#### PREFACE

# ONE HUNDRETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR 3 June 1989

Prior to the formal opening, Commander Lyons made a special request of those assembled for this milestone event. He suggested that the Encampment be dedicated to the last GAR member of Michigan.

#### ORLANDO LE VALLEY

Comrad LeValley died on 19 April 1948 at his farm home five miles west of Caro. At the time of his death, he was Commander of the Michigan Department, Grand Army of the Republic; Vice Commander of the National GAR and a member of the Council of the National Organization; the last member and Commander of the Whiteside Post GAR of Caro.

Born September 19, 1848 in Marathon Township, Lapeer County, he tried to enlist at age 13. Three years later he succeeded and was assigned to Company H, 23rd Michigan Infantry, of the 2nd Brigade, of the 2nd Division of the 23rd Army Corps. He was discharged at Raliegh, N.C. in December 1865.

Upon proper motion and second, this Encampment is hereby dedicated to the memory of Comrad Orlando LeValley.

### ONE HUNDRETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT - SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

#### 3 JUNE 1989

The 100th Annual Encampment of the Michigan Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (S.U.V.C.W.) was held on 3 June 1989 at the Midway Motor Lodge, Lansing, Michigan. The encampment was opened per ritual by Department Commander James Lyons at 9:20 a.m. Department Secretary/Treasurer J. Douglas Park read the roll of Officers and staff:

Commander Lyons - present SVC Gibson - present JVC Pahl - present Secretary/Treasurer Park - present Council: Rowley - absent McCarthy - present Everett - present Chief of Staff Harrison - Excused to late arrival Counselor Pahl - present Pat. Instructor Feebles - absent due to illness Chaplain McCarthy - present Historian Hodges - present Asst. Historian Braden - absent Guide Foster - present Guard Hindbaugh - deceased Color Bearer Albrough - absent Aide to Cdr Patch - present Camp Organizer Harrison - Excused to late arrival

Commander Lyons made the following appointments to fill vacancies:

Assistant Secretary - Fatch Pat. Instructor - Everett Guard - Foster Guide - Brennan Color Bearer - Adams

Crecentials Committee Report

Vice ChairmanMitchell- reported that 19 delegates were in attendance and able to vote.

Resolutions Committee Appointments Commander Lyons appointed:

Gibson - Chairman Adams Doty Gage

By-Laws Committee Appointments - Commander Lyons appointed:

Pahl - Chairman Brennan McCarthy

### Officer Reports Appointments - Commander Lyons appointed:

Harrison - Chairman Mitchell Hodges

### Approval of Minutes

Bro. Pahl moved; Bro. McCarthy 2nd that the 1988 encampment

minutes be approved. Motion carried.

### Department Officer Reports Received:

Commander Lyons

SVC Gibson JVC Pahl

Pat. Inst. Peebles - due to absence his report will be sent later.

Historian Hodges Counselor Pahl

### Commander-in-Chief

The Commander-in-Chief was represented by Charles Corfman who was introduced and welcomed to the encampment by Commander Lyons. Bro. Corfman is Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

#### Correspondence

A letter was read from Bro. John LaRue of the Finch Camp #14. He expressed his regret in being unable to attend, but he expressed optimism in the progress in revitalizing the camp.

A letter from the Maryland Department requesting our support in the nomination of Bro. Lowell Hammer to the position of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the national encampment. Letter was referred

to the Resolutions Committee.

#### Department Council Report

Chairman Everett reported that an examination of the books and records of the Michigan Department indicated that they are in good order and approved. He reported that the Elijah Rowley Camp  $\#^{18}$  is delinquent in quarterly reports and per capita payments. He recommended that per the By-laws the Camp charter be revoked if they become delinquent for one year.

#### Motion to Suspend Rules

Commander Lyons reported that Secretary/Treasurer Park was required to leave the encampment prior to adjournment. Therefore, he requested a

motion the suspend the rules to allow presentation of the Treasurer's report at this time. Motion by Adams, 2nd McCarthy; motion approved.

