

Michigan Department - Sons of Union Veteran of the Civil War
106th Annual Encampment
10 June 1995

The 106th Annual Encampment of the Michigan Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (S.U.V.C.W.) was held on 10 June 1995 at the Holiday Inn West, Lansing, Michigan.

The Guard, Ed Dowd, introduced fellow Michigan brother Keith Harrison, Commander-in-Chief, to the encampment. Commander Brennan directed Brother Dowd to escort Commander-in-Chief Harrison to the Commanders Station and sit next to the Department Commander.

Commander Brennan mentioned the Department purchased a wall tent and fly from the 24th Michigan reenactment group. The 24th Michigan was kind enough to offer the tent and fly first to the Department for recruiting purposes. The tent and fly will be used by all Camps for the purpose of recruiting at reenactments and other similar occasions.

The encampment opened per ritual by Department Commander Bill Brennan at 9:40 A.M. Department Secretary/Treasurer Richard Williams read the roll of Officers and Staff:

Department Commander	Bill Brennan, present	
Senior VC	Dave Wallace, present	
Junior VC	Don Workman, present	
Secretary-Treasurer	Richard Williams, present	
Department Council	John Mann, excused	
Department Council	Dean Parker, absent	
Department Council	Paul Hodges, present	
Chief of Staff	Keith Harrison, present	
Patriotic Instructor	Louis Cuyler, absent	
Chaplain	Rev. Reinwald, excused	We expressed our concern for his health.
Counselor	James Pahl, present	
Historian	Ronald Bellenger, present	
Guide	Ronald Bellenger, present	
Guard	Dean Parker, absent	
Color Bearer	Howard Streeter, present	
Messenger Editor	John Mann, excused	

Recognition of National Officers present at the Encampment:

Commander-in-Chief -	Keith Harrison
Secretary -	Dave Wallace
Editor of the Banner -	Greg Hayes
Membership at Large Coordinator -	L. Dean Lamphere Jr
Assistant at Large Coordinator -	Ed Dowd
Membership List Coordinator -	Richard Williams
Color Bearer -	Terry McKinch
Camp at Large Organizer -	Richard Greene
Counselor -	James Pahl
History Book Coordinator -	Gary Gibson

Max Riekse also identified we had other patriotic organizations represented. They were:

The President of the Michigan Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution, Gary Gibson

The vice-president of the Michigan Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution, Paul Hodges

Brother Graves also introduced his wife, a member of the Auxiliary of the SUVCW, Carol.

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Credential Committee Reports:

Committee on Credentials was assigned before the encampment started: Chairman Jim Pahl and Terry McKinch.

Five dollars collected from 42 attendees for a total of \$210 to be placed in the treasury to offset costs for the encampment.

Credential committee reports the following roll call of delegates as reported and present for this meeting:

Camp	Delegates
Alexander French Camp # 28	0
Austin Blair Camp #7	5
Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20	7
Colegrove-Woodruff Camp # 22	1
Curtenius Guard Camp # 17	9
George W Howe Camp #9	0
General John A Logan Camp #1	1
General Phil Kearney Camp # 67	2
Gilluly-Kingsley Camp #120	3
Governor Crapo Camp #145	9
Henry E Plant Camp #3	1
Nash-Hodges Camp #43	0
Robert Finch Camp #14	0
Russell A Alger Camp #462	0
WA-BU-NO Camp #53	4
Ulysses S Grant Camp #101	<u>0</u>
	42

Appointment to Committees:

The following encampment committee appointments were made prior to the encampment by Commander Brennan:

Officer Reports: Chairman Gary Gibson, Bill Costello and LaVern Aves

Resolutions: Chairman James Pahl, Bill Lowe and Anthony Collins

Fraternal Relations: Chairman Dave F Wallace, Don Workman and Max Riekse

Legislative Affairs: Chairman Herb Gage and Doug Colley

The By-Laws Committee is a standing committee assigned by the Department Commander at the beginning of his term.

Moment of silence:

We took a moment of silence to remember Brothers in Michigan we lost during the last year:

Matt Urban, Phil Johnston, Dudley Pritchard, Fred Jones, John LaRue and John Campbell;
and any other brothers or relatives.

Minutes of the 105th Encampment:

The minutes to the 105th Department Encampment were available at the 106th Annual Encampment. A few moments were taken to review the minutes. Several corrections were suggested:

Page 1, change Department Member-at-Large to Russell A Alger Camp-at-Large # 462

Page 3, correct Wayne Barrett's name again this year.

Page 3, under the heading: General, replace the word "replaced" with "removed"

Page 3, correct Jim Neal's name under the heading Appointment of Committees.

Page 4, under Report of Department Council, replace the next to the last sentence in the third paragraph with "Brother Lyons moved the budget for 1994-1995 as presented by the Secretary-Treasurer be accepted. Seconded by Brother Reinewald."

Page 5, under Communications, item 2, correct Max Riekse's name.

Page 5, under Communications, item 2, b, replace "dye" with "die"

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Page 6, under Resolutions Committee, item 1, correct Max Riekse's name.

Page 6, under Resolutions Committee, item 1, b, replace "dye" with "die"

Page 7, under New Business, item 3, replace the last sentence to read, "Jack also challenged other Camps to contribute \$1.00 for each year of their existence toward the purchase of a recruiting tent."

