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Commander's Comments

by Nathan Smith, Department Commander

Greetings Brothers,

Well this winter is about behind us. This morning I saw some cardinals and heard the birds chirping so that was a refreshing sound. With that being said I want to remind you all that our Annual Department Encampment is approaching us fast. Please be sure to visit our Department website for information if you are planning on attending. This fall I had the pleasure to conduct some different installations around the state. I was nice to get out and visit. I do want to thank all of our Department Officers and Past Commanders who helped to get the installations completed. I could not have done it without your help. I want to share a story about my 3rd Great Uncle who served in the 14th Indiana Infantry Regiment. I found this in the hometown newspaper of my grandmother. It can give us a true insight on how our ancestors felt after the war.

From the True Republican Dated October 20, 1888:

Jim Fletcher, an-ex-rebel soldier, is dying at his home five miles south of this city, his illness is hasty consumption. Fletcher came to this county several years ago, under peculiar circumstances. The meeting between him and Joe Dalby, a Union Soldier, was affecting-a never to be forgotten scene. Joe Dalby was a gallant member of the "Old Fourteenth" Indiana Volunteers, which won some fame for bravery and gained the honorable distinction of the "Gibraltar Brigade" at the bloody battle of Antietam, September 17, 1862. Jim Fletcher wore the gray and enlisted at the outbreak of the rebellion in a dashing regiment of Virginia Cavalry. One day, a few years since, a stranger, tall and handsome, with bright, intelligent face and piercing black eyes appeared near the St. Thomas Catholic Church, five miles south of this city, and inquired for Joe Dalby. He had but one leg, the other having been taken off close to the hip. He was directed to the home of Mr. Dalby, who was found surrounded by several friends who had happened to collect in front of his humble residence. The stranger rode up to the crowd and "eyed" the group an instant and, addressing Mr. Dalby said: "I am looking for a man named Joseph Dalby. He was a member of the Fourteenth Indiana Infantry. Are you the man?" "That is my name," replied Mr. Dalby, not a little surprised at the unexpected arrival of the stranger. [Continued](#)

"My name is James Fletcher," said the man on whom all eyes were now turned. "I was a soldier too, but I fought on the other side. In the hard-fought battle of the Wilderness, May 5, 1864, my thigh was shattered by a shell. The Confederates were repulsed and I was left lying there dying of thirst and from loss of blood. Besides, I was in danger of being trampled by the Union Artillery that was dashing to the front. A young man wearing the blue saw me, paused, and bent down over me. I asked for water and he gave me a drink from his own canteen. Tearing a bandage from the dead body of a comrade, he bound up my wounded leg. He dragged me to the root of a big tree and leaned me against its trunk. He then gave me his canteen of water and started to leave me. I asked him his name. He replied, hastily: "Joe Dalby, Fourteenth Indiana," and snatched up his musket and dashed after his regiment. That man saved my life; that drink of water was the sweetest draught I ever drank. I have never forgotten my friend and preserver, and have used every effort to find you, for I know you are the man. I heard of you while passing through the city and have driven out here to find you." Tears were blinding the eyes of Dalby as he listened, dumbfounded, to the story of the well-remembered scene. A friendship truer than that of brothers sprang up between them. It was finally decided that Fletcher must come to that place to reside. They became partners in little transactions on the farm. They drove to the city together each week to do their tradings, sell the grain, produce, etc. their intimacy being so marked as to produce universal comment. – Vincennes, Indiana Letter.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Nathan Smith, DC, PCC

**Department of Michigan Camps 7, 14, 17, 67, 135, 135, 145, and
Company A of the 14th Michigan**
Submitted by Paul Davis, PDC

Michigan Camps Travel for Remembrance and Keeping Green the Memory

The several Camps from the Department of Michigan including participants from the following: Austin Blair Camp 7, Robert Finch Camp 14, Curtenius Guard Camp 17, U.S. Grant Camp 67, Camp 135 March To The Sea, and Governor Crapo Camp 145 traveled to Gettysburg for the Annual Remembrance activities including grave side services and memorials for Michigan Soldiers buried at the Gettysburg National Cemetery. National and state of Michigan flags were placed on the graves as well as a wreath of evergreen. The group also participated in the services and wreath laying services at the Woolson Monument. The Company A of the 14th Michigan, Sons of Veterans Reserve served as the Honor and Color Guard which it has done traditionally for several years.

As is customary Michigan annually performs a memorial service on a rotation basis at the monuments for Michigan Regiments who served at Gettysburg. This year the group did two services one each at the 1st Michigan Infantry monument and a second one at the Sharpshooters monument because we were not able to do so last year.

A highlight of the Gettysburg Remembrance activities is the annual parade. Michigan has been marching in the parade for several years and this year was no exception.

Another activity for the Michigan participants is a planned side trip for a visit and/or tour of a historical location or similar activity. This year the group visited Valley Forge and took a tour aboard the battleship *USS New Jersey*. The weekend also included a battle field tour conducted on the property of a private citizen. Dinner with the group at *Gary Owen Irish Pub* concluded the weekend activities in Gettysburg.

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The several photos shown in this edition of Michigan's Messenger reflect these activities.

