



Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of
the Civil War
Office of the Department
Secretary



Report to the 141st Annual Department of Michigan Encampment

February 13, 2025

To Commander in Chief Martin, Department Commander Martin and the Brothers of the 141st Annual Department of Michigan Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Greetings.

I wish to thank the 141st Encampment for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Department Secretary for 2024-2025 term.

I wish to thank Department Commander Steven Martin, Executive Director David Demmy, the Department and Camp officers for their aid and Brother Jim Pahl, PCinC, for his valuable assistance in assisting me in compiling the 140th Department Encampment Proceedings.

In the 2024-2025 term all reports, forms and necessary documents have been submitted well before their required deadline.

I encourage anyone who has questions regarding form preparation and processing of forms or the operations of the Secretary office, please contact me.

Please promptly inform the Department Chaplain and me of the passing of a Brother. The attending Form 30 should be rapidly sent.

Please be sure to use the current forms. The best practice is to go to the National website and download the current document to your PC. By doing this, we will have the necessary information for the form submittal.

It would be appreciated if the Form 27 Camp Annual reports were submitted as soon as possible.

As of compiling this report, we have 363 Brothers in the Department of Michigan. Since the filing of Form 35 Department Annual report in May of 2024, to the date of this report, we have gained 13 new Brothers and lost 9.

I have submitted my name to the Nominating Committee for another 3-year term as Department Secretary.

**Thank you and best regards,
Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,**

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



DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

March 29, 2025

Report of the Department Treasurer

Commander Martin, Officers and Brothers of the Department of Michigan

The Department of Michigan has concluded the financial business of the 2024 Membership Year and our finances continue to be positive. We posted revenues and expenditures from normal operations of the General Fund during 2024 of \$5,011.87 and \$4,573.31 respectively to the General Fund. This resulted in a surplus of revenues over expenses from normal operations of \$438.56 for the year. Additional expenses of the donation of \$2,000.00 toward the placement of a Michigan monument at Antietam and \$1,662.14 for computer and scanning equipment for the Department Historian created deficit for the year of \$3,223.58.

Total Net Assets available amounted to \$31,459.71 as of December 31, 2024. Of that total, \$65.42 is restricted for Gettysburg flag replacement. A total of \$30,374.71 represents unassigned cash that may be disposed of by this Encampment, \$634.50 is inventory of Department merchandise available for sale.

The Department of Michigan Permanent Fund reflects a total of \$56,065.44 in total assets, which consists of a permanently restricted balance of \$54,666.59 and a temporarily restricted income accumulation of \$1,398.85.

I wish to report:

1. All bills have been paid, funds received deposited and all required reporting to the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have been submitted in a timely manner.
2. As directed by 2017-2018 Dept. Order #11, all IRS form 990N filings for Camps not opting to be treated as unincorporated associations have been timely filed by the Department Treasurer.
3. All permanent fund assets have been invested in government-backed securities, mutual funds invested in government backed securities or insured certificates of deposit through an Edward Jones account. A net yield of 2.50% on our investment for the year after amortization of bond premiums is improving as older investments mature and are replaced with higher rate ones.

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

I offer this recommendation for consideration by the Encampment for the coming year:

1. That the proposed 2025 operating budget for the General Fund, attached to this report, be accepted as presented.

I appreciate the trust placed in me by the Brothers of this Department in electing me to the position of Treasurer for this past term of office. It has been an honor to serve the Department, and continue to be proud to be able to offer my professional skills in this position.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

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

**Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Financial Report-General Fund
For the Year ended December 31, 2024**

Statement

Assets

Cash in bank	30,374.71
Undeposited Funds	25.50
Site Deposit for 2024 Dept. Encampment	425.00
Merchandise Inventory - Badges & Blazer Patches	634.50
Total Assets	<u>31,459.71</u>

Liabilities	0.00
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Net Assets

Unrestricted Balance	31,394.29
Restricted Balances	
Rally Round the Flag	65.42
Total Net Assets	<u>31,459.71</u>

