation	Y		2	6	\$23.00
7	July 4 Participation	Y		6	3	\$112.00
8	Remembrance Day Participation	Y		9	664	4,010.00
9	Veterans Day Participation	Y		2	63	\$1.00
10	How many community events involving Patriotic Holidays			21	0	\$0.00
10a	How many Patriotic/ Americanism Essay Contest participation?			0	0	\$0.00
10b	Number of schools participating			0	0	\$0.00
10c	Number of youth groups participating			0	0	\$0.00
10d	Number of students involved?			0	0	\$0.00
11	Scholarships awarded if any			0	0	\$0.00
12	How did you promote the SUVCW in your community? to church and veterans groups, local cemetery boards & sextons Outreach to local historical villiage board Facebook, web-site, phone, text, in person, verbal, emails, ceremonies, rededications, personal carge supplies to veterans Maintenance of cemetery grounds, graves and monuments. Save the Flag program. On going research of ancestral heritage. Sharing historical informaton via social media to promote awareness and to provoke conversation. Community festival parade (Tuscola County). Giving of USA flag to replace tattered one at local home in community. Personal car supplies to the VA hospital in Saginaw, MI. Restoration of Genesee County cannon. Visit Veterans Hospital for donations Summer Picnic (1), Victorian Christmas Party (1), Harrison, Michigan - Mounument rededication/last Veteran ceremony - press releases & communication with the media Helped support Camp 28 Ceremony - press releases/ communication Harrison (MI) District Library - donation of GAR records and presentation	Outreach				
13	Did the SUVCW members wear and display member badges	Y				

14	How many Flag Etiquette programs did you provide to community, businesses and schools?			1	0	\$0.00	
15	Did you actively promote Patriotic Holidays participation in you camp?	Y		7			
16	Did you actively support the Eagle Scout Award program?	Y		2			
17	Did you actively support the JROTC/ROTC Cadet program?	Y		2			8
18	<p>What events or functions did your Camp participate in by show how important Patriotism/ Americanism is to our organization, community, state, and nation?            Outreach to church and veterans groups, local cemetery boards &amp; sextons            Outreach to local historical villiage board</p> <p>Our Camp Held Our Annual Memorial Day Service at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Lansing, MI.            We also Had a presence at the Memorial Day Service at Evergreen Cemetery in Lansing, MI. after our service at Mt. Hope Cemetery.            Our Camp had a Color Gurard in the Memorial Day Parade in Eaton Rapids MI as well as the 4th of July Parade in Eaton Rapids as well.            Our Camp held a Memorial Service for departed Brother Dana Traub prior to the Camp Meeting July 2022.</p>						
19	Did your camp include our Sisters from the Allied Orders	Y					
20	How many events were the Sisters of the Allied orders included?						19
21	Was a Patriotic Instructor appointed	Y					
22	Camp Patriotic Instructor provided and/or educational presentations at Camp meetings?	Y		21			
23	As Camp Patriotic Instructor; what forms of communication did you use? Verbal, phone, email, text, You Tube, social media, work with camp Signلمان to keep communications moving forward. Oral presentations, written material, and email. Email, snail mail, telephone						

Camp #	# 2	# 3	# 7	# 14	# 17	# 20	#22	#28	#43
Camps Reporting	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Events	9	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0
Hours	3	0	0	0	555	0	0	0	0
Amt	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$559.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

**Camp Highest Reporting**

	<b>#145</b>
Events	72
Hours	1645
Amt	\$9,090



**Camps Reporting**

#58	#67	#85	#120	#135	#145	#160	#180	#250	#255	#266
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
14	0	0	0	22	72	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	168	1645	0	0	0	0	0
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$9,090.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

#427	#444	#462	Totals
1	1	0	10
10	52	0	202
11	248	0	2638
\$2,400.00	\$2,160.00	\$0.00	\$14,509.00

Feb 20, 2023

Commander and Brothers of the Department of Michigan,

This has been a hectic year for the Signals Officer and Webmaster. I have been hard at work maintaining the department Website, and the National Encampment Site. We were successful in presenting a great Website for the National Encampment. I have been able to proactively maintain the Department Website, uploading all Department and General Orders in a timely manner, Uploading the Michigan's Messenger shortly after it is produced.