Department Order #10  **Series 2021 – 2022**

**Headquarters Marlette, MI
November 2, 2021**

RE: NEW CAMP & REALIGNMENT OF CAMP GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES

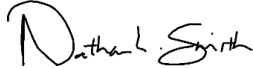
The Department of Michigan is pleased to announce the formation of a new Camp, known as **General Orlando M. Poe, Camp No. 444**, to be headquartered in Cadillac, Michigan. The Camp has received all necessary approvals from the Department and National Levels with a Date of Rank assigned by Commander in Chief Michael Paquette of November 16, 2021. The Camp Name is in honor of General Orlando M. Poe, a legendary Great Lakes General, and Engineer. General Poe served as the Commander of the 2nd Michigan Volunteer Infantry and served as General Sherman's Chief Engineer during and after the Civil War. The Soo Locks "Poe Lock" in Sault Ste. Marie is also named in his honor. The Camp's number is to honor Cadillac's Washington Grand Army of the Republic Post No. 444.

With the formation of the new Camp, there is a need to realign the Department's Camp Geographical Boundaries.

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered:

1. The Camp Geographical Boundaries are hereby aligned as displayed in the "Department of Michigan Camp Geographic Boundaries" dated November 24, 2021. – Attached to Order

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



Nathan L. Smith, PCC
Commander, Department of Michigan Sons
of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:

/s/

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

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Fall - December 1 for a December 15 Publication*

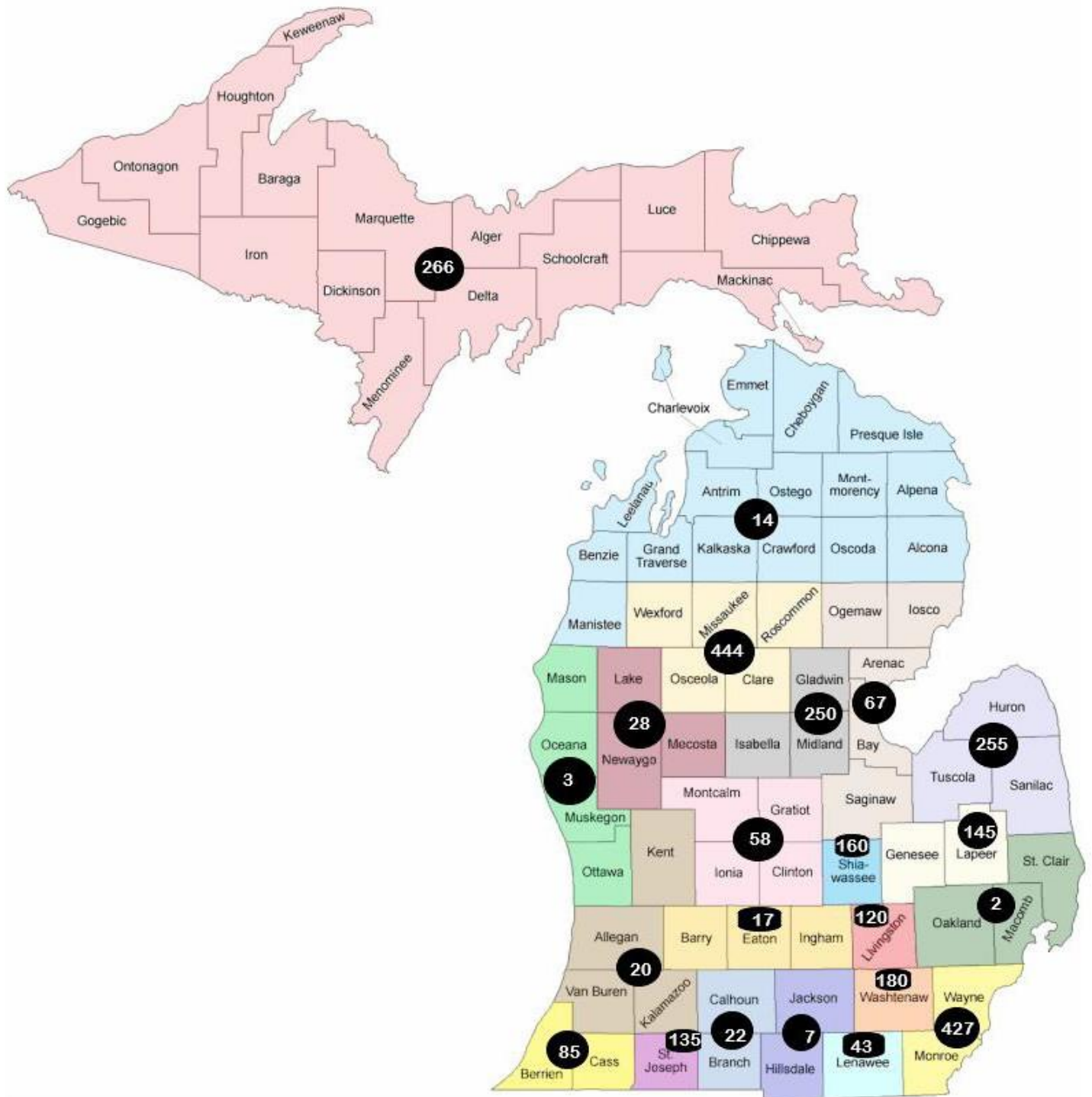
*Send all articles to Rick Danes, Editor, preferably at
editor@suvchwmi.org, or to 2612 Burns Street, Dearborn,
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ALL PUBLICATIONS WILL BE MADE ON TIME