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>31,459.71</u>
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Statement of Revenues and Expenses

For the Year Ended
December 31, 2024

Revenues

Per-capita	2,117.50
Departmental Sales	1,110.00
Dept. Encampment Registration	270.00
Dept. Encampment Meals	486.00
Perm Fund Support-Encampment Costs - 2024	1,028.37
Donations	0.00
Total Revenues	<u>5,011.87</u>

Expenses

Cost of Goods Sold	404.50
Advertising - Banner & National Encampment	240.00
Shipping Costs	79.25
Department Encampment Costs	1,784.37
Insurance	90.00
Office Supplies	60.58
Donation to GAR Hall	200.00
Antietam MI Monument Donation	2,000.00
Technology Costs	158.89
Dept. Historian Equipment	1,662.14
Eagle Scout Awards	949.00
ASUVCW Gift	49.84

CinC Gift	52.98
Gettysburg Wreaths	106.00
Officer & Committee Expenses per Guidelines	292.90
Past Dept. Commander Jewel	105.00
Total Expenses	<u>8,235.45</u>
Net Revenue (Expense)	<u><u>-3,223.58</u></u>

Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Inventory of the Treasurer

March 29, 2025

In my possession are the following:

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

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

The 2018 through 2024 accounting records in hard copy along with all current year records. These consist of all bank statements, brokerage statements, receipts, deposit records and invoices to support expenditures. Additionally, I have records for the forms 990N that were filed by the Dept. Treasurer on behalf of all Camps of the Department 2017 – 2024.

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

All inventory of merchandise held for sale by the department including 4 Blankinton Kepi badges, 36 Coins for Anything Kepi badges, blazer badges and embroidered 7th Corps badge, one box of Michigan at Gettysburg reprints, as well as unsold 2009 Department of MI Encampment badges and 2017 National Encampment Badges.



The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Michigan
Resource Allocation Committee
and related sub-committees
Annual Report

Bruce S. A. Gosling, Chairman
20388 US Highway 12
White Pigeon, MI 49099

Report of the Resource Allocation, Scholarship and Camp Grant committees:

Brothers,

Recommendations to create Camp Grant and Scholarship programs were approved by the 140th Encampment of the Department of Michigan. Subsequently, Department Commander Martin issued Department Orders 12 and 13 creating committees to develop applications for each of these programs.

The approved programs may be summarized as follows:

Dept. of Michigan Scholarship Program

This program is designated to provide scholarships to youths residing in the State of Michigan who members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) or one of its Allied Orders. Qualified applications will be reviewed for approval by a committee appointed annually by the Department Commander.

The total pool for making scholarships will be for a maximum of two \$1,000 awards for the 2025-26 academic year. The success of this program will be reviewed and recommendation made to the 141st Department of Michigan Encampment for determination of continuing or terminating the program. Qualifying youths would be residents of the State of Michigan who have graduated high school and are members in the SUVCW or one of its Allied Orders.

Dept. of Michigan Camp Grant Matching Program

This program creates a pool of funds to provide Camps of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War with matching grants for funding projects furthering the objectives of the Order. Qualified proposals would be reviewed for approval by a committee appointed annually by the Department Commander.

The total pool for making grants will be \$5,000. Grants will be on a dollar-for-dollar matching basis for funds raised for the project by the applying Camp up to a maximum of \$500 annually. Total grants available for award in any given year to all Camps of the Dept. of MI will be a maximum of \$1,000.

Once the \$5,000 pool is expended, the program will be terminated unless renewed by a future Encampment of the Department of Michigan.

Qualifying Camps would be members of the Department of Michigan SUVCW that are not under suspension by the Department Commander or National Organization of the SUVCW.

I am pleased to report that these applications have been developed and have been approved by the Department Council as well as Department Commander Martin. With thanks to Brother Robert Payne, the applications have been converted to fillable pdf formats and are now posted under the Special Projects section on the home page of the Department of Michigan website.

