

# Michigan's Messenger



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## New Department Recognition

Since its design and production by Department Commander Wallace, the Department of Michigan's *Certificate of Appreciation* (ref: page 4, Nov. 1996 *Michigan's Messenger*) has been presented to several adopters of original Civil War Battleflags carried by Michigan Volunteer Regiments. The award has been well received by recipients and with the blessing of the State of Michigan's *Save the Flags* project, our Department Recognition has now become a regular part of all Civil War Flag Adoption Ceremonies. In addition to his own presentations, Commander Wallace has called upon the Department Senior Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander to "do the honors".



*Proud parents Martin and Deborah Bertera with son Jason and Dept. JVC Kent Armstrong*

The photograph shows young Mr. Jason Bertera (16) with his proud parents after receiving our recognition from Dept. JVC Kent Armstrong. The occasion was Jason's adoption of an original flag of the 4th Michigan Volunteer Infantry at Tecumseh, Michigan on November 2, 1996. As many of you know, an "adoption" represents the donation to the State of at least \$1,000.00, thus allowing the money to go toward the conservation of a particular flag of the donors choice. Martin Bertera, Jason's father, said that his son "raised most of the money by picking up pop cans, dipping into his savings and hitting up friends and relatives for small donations." Marty and Jason have both been recommended for membership in Camp No. 76, forming in Monroe.

## SOS! — Save Outdoor Sculpture!

We have the honor to report a very positive response from many of you, in regard to the special *Save Outdoor Sculpture!* "update" that was mailed out with the committee's introductory cover letter this past summer. This committee is charged with the responsibility to inform you about the SOS! program, which is a joint project of the Smithsonian Institution's *National Museum of American Art* and the *National Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Property*. The benefit of SOS! to our Order is a data base which includes every GAR and other Civil War theme monuments (only those with sculpture atop them) and expert advice on fund raising for the preservation of the sculpture which interests us. They also have advice for contacting professionals to do the actual restoration or conservation work.

The preservation of monuments, memorials and outdoor sculpture that was erected and dedicated by the GAR is one of the most important purposes of our Order! Obviously, project SOS! is focused on sculpture, but we can utilize advice and information from them, toward *all* physical tributes to the soldiers and sailors who served the Union.

This committee encourages all Departments and the Camps within them, to accept the challenge of inspecting and recording the condition of each and every memorial in their locale, dedicated to Union servicemen of the American Civil War, 1861—1865. Ideally, photographs of all viewable sides should be included with written data. This effort should include everything! This means: memorials/monuments with sculpture; those without sculpture; dedicated cannon; and even the most modest plaque. It is all a part of the heritage we must protect!

Please contact SOS! headquarters if there is a Civil War related sculpture near you in need of attention. Those who identify themselves as a member of the SUVCW and mention their special newsletter will receive the *SOS! Veteran's Resource Packet* (while supplies last). It contains more info on various projects involving military monuments across the nation and fundraising ideas. SOS! headquarters may soon be able to offer small grants (matching funds) to help with a professional evaluation of an outdoor sculpture's condition and prose best care. You may telephone 1-800-422-4612 and ask to speak with Anita Overcash or Lynn Clark.

This committee also encourages Departments, Camps and interested individuals to call SOS! and purchase their fundraising kit, which includes two video tapes, plus other written ideas on how to raise money for the restoration and perpetual care of outdoor sculpture. The last price quoted was \$7.00, which includes shipping and handling.

We will soon be distributing an info packet that lists SOS! Surveys for each state and their established contact persons. This will be sent to each Department Commander for review and further distribution to Camps and/or interested individuals within each Department. An info flyer on SOS! Workshops will also be sent to each Department.

Things are starting to happen all over the country for the good of Civil War related memorials! Earlier this year (1996), our committee asked then Commander-in-Chief Medert to officially recognize those responsible for the restoration of the GAR monument in Wooster, Ohio. We asked him to honor Brother Brad McGowan (Dept. of Iowa), who has helped raise nearly \$200,000.00 for work on the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument in Des Moines! We welcomed C-in-C Loomis' appointment of Brother McGowan to this committee. In Pennsylvania, Brother Alan Sweeney has already worked with SOS! to save outdoor sculpture in Scranton and greater Lackawana County. He and his Brothers of Ezra S. Griffin Camp No. 8 may soon take on the challenge of restoring the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument near them. They are also considering work on a Philip Sheridan Monument. In Michigan, the Brothers of Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 53 are raising funds for the restoration of the GAR Monument in the public cemetery at Shepard and this committee's chairman is doing the same for the GAR Monument at Wacousta. Another member of our committee, Danny L. Wheeler (National Historian and PDC, Dept. of New York), is very active in the preservation of Veterans' Memorials of all eras all over his state.

How about you?! Please tell us about any restoration/conservation project and its progress. Send your report to:

Bradley S. McGowan  
344 South Maple Street  
West Branch, Iowa 52358

The committee chair has sent our National leadership references of laws in Michigan and Ohio that provide for the upkeep of Veterans' Memorials. Since the Public Acts of one state are sometimes adopted by others, it is this committee's respectful request that this be investigated in all states which have monuments and memorials to those who served and sacrificed to save the Union. It is our hope that these examples serve to solidify legislation that will protect, as well as preserve all GAR property!

I am Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

*Kent L. Armstrong*  
Chairman, National SOS! Committee

## Department Orders No. 3

Series 1996/1997

1. It is my sad duty to report that the following Brothers and Sister were called by our Great Commander to the Grand Army above: Past Commander-in-Chief Fred H. Combs, Jr., William D. Boldt — Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 of Flint, and Gail Seitz, Past National President — Daughters of Union Veterans. In testimony of their loyalty to their country and her glorious principles of freedom; of their private character as citizens, and as true and loyal members of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, I direct that all Camp Charters will be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days.

2. Congratulations to our Brothers of the newly organized Henry W. Quigley Camp No. 147 of Cadillac. I know that all Brothers will join me in extending a Brotherly welcome to Camp Commander Pete Carlson and the other Brothers of the Henry W. Quigley Camp in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

3. Our Mid-Winter Conference will be held on Saturday, February 15th at 1:00 pm at the Best Western Midway Hotel and Conference Center, 7711 West Saginaw Highway., Lansing. The Washington-Lincoln Dinner will follow in the evening at the same location. *All Camp Officers are Strongly Urged to Attend This Conference.* This is your training and is meant to help you in the administration of your Camp in all aspects. If you're not there, then you will not have the opportunity to interact and offer your input. *Also, Please Submit Your Registration Form as Instructed.* For further information on this training opportunity contact Past Department Commander, James T. Lyons at (517) 482-9360.

4. All Brothers and Camps are reminded that any proposed changes to the Department Bylaws need to be submitted to the Department Bylaws Committee. As any proposed changes need to be circulated by the committee at least 45 days prior to the Department Encampment, proposed changes need to be submitted now. Please direct them to the Bylaws Committee Chairman, Senior Vice Department Commander Paul D. Hodges.