### Treasurer's Report

Attached are copies of the Treasurer's report presented in two schedules to separate the 1988 National Encampment finances from normal Department operations. Motion to accept by Mitchell, 2nd Hodges; motion approved.

#### Recess

The encampment was recessed from 10:15 am to 10:45 am

### Departed Brothers

Commander Lyons reported that the following Brothers were deceased since the last encampment:

Jack C. Lavis , Jr. George Howe Camp #9
George J. Fettig Curtenius Guard Camp #17
Floyd Hindbaugh Ben Pritchard Camp #20
A moment of silence was requested in their memory

#### Old Business:

Past Commander Association - a resolution was approved at the

1988 Department Encampment calling for establishment of a Past Commanders Association. Bro. David Rowley was appointed chair man of a committee to organize and establish this association prior to this encampment. This work was not completed therefore this resolution dies for lack of completion of the re-

quirements. If this association is deemed necessary a new resolution should be proposed.

Chief of Staff - a position of Chief of Staff was approved at

the 1988 Department Encampment and was filled by the appointment of Bro. Harrison. Guidelines and rules were to be formulated this year, but were not completed. Position guidelines were referred to the Standing Committee on By-laws for completion.

Bonding of Secretary/Treasurer-the By-laws require that a bond

be obtained on the Treasurer and the Commander. The cost would be \$100 per year. Camp by-laws provide that the camp may require

a personal bond. The Resolutions committee were requested to draft a resolution to the National Encampment to change to Department By-laws to conform with camp by-laws.

### Committee Reports:

Gov. Austin Blair Membership Award: The JVC recommended that the award, which is made based on the largest increase in membership, be amended to be based on the highest percentage increase in membership. Discussion persued establishing a second award to be based on the highest percentage increase. Motion by Gibson, retain Gov. A. Blair Award for most numerical growth and to

retain Gov. A. Blair Award for most numerical growth and to 2nd Foster, to establish a second membership award to be based on

the highest percentage incease in membership. Amendment by Park,

2nd Mitchell to title the new award the "Orlando L $^{f e}{\scriptstyle arphi}$ ally Member-

ship Award". Amendment by Park, 2nd Gibson to make the Orlando

Levally award retroactive to this year.

Amendments approved. Motion approved, nay Mitchell.

### Resolutions Committee Report

The Committee approved the support of the nomination of Lowell Hammer to the position of Junior Vice Commander in Chief at the National Encampment. Motion by Pahl, 2nd Brenner; motion approved.

Delegates will be so instructed.

### Officer Reports Committee Report

The Historian's report recommended establishing sub-committees, under the Historian, to oversee collection and preservation of historical material and documents; and to survey material stored in various collections in museums. Libraries and personal collections.

Motion by Mitchell, 2nd Hodges to establish a sub-committee to

oversee collection and preservation of historical material and documents. Motion approved.

Motion by McCarthy, 2nd Doty to establish a sub-committee to

and personal collections. Motion approved.

### Adjournment for Lunch

The Encampment adjourned at 11:53 am for lunch and resumed at 1:15 pm.

### By-Laws Committee Report

The definition of the role of Chief of Staff was referred to the standing committee on By-laws for re search and development by Chairman Pqhl, and was so ordered by Commander Lyons.

### Department Council Report

Chairman Everett reported that the committee recommends that the matter of bonding be handled by resolving that Article 5 Section 2 be amended to require camps and departments to provide a suitable surety. Motion by Pahl, 2nd Gibson; motion carried.

### New Business

### Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival

An invitation was received from the Grand Haven Coast Guard to participate in their 199th Anniversary Festival. Commander Lyons will correspond with all Camp Commanders to ascertain their participation. A deadline of June 15, 1989 will be required for their response to meet the Festival's July 1, 1989 deadline. The Commander will also invite the area reenactment groups to join under our banner.