*Please do not send me photos without the names of persons in
the photo and a suggested caption. Thanks for your support!*

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
CAMP GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

EFFECTIVE:
NOVEMBER 24, 2021



Department Order #11  Series 2021 – 2022

Headquarters Marlette, MI
January 22, 2022

RE: ABRAHAM LINCOLN AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS AND PANEL

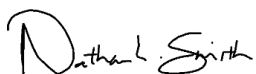
By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered:

1. That Nominations for the Abraham Lincoln Award are hereby open.
2. That the following three-member panel have been duly appointed to serve on the Abraham Lincoln Award panel: 1.) Chair – Rev. Charles Buckhahn, 2.) Edgar Dowd, PCC 3.) Paul Nelson, PCC
3. Recommendations can be submitted to the Committee Chair: buckhahn@sbcglobal.net

Section 3. Authorization for a Department certificate of appreciation award is provided. The award shall be known as the Abraham Lincoln Certificate of Appreciation Award. The Department Commander shall confer the award upon any individual or entity who, in the judgment of a three-member panel appointed by the Department Commander, has through his/her/their actions, words, and/or deeds significantly contributed to and supported the furtherance of the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic; the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and has demonstrated significantly in keeping Green The Memory of Michigan Soldiers, Sailors, Marines who served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-1865, including but not limited to remembrance ceremonies, gravesite restoration, erection of monuments, scholarship and educational efforts concerning the understanding and causes of the Civil War, publications, and efforts by the media within the State of Michigan.

Recommendations for possible recipients of said award shall be submitted, along with a one--- page description of the contribution made, to the Committee Chair, whose email address shall be included with the notice that nominations are open, no later than two (2) months prior to the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. Recipients of the award shall be publicly announced, and a certificate presented at the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. No more than three (3) recipients shall be selected for the award in any one year.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



/s/
Nathan L. Smith, PCC
Commander, Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:
Richard Denney, PCC, Secretary
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Department Order #12  **Series 2021 - 2022**
Headquarters Marlette, MI
January 22, 2022

RE: NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND LETTERS OF INTENTION

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered:

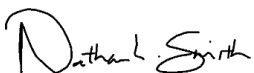
1. That the following Brothers were hereby duly appointed on May 1, 2021 under Department Order No. 02 to serve on the Nominating Committee: 1.) Chair – Richard E. Danes, PCC, 2.) Donald Shaw, PCinC, 3.) Dale L. Aurand, PDC, 4.) Nathan Tingley, PCC, 5.) Gary Naugle, PCC.
2. That any Brother interested in running for an elected Department Office should submit their letter of intention, credentials, and any recommendation letters to Committee Chair Richard E. Danes at: redanes@aol.com or via USPS to: 2612 Burns Street Dearborn, MI 48124.
3. The deadline to submit a letter of intention is Monday, March 28, 2022.

BY LAWS Section 12. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five Brothers who are NOT currently elected to an office of the Department. A Nominating Committee Chair shall be appointed by the Department Commander and shall not vote except when there is a tie vote of the Nominating Committee for any given candidate. There shall not be more than one Brother from one Camp within the Department on the Nominating Committee. The Committee's purpose shall be to prepare a slate of officers, listing one or more Brothers for each elected office of the Department, for the presentation at the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. A Brother(s) nominated for Department Commander must be qualified to be elected by virtue of having served as Past Camp Commander or is currently seated as a Camp Commander. A candidate nominated for any elected office other than the Department Commander shall have demonstrated his ability to responsibly and capably serve in any office to which he has been nominated. The Nominating Committee shall exercise due diligence in ascertaining via peer review or other methodologies that the candidate so selected by the Nominating Committee has demonstrated his abilities for good service and leadership.

Further, any Brother who is a member of the Nominating Committee shall, in the event a candidate who is a member of his Camp are selected for nomination, shall recuse himself for voting for that candidate.

Nominations from the floor will continue to be accepted at the Annual Michigan Department Encampment.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



/s/
 Nathan L. Smith, PCC
 Commander, Department of Michigan Sons of
 Union Veterans of the Civil War

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

Department Order #13  Series 2021 - 2022
 Headquarters Marlette, MI
 February 16, 2022

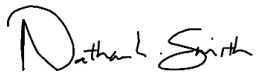
RE: SUSPENSION OF CAMPS FOR FAILURE TO FILE FORM 22

Whereas, it has been reported that Camps within the Department of Michigan have failed to file FORM 22 as required by the Charter, Constitution, and Regulations (2021) by the February 15, 2022 filing deadline, and;

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered:

1. That **Carpenter Welch Camp No. 180** of Dexter and **Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 250** of Shepard shall be hereby suspended for failure to file Form 22 as required by Chapter 1 – Camps, Article 1, Section 16 of the Charter, Constitution, and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
- 2.
3. That the suspended Camps shall remain so suspended until Form 22 and Form 22MI have been appropriately filed with Department Secretary.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



/s/
Nathan L. Smith, PCC
Commander, Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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



Michigan honoring Michigan soldiers buried in Gettysburg National Cemetery



Placing National and Michigan State Flags and wreath of evergreen on soldiers' graves

Department Order #14  Series 2021 - 2022
Headquarters Marlette, MI
February 18, 2022

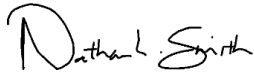
RE: REINSTATEMENT OF CARPENTER WELCH CAMP NO.180

Whereas, it has been reported that **Carpenter Welch Camp No. 180** has filed all required forms with the Department Secretary and is now in compliance with the Charter, Constitution, and Regulations (2021) of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as of this date, and;

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered:

- 1. That the suspension of Carpenter Welch Camp No. 180 of Dexter's for failure to file required forms is hereby lifted, and the camp is fully reinstated.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



Nathan L. Smith, PCC
Commander, Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST: /s/
Richard Denney, PCC
Secretary, Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Memorial Service at 1st Michigan Infantry Monument



Colin Nash Color Bearer with State of Michigan flag.

