

## **Department Orders #3**

### **Series 2006- 2007**

- 1. Thanks to almost thirty Michigan men and women who traveled Gettysburg, PA to observe Remembrance Day. SUVCW Brothers, SVR members, members of Allied Orders, and independent re-enactors came together to represent Michigan and to form an Honor Guard for Michigan's own James B. Pahl, Commander-In-Chief of the SUVCW. We were honored to be joined by a host of re-enactors of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Colored Troops who are members of Commander-In-Chief Pahl's re-enactment command.**
- 2. On behalf of the Department of Michigan I wish to thank the ladies of Corp #41 of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW for their efforts in repairing our flags. With many hours of labor the ladies have reattached, relabeled, and otherwise refurbished the entire collection of State of Michigan flags that annually mark the graves of Michigan's fallen at the National Cemetery in Gettysburg, PA. Additionally, Mrs. Marcia Butgereit, of the Auxiliary, traveled to Gettysburg to share histories and pictures of some of the Boys In Blue, who are interred there. Ladies, again, thank you so much.**
- 3. I am pleased to report the settlement of litigation of the matter of the GAR Hall in Detroit between Camp #101 of the SUVCW along with Tent #3 of the DUVCW vs. the City of Detroit. In this consent judgment the City of Detroit agreed to sell the property, forthwith to a private party. Any such sale will include the proviso that the Allied Orders be provided space and opportunity to maintain a perpetual display to honor the Grand Army. Certain physical attributes of the building such as the ceramic tile representation of the GAR badge in the main lobby must be preserved by any new buyer. Additionally, the Allied Orders have been granted access to certain documents and other artifacts of the Grand Army and held by various City agencies. As of this writing Detroit papers are reporting that a sale has been affected with the Illich family being the successful bidder.**
- 4. Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries should note that, effective this reporting year, Form #22 (Report of Election and Installation of Camp Officers) is now due to the Department Secretary no later than February 15, 2007. Form #27 (Camp Annual Report) is still due on April 30, 2007. Officers and Delegates of Camps not in compliance with these requirements may not be seated at the 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment**
- 5. Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries should note that the required Form #27 (Camp Annual Report) has been changed. The new form is available by download from the National web site or by e-mail from the Department Secretary (dderr@chartermi.net). Please note that NO previous version of this report will be accepted by the National Organization and will be rejected by the Department Secretary.**
- 6. In General Orders #4, Series 2005-2006 the Commander-In-Chief called upon every Camp in the Order to write a history of the Camp to provide to the Department who will collect and preserve them for our posterity. At the same time the Department will compile the collected Camp histories into a Department history to be forwarded to the National Historian. Twice, since this General Order, I have called upon our Camps for their offering. To date, only two Camps have sent forth Camp histories. Camp Commanders should detail someone, forthwith, to generate an appropriate composition to be forwarded to Brother Gary L. Gibson, PDC (Glgsvvcw@aol.com). When he has received the history of all of our Camps, Brother Gibson will make the afore mentioned compilation to be sent to the National Organization. Pictures of the past, rosters of Camp officers from through the years, personal recollections of various Camp Brothers and accounts of Camp projects are but a few suggestions for inclusion in your Camp's story. This is pretty much a free form project but it should be seen to very soon.**

7. At the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment there was brief mention of establishing a Bequeath Program with a view toward facilitating the intention of any Brother to remember the Department in his last will and testament. I am looking for two or three Brothers to serve on an exploratory committee to look into this matter and report their findings to the Department Encampment in April. If you are interested in serving on this committee please contact me.
8. I regret to report the loss of Brother Merle J. "Sie" Hagerman of Camp #20. A World War II veteran and a Brother of Camp #20 for a number of years, Brother Hagerman had worked for the railroad for most of his career. He went to his final review on December 2, 2006 at the age of 85. All Charters will be draped for a period of thirty days in Brother Hagerman's memory.
9. I regret to report that Brother Charles Worley of Camp #20 was involved in a serious automobile accident on November 23, 2006. Hospitalized for several days afterward, Chuck was released to his home to recuperate. He will, later, require reconstructive surgery to his ankle and recuperative time to mend his shoulder and several broken ribs. Please keep Chuck in your thoughts and prayers
10. I regret to report that Mrs. Anne Shumway, wife of Department Treasurer Brian Shumway, of Camp #17 has undergone cancer surgery in Chicago, Illinois. She is presently recuperating at home. Please keep the Shumways in your prayers.
11. The Communications and Technology Committee is at work developing a plan and policy to assure proper periodic back up of digital data of the Department. The current challenge is to find a suitable procedure that allows implementation by users of all levels of "computer" expertise while keeping cost to a minimum. Ongoing tests are encouraging and a plan to back up Graves Registration, GAR Records and Monuments & Memorials programs should be rolled out in the near future.
12. I extend to each of you and your families fondest and sincerest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Submitted in F, C, & L,  
December 1, 2006

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Department Secretary