But, through much exploring and thought, I have come to the conclusion it is time to move beyond our current situation. The following recommendations are hereby being submitted:

1. The Department needs to move to a new style of Website. With the following criteria:
  1. A template based, Content managed system, probably WordPress. This is due to the reduced number of Brothers able to code. WordPress is also included in our Web Hosting Service at BlueHost. A Limited technical advise contract has been procured.
  2. A Web Redesign committee needs to be created. This should contain brothers with design and Implementation experience.
2. The Department Discontinue active support of the Michigan Graves Database. We lack the expertise and funds to continue to maintain the current site. We will direct brothers to the National site. Our site will continue, but not be updated.
3. The Department needs to actively seek brothers with a desire to assist in the technology areas of the Order. These could be new brothers or current brothers who have not been reached out to.
4. I recommend that every camp in the Department, who has their online information published by the Department, submit to the Webmaster, no later than 2 weeks after the installation of their Camp Officers, the information they want published on the Department Website for their camp.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Robert R Payne, PDC  
Department Signals Officer  
Department Webmaster



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



**Office of the Editor – *Michigan's Messenger***

*To Department Commander Nathan Smith and the Attendees of the 139th Department of Michigan Annual Encampment,*

*Greetings.*

*This will serve as the final report for the year 2022-2023 of the activities of the Editor of Michigan's Messenger the official newsletter of the Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.*

*Currently, Michigan's Messenger is sent electronically to all Camps within the Department. In addition, Michigan's Messenger is sent to all Department Officers and to the Commander-in-Chief*

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

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

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

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

**Richard E. Danes, PCC  
Editor Michigan's Messenger,  
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 GRAVES REGISTRATION  
OFFICER



*To Department Commander Nathan Smith and the Attendees of the 139th Department of Michigan Annual Encampment,*

*Greetings.*

*This will serve as the final report for the year 2022 - 2023 of the activities of the Department Graves Registration Committee.*

*Reiterating my report from past years, the achievements of the Committee, although significant, did not meet the stated goals of previous year's Committee Reports - we were not able to recover all graves related records from all camps, and although we encouraged all camps to appoint an active Graves Registration Officer (CGRO), some camps still fail to do so. I will be happy to share the Camps that do not participate at a later time.*

*The Committee met twice this year, creating a meaningful dialog that is useful to Camp Graves Registration Officers and provided a forum to express ideas, concerns, and to spend time teaming about the resources available to them.*

*We use a handbook developed by the committee that standardizes abbreviations, sources, and report content.*

*Starting in 2023, we are no longer updating the Michigan Graves Database. It will still be available to utilize, but we recommend using the National Graves Database at [www.suvcwdb.org](http://www.suvcwdb.org) for the latest information. As always, we are continuing to support the National Graves database.*

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

## Report of the Civil War Memorials Officer for the 139<sup>th</sup> Annual Department of Michigan Encampment, Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

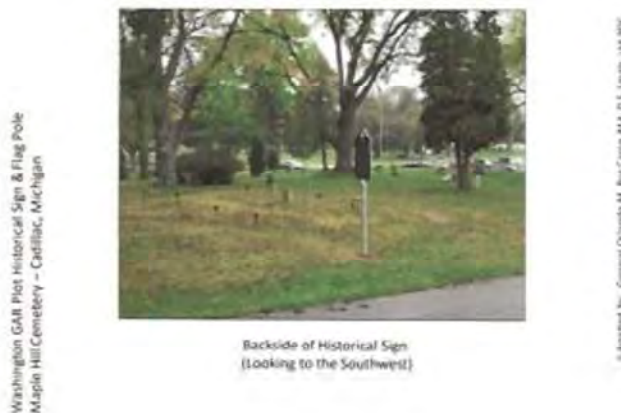
I would like to report that the catalog of the Michigan Memorials and Monuments erected to the veterans of the Civil War is still in my possession and in good order.

For the year ahead, I would also like to nominate Brother Len Sheaffer, the current Commander of the General Benjamin Pritchard-Camp 20, to assume the role of the State of Michigan Memorials and Monuments Officer for the Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Prior to transitioning the State of Michigan Memorials and Monuments records over to Brother Len, I plan on reviewing all the records that I have in my possession as well as electronic files.

### Events from 2022:

- 1) Form 61 report for the GAR Historical Sign and Flag Pole located in Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac, Michigan. Form 61 report attached.



- 2) Form 61 report for the 1916 GAR Monument located in Maple Grove Cemetery in Harrison, Michigan. Form 61 report attached.



- 3) The historic Detroit house of Ulysses S. Grant finds a new home at Eastern Market, Detroit, Michigan, August 2022.



Julia and Ulysses S. Grant lived in Detroit between April 1849 and May 1851. Beginning in June 2019, the home they lived in will be given a new life through the Grant Home Project and the Michigan History Center, part of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and Eastern Market Partnership, the relocation, rehabilitation and reopening of the Julia and Ulysses S. Grant Home is underway.



The Michigan History Foundation, a non-profit organization that provided fundraising support for the Michigan History Center, and managed the campaign.

The home, which has been on the grounds of the former Michigan State Fairgrounds at Woodward Avenue just south of 8 Mile Road, moved 15-miles to its new home at Detroit's Eastern Market.

The move, which took about three and a half hours, took a route that avoided traveling under any bridges and minimized time on main thoroughfares. Nonetheless, the house, which traveled at an average of 6 miles per hour, slowed traffic on Woodward, Van Dyke and Gratiot Avenues at different times that the morning.



#### Ulysses S. Grant Home 6.12.2022

- Restored and relocated on site to host community events
- Outdoor garden accommodates indoor/outdoor functions



The long-awaited move of the Detroit home in which Julia and Ulysses S. Grant lived in took place without incident.