*Department Secretary Report
by Richard Denney, PCC*

Subject: Form 27 Camp Annual Report

Greetings Brothers,

The time is upon us to begin thinking about the Form 27 Camp annual report. A few items I would like to discuss, 1. Several camps last year neglected to fill in the Department Per Capita (lines 41 thru 48). this resulted in delays and I point this out to avoid this situation. 2. Send the Per Capita checks to me. (Except Camp No. 462). 3. Do not forget a current Camp roster. This happens regularly.

I beg you to get the documents to me sooner rather than later, April 30 is the drop-dead date. I have just the month of May to have the Department annual report in to National Headquarters, plus I have the proceedings to organize and publish at the same time frame. Please operate within the time frame as I wish no camp to be suspended and as a result have the Department suspended. (If you want a nightmare think of a suspended Department with a National Encampment looming!)

Keep up the good work of the Order.

Thank you and best regards, In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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*Michigan contingent attending Gettysburg
Remembrance Day*



*Company A 14th Michigan SVR performing Color
and Honor Guard service at Woolson Monument*

Last Bugle Call

Editor's note: Obituary information is printed as it is received.

Brothers,

It is my sad duty to inform the Department of Michigan and her Camps of the passing of **Brother Robert L Clark** of Robert Finch Camp 14. Brother Clark passed on October 14, 2021. I thank Brother Dick Denney for informing me of this death. Brother Clark's obituary is given below. We place him in the arms of our gracious Heavenly Father.

Robert "Bob" Lynn Clark, age 83, of Grand Haven, Michigan, passed away surrounded by his loving family on October 14, 2021. Born May 29, 1938, in Grand Haven, Michigan, he was the son of the late Robert F. Clark and Cloyce J. (Guiles) Clark. Bob missed his parents incredibly and now it's our turn.

He was a positive, upbeat person who valued a smile, optimism, family and friends; even in the face of great loss he could manage a smile. He loved getting together, sharing a meal and telling jokes. The holidays were amazing because he cherished his family being together.

Bob was a third-generation resident of Grand Haven and it was the center of his universe. He loved being on the water; boating, fishing for perch, water skiing in the Grand River, scuba diving shipwrecks and, ultimately, serving in the U.S. Navy. He was a veteran who proudly served his country after graduating from Grand Haven High School in 1956.

Robert was the first generation in his family to graduate from college. He went on to earn a master's degree in educational administration and became a high school principal. Summers, he ran a small vacation rental business. Winters, Bob loved skiing. He learned how to ski while visiting Switzerland in the 1960s, returned to Michigan and joined the National Ski Patrol.

Robert is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Ilan Pragaspathy of Chicago, Illinois; and two grandchildren, Lucas and Ilanko Pragaspathy.

Per the family's wishes, a private graveside service and burial will take place at Lake Forest Cemetery. Arrangements by The VanZantwick Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 620 Washington Ave., Grand Haven, MI 49417.

Brothers;

It is my sad duty to inform the Department Officers and the various Camps of the Department of Michigan of the passing of a Brother. **Brother Theodore S. Johnson** of the Alexander French Camp Number 28 passed away on November 3, 2021. He was 96 years old. He is survived by the families of his five children. Please keep the Alexander French Camp and the Johnson family in your prayers. His obituary is given below. Christ says, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."

Theodore Starks (Ted) Johnson passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at the age of 96.

He was born May 17, 1925, the son of Theodore and Lillie (Starks) Johnson in Ensley Center, MI. He graduated from Howard City High School, Spring Arbor Junior College, Hope College, and did graduate work at Michigan State University. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during WWII. When he returned from the war in 1946, he married his waiting sweetheart, Jeanette Berghorst. They enjoyed 59 years together until her death in 2006.

Ted loved life and people and was very active to the end of his life. When adversity came in his life, he pushed through it and kept on going thus earning him the loving title of "the energizer bunny" from his family. Then in September pneumonia hit him hard, and when he realized he was losing the battle, he requested his family put him on hospice. Our beloved energizer bunny lost his earthly battle, but gained the Heavenly goal he had worked for all his life.

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Early in life Ted answered the call of God into the ministry pastoring churches at McCarron, Central Lake/Pleasant Valley, Grand Ledge, Big Rapids, and Grand Rapids Eastern Avenue and First Free Methodist Churches and then superintendent of the North MI Conference FMC until his retirement. Following his retirement, he served as principal of the Barryton Community Christian School and chaplain at Altercare in Big Rapids. He was also bi vocational during his pastoral years teaching at the Grand Ledge, Evert, and Morley Stanwood public schools.