5. All Brothers and Camps are reminded that the Abraham Lincoln Award can be conferred upon a deserving individual or entity at the recommendation of a three member panel based upon a submission from a Camp or Brother. Nominations for the award should be submitted on a single 8 1/2" by 11" sheet of paper describing the contribution made by the nominee to the attention of the Department Secretary, Richard F. Lee, and should be post-marked no later than April 5, 1997. Recipients will be announced at the Allied Orders Banquet following the Department Encampment.

6. All Camps and Brothers are reminded to commemorate

the birthday of Abraham Lincoln on February 12th. Traditionally within our Order, this day was referred to as "Union Defenders' Day", and was "to be observed with appropriate exercises in honor of the Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines of the Army and Navy of the United States, 1861 - 1865".

7. All Camps and Brothers are reminded to commemorate the birthday of U.S. Grant on April 27th — his 175th! Ceremonies are conducted by the Department of New York at the Grant Tomb on Riverside Drive in New York City. Camps and Brothers can participate through memorial contributions as outlined in *The Banner*.

8. The annual Winter Muster, co-sponsored by the Department Color Guard, the 30th Michigan Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve, will be held on March 7, 8, and 9 at Crossroads Village in Flint, Michigan. This is an excellent training opportunity for those Brothers and Camps who want to develop a Camp Color Guard or who are interested in joining the Department Color Guard, and includes the School of the Soldier and ceremonial training. Troops will be quartered in a heated indoor facility. Last year, 65 people participated in the training. For further information, contact the Department SVR Adjutant, Lt. Daniel V. Graves at: (810)639-5275.

9. All Camps are reminded that Form 22 - *Installation of Officers*, is to be completed and returned to the Department Secretary as soon as possible after Camp installation ceremonies. It is very important that this information be forwarded to the Department, and is required to be submitted by the Bylaws and the Constitution and Regulations.

10. The Department Secretary requests (and is supported in his request by the National Secretary) that all Camps review the materials submitted to the Department to ensure that they are complete and accurately filled out prior to submission. Strange as it may sound, we really do use the information forwarded to the Department, as does the National Organization (the term "mailing list" comes readily to mind). But, this information is only as good as the quality of the submission (if any). So, to paraphrase "the Bard", "The fault, Dear Brutus, may not lie in our stars, but in the quality of submissions to the Department".

11. Brother Wade Chapman (Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145) is hereby appointed to the position of Department Camp-At-Large Coordinator for the Russell A. Alger Camp No. 462 for the remainder of this term. The Department Commander extends, on behalf of the Officers and Brothers of the Department of Michigan, thanks for services rendered by out-going coordinator, Brother William Morris.

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## Department Officer Reports

### Senior Vice Commander

Our Order's concerns with membership can be separated into two parts. The first is the *recruitment* of new members. Equally important is the second, the *retention* of current members.

The significance of attracting and inducting new Members, Associates and Juniors has been well recognized. The Department has been organized to that end, with a Membership Committee led by the Department Junior Vice Commander and including all Camp Junior Vice Commanders. Recruiting efforts are carried out across the state and membership awards are available.

But what are we doing to keep new members and those of long standing interested and active? Are they welcomed and encouraged to participate? Do they get a sense of belonging? Or do we get too busy to include them? How many men join and come to a few meetings, only to stop attending before long for no apparent reason? Some seem to join at one door and soon leave via another.

Welcoming new inductees is something we all can do. Since it is easier for some folks than others, here are some suggestions. Greet the new Brother by name. Ask about his interests. Inform him about the Camp's activities and invite him to join in them. The Camp Commander can send a letter of greetings together with Camp information, such as a meeting schedule,

a membership roster, a roll of the officers and a list of the committees. The Department can help by having each Michigan's Messenger list the new members by name, municipality and Camp. (Mr. Editor: Please note!)

Fraternity of the new members within a Camp can be fostered in a variety of ways. Find out why absent Brothers are not attending. Share rides to meetings with one, two or more people. That can be very enjoyable, as well as helpful, as I've discovered in my 50 mile round trips to Camp meetings. Having every member on one (or more) committees benefits the individual as well as the Camp in general.

The *Order of Business* calls for asking, "Does any Brother know of a sick Brother or Brother's family in distress?" Appropriate follow-ups to a reported illness can be personal inquiries or visits, sending cards and offering help, depending on circumstances.

These suggestions admittedly are neither new nor applicable solely to our Order. They are presented now simply as reminders. Membership is a personal matter, not a numbers game. Find ways for supporting all our members as they share in promoting the principles of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

*Paul D. Hodges*  
Department Senior Vice Commander

### Chaplain

As the Christmas holiday nears and the New Year is about to begin, I reflect back through this past year with a great feeling of honor and gratification. These feelings come out because you Brothers in the SUVCW and SVR have stood with me in glory at so many memorials this year.

Although every single memorial I attended this year helped me gain the utmost respect for our organizations, the most touching were doing my great great grandfather's in Vassar, the Grand Rapids Soldier's Home and of course the grand daddy of them all, Gettysburg on Remembrance Day. I was just overwhelmed at all three. Thanks again to Brothers David Wallace and Terry McKinch for inviting me to Grand Rapids and Gettysburg.

Another area of my duties took me to Lansing for the flag restoration events and the SUVCW Department Encamp-

ment, where I had the privilege to be in the SVR Honor Guard ceremonies. To conclude, I will tell you all how proud I am to be your Chaplain and wish you and your family Happy Holidays.

P. S. — I should also tell you that I have already begun working on another big Memorial Day ceremony. The event will be May 26th, at 2 pm at Wenona Park in downtown Bay City. The event will be similar to the one in Vassar last year, but bigger, because I am including some Civil War history, songs and poems of African Americans, Native Americans and Hispanic Americans.

Yours, in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

*Gordon F. McAllister*  
Department Chaplain

## Department Officer Reports

### Junior Vice Commander

Greetings, gentlemen. I hope that all who read this will join me in a New Year's Resolution to again, bring at least one new Member, Junior, or Associate into the Order this year, via a Camp of the Department of Michigan.

**Communication** — Let me say again, that all Camp Junior Vice Commanders are automatic members of our Department's "Membership Committee." Per Department Bylaws, "The purpose of the committee shall be to put forth proposals and implement programs for the recruitment of Brothers into the Order." I would still like to hear from all who served as a Camp JVC in 1996. I would appreciate a brief report of your Camp's recruitment efforts and any ideas that you would like to share for the improvement of the "process." My thanks to the JVCs of Camps 43, 58, 101 and 145 for their feedback.

**Attention Camp Secretaries & JVCs!** — Here's an idea to speed up the process of bringing someone new into the Order. For those prospective Members and Associates who are referred to me, I would like to furnish an application that includes dues rate and initiation fee for the nearest Camp. Therefore, I respectfully request this info from each Camp, with the name and address of the Camp Secretary or the person assigned by your Camp to receive and process applications. I can then print this on an application that an interested recipient may complete and submit with his check — without the extra wait to hear from someone at the Camp level. All Camps will still be notified of any referral so personal greetings may be extended with a warm invitation to the Camp's next meeting.