Recommendations:

That the Resource Allocation committee be reappointed for the 2025 fiscal year of the Department to evaluate success these programs and make recommendations to the 142nd Department Encampment accordingly.

That the committees created by Department Orders 12 and 13 be discharged as their assigned tasks have been completed.

Finally, that the incoming Department Commander appoint a Camp Grant Committee and a Scholarship Committee to evaluate applications for approval and promote the programs by submitting articles for the Michigan Messenger regarding availability of the programs and successful awards made.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Bruce Gosling, Chairman



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Council (Chair), Camp Organizer, & Newsletter Editor
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2024-2025 CAMP ORGANIZER ANNUAL REPORT – DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

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

It has been my honor and privilege to serve for the 2024-2025 administrative term of the Department of Michigan. During the 2024-2025 administrative term, there were no inquiries to organize any new Camps within the Department.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: there are no recommendations at this time.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/

David S. Smith, LM, PDC
Camp Organizer – Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Proposed Budget
Year ending December 31, 2025**

	Actual December 31, 2024	Proposed 2025 Budget
Revenues		
Per-capita	2,117.50	2,100.00
Departmental Sales	1,110.00	900.00
Dept. Encampment Registration	270.00	250.00
Dept. Encampment Meals	486.00	400.00
Donations	0.00	100.00
Permanent Fund Encampment Support	1,028.37	1,150.00
	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues	<u>5,011.87</u>	<u>4,900.00</u>
Expenses		
Cost of Goods Sold	404.50	300.00
Advertising	240.00	240.00
Postage & Shipping	79.25	140.00
GAR Records	0.00	500.00
Department Archives Project	1,662.14	0.00
Department Encampment Costs	1,784.37	1,800.00
Bank Fees	0.00	0.00
Insurance	90.00	90.00
Supplies	60.58	50.00
Technology Costs	158.89	100.00
Graves Registration Project	0.00	500.00
Eagle Scout Awards	949.00	500.00
Donations- Michigan Antietam Monument	2,000.00	0.00
Donations-Eaton Rapids GAR Hall	200.00	200.00
Camp Grants	0.00	500.00
Scholarships	0.00	2,000.00
Gettysburg Wreaths	106.00	110.00
Officer & Committee Expenses (Per guidelines)	292.90	2,550.00
Expected Officer & Committee shortfall in requests		(3,000.00)
National Encampment Gifts	102.82	100.00
PDC Badge	105.00	124.00
Total Expenses	<u>8,235.45</u>	<u>6,804.00</u>
Net Revenue (Expense)	<u><u>-3,223.58</u></u>	<u><u>(1,904.00)</u></u>

Budgeted Officer & Committee expenses per Operating Guidelines are \$4,150.
Of this budgeted amount, \$792.9 was submitted for reimbursement leaving
\$3,357.10 of the budgeted expense not applied for.
Officer & Committee expense line item does not match \$4,150 total due to several
committee amounts appearing separately on the budget



Department Council
2024-2025
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



11 February 2025

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

During the 2024-2025 administrative term, the Department Council has performed the following activities:

- Per the Department Bylaws, the Department Council set the dues for the Camp-at-Large to remain as the current Department and National per capitas with no additional increase.
- Reviewed the Department Financials and proposed budget throughout the year as submitted by Department Treasurer Gosling.
- Reviewed and approved a 22 August 2024 request from the Department Historian for equipment to digitize the Department's records currently stored at the GAR Museum in Eaton Rapids. The recommended equipment and associated items were recommended from PCinC Frail and National Webmaster (and Department Webmaster) PDC Payne. An initial approval on the laptop and associated peripheral items came from Chairman D. Smith, PDC with a not to exceed \$1200 for the laptop and a not to exceed \$500 for the associated peripherals. This was also voted for approval by Vice Chairman N. Smith, PDC and Secretary R. Payne, PDC.
- On 28 September 2024, Department Webmaster R. Payne, PDC requested the purchase of the recommended scanner (per PCinC Frail) for the Department Historian from the Department Council. As Brother Payne is on the Department Council, he recused himself from the vote. Chairman D. Smith, PDC and Vice Chairman N. Smith, PDC voted to approve the expenditure of \$569 + tax (free shipping).
- The Department Council was asked to review the scholarship application generated by the Department of Michigan SUVCW Scholarship Committee. The Council reviewed the application and made minor suggestions.
- The Department Council was asked to review and approve the application for the Camp Grant Program for the Department of Michigan. The Council reviewed and approved the application.