He loved history and ancestry and was active for many years in the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. He enjoyed traveling, visiting many states from coast to coast and the continents of Asia, Africa, South America and Europe. A highlight of his life was a trip to his ancestral homeland of Finland and meeting some of the ancestral descendants.

He had a zest for life and loved times with his family, but most of all had a passion to serve the God he loved. Our loss in Heaven's gain. Well done good and faithful servant.

Ted is survived by his children, Theodore H., Steven (Betty) Johnson, Lynette (Dale) Dosenberry, Richard (Amy Goodman) Johnson, and Jan (Dan) Moriarty; grandchildren, Michelle (Matt) Ray, Mary Jeanette Mallo, Adam (Amy) Johnson, Kyle (Iris) Johnson, Derek (Katie) Dosenberry, Thaila Johnson, Daniel Johnson, Jessica Garner, Aimee Moriarty, Rikki (John) Franklin, Traci (Matt) Burks, Jennifer Coach, Drake Moriarty; 27 great grandchildren; brothers-in-law, Gene (Carol) and Jon (Prudy) Berghorst; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Jeanette, his parents, daughters-in-law Laura Johnson and MaryAnn Schmidt, brothers Carl (Dorothy) and Victor (Alvina) Johnson, sister Ethel (Ron) Eckert, parents-in-law John and Hattie Berghorst, brothers and sisters-in-law, Bernard and Edith Berghorst, Ed and Hester Berghorst, Ed and Millie Haveman, and Peggy Berghorst.

Department Chaplain

Submitted by Chaplain Charles Buckhahn, PCC

Prayers

In my daily devotions, I have found that changes in the life of our world, the nation, my personal family, and my own life necessitate new prayers. Now, with a pastor's library, one would think that I have a treasure strove of written prayers that can meet any prayer need. Not so. I found no written prayers that satisfied the prayer needs for the coronavirus pandemic, for the civic unrest in the summer of 2020, nor for the situation in Ukraine today. Thus, I share with you some of the prayers I have composed to meet the needs we all face today.

For the Coronavirus Pandemic:

Merciful God, You are the ultimate healer, hear my prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus. May those who are infected receive the proper treatment and the comfort of Your healing presence. Give comfort to those who grieve the loss of loved ones. Protect and guide those who aid the sick, who strive to deliver the vaccines, and those who research new treatments, that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health. Help us to rise above fear of the virus and distrust of others. Guide our government leaders as they form health policies to protect our communities, but still preserve our freedoms and rights. I ask all this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

For the situation in Ukraine:

Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, look down upon the citizens of Ukraine and protect them from harm and danger, even in the midst of war and military invasion. Be with, encourage, strengthen, and guide the spiritual leaders and members of the Ukrainian Christian Churches as they minister to one another with the Gospel of Christ in the midst of the danger and suffering of war. We also ask that You send the Spirit to all governmental officials in Europe and in America, especially those in Russia, that they might be inclined to walk in the ways of righteousness and peace and cease military hostilities. We ask this in Your most holy Name. Amen.

Finally, based upon the opening prayer for a Camp meeting, this the prayer I often use for our nation and for our brotherhood:

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Heavenly Father, the High and Mighty Ruler of the universe, who looks down upon the governments of men, I earnestly ask Your favor to bless the United States and preserve in purity and integrity its free institutions for all coming time. Bless the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. Grant that it may long exist, and that it may continue to be an instrument of great good to all. Give me willing hands and a ready heart to carry out properly its principles and objectives. Keep green in my mind the memory of those who sacrificed so much that the life of the nation might be preserved, and deal with them, as in all things, with Your special mercy. Give me Your aid and so bless me that Charity and Justice, and Peace and Harmony shall remain and flow from me. Amen.

It is my hope and prayer that these prayers may help you in our prayer life. One last note; part of my daily devotions is saying The Ten Commandments (they are, after all, the divine orders of the day), the Apostles' Creed (the summary of the Christian Faith I was baptized into), and the Lord's Prayer (which covers all of our prayer needs for the day). With my prayers done, I can, as a soldier of the Cross, take up my position, my spiritual post, as St. Paul puts it, "take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm."

Enoch Woodman

Submitted by Mark Hoffman – Camp 17

It is common to find Civil War soldiers who lied in about their age in order to be accepted by recruiting officers. That's exactly what Michigan's Enoch Woodman did when he enlisted in Company G, 1st Michigan Engineers and Mechanics on October 29, 1861. Woodman claimed to be 47 years old, when in fact he was about 15 years older.

Woodman was born in 1799 near Buxton, Massachusetts (in present-day Maine), and served as an enlisted soldier in both the War of 1812 and the Civil War. While there are other cases of service in both wars, it is very unusual in that Woodman served as an enlisted soldier in the ranks during both wars, almost 50 years apart, and that his service is so well documented. Ironically, Woodman also lied about his age when he served in his first war. According to U.S. Army records, he was an 18-year-old Private when enlisted on April 21, 1813. In fact, he was only 14 or 15 years old. Woodman was assigned to the 33rd U. S. Infantry of the Regular Army and served for one year, apparently as a servant for Surgeon's Mate John P. Briggs. The 33rd was one of several new regiments in the expanded Regular Army and probably saw little action while in the Lake Champlain area during Woodman's service.

