

Department Orders No. 3
Series 2008 – 2009
1 December 2008

1. The 120th Annual Department Encampment is scheduled for April 25, 2009 at the Great Lakes Christian College, 6211 W. Willow Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917.

This year the Auxiliary is hosting and this will be their first time hosting an encampment in 50 years.

The luncheon will be cafeteria style from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm immediately following the student brunch which is from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. The menu will be the same as the students, plus a salad bar. Cost will be \$7.00 per person.

The Banquet will also be in the cafeteria and I believe will be buffet style. The cost for the banquet will be \$17.50 per person.

For those who wish to stay over night, the hotel is close to the encampment location and the accommodations are very nice. It is the Quality Suites Inn, 901 Delta Commerce Drive, Lansing, MI 8917, Phone: (517) 886-0600, Website: www.qualitysuitslansing.com. When making reservations be sure to tell them you are with the Michigan Department of Allied Orders and which Order you are with. The cost per night is \$82.00 and the deadline for reservations is April 15, 2009. Regular cost per night is \$116.00.

On Friday night the Auxiliary will be hosting a Hospitality Night. Festivities start at 7:30 PM in the Hotel Hospitality room located in the basement. The Auxiliary will provide drinks and snacks. There will be a special Civil War Bingo game, card games of your choice, and other games, all with prizes.

I would encourage all Brothers to attend the Department Encampment. If you have never attended a Department Encampment or if it has been a few years since you last attended, please make the effort to attend in 2009. The Auxiliary has made it a point to keep costs as low as possible in the hope of enticing more people to attend.

Registration forms and menu details will be available in the next issue of the Michigan Messenger.

2. For those who are not aware of it, next year is also the 125th Anniversary of the Department of Michigan which was Chartered June 24, 1884.
3. I am pleased to report that Commander-in-Chief David V. Medert will be attending the next Department Encampment.

4. A reminder to all Camps that Camp Officer Installations must be completed by January 31, 2009. Installing Officers are to be appointed by the Department Commander, so if there is someone in particular that you would like to request to install your Camp Officers you need to contact me so I can make the appointment. Also, it is the Installing Officer's responsibility to make sure that Form 22, Certification of Election and Installation of Camp Officers is properly completed with all required signatures.
5. All Camps are reminded that Form 22, Certification of Election and Installation of Camp Officers is due to the Department Secretary by February 15, 2009 and is available for download from the National SUVCW Website. I would strongly encourage all Camps to submit Form 22 as soon as possible after Camp Officers have been installed.
6. Nominations for the Abraham Lincoln Certificate of Appreciation Award should be sent to Department Secretary Kevin Lindsey. Nominations must be submitted by February 25, 2009. Any nominations received after February 25th will not be considered.
7. Effective immediately, by order of Commander-in-Chief David V. Medert, all reports and forms (less membership applications) must be typewritten. Please see General Order No. 2 below.

GENERAL ORDER #2
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1. *It has come to my attention that hand written reports and forms sent to the Executive Director, National Treasurer, and National Secretary are becoming too difficult to transcribe. This has resulted in inaccurate addresses, illegible names for Charters, illegible names of Officers for Camps and Department, etc.*
2. *Therefore, in order to better interpret submitted forms, all reports and forms (less membership applications) submitted to the National Headquarters shall be typewritten effective immediately. This can be accomplished by completing the forms online, printing a copy for file and printing another copy to be forwarded to the appropriate National Officer. Camps or Departments that are unable to fill in the form online may download the form and fill in the appropriate information on a typewriter. Forms submitted as handwritten are no longer acceptable and will be returned to the Camp or Department to be resubmitted in accordance with this General Order.*

So ordered this 1st Day of December 2008.

By order of:

*David V. Medert
Commander-In-Chief*

Attested:

*Donald Palmer
National Secretary*

8. I would like to wish all Brothers and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

/s/

Dennis C. Derr II

Commander

Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

/s/

Kevin J. Lindsey

Secretary

Department of Michigan

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