Department Council
2024-2025
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



In closing, the Department Council would like to thank Department Treasurer Gosling for his continued diligent work in administration of the Department Treasury, filing of 990Ns for Camps across the Department of Michigan, and timely reporting of the quarterly financials and proposed budgets.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Department of Michigan Council

David Smith, LM, PDC – Chair
Nathan Smith, PDC – Vice Chair
Robert Payne, LM, PDC – Secretary

TO: MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF SUVCW
FROM: LLOYD D. LAMPHERE, SR EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATOR
DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2025
SUBJECT: ANNUAL EAGLE SCOUT REPORT

MILES DRIVEN: 1,436 MILES
43 EAGLE SCOUT AWARDS PRESENTED

2-10-24 CONNOR JAMES O'NEIL
2-10-24 MICHWAL MASON HULL
2-10-24 HARVEY JACOB LEBAU
3-2-24 ZACHARY DOUGLAS WIELER
3-15-24 JOHN OSTRANDER
2-29-24 HUNTER CHARLES HUSTEDE
2-29-24 CHARLES R. WEAVER
2-29-24 COOPER GRESKOWIAK
2-29-24 DOUG OSMER (BROTHER AND 2 SONS)
3-04-24 DOUG OSMER
4-04-24 ROBERT ERIC WILLIAM BOALS
5-11-24 SEA SCOUT
5-11-24 TIMOTHY H. HALLEAUX
5-11-24 JOSHUA LEE EDWARD SUTFIN
5-09-24 TYLER BROWN
5-09-24 JACOB BELLAIRE
5-09-24 DEVIN BARBIER
5-09-24 GEORGE DYER
5-09-24 FORD BROWN
5-09-24 MADDAX FITZGERALD
5-09-24 MATTHEW MIEHLKE
5-09-24 BENJAMIN LEMAN
5-09-24 RORY O'GRADY
5-09-24 JACK JOYCE
5-09-24 AARON NIEDECKEN
5-09-24 BENJAMIN OWENS
5-09-24 SAMUEL PATTERSON
5-09-24 JOSHUA SOMERO
5-09-24 KAL WVN SEGELIND
5-09-24 DANEK SCHWACH
5-09-24 JONATHAN VANDINETE
5-09-24 MIRANDA ASHLEY
5-09-24 ANDERSON SPENCER
6-01-24 ALEXANDER URANGA CANTON
6-01-24 HUNTER L. CLOUGH

6-01-24 CARTER ROMERO
6-02-24 ISHAAN MANDAR MARFATIA
6-02-24 ABISNAK BANFERJI
6-02-24 PETER ANTHONY SANITA
6-02-24 PARKER JOHN BAVER
6-02-24 WILLIAM JOSEPH OBRZLT
8-15-24 JASON BABB
8-15-24 CADEN DODDE

SUPPLIES ON HAND AT START 1-01-24
492 EAGLE SCOUT CHALLENGE COINS
7 SMALL 3" PATCHES
24 LARGE 6" PATCHES
21 CHALLENGE COINS (METAL)
14 CERTIFICATES

SUPPLIES ON HAND AT START 1-01-25
19 3" PATCHES
35 6" PATCHES
232 POKER CHIP CHALLENGE COINS
19 CHALLENGE COINGS (METAL)
30 EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATES

**A BIG THANK YOU TO DAVID WALLACE WHO PRINTS OUT THE
CERTIFICATES AND LETTERS OF COMMENDATION FOR EACH EAGLE SCOUT**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
LLOYD D. LAMPHERE, SR
EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATO

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department of Michigan

Graves Registration



Charles Worley, PDC, DGRO
68341 Crooked Creek Rd.
White Pigeon, MI 49099

January 28, 2025 Annual Report to the 141st Department Encampment

Department Commander and Brothers of the Department,

I am reporting that the Graves Registration Committee and its activities have been in good hands and have been handed to me in good orderly condition for the continuation of the Committees work.