All newly elected/installed Camp JVCs are again requested to send me your name and address so I may continue referring candidates for membership to your Camp, without interruption. Thank you.

I am preparing a *Recruiting Packet* for distribution to each JVC attending the Mid-Winter Conference next month. I look forward to seeing you there.

**New Recruiting Tool** — The following is a letter I have submitted to our National Leadership that requests their consideration of a professionally made video to become our *ultimate recruiting tool*. I also offered possibilities for content and use of the finished product.

November 6, 1996

Dear Brothers:

I would like to submit the following idea for your consideration and follow-up discussion at the upcoming Council of Ad-

ministration meeting at Gettysburg this month. How do you feel about our organization having a promotional videotape being made? I propose that a "first-rate" product be made by professionals to serve as our ultimate recruiting tool.

Its content could be something like this: It opens with a glimpse of the American Civil War, with a description of the terrible loss of life on our soil, countryman vs. countryman, etc., etc. That opening segment closes with recognition of our country (*Union*) saved, and at what price. Next, the emergence of the GAR, what it stood for, what it became, what it accomplished, etc., etc. Much should be said of the establishment of Decoration Day — and the tradition of Memorial Day that has followed. The GAR's respect and support of veterans from wars that followed should also be touched upon. Then, the emergence of our Order *before* the twilight of the GAR. This segment is where we let our viewers know: who we are; what we're all about; where we've been; and where we're going. I propose that even in this section, the video not focus on any of us individually, but rather what we do collectively to honor all Civil War soldiers and sailors, as the GAR did. Our efforts to preserve Civil War related memorials, GAR Halls, documents and memorabilia play into this well. Our Graves Registration work should be highlighted too. With the whole thing narrated by a seasoned practitioner, this could be a high quality product to be proud of. What I would like to see is something that presents an example that will draw people toward us and make them want to be a part of our organization as Members or Associates. It can then be obtained by Camps across the country and shared with those in their communities. With the right product, even the most inexperienced speaker could let this "do his talking" and then afterward handle a more comfortable exchange of handshakes and application distribution.

Needless to say, it may take some time to raise the funds, but this would allow our historians, technicians and public relations folk to better prepare the desired result. Thank you for considering this matter. *(End of Letter)*

I would appreciate learning how YOU feel about this, too. Support for the idea should be expressed to the SUVCW National Communications & Technology Committee c/o Brother Glenn B. Knight, Chairman. His address is: 233 Conway Drive, Lititz, PA 17543-8589. E-mail = [gknight@sucvw.org](mailto:gknight@sucvw.org) Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please be advised that you may now also reach me by Fax at (517) 669-1865 or e-mail, [KENT24MICH@aol.com](mailto:KENT24MICH@aol.com).

Respectfully submitted in F., C., & L.,

*Kent Armstrong*  
Department Junior Vice Commander

## Department Officer Reports

### *SVR Adjutant*

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of one of our reservists. On 27 October, 1996, William Bolt, Private, Company B, 30th Michigan Volunteer Infantry passed away. At Brother Bolt's funeral, Governor Crapo Camp performed a SUV burial service. Members of the Camp's Color Guard and the SVR gave a final salute to Brother Bolt by firing three volleys. This was a fine tribute to Brother Bolt.

In November, the National Military Affairs Committee, with the support of Commander-in-Chief Loomis, approved the promotion of Major Keith G. Harrison to the rank of Brigadier General. General Harrison is now the commanding officer of the SVR. Congratulations, sir!

It is my pleasure to announce the promotion of another reservist. Effective 8 October, 1996, David D. Rehkolf is promoted to the grade of Corporal of Company A. He will be serving under 1st Sergeant Pahl.

I would also like to welcome a new reservist. Brother Wade E. Chapman enlisted as a private in Company B on 7 December, 1996. Please join me in making him welcome.

Please continue forwarding your 1997 dues to me. The fee for all non-commissioned officers and enlisted men is \$5.00 per year. My address is as follows: 7270 Morcrest Lane, Flushing, MI 48433. I would like to have everyone paid up before the end of March.

The following information concerns the troop strength reported to the District Adjutant in December, 1996:

#### 30th Michigan Volunteer Infantry

##### 1-Captain

Company A	Company B
1-1st Sergeant	1-2nd Lieutenant
1-Corporal	1-1st Sergeant
1-Drummer	2-Corporals
8-Privates	22-Privates

This gives us a total of 38 reservists in the Michigan Military Department. In November, Major Harrison was promoted to over-all command of the SVR, therefore General Harrison is no longer reported on my district reports.

The members of the Michigan Military Department have been very busy. This is a very brief overview of some of the communities and dates that we have appeared in this fall. Lansing, 27 October and 14 December; Mt. Pleasant, 10 November; Flushing, 11 November; Gettysburg, 16 November; Flint, 19 November. I appreciate the efforts of all the reservists who participated in these events. Thank you!

Captain McKinch is busy preparing this year's schedule of events. In my next report, I will have information concerning this year's events.

I would like to close by thanking all the reservists in the Department for making 1996's busy schedule successful. I salute each and everyone of you for your service to our communities and country.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

*1st Lt. Daniel V. Graves*  
Adjutant

### *Camp Organizer*

I have the honor to report the opening of the **Henry White Quigley Camp No. 147** at Cadillac, to serve the greater Wexford County area. The name and number honor a man who served in Co. E, 147th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Three descendants of Henry Quigley are Charter Members of our Department's newest Camp. One of the descendants, Merle "Pete" Carlson, is a Past Commander of the SUVCW Camp in Dayton, Ohio. I want to thank Brother Carlson for his efforts at the local level to make this new Camp a reality. I also want to express my appreciation to Department Commander Wallace, Secretary Lee, and Brother Douglas Armstrong of Camp No. 58 for their assistance at Cadillac on December 8, 1996.

In addition to the areas listed in the November 1996 Department Newsletter, we also have an effort underway to form a Camp that will serve the St. Joseph County area.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

*Kent Armstrong*  
Department Camp Organizer

## Department Officer Reports

### Treasurer's Report

The following statements have been reported from the books and records of the Department.