- 4) New memorial in Ypsilanti's Highland Cemetery Honors Black Civil War Veterans, on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022.



The memorial honors nearly 40 Black Civil War casualties or veterans who are likely buried in Ypsilanti's historic Highland Cemetery.

The memorial was unveiled in a ceremony on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, with about 150 people in attendance. State Rep. Ronnie Peterson was instrumental in securing funding from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs for the memorial, while Ypsi-based historian Matthew Siegfried contributed research about Civil War casualties and veterans. Ypsilanti-based sculptor and retired Eastern Michigan University (EMU) professor John Pappas designed the memorial.

Additional support was provided by a long list of local veterans groups, including the Buffalo Soldiers Detroit, and the Palm Leaf Club of Ypsilanti, an African-American women's organization, which has committed to long-term maintenance of the memorial.



Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist (at right, in suit) helps unveil the monument.

Barry LaRue, Ypsi resident and secretary for the Highland Cemetery Association's board of directors, says he and the board are "proud to memorialize [the soldiers'] service along with all veterans who have served our country in its time of need."

There are probably nearly 40 Black Civil War casualties or veterans buried in Ypsilanti's historic Highland Cemetery. The cemetery records 19 marked gravesites of Black Civil War soldiers. Another 19 are believed to be buried on or near Highland's grounds, but records and headstones are missing or incomplete for some of those honored by the memorial.

"Highland Cemetery is pleased to have a veterans' memorial to honor those African-American soldiers who fought to end the scourge of slavery," LaRue says. "Starting with the Jim Crow era in the 19th century and spanning much of the 20th, the participation of these men was largely ignored."

Peterson says he attends an annual Memorial Day service every year, and several veterans have pointed out to him that Black Civil War soldiers were buried at Highland Cemetery. Military tombstones in the veteran section of the cemetery indicate the burial of "colored troops," as they were referred to at that time, but the vets who spoke to Peterson didn't feel that was enough.

"They needed more recognition. They went into battle when they were barely free and fought for this country," Peterson says. "I'm a civil rights [movement-era] kid, and I can't even picture that. They can go and fight but can't eat at a restaurant counter or stay in hotels."

Black men began serving in the U.S. Colored Troops (USCT) directly after the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863. Nationwide, USCT soldiers made up 10% of all Union soldiers by the end of the war. Siegfried's research found that Ypsilanti's African-American population was especially eager to serve, with as many as 75% of all Black men of eligible age and health status signing up to serve in the Civil War.

Peterson suggested commissioning Pappas to design the memorial, in part because the sculptor has already created historical markers across southeast Michigan. Pappas' works can be found on sites ranging from the EMU campus to the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan headquarters in Detroit.



Monument sculptor John Pappas.

Pappas says he looked up historical photos and researched the USCT after taking the commission for the memorial. He says learning how those returning soldiers were often treated brought tears to his eyes.

The piece went through several iterations, but the final design shows three soldiers, inspired by historic photos of the time, at the top of the piece with three eagles of war underneath. Pappas says he avoided images of weaponry, as he felt they weren't central to the monument's message.

"I figured ... I was going to take a much more contemplative look," he says. "I wasn't going to show battles and fighting. Instead, I was going to focus on this whole idea of these men deciding, 'What am I going to do with my life?'"

Pappas tried to imagine what the looks on the soldiers' faces would be as they made that important life-changing decision. "Are they questioning? Are they reflective? What's the story?" he says.



The new monument in Highland Cemetery honoring Black Civil War veterans who are buried in the cemetery.

5) Michigan Legion Family participates in Wreaths Across America and honors US Civil War Veterans.

Blowing snow and freezing temperatures didn't stop members of Leighr A. Wright American Legion Post 53 and the Hillsdale, Mich., community from honoring all US Veterans in local cemeteries by placing wreaths on their gravesites on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022.



Nearly 200 participants joined American Legion Post 53 members to lay wreaths on veterans' gravesites at Oak Grove Cemetery in Hillsdale, Michigan where more than 1,000 wreaths were laid between Oak Grove and Lake View Cemeteries.



Jonesville American Legion Post 195 Honor Guard presented a three-volley salute and the playing of taps to conclude ceremony to kick off the Wreaths Across America event at Oak Grove Cemetery.



Wreaths were also laid at the Civil War Memorial section in Oak Grove Cemetery, which marked the beginning of the first Wreaths Across America event in Hillsdale, Michigan. Members of the American Legion Post 53 family spearheaded the fundraising and organized the event to lay wreaths at the gravesites of more than 1,000 veterans in hope of beginning a new tradition in their community.

Recommendations:

- Maintain that all records are up to date and secure.
- Update contact information for reporting for the new Monuments and Memorials Officer.
- Continue to help with the enhancement of Departments/Camp's ability to catalog Graves, GAR Posts and Memorials/Monuments as well as other databases.