Department Commander Steve Martin asked me if I would consider the DGRO responsibilities following the untimely passing of Brother Rick Danes. I accepted the request and he confirmed the appointment with Department Order No. 9.

Department Order No. 9 asks Brothers Mark Hoffman, Gary Swain and Gene Taylor to guide and help me as we discover where this program currently is situated. I appreciate the help so far offered and continue to seek additional help from this corps.

To date:

I have developed a contact list to email the Camp GRO's and or the Commander in the cases where the GRO doesn't provide an email address.

I established contact with Irma Danes and set a time for Gary Swain and myself to visit her and take possession 30 bank boxes and several miscellaneous books and items. The bank boxes contain Graves Registration hand written documents that this group has researched over the years.

This is a good time to describe the Database situation as much as I understand it currently. Brother Rick's Michigan Database (Excel Spreadsheet) is discontinued and unavailable online. My last CD of the Spreadsheet still works. The collected information included 83 Michigan Counties plus National and Out of State finds. Over 3800 Michigan Cemeteries and 75,000 plus Civil War and "Other Wars" records. The CD's are a cross reference and you should keep them handy.

The National Organization of the SUVCW has set aside a server for a National Graves Registration Database. This database has over 800,000 entries for your research. It is currently available and it works. The entries of the Michigan Spreadsheet have been transferred to the National Database, although not perfectly. Essential information such as Name, Military Unit, Grave location transferred to the National Db. Additional Miscellaneous information such as aka, additional enlistment, spouses, rank, etc. didn't transfer as there are no fields for that information currently. The Danes were entering this miscellaneous information up to the time of Rick's diagnosis of thyroid cancer. They entered 32 counties from A to Kalamazoo. The remaining 30 boxes can be entered after this group discusses the scope of task.

You can open the National Graves Registration database at suvcwdb.org or from the home page menu of suvcw.org. Please do and get curious about it. The Camp GRO's will be the submitters of data from now on. Feel free to page through the home page information and the users' guide. Sign up for an account as a submitter, we will ask for higher permissions as we get comfortable and need remove duplicates or fix errors.

At the recent National Encampment in Lexington, KY, I made an appointment to meet the National GRO, Henry Duquette from the Department of North Carolina. The conversation helped me to frame some of the vision and direction of the Graves Registration Project. The National Database will capture more of the miscellaneous information in the near and long term. It is designed to be easy to search and submit records. The administrators will be able to query our submissions and autofill information into new added fields such as aka or spouse or Find-a-Grave numbers. So don't let your preconceptions of "Database" scare you yet. The near term goal is to cull out duplicate records, allow for batch entries, remove the User Verification entry along with other development and maintenance improvements.

The Camp GRO's met two times during 2024 at the Library of Michigan.

I have taken possession of Graves Registration Documents found within various Department Records and reviewed them against the Database for inclusion.

Several Camp GRO's have verified known rosters of Veterans for inclusion within the Database.

I have documented and catalogued the miscellaneous notebooks in Brother Rick's stored documents. The catalogue includes the many of the records Colegrove-Woodruff Camp 22's documented in their cemetery walks.

I have entertained four requests for record corrections and Headstone requisitions from others with vested interest in Civil War Veterans.

I'll conclude by saying Irma Danes encouraged us to create this work in our image and style. Brother Rick left us a strong structure and method, but he intended it to evolve as the needs revealed themselves. I'm kind of a Status Quo guy, but growth and change are two sides of the same coin. I'm open to implement suggestions that benefit the program.