### SUVCW Jackets and Caps

A proposal was received from the Iowa Department to purchase items of apparel sporting the SUVCW emblems. Similar items are available through a supplier in Kalamazoo. Motion by Gibson, 2nd McCarthy to

have the Department review proposals. Amendment by McCarthy, 2nd Gibson

to allow expenditure up to \$35 to produce set-up artwork. Amendment

approved. Motion approved. The Department Council will review proposals before any expenditure is made.

Green Commercial Contract Cont

### 125th Anniversary of Capture of Jeff Davis

The Ben Pritchard Camp #20 is planning a celebration of the capture of Jeff Davis on 10 May 1990. Bro. McCarthy discussed the related items of interest in the Detroit Area. Motion by Harrison,

2nd by Pahl to participate in the Memorial Day activities of Allegan

and Detroit. Motion carried.

### 125th Anniversary of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln

This anniversary will be observed in Springfield, Illinois reenactment of the funeral cortege from the railroad station to the cemetery, and other activities. The Department will be represented and the membership encouraged to attend.

### Election of Department Officers

The Credentials Committee reported that 16 Delegates were in attendance and able to vote.

Commander - Harrison nominated Jim Lyons for Department Commander.

McCarthy moved nominations be closed. Gibson 2nd.

Motion carried. Gage moved those candidates without opposition

be declared the officer by acclamation; McCarthy 2nd,

Motion carried.

SVC - Harrison nominated Gary Gibson; McCarthy moved nominations be \_\_\_\_\_\_ closed, Pahl 2nd. acclamation.

JVC- Gibson nominated Jim Pahl; McCarthy moved nominations be closed,

Mitchell 2nd. Acclamation.

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Secretary/Treasurer - Harrison nominated Doug Fark; Pahl moved nominations

be closed. Mitchell 2nd. Acclamation.

Department Council - the following were nominated for the three member

Council: Adams nominated Don Everett; Pahl nominated Bernard McCarthy; Gibson nominated Bill Brenn**on.** Fahl moved nominations

be closed. 2nd Patch. Acclamation.

National Delegates - In addition to the Department Commander and Past
Department Commanders who have standing credentials, the
following were elected delegates to the 1989 National SUVCW
Encampment:

Gary Gibson nominated by Brenn**on**Jim Pahl nominated by McCarthy

Don Everett nominated by Gibson

Bill Brenn**on** nominated by Harrison

Jeff Adams nominated by Harrison

Bernard McCarthy nominated by Pohl

Nominations were closed on motion by Pohl, 2nd Patch. Acclamation.

. Alternate delegates will be appointed by the Commander if the need arises.

Appointments - Commander Lyons made the following appointments:

Chief of Staff - Keith Harrison Counselor - Jim Fohl Fat. Instr - Bill Feebles Chaplin - Bernard McCarthy Historian - Paul Hodges Asst. Historian - John Braden Guide - Milt Foster Guard - Jeff Adams

Color Bearer - Ralph Albrough

Aide to Cdr. - Jack Patch

- Arthur Woodruff

Camp Organizer - Keith Harrison

The installation of officers was conducted per ritual by Charles Corfman, SV Commander in Chief. All above elected and appointed officers were installed according to ritual except D. Park, B. Peebles, J. Braden and R. Albrough who were absent.

There being no further business to come before the encampment, the encampment was closed per ritual at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

. Douglas Park

Department Secretary/Treasurer

Jack Patch Assistant Secretary

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### MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT

### SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

#### JAMES T. LYONS, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

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#### COMMANDERS REPORT

Let me begin by saying what a great priviledge it has been to serve this Department as it's Commander during the past year. We have had a few trying times to be sure, but the Department has also enjoyed some measure of success on a variety of fronts.

The Michigan Department served as host for the 107th Annual Encampment of our National Organization in August of 1988. The concensus of those in attendance was that this was one of the best Encampments of recent years. The programs were well received, and things ran on schedule. The facilities were praised by all. The people at the hotel expressed their pleasure and satisfaction with our group and wanted to know how soon we would be back.