It has been an honor to have served the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as the Monument and Memorials Officer, and I am looking forward to working with and assisting the next Memorials and Monuments Officer for the Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the years ahead.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

John McGill

Memorials and Monuments Officer, Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Camp Commander - Sgt. John S. Cosbey Camp 427

*Legal Heir and Successor of the Grand Army of the Republic*

Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
April 1, 2023

Report of the G.A.R. Records Officer and Committee

Dear Commander Smith,

I am happy to report that it has been a very successful year for your G.A.R. Records Committee. Your committee continues to seek out records and information related to posts and comrades of the Department of Michigan

The teamwork of your committee, coupled with the willing assistance of a few other Brothers and Sisters, has resulted in the following:

Upon discovering the listing on Ebay of several record books and documents belonging to the Bradley Post No. 221 of Harrison, Michigan, I contacted headquarters informing of same, to discuss the possibility of obtaining these records through a third party. Department Chief of Staff, Brother David Smith, PDC, took it upon himself and purchased several of the lots listed. He was successful in obtaining the following:

Meeting minutes 1894 – 1902.

Dues Notices

Bond Certificate for the Post Quartermaster

Post Officer Installation Reports of various years

Quartermaster & Adjutant Quarterly Reports

Electronic copies have been shared with this committee, and will be deposited in the archives.

Brother David Smith also shared the Post Descriptive Book of Washington Post No. 444 of Cadillac, Michigan. He and his wife, Sister Lisa Smith of the Auxiliary, obtained these records many years ago. They have graciously provided electronic scans of the pages, as well as a transcription of this volume to make research easier. The original now resides with the Wexford Genealogical Society, with the caveat that if the time ever comes when they cannot care for the records, they will come back to Brother Smith. By having the records held by an organization, such as the genealogical society, it fulfills the wishes of the Grand Army that their records reside within their local communities. These records will also be loaded on a flash drive and placed in the archives.

The Department and this committee are greatly indebted to Brother Dave and Sister Lisa for their dedication to preserving the history of the Grand Army.

Last fall, Brother Gary Swain, Department Sr. Vice Commander, presented a program in Van Buren County. After the program, Gary was approached by a representative of the Van Buren County Genealogical Society, and was given two bound volumes. These turned out to be photocopies of records from the Broadhead Post No. 31 of Paw Paw. One book includes photocopies of the Post Adjutants Quarterly Record and Roll of Officers from 1886 to 1896,

including a few GAR transfer cards for select members. The second book contains copies of Muster Rolls for approximately the same time period. These were accepted by Brother Swain and given to the G.A.R. Museum for safe keeping.

I am also very happy to report that the records of this committee continue to safely reside in the archives of Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall & Museum. The museum has recently contracted with an archivist, who has been re-organizing and cataloging the records held within that institution, so that they are easy to locate, and we know exactly what is included within each file. The money for this project was provided to the museum through the generosity of our recently departed Brother, Past Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison.

During the past year, I answered three separate inquiries from researchers looking for information on comrades and posts of Michigan. In most cases, I am able to provide the requested information. In each instance, I ask the question of the requestor, "did you have an ancestor who served in the Union Army or Navy during the Civil War?"

Special mention must be made of Brother Tom Bruce of Camp No. 20. His dedication to this work is greatly appreciated.

For the Committee:

J. Douglas Park, PDC, Camp No. 17  
Thomas Bruce, Camp No. 20  
Blaine Valentine, PCC, Camp No. 22

And long-time committee member, Brother Keith Harrison.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Gary L. Gibson, PDC  
G.A.R Records Officer

**Appendix D**  
**Correspondence**





**CDR Roderick J Fraser Jr., USN (Retired)**

Department of Massachusetts

Col Robert Gould Shaw Camp No. 54

Tel.: (617) 201-0105 Email: rjfraserjr.usn@gmail.com

### **Candidacy for Council of Administration**

Brothers,

It has been my great honor to serve as a member of this Order and to hold positions of leadership and responsibility entrusted to me by my fellow Brothers. I value and appreciate all of the hard work, you, the Brothers of this order do to keep alive the memory of our ancestors who fought so valiantly to preserve the Union and to end the scourge of slavery.

With this letter, I am seeking your support for my candidacy and your vote for election to the Council of Administration at the 2023 National Encampment in Nashua, New Hampshire. I have outlined my personal accomplishments in the attached resume.

It is my great honor to represent my great, great, great Grandfather, George Alexander McCluskey, who served in the 1st Maine Cavalry, Company K. George, an orphan, joined the first Maine Cavalry under an alias when he was only 17 years old. At the Battle of St. Mary's Church, he was captured by the Confederates. He was held as a prisoner of war at Camp Sumpter prison at Andersonville, Georgia, and remained a prisoner until the end of the war. Additionally, I have a supplemental registration for my great, great uncle Francis Xavier Albert, 10th Maine Infantry, Co. D.