**Department of Michigan — SUVCW  
Statement of Assets, and Liabilities and Fund Balance  
At 30 November 1996**

<b>Assets</b>	
Checking Account	\$2,367.99
Savings Account	3,670.08
Russell Alger Memorial Fund	<u>515.95</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$6,554.02</b>

<b>Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Due Camp-at-Large	\$ 67.25
Due SVR	122.00
Miscellaneous	<u>7.00</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$196.25</b>

<b>Fund Balance</b>	
Restricted Funds	\$5,841.82
Unrestricted Funds	<u>515.95</u>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$6,357.77</b>

**Total Liabilities and Fund Balance** **\$6,554.02**

**Statement of Revenue and Expenditures  
As of 30 November 1996**

Revenue	\$2,057.15
Expenditures	<u>-1,904.37</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	\$152.78

Total Fund Balance Beginning of Period \$6,204.99

**Total Fund Balance End of Period** **\$6,357.77**

Dated 14 January 1997  
Yours in F., C. and L.,

*James T. Williams*  
Department Treasurer

### GAR Cannon Returned!

I have the honor to report that the Civil War Cannon barrel taken from the G.A.R. Memorial at White Pigeon, Michigan is **BACK!**

The fact that it had been taken, was brought to my attention in mid-June of 1996. Mr. John Wagner of White Pigeon was very upset about the situation and called the State Capitol to see what could be done. He was "passed around" a bit until someone thought of "one of those Civil War guys" and referred him to me. The ordnance piece itself, is a 24-PDR. "Flank Howitzer," M1844 that was donated by the Federal Government to the Elliott Post No. 115 of the GAR at White Pigeon on January 30, 1899. The Comrades of the Elliott Post installed this cannon barrel as a memorial in the White Pigeon Township Cemetery where it proudly stood for approximately 95 years. It was removed by an Industrialist with Historical Society ties, who sold Township Officials on the idea that he could take better care of it than letting it continue to stand out in the weather, etc. The Industrialist replaced the original ordnance with a nonfunctional replica barrel on the base of the GAR Memorial and then set about putting the original tube onto a carriage. When the original cannon began to appear at parades and such — and even fired, it seemed to some folks that it was becoming a "personal toy".

With the help of Commander-In-Chief Alan R. Loomis, Past C-in-C Keith G. Harrison, Department Commander David F. Wallace and National/Department Counselor James B. Pahl, we have successfully convinced the Township Officials that this cannon be returned to its rightful, intended place as a GAR Memorial — honoring all who served and sacrificed to save the Union! When I spoke with the White Pigeon Township Supervisor in mid November, 1996, he confirmed that the cannon is now back in possession of the Township and that plans are progressing for its rededication when good weather returns this Spring. It goes without saying that this should be focused to coincide with Memorial Day, Brothers. Final details will be posted in the Spring '97 newsletter. For now, please consider attending and help celebrate this success of our cause.

I have recommended Mr. Wagner for membership in the Camp forming to serve St. Joseph County, and to receive Official Recognition for bringing this to our attention so that we could "right this wrong."

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

*Kent Armstrong*  
Department Junior Vice Commander



## Department Officer Reports

### Civil War Memorials

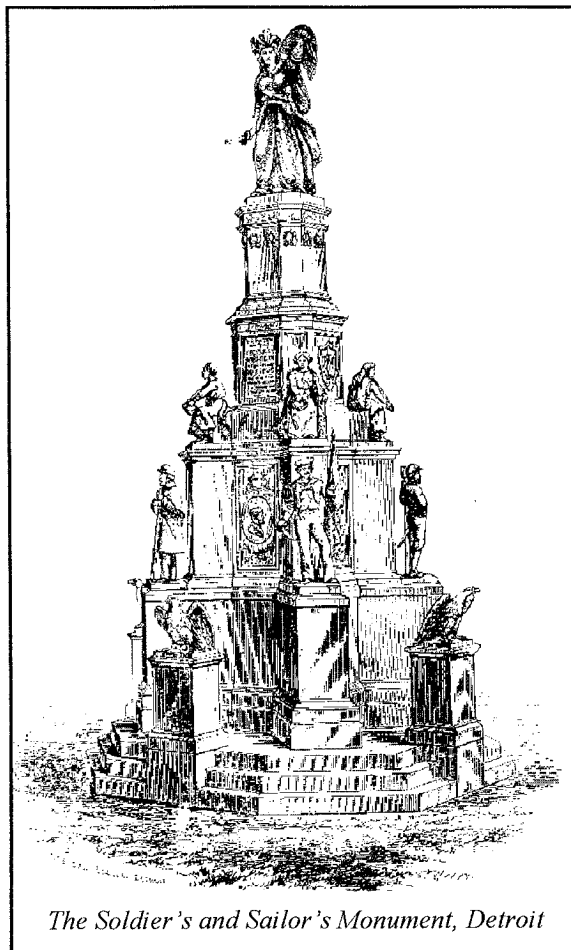
Our Department's *Civil War Memorials Assessment Project* is off to great start, with several Camps demonstrating enthusiastic support. In November, "Starter-Kits" were mailed out to each Camp in our Dept., plus the Camp-at-Large Coordinator. The kits consisted of: a color-coded map showing particular counties assigned to each Camp; a listing of the communities in each county which had original GAR Posts; the *Compendium of Donated Obsolete Ordnance* (furnished by Brother Leese); a special message from the SUVCW's National SAVE OUTDOOR SCULPTURE! Committee; and several Civil War Memorial Record forms.

The committee has received implementation reports from Camps: 7, 14, 17, 22, 43, 53, 58, 145, and 147. Some Camps are having the effort channeled through their existing Grave Registration team (Officer & Committee) while others have made a special appointment of someone to coordinate the volunteer work and eliminate duplication of effort.

A point has been raised that others have already done surveys of Civil War Memorials. Well, this is true. Historical Societies have records. The State Historical Commission has records. Some of our Department's Camps have records. There are books and pamphlets on Civil War Monuments (the Michigan Civil War Centennial Commission published a special booklet on *Civil War Monuments* - with photographs). Dr. Weldon Petz, our Brother from U. S. Grant Camp No. 101, also has a large work on the subject. These are all excellent references but it must be realized that the information in each, is "dated" and sometimes not complete. The importance of our effort is that it will provide a **current** physical examination of every memorial that can be found - allowing us to determine if a professional conservator should be contacted for an assessment of restoration work, and provide the necessary information to allow the Department to convey our "legal interest" in these memorials (if tied

to the GAR) to those whose property they stand on. By demonstrating interest and follow-up care, we should be able to "proactively" prevent the situations we've seen in other states, where neglect has allowed memorials of various kinds to disappear - from the effects of nature, and sadly, by the hand-of-man. It should be noted that this will be a continuing effort. The only way for us to insure the longevity of these memorials is for us to maintain a regular vigilance of observing the condition of these tributes to those who saved the Union.

Please be advised that Brother Kim Leese will not be able to handle records-keeping for us. Therefore, please do **not** send him any of your completed forms, photos, etc. Work is progressing on a computer data-base and the committee will soon notify each Camp as to who will be able to process & store the gathered information.



*The Soldier's and Sailor's Monument, Detroit*

It has been pointed out to us that *Black and White* photographs should be taken rather than color. This is for two important reasons which include better details recorded in the image and a longer life-span than color prints.

Department Counselor Pahl has requested that we consult any/all newspaper archives for a local paper's article that would have information on the dedication ceremony and/or other facts on a memorial. The purpose of this is to add another substantiation of a memorial being dedicated by the GAR and thus, legally protected. Copies of related stories from newspapers or other accounts should be carefully attached to the Memorial Record form. Please include full identification of all sources. Thank you.