Following his service, Woodman experienced a series of adventures in the high seas including being shipwrecked twice and service on a privateer in South America. He eventually returned to Maine before marrying and moving to Ohio. For at least twenty years he was as a sailor on the Great Lakes, living in Cleveland when not afloat. In about 1850, he and his family moved to Michigan, and he entered the lumber industry. By 1861 he was living in Genesee County when he enlisted in the Michigan Engineers as a member of Company G.

Woodman remained with the Engineers through its journey from the camp of rendezvous in Marshall and then on to Kentucky. He was part of a three-company detachment of the regiment that served during the hard march that resulted in a Union victory at Mill Springs on January 19, 1862. From there, Woodman marched with his company on the move through Kentucky to Nashville and then on to the Shiloh battlefield in early April. By this time, more than a third of the regiment was considered too sick for duty and more than 50 had already died or been discharged by the surgeons. Woodman among those broken down in health and he was discharged by the surgeon at Pittsburg Landing on April 21, 1862.

He returned to Genesee County and the lumber business, but by 1870 was a resident of the County Poor Farm. Seven years later Woodman was admitted to the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers branch in Dayton, Ohio in+ April 1877. He died there on August 9, 1878, cause of death "old age," and is buried in the Dayton National Cemetery. He lies beneath a military headstone identifying him as a "U.S. Soldier War of 1812."

Images

[Headstone: from Find a Grave]

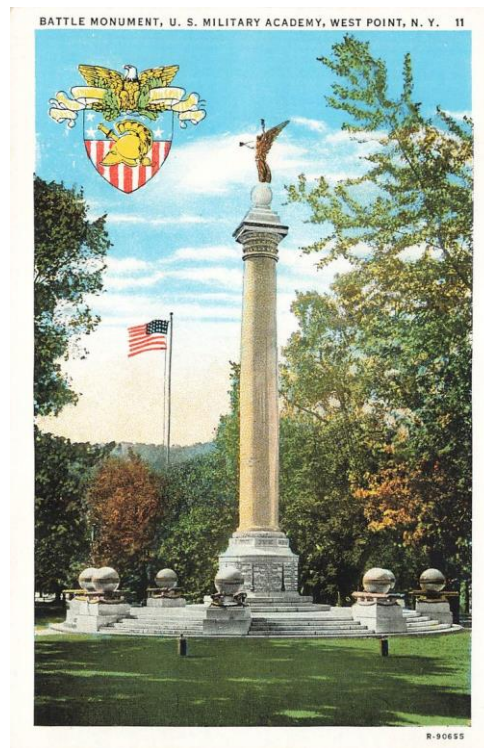
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The U.S.M.A. (West Point) and the Civil War

*Submitted by Todd Cordill
(Son of a graduate of the USMA)*

The United States Military Academy at West Point, New York has an important place in American military history and is well worth a visit. Located approximately 90 miles north of New York City, the academy is situated on a prominent bluff overlooking the Hudson River. Near the parade plain at the center of the campus are a number of military monuments and statues. An excellent military museum is also on the campus. I have had the pleasure of visiting West Point three times and have learned a lot with each visit.

When studying much of our Civil War history, one will discover that most of the leaders in both the Union and Confederate armies were graduates of the U.S.M.A. A good number of these prominent graduates served together in the Mexican War. Some who had been classmates at the academy later opposed each other during the Civil War.

From a recent register of graduates, a partial list of graduates in the Civil War (with year of graduation) is as follows.
George A. Custer, 1861, US James E.B. Stuart, 1854, CS

John Bell Hood, 1853, CS	James McPherson, 1853, US
John Schofield, 1853, US	Phillip Sheridan, 1853, US
Ambrose P. Hill, 1847, CS	Ambrose Burnside, 1847, US
Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, 1846,	CS George B. McClellan, 1846, US
George E. Pickett, 1846, CS	Ulysses S. Grant, 1843, US
William Rosecrans, 1842, US	James Longstreet, 1842, CS
Don Carlos Buell, 1841, US	George Henry Thomas, 1840, US
William Tecumseh Sherman, 1840, US	P.G.T. Beauregard, 1838, CS
John Sedgwick, 1837, US	Braxton Bragg, 1837, CS
Joseph Hooker, 1837, US	John C. Pemberton, 1837, CS
George G. Meade, 1835, US	Joseph E. Johnston, 1829, CS
Robert E. Lee, 1829, CS	Jefferson Davis, 1828, CS

William L. Gowin

Submitted by Mark Hoffman – Camp 17

Michigan's Civil War dead are buried across the nation, but at least one US Navy sailor from Michigan lies buried in a French cemetery. His remains lay next those of two British citizens who died fighting for the Confederacy in the same action engagement.

William L. Gowin, or Gouin, was born in Michigan, probably on Sept. 3, 1834, in St. Clair. He enlisted as an ordinary seaman on January 1, 1862, in Boston, Massachusetts. Gowin's enlistment was for two years, and he was described as 5'5" tall with gray eyes, black hair and a light complexion. His rank as an ordinary seaman meant that he had at least two years of ship experience and earned monthly pay of \$14 and that he worked in the rigging while underway since ship commanders usually used their coal-powered steam engines only as auxiliary power. Gowin also served as part of a gun crew when in battle.