I am the current Department of Massachusetts Senior Vice Commander and hold a commission as a Lieutenant in the Sons of Veterans Reserve. I serve as the Public Information Officer for the First Military District.

I am a 20+ year veteran of the United States Navy and retired from the Navy in 2006. I look forward to serving you and this order on the Council of Administration.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roderick J Fraser Jr.", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Roderick J Fraser Jr.

## Resume of Roderick J. Fraser Jr.

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

#### Awards

- Awarded the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star (2022)
- Awarded the Department of Massachusetts Roger L. Olsen Brother of the Year Award (Twice awarded)
- Department Of Massachusetts, Department Commander Certificate of Appreciation (three awards)



#### Positions of Leadership in the Order

- Senior Vice Commander, Department of Massachusetts
- Past Junior Vice Commander, Department of Massachusetts
- Camp Commander, Col Robert Gould Shaw Camp 54, Dept of Massachusetts
- Junior Vice Commander Governors Elisha Dyer Camp 7, Dept of Rhode Island
- Former Camp Secretary, Col Robert Gould Shaw Camp 54
- Lt, Public Information Officer, 1st Military District Sons of Veterans Reserve
- Member, National Committee on Promotions & Marketing
- Editor of the Department of Massachusetts Newsletter *The Clarion Call*
- Editor of the 1st Military District Sons of Veterans Reserve Newsletter
- Charter member of the Col Robert Gould Shaw Camp 54 in Boston, MA
- Member of the Encampment Host Committee for the 2018 National Encampment in Framingham, MA.
- Member of the Encampment Host Committee for the 2023 National Encampment in Nashua, NH.

#### Projects

- Initiated and led a Department project to raise funds and erect a Memorial Monument to the first African American Union Army Nurse, Susie Baker King Taylor, who was buried in Boston without any notation of her name and accomplishments.
- Initiated and led a Camp and Department major project to restore the General Charles Russell Lowell GAR Post No. 7 burial plot at Mount Hope Cemetery in Boston.
- Authored a Camp Secretary's Handbook for the National Organization, which is under review by the National Secretary.
- Filming and editing a series of video interviews with SUVCW members for the Order's, "What Makes Us Sons" video series on the SUVCW's YouTube channel.
- Built and administers the official SUVCW Youtube Channel

## Professional Career

- Vice President of Sales; Rolls-Royce Marine North America, Inc. (2019 - present)
- Senior Consultant; Professional Leadership and Management Services (2016 - 2019)
- Director of Business Development; Veolia North America, Inc. (2014 - 2016)
- Commissioner, Boston Fire Department, City of Boston, MA (2006 - 2014)
- Surface Warfare Officer, United States Navy (1986 - 2006)
  - Commanding Officer USS UNDERWOOD (FFG 36) during Operation Iraqi Freedom
  - Director Of Engineering & Damage Control, Surface Warfare Officers School Command
  - Executive Officer, USS THOMAS S GATES (CG 51)/Staff Executive Officer, NATO Standing Naval Forces Atlantic
  - Director of Navy Engineering Training
  - Director of Navy Fire Fighter and CBRN Training
  - Chief Engineer, USS YORKTOWN (CG 48)
  - Chief Engineer, USS ROBERT G. BRADLEY (FFG 49)
  - Engineering Instructor, Surface Warfare Officers School Command
  - Division Officer, USS FORRESTAL (CV 59)

## Education

- MA, National Security Affairs and Strategic Planning
- MA, Master of Marine Affairs
- BS, Marine Engineering

U.S. Naval War College  
University of Rhode Island  
Maine Maritime Academy

## Personal Awards

- Meritorious Service Medal - 2
- Navy Commendation Medal - 3
- Navy Achievement Medal - 2
- Presidential Unit Citation
- Meritorious Unit Commendation - 2
- National Defense Service Medal
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- United Nations Service Medal
- Pistol Marksmanship Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Armed Forces Service Medal
- Nato Medal

## Organizational Memberships

- General Society of Mayflower Descendants
- Jamestowne Society
- Society of Colonial Wars
- Society of the Cincinnati
- Sons of the American Revolution

- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
- Veterans of Foreign Wars

**Appendix E**  
**Reports of Special & Standing Committees**



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Department of Michigan  
General Benjamin Pritchard, Camp 20

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Gary L. Swain, DSVC, PCC  
697 Wynding Oaks  
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February 23, 2023

Department Secretary Dick Denny  
Department of Michigan

RE: RECOMNDATION TO CHANGE THE DEPARTMENT BY-LAWS-  
DEPTMENT ENCAMPMENT SELECTION PROCESS

The Department By-Laws Committee received a single proposed amendment to the Department By-Laws, during the past year. The proposed amendment, submitted by a member of the By-Laws Committee, suggested modifications to the selection process for the site and date of the annual Department Encampment

The Department By-Laws Committee could not agree as to some of the details. The Committee would appreciate additional time to continue to research this issue to render an informed recommendation. The objective of the Committee is to submit an endorsed recommendation to the 2024 Department Encampment.