Assuring the proper care of GAR and other Civil War related memorials is one of the most important *purposes* of our Order. I hope that

all Members and Associates will come to make it one of their highest priorities.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

*Kent L. Armstrong*

*Dept. Civil War/GAR Memorials Subcommittee Chairman*



## Department Officer Reports

### Editor

Communication between members; Camp officers and Camp members; Camps and the Department! This is one message Senior Vice Commander Paul Hodges is promoting in this issue of *Michigan's Messenger*. In his column he states that he would like to have new members of Camps within the Department listed in each issue of the newsletter. I believe this to be a good idea and I would like to initiate a new member listing beginning with the May issue. However, this will take the cooperation of all Camp Secretaries.

I would like to ask that Camp Secretaries forward the names and addresses of all new members directly to me, so that they can be printed in the issue following their acceptance into the SUVCW. Their addresses should be included so we may update our mailing list and the new member will start receiving his *Michigan's Messenger* as soon as possible. Also include whether they are a Member, Associate or Junior.

Along with the new members names and addresses, why not include a short article for the *Camp News* section about the activities of your Camp during the previous quarter. Participation by Camps in reporting *Camp News* has been erratic since its inception, with some Camps sending in articles fairly regularly, some once in awhile and some not at all. The article does not have to be elaborate, just a few paragraphs to let others in our Department know what your Camp has been doing in the past few months. The reader survey ran in last year's newsletter indicates that there is interest in the activities of other Camps.

Continuing on the subject of communications, the Ancestor List for the Department will not be printed and distributed as stated in last May's issue of this newsletter. Not enough Camps returned updates to warrant a revised printing. Only eight of the eighteen Camp Secretaries replied with updates.

An update to the Ancestor List will be printed in time for

distribution at the Department Encampment in June, but only if more Camps participate in this project. The updates should be sent to me no later than *May 10th*. This will also give the four new Camps (Nos. 76, 147, 160 and 404) and recently reorganized Camp No. 9 the opportunity to be included in the list. As stated before, all the information needed for the list is contained on the member's application form. Photocopies of the forms (both sides) may be sent if you do not want to take the time to write or type the necessary information. If you send in photocopies, make sure all the pertinent information is filled in and legible. Please include all current Members, Associates and Juniors in your Camp.

I want to recognize the following Camp Secretaries that did return updates to the list:

- Daniel Grable, Henry E. Plant Camp No. 3
- Daniel Doyle, Austin Blair Camp No. 7
- Dan Bennett, Robert Finch Camp No. 14
- John Lohrstorfer, Colegrove-Woodruff Camp No. 22
- David Waldron, Alexander French Camp No. 28
- Mark Pangburn, George W. Anderson Camp No. 58
- Kenneth Martin, Gen. Phil Kearney Camp No. 67
- David T. Wallace, Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145

Thanks, gentlemen! And don't forget to send in any changes to your lists previously remitted.

## Copy Deadline!!!

The deadline for submission of articles  
for inclusion in the May issue of  
*Michigan's Messenger*  
is

April 15th

Write it on your calendar!

Articles received after this date  
will be printed only if space permits.

Send all submissions to:  
John Mann, Editor  
Michigan's Messenger  
2495 South Washington Road  
Lansing, Michigan 48911-7216

I will have a tip sheet ready for distribution to members in attendance at the Department's Mid-Winter Conference on February 15th, concerning the submission of articles and photographs for *Michigan's Messenger*.

In F., C. and L.,

*John Mann*  
Editor, *Michigan's Messenger*



## Camp News

### Camp No. 3 Henry E. Plant

*Fruitport* — Camp No. 3 has recently been working on a few projects. The first is finding a better location for the military grave marker of Mr. Plant, which was placed near his tombstone. We are also thinking of getting an American and Michigan Flag for Mr. Plant's grave site. We are also working on getting a road in Mr. Plant's home area of Crockery Township named after the Medal of Honor recipient. More will come of this. This spring or summer the Camp will place its display on Mr. Plant and the Civil War in the Crockery Township Hall. This will salute Mr. Plant and give the Camp some publicity.

At the January meeting of our Camp, it was decided that we would again be marching in the Memorial Day Parade in Fruitport. We also decided to add participation in the Spring Lake Parade at the invitation of the Spring Lake AmVets Post. Our Camp activities for May 30th will be to get together with John Logan Camp No. 1 of Grand Rapids. We will attend their services this year and we will host them next year. We also discussed the idea of raising our Camp dues, but this was tabled until later.

At the meeting the 1997 officers were elected. They are: Commander, Richard Scott; SVC, John Braden; JVC, Don Ogden; Secretary/Treasurer, Daniel Grable; Camp Council, John Baldu, Paul MacDonald and Jon Scott.

January also marked a milestone for the Plant Camp. It was the debut of our own Camp newsletter with Richard Scott as editor. It will appear two weeks before our Camp meetings (January, March, May, September and November). The first issue was well done and we hope to improve the newsletter in the future.

*Daniel Grable*

### Camp No. 53 Wa-Bu-No

*Shepard* — Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 53 hosted their 4th Annual Remembrance Day ceremony at the gravesite of their namesake, Thomas Wa-Bu-No, in the Riverside Cemetery at Mt. Pleasant on the 10th of November. The weather was only slightly cold and allowed the ceremony to proceed as normal and not to finish earlier than planned. We remembered that

last year the weather was bitterly cold.

Earlier in the fall, some members of the Camp devoted time and effort to repair the memorial that stands in the center of the GAR plots. The recaulked and repainted cannon balls and concrete base looked splendid in their new winter coats.

The Sons of Veterans Reserve (about 14 strong), commanded by 2nd Lt. Daniel Graves, was in attendance to provide the Honor Guard and the musket salute. Their presence and participation provided the essential element for awe and effect. All in attendance were moved and affected by their participation.

Ms. Lisa Morris and our Department Commander, Brother David F. Wallace, dressed in their splendid period costumes, placed a wreath at the base of the memorial. It was great to have our Department Commander at the ceremony and take an active part in the activities.

While our Camp Brother Jacob Kuhlman (aged 15) read the Gettysburg Address, his younger brother, Jonah, played the tune of Ashokan Farewell on the hammer dulcimer. The song was the main tune associated with the PBS Civil War series. The duo did so well that I overheard our Department Chaplain, Gordon McAllister, ask the two young boys to participate in the Memorial Day services that he is planning in 1997 in Bay City. Congratulations, guys!

Even though the playing of *Taps* was accomplished through the use of a tape player, the emotional impact was still obvious. Later, a visitor to the ceremony, with tears in his eyes, stated that *Taps*, no matter how it is presented, moves him. It may not have been a bugler as last year, but it was still stirring and effective.

After the ceremony, the entire group went to Filmore's Restaurant for food, fellowship and warming-up. The most informative part of the day was being able to the other individuals and appreciate the efforts that they do and accomplish for the Good of the Order.