Gowin was among 81 recruits sent from Boston to Portsmouth, New Hampshire for the newly-built steam sloop-of-war *Kearsarge*. With a complement of 163 officers and men, the 200 foot long, 1550-ton vessel left for its first cruise in February 1862. It was assigned to hunt down Confederate commerce raiders that were raising havoc among US merchant vessels. For the next 16 months, Gowin and his shipmates cruised the waters off western Europe, chasing down reported sighting of rebel raiders and standing guard off harbor entrances in hopes of bringing one to battle.

There was much boredom at sea when not on duty, including among those on the *Kearsarge*. Gowin was among a group of sailors on the ship who formed a minstrel show which performed for crewmates at sea and visitors when in port. Like others on the ship, Gowin also got into periodic trouble for fighting, drunkenness, and not returning to ship from shore leave. This kind of behavior was common, and the men considered it worth the inevitable shipboard confinement, often in chains, which followed.

The duty, while monotonous, was also dangerous. Gowin almost died on August 19, 1863, following a run to shore for fresh provisions. The ship's boat was being hoisted back on board after dark when a ringbolt failed and Gowin, his crewmates, and the provisions were all dumped into the water. Gowin and another sailor were thought to be lost, but a rescue boat found them in the dark and pulled the two from the water.

Gowin's enlistment was set to expire at the end of 1863. Captain John A. Winslow of the *Kearsarge* yielded tremendous power as captain of a man-of-war and used it to extend their enlistments until the end of the cruise, along with a 25 percent increase in their pay.

By June 1864, the *Kearsarge* was finishing repairs in Flushing, the Netherlands, when Winslow received orders to move south at once and take position off the harbor of Cherbourg, France where the infamous raider *Alabama* under Captain Raphael Semmes had sought shelter and use of a drydock for major repairs. French officials, however, were reluctant to allow a foreign warship use of their naval facilities. Semmes decided to forgo the repair and take his chances in battle while there was just the one US warship off the harbor.



Old Communal Cemetery, Cherbourg, France



SEAMAN WILLIAM GOVIN, MORTALLY WOUNDED ON THE "KEARSARGE."

On June 19, 1864, Semmes left the harbor to confront the *Kearsarge*. It proved to be a lopsided contest and within an hour the *Alabama* was a sinking wreck. Semmes lowered his flag and requested help rescuing his crew. Most were rescued by the *Kearsarge* and became prisoners, while Semmes and forty of his men were pulled from the water and then taken to England by a nearby British yacht. About 30 of Semmes' men died during the action or were drowned.

There had been only two serious hits to the *Kearsarge* and one of them did not explode. The other, however, smashed through the bulwark and exploded near the crew of the *Kearsarge*'s 11 inch Dahlgren smoothbore aft pivot gun. William Gowin and two others were struck down by shell fragments and his left leg was smashed, broken bone protruding both above and below the knee. Surgeon Browne was able to stop the flow of bleeding and keep Gowin alive. He continued to care for Gowin and his two wounded comrades after they were moved from the ship to the local marine hospital, but the Michigan native died on June 27 of his wounds.

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On June 29, he was buried in Cherbourg's Old Communal Cemetery and comrades contributed funds for an obelisk to mark his grave. He was buried alongside the remains of two of *Alabama's* crew who also died of their wounds days earlier -- British citizens James King and George Appleby. The three were later joined by the remains of Asst. Surgeon James J. Allingham, USS *Frolic* who died of disease in Cherbourg in October 1865. Allingham had served in that rank during the war on several USN vessels, following 1861 service as an officer in the 13th New York (3months).

Gowin's mother, Margaret, received a monthly widowed mother's pension of \$8 beginning in 1867.



Ceremonies and wreath ceremonies at Woolson Monument.



. Ceremony of recognition and wreath placement at the Michigan Sharpshooters Monument.



. Jan Davis, President, Department of Michigan, Daughters Of Union Veterans 1861-1865 places flags at the Sharpshooters monument for her two relatives who served with Berdan's Sharpshooters.



Michigan men forming up for the annual Gettysburg parade.



Michigan participants toured the USS New Jersey as a side trip.



Memorial arch at Valley Forge part of the side trip activities.



Michigan marchers in Gettysburg Remembrance Parade.



Full contingent of Company A, 14th Michigan Infantry, SVR.



Tour at the extreme right of the Union line.



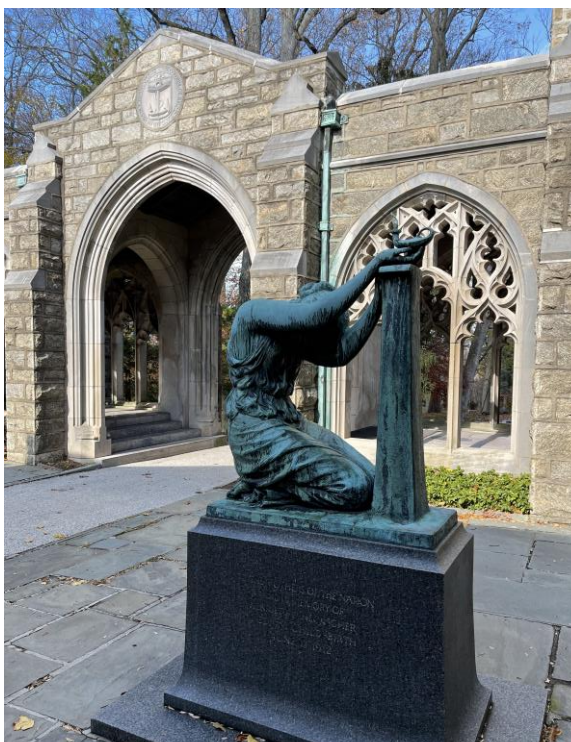
SVR men trying to order pizza from the USS New Jersey Combat Information Center.