Respectfully Submitted

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Gary L. Swain, PCC  
Department Senior Vice Commander  
Department of Michigan, SUVCW



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



**Report of the J. Richard Green Award Committee**

*To Department Commander Nathan Smith and the Attendees of the 139th Department of Michigan Annual Encampment,*

*Greetings, Brothers,*

*This will serve as the final report for the year 2022-2023 of the activities of J. Richard Green Award Committee.*

*The committee, consisting of Department Chaplin Charles Buckhahn, Department Secretary Richard Denney, and Michigan's Messenger Editor Richard Danes received and reviewed 13 Camp newsletters from 4 Camps.*

*This years' assessment was based on the following items:*

- *Readability (including spelling and grammar);*
- *Content (including reports, ancestor vignettes, Department and National Organization news);*
- *Appearance (includes placement of text and photos, and use of color)*
- *Distribution (do all Camp members receive each edition – what other distribution is there), and;*
- *The regularity of publication (monthly, quarterly, etc.)*

*The results were unanimous in awarding the 2022- 2023 - J. Richard Greene Award for the best Camp Newsletter to the General Orlando Poe Camp 444's "The Engineer & Mechanic", David Smith, LM, PDC, Editor.*

*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 we are gone?*

Registrant's Name	Checked Into Encampment (Yes/No)	Camp No	Camp#	Camp Name		
Frail, Bruce	Yes	000	0	Headquarters	Commander-in-Chief	Bruce Frail
Freshley, Ken	Yes	000	0	Headquarters	Past C-in-C	Ken Freshley
Kimble, David	Yes	007	7	Austin Blair	Past Camp Comm.	David Kimble
Armstrong, Jon	Yes	017	17	Curtenius Guard	Delegate	Jon Armstrong
Dickinson, Aaron	Yes	017	17	Curtenius Guard	Delegate	Aaron Dickinson
Grimes, David	Yes	017	17	Curtenius Guard	Delegate	David Grimes
Holcomb, Harold E.	Yes	017	17	Curtenius Guard	Delegate	Harold E. Holcomb
Martin, Steven	Yes	017	17	Curtenius Guard	Past Camp Comm.	Steven. Martin
Pahl, James B.	Yes	017	17	Curtenius Guard	Past C-in-C	James B. Pahl
Park, J. Douglas	Yes	017	17	Curtenius Guard	Past Dept. Comm.	J. Douglas Park
Payne, Robert	Yes	017	17	Curtenius Guard	Past Dept. Comm.	Robert Payne
Brennan, Bill	Yes	020	20	Gen. Benjamin Pritchard	Past Dept. Comm.	Bill Brennan
Gibson, Gary L.	Yes	020	20	Gen. Benjamin Pritchard	Past Dept. Comm.	Gary L. Gibson
Shearffer, Jr, Leonard	Yes	020	20	Gen. Benjamin Pritchard	Camp Commander	Len Shearffer Jr
Swain, Gary	Yes	020	20	Gen. Benjamin Pritchard	Past Camp Comm.	Gary Swain
Sible, Brent T.	Yes	058	28	Alexander French	Camp Commander	Brent T. Sible
Cordill, Todd	Yes	058	58	George W. Anderson	Delegate	Todd. Cordill
McInerney, Len	Yes	067	67	U.S. Grant	Past Camp Comm.	Len McInerney
Bennett, John	Yes	135	135	March to the Sea	Delegate	John. Bennett
Denney, Dick	Yes	135	135	March to the Sea	Past Camp Comm.	Dick. Denney
Worley, Charles	Yes	135	135	March to the Sea	Past Dept. Comm.	Charles. Worley
Dowd, Ed	Yes	145	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Past Camp Comm.	Ed. Dowd
Graves, Daniel	Yes	145	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Past Camp Comm.	Daniel. Graves
Katz, Eric G.	Yes	145	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Delegate	Eric G. Katz
Lamphere Sr, Lloyd D	Yes	145	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Past Camp Comm.	Lloyd D. Lamphere Sr
Lamphere Jr, L. Dean	Yes	145	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Past Dept. Comm.	L. Lamphere Jr
McKinch, Terrance	Yes	145	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Past Dept. Comm.	Terrance. McKinch
Minor, John H.	Yes	145	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Delegate	John H. Minor
Taylor, Gene	Yes	145	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Delegate	Gene. Taylor
Wallace, David F.	Yes	145	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Past Dept. Comm.	David F. Wallace



Willett, Dale	Yes	145	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Delegate	Dale Willett
Willett, Sean	Yes	145	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Alternate Delegate	Sean Willett
Zabicki, Neal N.	Yes	145	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Delegate	Neal N. Zabicki
Smith, Nathan	Yes	255	255	LeValley - Heusted	Dept. Commander	Nathan Smith
Danes Sr., Richard E.	Yes	427	427	Sgt. John Cosby	Past Camp Comm.	Richard E. Danes Sr.
Aurand, Dale L.	Yes	444	444	General Orlando M. Poe	Past Dept. Comm.	Dale L. Aurand
Smith, David S.	Yes	444	444	General Orlando M. Poe	Past Dept. Comm.	David S. Smith



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Department of Michigan

# ROLL CALL VOTE

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 04/01/2023

This vote will be a roll-call of the Camps in numerical order. Voting will be by voice vote by the Camp Commander or Senior most Delegate from the listed Camp and should list the candidate and the number of votes for each. The Delegate voicing their vote shall verbally name their selection. Department Council positions will be called by Council 1, Council 2, and Council 3.