Members of Wa-Bu-No Camp wish to thank all in attendance on this cool, but nice day. We also extend a cordial invitation to all Brothers of the Department and their wives to the next annual event, the Sunday before Veterans Day in November, 1997. You will sincerely enjoy your time as you partake in the ceremony. Next year we anticipate a local politician to be speaking. That should open the door for press coverage of the event. Hope to see you in November!

*Wayne A. Nash*

## Camp News

## Department Orders

### Camp No. 147

### Henry W. Quigley

*Cadillac* — Sunday, December 8, 1996 Camp No. 147 was officially chartered. We wish to thank Department Commander David F. Wallace, Department Junior Vice Commander Kent L. Armstrong and his son Douglas, and Department Secretary Richard F. Lee for their presence. The officers presented an interesting story of the GAR and SUVCW history. They also had a well enjoyed question and answer period.

Since starting the Camp, I have enjoyed talking with local residents who shared records, artifacts and history with me. Out of these talks, I have gained in excess of 200 Civil War veterans names and burial sites, including plot and lot numbers. A good place to start registering grave sites!

I have set up a 5 year plan which I intend to present to the Camp:

1. Graves registration.
2. Documenting GAR Monuments and Plaques.
3. Forming our own Honor Guard.
4. Forming a Color Guard.
5. Hold Memorial Services our 1st year at the GAR plot in Lakeview Cemetery in Ludington; the resting place of Henry W. Quigley, his wife Lydia and two of their sons.
6. Last, but not least, I would like to hold a Department Encampment in Cadillac.

In attendance were the following Charter Members of Quigley Camp, in addition to the previously mentioned Department Officers: James A. Thompson, Craig Shore, Lowell Shore, Shannon White (Associate until records are received), Denny Anderson and Merle "Pete" Carlson (great grandson of Henry W. Quigley). Charter Members not present include James King, Jacob Hunt (great, great, great grandson of Henry W. Quigley), Joshua Hunt (great, great, great grandson of Henry W. Quigley), Roger Carlson (great grandson of Henry W. Quigley) and Richard William Carlson (great grandson of Henry W. Quigley).

The election of Camp Officers will be held 19 January 1997. The meeting will take place at the home of Pete Carlson, 123 Howard Street, Cadillac, MI. Phone (616) 779-6710 for further information.

*Pete Carlson*

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12. The Department Commander highly commends the following Brothers for their participation in and representation of the Department at Remembrance Day Ceremonies held in Gettysburg, PA, this past November 17th: William Morris, Robert Gunn, Wade Chapman, J. Douglas Park, James B. Pahl, Keith G. Harrison, Richard Greene, Kurt Schulze, Edgar Dowd, L. Dean Lamphere Jr., Gordon McAllister, Patrick Wallace, Terrance McKinch, Kim Donald Shaw, David Post.

13. The Department Commander extends, on behalf of the Officers and Brothers of the Department, congratulations to Brother Keith G. Harrison, PC-in-C, on his appointment as the Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

14. The Department Commander extends his appreciation and highly commends the following Camps for their invitation to participate in their Veterans Day Ceremonies: Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 53, Gilully-Kingsley Camp No. 120, and Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145.

15. The Department Commander extends his personal thanks and appreciation to the following Brothers for their inestimable assistance over the recent months: Kent Armstrong, Keith Harrison, Paul Hodges, Richard Lee, James T. Lyons, Gordon McAllister, Terry McKinch, and William Morris.

16. In closing these orders, I would like once again to invite all Brothers to participate in the Mid-Winter Conference and to attend the Washington-Lincoln Dinner which follows in the evening. As we in the SUVCW reflect on Lincoln's birthday, please take a moment to reflect on Lincoln's view of Washington: *"We are met to celebrate this day. Washington is the mightiest name of earth - long since mightiest in the cause of civil liberty, still mightiest in moral reformation. On that name a eulogy is expected. It cannot be made. To add brightness to the sun or glory to the name of Washington is alike impossible. Let none attempt it. In solemn awe pronounce the name, and in its naked, deathless splendor leave it shining on."*

By Order of:

*David F. Wallace*  
Department Commander

Attest:

*Richard F. Lee*  
Department Secretary

## The Capture of Jeff Davis

### Additional Information

This article is a follow-up to the "Capture of Jeff Davis" (by Dr. John Winters of Brooklyn, Michigan, circa 1912) article that appeared in the Volume V, Number 2 issue of Michigan's Messenger.

Addison Junction was located in the Northwest corner of Lenawee County, approximately 1 mile East of the town of Addison, on Junction Road at the old New York Central Rail Road track crossing. The small community no longer exists nor does the rail line that passed through it, although the old road bed can be identified yet.

"Uncle Stil" Green was Stillman W. Green. He enlisted in Company L, Fourth Michigan Cavalry on December 22, 1864 at Corunna for 3 years at the age of 22. He was mustered December 29, 1863 and joined the regiment at Nashville, Tennessee on February 28, 1864. He was discharged at Edgefield, Tennessee on August 15, 1865. The regiment was officially mustered out of service on July 1st and returned to Detroit on July 10th where it was paid and disbanded. "Uncle Stil" was buried in Hillside Cemetery (located on the South side of Junction Road, ¼ mile East of U. S. 127) in a plot next to Sarah E. Green (1836 - 1896) and B. F. Green (1836 - 1908), most likely a brother and sister-in-law of Stillman's. There is no indication of the date of "Uncle Stil's" death, as it is not indicated on his government military headstone; just his name, company and regiment.

The Fourth Michigan Cavalry was brigaded with the Third Kentucky, Seventh Pennsylvania and Second Indiana Cavalry regiments. The brigade was served entirely in the Western Theater of the war and was known as "Minty's Brigade" after its commanding officer, Colonel Robert H. G. Minty. Minty's Brigade became as famous in the West as the Michigan Brigade was in the East.

As for the capture of Davis, here are excerpts from Lieutenant Colonel Pritchard's official report to the Secretary of War (taken from *Michigan in the War* by Jonas Robertson, 1882):

At Macon, Georgia he describes receiving orders for the pursuit of the Davis party by the 4th Michigan Cavalry, with a strength of 419 men and 20 officers and his meeting up with the Wisconsin unit near Irwinsville, Georgia. Then ... "I here met Lieutenant Colonel Harnden, of the 1st Wisconsin Cavalry, who informed me that he, with a force of 70 men was following the track of the train, and that his men were from one to two hours in advance, and he as Colonel H. said he had ample force to contend with that supposed to be with the train, I decided not to move on the same road with him, and continued my course three miles further down the river, where I learned additional facts regarding the character of the train

and the parties with it, which convinced me that it belonged to some of the parties for whom we were looking, and at once determined to pursue by another road which I had also learned of after leaving Colonel H., which led me into Irwinsville by a circuitous route, believing that if they were hard pressed at any time they would pass from road to road to baffle the efforts of their pursuers, and as they were reported as doing before crossing the river. Accordingly I ordered a detail of 128 men and 7 officers (besides myself), of the best mounted men in the command, leaving the rest of the regiment under the command of Captain Hathaway, directing him to picket the river, scout the country, etc., in accordance with former orders."