Marker on the extreme left flank of the Union line at Gettysburg.



Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge.



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Gary Owen Irish Pub: Great place for a meal for the 14th Michigan Irish Rifle.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
138th ANNUAL MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT
May 13-14, 2022

LOCATION

Double-Tree-by-Hilton

Grand-Rapids-Airport
4747 28th St SE
Grand Rapids, MI

FRIDAY 13 May 2022

The Double-Tree-by-Hilton has Complimentary Self-Parking, Complimentary WIFI in guest rooms, and meeting rooms. The Hotel is now ready to accept reservations for the 2022 Department of Michigan Encampment. The Encampment rate is \$105 per night.

Use the link below for Hotel Reservation

[2022 Michigan Department Encampment Hotel](#)

All Hotel reservations must be made by April 22nd, 2022. We advise - BOOK NOW if you intend to stay.

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY May 13 - 5:30 pm - An Informal Dinner Gathering will take place. Meet in the Hotel Lobby.

SATURDAY MAY 14 - Double-Tree By Hilton, 4747 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI

138th ANNUAL MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT
SUVCW TENTATIVE ENCAMPMENT SCHEDULE

8:00 AM - Registration Opens

8:45 AM - Memorial Service

9: AM - Encampment Convenes

Noon - Recess for Lunch

Lunch will be a buffet in the Hotel restaurant, with a special seating area for the Encampment. Greetings will be brought by C-in-C Pauquette and National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Awards and certificates may be presented. Cost will be determined by the Hotel.

All Camps are encouraged to bring their Camp Flags to the Department Encampment to be displayed with the Department's Colors.

Noon - Department and Camp Chaplains Meeting

1:45 PM - Encampment Reconvenes

5:00 PM - Encampment Closes

5:30 PM - Informal Dinner with C-in-C Paquette. Meet in the Hotel Lobby

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NOTICE: Department Headquarters will be transferred to 4747 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI on May 13, 2022

Any Brother interested in holding a Department elected office should submit his letter of interest, credentials, and any letters of endorsement to the Department Nominating Committee no later than 28 March 2022. The chair of the Committee is Brother Rick Danes, PCC. Please direct your information to him and he will share the same with the Committee. He may be reached through email at redanes@aol.com or via USPS to: 2612 Burns Street Dearborn, MI 48124. The deadline to submit a letter of intention is Monday, March 28, 2022.

Nominations for any Department Award will be directed to the proper Committee, for evaluation, through the Department Secretary via email at secretary@suvchwmi.org, or can be sent via USPS to 30090 Orla Engle Road, Colon, MI 49040. PLEASE NOTE: Nominations must be received by 13 March 2022.

FORMS

A registration form for the SUVCW Department Encampment is provided on the next page.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL FORMS AND FEES MUST BE RECEIVED BY May 6th

[138th Annual Michigan Department Encampment Registration Form](#) TRY TO EMAIL BY APRIL 27th TO MEET MAY 6th DEADLINE

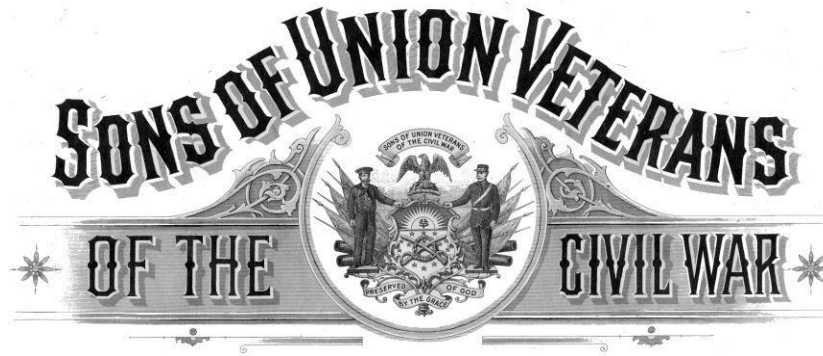
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*Ordered this 7th Day of March, 2022 Michael A. Paquette
Commander-in-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*



2022 DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Camp Delegate	(Check One Only) Camp Commander	Department Commander
Alternate Camp Delegate	Past Camp Commander	Past Department Commander
Past Commander-in-Chief		

Name:

Camp No.:

Email Address:

Cell Phone Number:

SUVCW Pre-Registration Fee is \$5.00 (note: \$10.00 at the door) Make Your

Check Payable To: **Dept. of Mich. SUVCW**

Mail NO LATER THAN 6 May 2022 to:

L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., PDC, Chairman
 Dept. Encampment Credentials Committee
 1062 Four Seasons Blvd.
 Aurora, IL 60504

This form covers only the pre-registration fee. You will still be required to present a current SUVCW Membership Card and Credentials Card issued by your Camp Secretary at the door in order to complete your registration for admission to the Department Encampment.

(Note: \$10 Registration Fee at the Door If Not Pre-Registered)

2022 Department of Michigan Encampment - 13 May 2022

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