### Nominated Candidates for Positions:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Camp No.	Camp Name	Delegate Strength	Vote for (List Names and Vote Count Below)
2	Gen. Israel B. Richardson	0	
3	Sgt. Henry E. Plant	0	
7	Austin Blair	1	
14	Robert Finch	0	
17	Curtenius Guard	8	
20	Gen. Benjamin Pritchard	4	
22	Colgrove-Woodruff	0	
28	Alexander French	1	
43	Nash-Hodges	0	
58	George W. Anderson	1	
67	U.S. Grant	1	
85	Frederick H. Hackeman	0	
120	Gilluly-Kingsley	0	
135	March to The Sea	3	
145	Gov. Henry Crapo	12	
160	Henry Wallace	0	
180	Carpenter-Welch	0	
250	Wa-Bu-No	0	
255	LeValley-Heusted	1	
266	Albert and James Lyon	0	
427	Sergeant John Cosby	1	
444	Gen. Orlando M. Poe	2	
462	Russell A. Alger (Camp-at-Large)	0	

Notes: 35

Elected Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Votes Obtained: \_\_\_\_\_

Certified by: Richard Denny Department Secretary Witnessed: [Signature]

**2022/2023**  
**Summary Report of the SUVCW-Dept. of Michigan Kalamazoo**  
**Abraham Lincoln Statue Special Committee**



Sculptor Bill Wolfe's clay rendering of the bust of the planned Kalamazoo Lincoln statue.

The members of the SUVCW-Dept. of Michigan Special Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Statue Committee are pleased to submit the following report of activities since the committee's last submission.

By way of background, delegates of the 138th Department of Michigan Encampment voted to contribute up to \$5,000.00 to the Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Institute (KLI) in support of the Institute's fundraising goal of \$150,000 to pay for the sculpting of a bronze statue of Mr. Lincoln for placement in Kalamazoo's Bronson Park. The funds were to come from any profit the Department would realize in hosting the 2022 SUVCW National Encampment in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Due to a successful fundraising drive on the part of the KLI, the Institute met its fundraising goal in advance of the Department's determining its fund balance following the hosting the National Encampment. Consequently, the Special Committee in concert with the KLI decided to gratefully turn down the donation pledged by the Department of Michigan. The Institute has asked the committee to convey its sincere appreciation to the Department of Michigan for such a willing pledge of generosity.

The Special Committee facilitated the application for Camp 135 Brother Cameron Brown to set up vendor tables at the 2022 Department and National Encampments to promote the statue fundraising effort. The Special Committee wishes to thank Brother David Kimble for his contribution of funds received from selling Civil War related books. No other meetings or actions of the Special Committee were undertaken during 2022.

As of this date, the clay model rendering of the statue by Terre Haute sculptor Bill Wolfe has been nearly completed and awaits its foundry casting in bronze. The Special Committee has been informed that overall progress on the statue is ahead of schedule for the countdown to the August 27<sup>th</sup> dedication in Kalamazoo's Bronson Park.

The statue's granite pedestal was ordered last December and should be delivered to Patten's Michigan Monuments by this spring for preparation for delivery to Bronson Park in advance of the August dedication date. The KLI is currently working with a local structural engineer and the Kalamazoo Parks Department to prepare the park site for the proper placement of the Lincoln statue.

Further activities of the Special Committee will likely center on consultation regarding the dedication ceremonies set for August 27<sup>th</sup>.

The members of the Special Committee want to express their appreciation to the SUVCW-Department of Michigan for the privilege of being appointed to serve on this committee to work alongside the KLI in achieving the common goal of honoring America's Civil War President, Abraham Lincoln. We believe we have honored the charge to assist the Institute in this unique endeavor and we look forward to seeing all of our efforts realized on August 27, 2023

We conclude our report with an open invitation offered by the Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Institute for the Brothers and Sisters of the Department of Michigan Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic to attend the historic statue dedication, which will commence at 2:00 pm in Kalamazoo's Bronson Park on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Please save the date and join us one and all.