Credit for this fine display of Department effort goes to those who served on the Encampment Committee. This group worked for more than a year to get everything just right. This was a team effort of the highest order, with everyone following through on their assigned tasks. The Department grew in stature through this great program.

In September, I traveled to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to represent the Department at the Central Region meeting of the SUVCW and the Auxiliary. It was a very pleasant weekend na we made the acquaintance of a number of new Brothers and Sisters from other Department. We were greeted with enthusiasm because the Michigan Department has not participated in these meetings since 1968. At that time the Department hosted the group at Grand Rapids.

Next year the Central Region will meet in DesMoines, in 1990 the group has been invited to Kokomo, Indiana. I have extended a tentative invitation, subject to your approval, for the Central Region meeting to be held in Michigan in 1991.

On 30 October 1988, I was invited to represent the Department at the Dedication of a Veterans Memorial Monument at Gibraltar, Michigan. The dedication service was preceded by a church service during which nearly forty Veterans, Patriotic and Hereditary organizations laid flowers in memory of the veterans of all of the American wars.

We represented the Department at the Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony at Springfield, Illinois on 15 April 1989. Again, this was an activity in which the Michigan Department has not taken part for quite some time. We were warmly welcomed. It is our hope that the Department will be able to send a sizeable contingent to the 125th Anniversary Ceremony next year. Great plans are under way to make this a really special event, and the Michigan Department should be part of this program.

During the past year some progress has been made in strengthing the operation of the Camps in the Department. The Finch Camp #14 has been restructured and is now meeting in Traverse City. New leadership is emerging in the Blair Camp #7, and it appears that Wa Bu No Camp #53 is going to get going once again. Grant Camp #101, after some rocky times is now accepting new members and seems to be moving again. The Lansing and Kalamazoo Camps continue to grow as does the overall membership in the Department.

The Rowley Camp #18 remains on the list as a suspended Camp due to their refusal to pay per capita tax to the Department. An inordinate amount of time has been spent dealing with this problem. The issue of the complaint filed by Norman Rowley with the Michigan Department of Civil Rights still has not been settled.

In spite of the time spent on problem solving, a number of things have been accomplished and ongoing projects have shown some

progress.

I have been able to make two visits to Gettysburg since the arrangements for funding the restoration of the Michigan monuments were completed. The only monument which shows work is the 9th Battery, and it appears to be complete. We located and photographed all of the Michigan monuments on these trips. We will have some before and after photos to compare.

Work on the grave registration continues although not at the same pace as it did at the outset. We continue to seek ways to mark the graves of Civil War Medal of Honor recipients buried in our

State.

A project which I had hoped to get off the ground before the end of this administration is to survey the Libraries and Museums in the State to find out which have G.A.R. materials in their collections and if they would provide us with an inventory of those holdings or allow us to conduct such an inventory. This information when compiled would allow reserachers to know what still exists and where to find it. This request would also include a plea that any material of this type, when and if it became surplus to their collection, would be returned to the SUVCW.

This report is not intended to be a complete rundown of all that has taken place this year, but rather to be the high-lights

and major events.

Again, I thank you for the confidence placed in me and the honor of serving this past year.

Submitted in F. C., and L.,

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3 June 1989

### MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT



### SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR JAMES T. LYONS, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

, OFFICE OF Sr. Vice Commander

Sr. Vice Commander s report to the 100th Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Delegates and Brothers of the 100thhEncampment of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

It has been an honor to serve as your Sr. Vice Commander. This past year, I have been very busy with the work of our Order. Since my election to this office, I have participated in 30 meetings, ceremonies, re-enactments, and parades. (a list is attatched)

Some of the highlites include:

-participating in the 125th anniversary re-enactment of the Battle of Gettysburg, June;

-serving as a delegate to the 107th National Encampment held here in Lansing in August;

-representing the Department Commander and the Department at Ft. Custer National Cemetary on November 11, Veterans Day; -attending the Lincoln Tomb Ceremoney in Springfield, Ill., on April 15th.