I offer myself in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty to each of you,

Sincerely,

Charles Worley, PDC, DGRO



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2024-2025 NEWSLETTER EDITOR ANNUAL REPORT – DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

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It has been my honor and privilege to serve for the 2024-2025 administrative term of the Department of Michigan. Newsletter Editor Rick Danes, PCC left very large shoes to fill, and it has been my desire to carry on Michigan's Messenger in a way that would make him proud.

I must thank the various Camps that have submitted materials on their activities for their newsletter. Additionally, I would like to thank Brother Mark Hoffman, PCC for his historical article submissions. This work by Camps and Brothers across the Department inform readers on what is happening in the Department, but also provides topics of interest and highlights interesting subjects in Civil War history. It is my sincere hope as we move forward that more Brothers submit articles, and that Department Officers will contribute information regarding their individual offices.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: there are no recommendations at this time.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/

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Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

March 29, 2025

Brothers of the 141st Annual Department of Michigan SUVCW, I bring you Greetings and Salutations from the Village of Lennon. I want to commend all the Brothers and Camps for their hard work for our order and encourage them to think outside the box when recruiting for our order. I had a tough 2024, with me and my wife both being in the hospital numerous times. I was unable to attend the Department or National Encampment, though I was able to make my report to the National. I am looking forward to a productive year with all our camps. I know others have had considerable hardships too, but unlike me, they were able to overcome their difficulties. I am the National eBay chairman, and I do look for GAR, SUVCW and other Veterans items that should belong to the order. This includes grave markers, Camp Charters and other items that are our property by way of conveyance. If so appointed, I will dedicate myself to being a better Patriotic Instructor. I want to thank those who helped us in my time of need.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty
Terry McKinch, Patriotic Instructor



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Signals Officer /Communications and Technology Report
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Michigan

During this past year, I have worked on maintaining communications and ensuring we have the technology needed to function as a Department.

I was instrumental in purchasing a document scanner and computer to assist in the digitization of the Department records. This equipment is currently in the hands of the Department Historian.

I made recommendations for the purchase of a new computer for the Department Secretary.

I sent recommendations to the Department Council regarding the purchase of recording and sound reinforcing equipment for the Department Secretary. Unfortunately, due to the email chain being lost, it was not purchased. This needs to be purchased prior to June 2025, for the Secretary to learn the system for next year's Encampment.

I discovered that, according to TechSoup, our Department has only a 501(c)(4) status. We have 501(c)(3) but are supposedly listed as a 501(c)(4) status. This needs to be pressed further to be corrected.

Recommendations:

1. Purchase Sound system and microphones for the Department Secretary
2. Purchase 3 large solid state hard drives
 - a. 1 for the Department Secretary for storage of documents
 - b. 2 for the Department Historian for storage of scanned historical records
3. Continue the pursuit of recognition by TechSoup as a 501(c)(3) status.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Robert R Payne, PDC

Webmaster Report
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Michigan

I have been able to maintain the Department Website through this past year, updating it as necessary.

1. Draping the site when called upon by National or Department Orders.
2. Posting all Department Orders and Special Messages.
3. Posting General Orders. This led to the new practice of posting links to the National Website for General Orders, which leads to a uniform way of accessing them.
4. Changing links to National Forms to links on the National Website. This ensures all Forms accessed through our Department site are the most up to date.
5. Posting Department Encampment Information on the site.
6. Posting New Camp Officers, when I receive their information, to the Camp pages which are maintained by the Department. All others are updated by the individual Camps.
7. Working with the Website Redesign Committee, we have been discussing and working on a redesign of the current website format.

Recommendations:

1. We are currently paying for three Domain names that we no longer use: suvcwmidb.org, suvcwmidb.net, and suvcwmidb.com. Each of these were associated with the Old Michigan Graves Registration Data Base. We have not been actively using these for a couple of years. A decision must be made whether to keep paying for them, if so, how long.
2. It must be decided what to do with the graves information we have on our database sites.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Robert R Payne, PDC