Submitted March 11, 2023

Chuck Worley (PDC), Committee Chair

Terry McKinch (PDC), Member

Gary Swain, (Dept. of MI Senior Vice Commander, PCC), Member

Bruce Gosling (Dept. of MI Treasurer, PDC), Member

Cameron S. Brown, Member

**Appendix F**  
**Recommendations**

**Appendix G**  
**Department Council Report**



Department Council  
2022-2023

Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



22 March 2023

Department Commander Smith and the Brothers of the Department of Michigan,

During the 2022-2023 administrative term, the Department Council has performed the following activities:

- Per the Department Bylaws, the Department Council set the dues for the Camp-at-Large to remain as the current Department and National per capita with no other increase.
- Reviewed the Department Financials throughout the year as submitted by Department Treasurer Gosling.
- Reviewed and approved a 10 October 2022 request for \$1,500 for Bluehost from the Communications and Technologies Committee. The \$1,500 was for technical advice and council on helping the committee move forward with a new Department Website. If the committee did not use the entire amount, as it was billed as they use it, Bluehost would either refund or extend the contract until the amount purchased is used. PDC Payne made the request on behalf of the Communications and Technologies Committee, and recused himself from voting on this matter. Vice Chair PCC Kimble and Chair PDC Smith approved the request. On 17 October 2022, notification of approval was sent to the committee.

In closing, the Department Council is extremely pleased with the financial success of the 2022 National Encampment held in Grand Rapids as has been previously outlined by Department Treasurer Gosling. Kudos must be given to PCinC James Pahl and the 2022 Host Committee for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Department of Michigan Council

David Smith, LM, PDC – Chair  
David Kimble, PCC – Vice Chair  
Robert Payne, LM, PDC – Secretary

**Appendix H**  
**Resolutions**





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



**Resolution of the 139<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Department Encampment held at Midland, MI on April 1, 2023.**

**"The Department of Michigan supports the National Organization's efforts to identify the children of Real Sons and Daughters."**

**Dick Denney, PCC  
Secretary, Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

**Appendix I**

**SUVCW Special Committee to Review Membership Qualifications  
Report and Recommendations to National Encampment**

**Appendix J**  
**Credentials Committee Report**



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Department of Michigan

# ROLL CALL VOTE

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 04/01/2023

This vote will be a roll-call of the Camps in numerical order. Voting will be by voice vote by the Camp Commander or Senior most Delegate from the listed Camp and should list the candidate and the number of votes for each. The Delegate voicing their vote shall verbally name their selection. Department Council positions will be called by Council 1, Council 2, and Council 3.

### Nominated Candidates for Positions:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Camp No.	Camp Name	Delegate Strength	Vote for (List Names and Vote Count Below)
2	Gen. Israel B. Richardson	0	
3	Sgt. Henry E. Plant	0	
7	Austin Blair	1	
14	Robert Finch	0	
17	Curtenius Guard	0	
20	Gen. Benjamin Pritchard	4	
22	Colgrove-Woodruff	0	
28	Alexander French	1	
43	Nash-Hodges	0	
58	George W. Anderson	1	
67	U.S. Grant	1	
85	Frederick H. Hackeman	0	
120	Gilluly-Kingsley	0	
135	March to The Sea	3	
145	Gov. Henry Crapo	7	
160	Henry Wallace	0	
180	Carpenter-Welch	0	
250	Wa-Bu-No	0	
255	LeValley-Heusted	1	
266	Albert and James Lyon	0	
427	Sergeant John Cosby	1	
444	Gen. Orlando M. Poe	2	
462	Russell A. Alger (Camp-at-Large)	0	

Notes:

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Elected Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Votes Obtained: \_\_\_\_\_

Certified by: \_\_\_\_\_

*Richard Denny*  
Department Secretary

Witnessed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Appendix K**  
**Nominating Committee Report**



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



**Office of the Nominating Committee**

To Department Commander Nathan Smith and the Attendees of the 139<sup>th</sup> Department of Michigan Annual Encampment,

Greetings.

This will serve as the final report for the year ~~2022-2023~~ **2023-2024** of the activities of the Department Nominating Committee.

This year the committee members appointed by Commander Smith were Brothers Dale Aurand PDC, Charles Worley PDC, Gary Gibson, PDC, Gary Naugle, PCC, and my self as chair.

All committee members worked as a team and achieved the goal of presenting a slate of good men for this Encampment's consideration for election as your ~~2022 - 2023~~ **2023 - 2024** Department Officers.

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

This year, the Nominations Committee was unable to find a volunteer who was acceptable to fill the Junior Vice Commander position. Therefore we recommend that nominations be taken from the floor to fill the slate.

Of course any time prior to our election of officer's, any Brother may rise and nominate any other Brother for consideration for any of the elected offices.

The recommended slate of officers are:

Commander	Gary L. Swain, PCC
Senior Vice Commander	Steven S. Martin, PCC
DJVC	OPEN
Treasurer	*Bruce S. A. Gosling, PCC
Secretary	*Richard Denny, PCC
Department Council	<del>Charles L. Worley, PDC</del> <b>David S. Smith PDC</b>
	Robert R. Payne, PDC
	David W. Kimble, PCC

This slate as presented by the Nominations Committee does not necessarily constitute an endorsement for any candidate.

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

Chairman, 2023 Nomination Committee  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

\*Elected until 2025.