Also, I chaired the Department Bylaws committee and the 100th Department Encampment Observance committee, and served on the National Encampment committee.

In addition to my duties as Sr. Vice Commander, I also served out my second term as Commander of Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20, and am currently serving as Camp Secretary/Treasurer. Also this past year, I recived my certificate as a Life Member of the Order.

In closing, I wish to thank you for the privilege of serving as your Sr. Vice Commander.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Chairity, and Loyalty,

Gary L. Gibson

Sr. Vice Commander Michigan Department

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



### MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT

# SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR JAMES T. LYONS, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

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June 3, 1989

Report of the Junior Vice Department Commander
to the 100th Annual Encampment
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Allied Order of the Grand Army of the Republic

Dear Brothers:

It has been my great honor to serve the Department for the past year as the Junior Vice Department Commander. Throughout the past year, I have had the opportunity to represent the Department at several functions across the State of Michigan. The most memorable for me was as a delegate to the 107th National Encampment of our Order.

By virtue of my office as Junior Vice Department Commander, I served as the chairman of the Department Membership Committee, having as my committee members, the Junior Vice Commanders of each Camp within our Department. I am very pleased to announce that in the past year, our Department has grown as follows:

CAMP:	PREVIOUS MEMBERS	NEW MEMBERS:	CURRENT MEMBERS:	GROWTH RATE:
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Sunfield) Elijah Rowley #18 (Port Huron) Benjamin Pritchard #20	64		70 7(s)	1170
(Kalamazoo) Wa-Bu-No #53 (Mt. Pleasant) Ulysses S. Grant #101 (Detroit)	14 6 17	5	19 6 18	36%
TOTALS:	134	15	142	11%

This evening at the Encampment banquet, I shall award the Governor Austin Blair Membership Award as provided for in our Department Bylaws. While I can only recognize one Camp through this award, each camp reporting new membership this past year deserves our recognition and appreciation for a job well done.

While I am very pleased with our growth, I can only but think that Michigan provided over 17,000 troops to the Federal Government during the Civil War. Several more thousands who served from other states, moved to Michigan after the War. Many of these soldiers and sailors left several thousands of descendants throughout this great State. We have only scratched the surface of our potential in membership, and each of us must do his utmost to recruit new members. I therefore challenge each member of this Department to recruit just one new member into our Order in the upcoming year.

During our 107th National Encampment, our Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief instructed each member of our Order to have available at any time, an application for membership with him. Let us make that our goal, that we may rest assured that future generations will carry on the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, and that for which our ancestors served, will not be forgotten.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

James B. Pahl, J.D.

Junior Vice Department Commander

Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### Report of the Historian

### Department of Michigan

#### Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War

### at the Department Encampment

#### 3 June 1989

The Department of Michigan, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, hosted the National Encampment on 14-18 August 1988 in Lansing, Michigan. That event of historical significance should be well documented elsewhere in the Department's records.

Due to the time and effort required by that major undertaking, certain other Departmental projects received reduced attention this past year. The Grave Registration and Memorial Committee's activities, for example, progressed slowly and now should receive renewed emphasis.

This 100th Encampment of the Department of Michigan is an appropriate time to look and plan ahead in order to perpetuate the memory of the past. Article III of the Bylaws of this Department provides for the office of Historian but does not assign specific duties to it. Such appointed officers simply are charged to "...perform duties as specified by the C & R, Ritual, Department By-Laws, and/or the orders of the Department Commander."