"At 4 o'clock I put the column in motion, moving down the river road a distance of 12 miles to a point known as Wilcox's Mills. Thence by a blind woods road, through an almost unbroken waste of pine forest for a distance of 18 miles in a southwesterly direction to Irwinsville, which was reached about 1 o'clock on the morning on the 10th inst. Here passing my command as Confederate, and inquiring for 'our train,' representing that we were a rear guard left to fight back the Yankees, etc., I learned from the inhabitants that a train and party meeting the description of the one reported to me at Abbyville had encamped about dark, the night previous, about 1½ miles out on the Abbyville Road. I at once turned the head of my column in that direction, impressing a negro for a guide. After moving to within 1½ miles of camp I halted under cover of a slight eminence, dismounted 25 men and sent them, under the command of Lieutenant Purinton, to make the circuit of the camp and gain a position in its rear, and thus cut off all possibility of escape, and with special direction to execute the movement if possible without discovery, but if discovered and an alarm was raised, I would immediately charge the camp from the front, when he was to operate with his command from any point which he might occupy. That if no alarm was raised I should consider that he had gained the position directed, where he was to rest until I should commence the attack from the front. I had not decided at this time whether to move upon the camp at once or to wait until daylight; but, upon further consideration, decided to delay it, as it was now 2 o'clock in the morning, the moon was getting low, and the shadows of the forest were falling heavily, rendering it easy for persons to escape undiscovered in the woods and swamps in the darkness. After waiting an hour or more, and just as the earliest dawn appeared, I put the column in motion and was enabled to approach within four or five rods of the camp undiscovered, when a dash was ordered, and in an instant the whole camp, with its inmates, was ours. A chain of mounted guards was immediately thrown around the camp, and dismounted sentries placed at the tents and wagons. The surprise was so complete, and the movement so sudden, that none of

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the enemy were able to make the slightest defense, or even arouse from their slumbers in time to grasp their weapons which were lying by their sides before they were wholly in our power."

"At this moment a new scene opened, destined in its mournful results to cloud the otherwise perfect and glorious success of our expedition. We had held possession of the camp but a few minutes, and not long enough to ascertain the extent of our capture, when sharp firing was commenced between the dismounted force under Captain Purinton and what was supposed at the time to be the rebel force guarding the train. The firing was about 100 rods in the rear of the camp, and across a narrow swamp. I immediately ordered all my forces to the scene of the firing, leaving only sufficient to guard the camp and prisoners. On arriving upon the ground I found my men engaging a force of dismounted men, who were concealed behind trees, etc. I at once formed my men in line, dismounted them, threw out a line of skirmishers who were advancing handsomely, when I became apprehensive that we were contending with some of our own men, from the determination displayed on their part and the peculiar report of their fire-arms. I ordered my men to at once cease firing, and rode over toward our opponents and halloooed to them, asking who they were, and received the reply, '1st Wisconsin.' This mistake was not discovered until it cost the lives of two men killed and a lieutenant severely wounded in the 4th Michigan, and three men severely and several slightly wounded in the 1st Wisconsin."

"This lamentable accident arose principally from the refusal of the sergeant in charge of the advance guard of the 1st Wisconsin to give a proper response to the challenge of Lieutenant Purinton, and partially from the over zeal of both parties, each supposing they had met the enemy, and yet it was so dark in the woods that it was impossible to distinguish the uniforms of the men."

"As soon as the firing ceased, I returned to camp and took an inventory of our capture, when I ascertained that we had captured Jeff. Davis, his wife, and four children, John H. Reagan, his postmaster general, Colonels Johnson and Lubbock, A. D. C.'s to Davis, Burton N. Harrison, his private secretary, Major Maurand, Captain Moody, Lieutenant Hathaway, Jeff. D. Howell, midshipman in the rebel navy, and 13 private soldiers, besides Miss Maggie Howell, sister of Mrs. Davis, two waiting maids (one white and one colored), and several servants. We also captured 5 negroes, 3 ambulances, about 15 horses, and from 25 to 30 mules. The train was mostly loaded with commissary stores and private baggage of the party. Upon returning to camp I was accosted by Davis from among

the prisoners, who asked if I was the officer in command. Upon assuring him that I was, and asking whom I was to call him, he replied that I might call him 'what or whoever I pleased,' when I replied that I would call him Davis, and, after a moment's hesitation, he said that was his name. He suddenly drew himself up in true royal dignity and exclaimed: 'I suppose that you consider it bravery to charge a train of defenseless women and children, but it is theft; it is vandalism.'"

The report then goes on to tell of the uneventful return journey of the regiment and its captives to Macon, Georgia and the subsequent delivery of Davis and his party to Washington, D. C. No mention is made in Col. Pritchard's report of the sullenness of Jefferson Davis as described by Private Green, nor of the "squalling" of Mrs. Davis on the return trip to Macon, Georgia. As noted in Private Green's account, Davis tried to escape capture by disguising himself in a long cloak with a shawl over his head. After turning over Davis to Major General Miles, Lieutenant Colonel Pritchard was given orders to procure the disguise worn by Davis and report to the Secretary of War. He accordingly went to Mrs. Davis and received from her "a lady's waterproof cloak or robe, which Mrs. Davis said was worn by Davis as a disguise at the time of his capture," along with a shawl, also attested to by Mrs. Davis as being part of the disguise. Apparently, somehow, the cloak became a dress as the story of Davis' capture was repeated and printed the popular press of the time.

Although Lieutenant Colonel Pritchard's official report relates there were 8 officers and 128 enlisted men directly involved in the capture of Davis, *Michigan in the War* lists 8 officers and 146 men by name and rank as being directly involved in the capture. Private Stillman W. Green is not on this list, so it must be assumed that he was inadvertently omitted from it. Or, that he was with Captain Hathaway's force guarding the river and he related the story from second hand information, allowing Dr. Winters to believe that he was directly involved in the actual capture of Davis. It is quite possible that Private Green's record of service would contain the necessary information to clear up this puzzle. (Elias F. Pierce, Sergeant of Company I is listed as being directly involved in the capture. Elias was the Grandfather of Max Miller and Great Great Grandfather of Joshua Miller, both of Austin Blair Camp.)

Regarding the distribution of the \$100,000 reward for the capture of Davis (which wasn't learned of by Pritchard until the regiment returned to Macon), the following is the official version as reported in *Michigan in the War*. "A commission was appointed by the War Department, which decided that the 4th Michigan Cavalry was entitled to the reward for the capture of

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Davis, and directed how it should be distributed. But when the appropriation came before Congress a claim was set up by the 1st Wisconsin Cavalry, which deferred the passage of the bill from time to time until the close of the session, July, 1868, when the bill authorizing the expenditure was finally passed. The claim of the 4th Michigan was ably advocated by the Michigan delegation, but the matter was so managed by Congress that the award of the commission, so far as the money in question was concerned, was set aside and the distributed as follows: General Wilson, commanding the U. S. Cavalry in that region of the country, \$3,000; Lieutenant Colonel Pritchard, 4th Michigan Cavalry, \$3,000; Colonel Harnden, 1st Wisconsin Cavalry, \$3,000; Captain Joseph A. Yoeman, 1st Ohio Cavalry, \$3,000. The remainder of the \$100,000 was distributed equally to the members of these organizations then with the expedition." This would then leave only \$88,000 to be split up amongst the officers and men of these units. Remember, there were 439 officers and men in the 4th Michigan and about 70 in the 1st Wisconsin. These were just the men in pursuit, there were several left at Macon. Add in the other units and you can begin to see why "Uncle Stil" didn't get much of the reward money.

The Sons of Union Veterans Camp in Kalamazoo, Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20, is named after (Brevet Brigadier) General Benjamin Dudley Pritchard. Dudley Pritchard, who passed away October 18th, 1994, was the grandson of General Pritchard and a Member of Camp No. 20. Curiously, no Grand Army of the Republic Post in Michigan (at least according to the records I have) was ever named for General Pritchard.

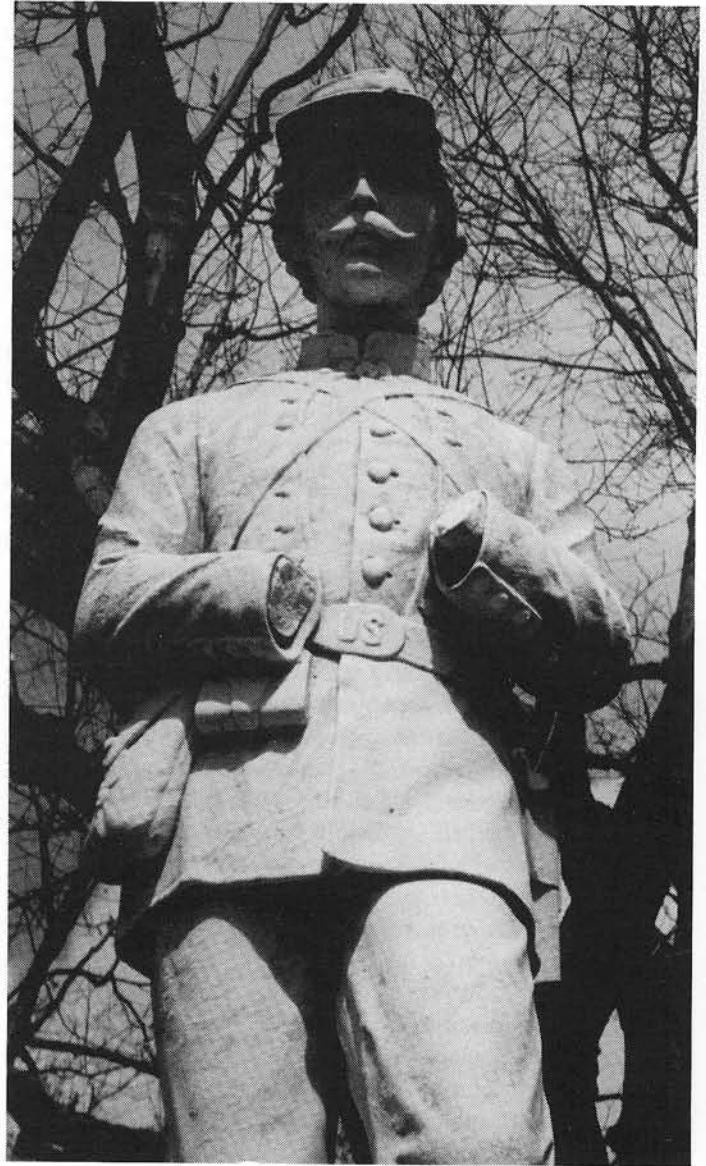
*John Mann*  
Austin Blair Camp No. 7

## Coming Events

**Saturday, March 1 and Sunday, March 2, 1997**

A Civil War Show at the Grand Valley Armory, 1200 44th Street, Wyoming, MI. Reproduction and original Civil War guns, relics, documents and photographs will be on display and for sale. Activities include Civil War related videos, drill demonstrations, genealogy workshops, door prize drawings and more. Admission \$1.00, children under 12 are free. Hours: Saturday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm; Sunday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. For further information call Kerry Snider at (616) 891-9292. Sponsored by the 3rd Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Company F and the Grand Rapids Guard.

## Monument Vandalized!



Professionals estimate that it will cost \$16,000.00 to replace the hands, musket and bayonet broken and carried away from this memorial to the Civil War Soldier dedicated in 1904 by the Joseph Mason Post No. 248, Grand Army of the Republic at Wacousta, MI. The monument is located in Wacousta Cemetery in the Village of Wacousta in Clinton County. Any financial help that you may give will be greatly appreciated! Checks or money orders should be made payable to "Watertown Charter Township" along with the notation of "G. A. R. Monument Fund" on the memo line. Mail donations to:

Watertown Charter Township  
12803 South Wacousta Road  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837-9240

Thank You for your assistance!



*The Department of Michigan's  
Mid-Winter Conference*

*1:00 pm Saturday, February 15, 1997*

Commander-in-Chief Alan Loomis will be the honored guest at the annual Mid-Winter Conference to be held at the Midway Hotel in Lansing on February 15th. The hotel is located at 7711 West Saginaw Highway (M-43) at Exit 93 off I-96.

The Conference will begin promptly at 1:00 pm and will consist of three sessions. The first will demonstrate Camp ceremonies from the Ritual. Included will be opening and closing ceremonies, election of new members and induction ceremonies, with directions.

The second session will be devoted to training new Camp Officers in their job descriptions and duties. Individual sessions will be conducted for each office, led by the Department officer counterpart. This will also include a review of reports required, forms used, filing schedules and the relationship of the Camp and Department offices.

The third session will feature an overview of the Department Committees presented by their chairmen. This will explain the function of the committee, the need for similar committees at the Camp level, where appropriate and a description of ongoing projects.

The program will conclude with a general question and answer period and is scheduled to end at 4:30 pm.

All Camp Officers should plan to attend this important event. This will help you and your Camp to have a more successful program of activities as you enter your new office for the year.

We also encourage you to stay for the 11th Annual Washington - Lincoln Commemorative Dinner. This event is jointly sponsored by the Michigan Department SUVCW and the Sons of the Revolution in the State of Michigan. We celebrate the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln (February 12th — Union Defenders' Day) and George Washington (February 22nd). This year, on the alternating schedule, the program will be based on a Revolutionary War theme.

There will be a social hour starting at 5:30 pm, Dinner will be at 6:30 pm sharp and the program will follow. Cost is \$15.00 per person. A Reservation Form is to be found on the reverse of this page.

Deadline for reservations is **February 10th**.



*Washington — Lincoln Dinner  
Reservations*

Please accept my reservations for \_\_\_\_\_ persons at \$15.00 each  
for the Washington — Lincoln Dinner.

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Camp No. \_\_\_\_\_

Reservation Deadline is February 10, 1997. Make checks payable to:  
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