Charges for the Department Historian therefore are suggested, as follows:

- A. Collect and preserve historical and biographical materials pertaining to the Civil War, to members of the Grand Army of the Republic, or to members of the Order. This parallels the prescribed duties of the National Historian.
- B. Collect, organize, and preserve historical materials about the Department of Michigan.
- C. Collect, organize, and preserve historical materials about the Camps within the Department.
- D. Collect, organize, and preserve biographical materials about the Union veterans from whom the Department members are descended.
- E. Participate in the activities of the Grave Registration and Memorial Committee.
- F. Carry out other duties as appropriately may be assigned to him.

Projects based on specific charges such as these, together with support and assistance, would be very beneficial to the Order.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Paul D. Hodges

Department Historian

The commuttee suggest that Dept. Historian a sub committee to study and start of the collecting and storing thistorial material and items sub also addition of the 1 committee under the superior of the West Historian to collect and preserve all written documents of the order Both of there jobs are more than one man can handle and as a sub commettee it has a build-in Balance and check to protect all persons rivole in the collection and storge of historial material and with invotement of more members.



### MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR JAMES T. LYONS, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

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June 3, 1989

Report of the Department Counselor
to the 100th Annual Encampment
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Allied Order of the Grand Army of the Republic

Dear Brothers:

I have had the privilege of serving the Department this past year in the appointed office of Department Counselor. My duties have included advising the Department Commander concerning the National Constitution and Regulations of our Order, our Department By-laws, proper parliamentary procedure and in addition, Michigan statutory and administrative law.

During my term in office, I have rendered several informal opinions, both written and verbal, and issued two formal written opinions concerning pressing issues facing our Department.

I have remained in close contact with our Department Commander other Department Officers, and the National Counselor, working for the well-being of our Department and our Order.

I thank the Department for this opportunity to serve, and I look forward to several more years of service to the Order in whatever capacity my brothers may see fit to place me.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

James B. Pahl, J.D.

Counselor

Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Report of Dept. Council 6-3-1989 The Dept. Coursel las œudited the financial records of the Michigen Dept, for 1988 and find the records in order We would like to commend the Dept Lec-Treas, or his record beeging.
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that is not current in payment of its per capita
tox. Due to its refusal ter pay per-capita date of the camps becoming one (1) year in areas in Paynet of per-capita tox that the Rowley Camp #186 charty he revoked by the Michigu Dept den of Union Veteran, Respectfully aumented in Fraternotz, Clarity of Longelly Den W Eneth Dept Coweil Clair.

## Fiscal Year End Report Michigan Department - SUVCW

### 31 March 1989

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<u>Disbursements</u>				
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Balance on Hand	\$723.45	\$2,953.00	\$3,306.54	\$369.91

31 March 1989

J. Douglas Park Secretary/Treasurer, Michigan Department - SUVCW



#### NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

### SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

June 3, 1989

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF - 1988 - 1989

Clark W. Mellor

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(PH. 508 754-9046)

To the Members of the Michigan Department

It is with great pleasure that I wish to take this time to congratulate each one of you on the attainment of your 100th Anniversary. I am sorry that I cannot be with you on this fine occasion, but due to another invitation I received earlier and had already accepted, prevents me from being there. However, I have asked my senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to represent the National Organization as well as myself on this fine occasion.

When your Department was first organized, Benjamin Harrison, the 23rd President was serving his first term in office. At that time the Grand Army of the Republic was a very important part of the American scene. Already in less than twenty-five years, the question as to wether this Nation, as conceived by our forefathers, was to continue to endure, had been settled in the crucibles of a great Civil War. Our fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers, all had a vital role in the settlement of the issue.

As descendants of those fine men who wore the Union Blue, we are grateful to the loyalty they showed to their country and for their devotion to duty.

It is because of our Organization, your Department, along with others, that their story remains to remind us that we are recipients of blessings that we did not earn and sacrifices we did not make.

Now that more than a hundred years have passed and those who once walked along the paths of the living having long gone, and the places that knew them, know them no more. But as long as we continue as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, they and their contributions will not ever be forgotten.

Sincerely yours in

F. C. & L.

Clark W. Mellor

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