Page 7, under new business, item 5, replace with "It was suggested a Son's meeting be organized for members from all Departments attending the Jackson Civil War Muster."

Page 8, under Election of Officers, in the first sentence, replace the word "elected" with "nominated" and correct the spelling of "acclamation".

Page 9, under Delegates to the National Encampment, the second line, replace "outstanding invitations." with "standing credentials."

Page 9, under Delegates to the National Encampment, the next to the last line in the first paragraph, place a period after the word "Encampment" and start a new sentence.

Page 9, under Delegates to the National Encampment, the last line of the first paragraph, make the word "delegate" plural.

Page 9, under Delegates to the National Encampment, the third paragraph, place a period after the word "Encampment", start a new sentence and after that sentence add "Motion passed."

Page 9, under adjournment, add "per ritual" at the end of the sentence.

Brother Harrison moved the minutes be accepted as corrected. Seconded by Brother Costello. Motion passed.

Report of Department Council:

The Council reports the Treasurer's books for 1994-1995 and the proposed budget for 1995-1996 fiscal year were reviewed prior to the encampment and are in order. Brother Gibson moved the report be accepted. Seconded by Brother Park. Motion passed.

Officers Reports:

Brother Harrison moved all officer reports be given to the Officer Report committee for review. Seconded by Brother Williams. Motion passed.

Commanders Report - filed with the Department Secretary

Senior Vice Commanders Report -filed with the Department Secretary

Junior Vice Commanders Report -filed with the Department Secretary

Treasurer's Report - filed with the Department Secretary

Historian's Report -filed with the Department Secretary

Patriotic Instructor's Report - no written report available

Legislative Committee Report - no written report available

Chief-of-Staff Report - no written report available

Chaplain's report - no written report available

Counselor's report - no written report available

Camp Organizer's Report - no written report available

Reports of regular committee chairs & miscellaneous reports:

A. SVR. Verbal report given by Brother McKinch. There are 38 members in the Department of Michigan. Thirteen attended the November 1994 Remembrance day in Gettysburg. The SVR was represented in memorial or dedication services in Flint, Grand Rapids, Lansing and other cities. Terry McKinch is now a Lieutenant in the SVR.

B Publications Committee. Written report submitted. The cost of printing and mailing the Messenger is 31 cents per member. The Messenger is being under utilized. Several Department Officers and Committees could make more use of the Messenger. Camps are not submitting news items. During the last year, there were no

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reports received from these Camps: General John A Logan Camp # 1, Robert Finch Camp # 14, Colegrove-Woodruff Camp # 22, Nash-Hodges Camp # 43, WA-BU-NO Camp # 53, General Phil Kearney Camp # 67 and Ulysses S Grant Camp # 101.

C. By-Laws Committee. Written report submitted. Proposed changes to the Department By-Laws were submitted to Camps in April as required by the By-Laws. The primary change is to split the position of Secretary-Treasurer into two separate positions. A change in the wording in the SVR area of the By-Laws was requested by the National Councilor to comply with the Constitution and Regulations. The committee also recommends additions to the Operating Guidelines for the Department's fiscal year end, accounting periods for the Department and National Encampments and the encouragement of the "Juniors" program. The Committee also recommends the Job Descriptions for Camp and Department Officers, as approved by the 1994 National Encampment, be adopted as part of the Department Operating Guidelines.

D. Central Region Meeting. Verbal report given by Brother Harrison. The meeting was held in Illinois last October. Attendance was low. Next meeting location is unknown at this time.

E. Michigan Department Mid-Winter meeting & Washington/Lincoln dinner. Verbal report given by Brother Brennan. Max Rickse was the guest speaker for the evening.

Communications:

1. Four endorsements for National Officers received. All were referred to the Resolutions Committee.
 - a. Department of Maryland
 - b. Davis Star Camp
 - c. Governor Crapo Camp
 - d. Department of Pennsylvania
2. Alexander French Camp resolution; referred to the Resolutions Committee.
3. Letter from Brother Dave Wallace expressing his interest not to hold a Department Office because of the amount of work involved with being the National Secretary.
4. Letter from Brother Lyons expressing his regret to limit his activities in the organization and spend more time with his wife and family.
5. Commanders Group. Brother Harrison gave a verbal report on the representation of the Order in the Commanders Group.
6. It was mentioned Thayne LaBanta stayed home this year because his wife is ill.
7. Peter Dixon's National Council term is over this year and he may not run. Brother Pahl moved J Douglas Park be endorsed by the Department for that position. Seconded by Brother Harrison. Sent to the Resolutions Committee.
8. The Commander-in-Chief, Keith Harrison, presented a verbal report on how the National Organization is changing. He indicated how many National Officers are using electronic mail, how many functions are being accomplished using computers, how the Department by-laws are being reviewed and changed to not conflict with the Constitution and Regulations of the National Organization, that we now have job descriptions for positions and how the National Organization is filling positions with people who want to perform the duties of their position.
9. Brother Lyons submitted a report on the accomplishments of the Graves Registration Committee's activities for the previous year. The report includes a background of the project, project scope, secondary projects, recording the results, committee structure, resources, some helpful hints and conclusion.

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10. Brother Lyons submitted a written report on the efforts he accomplished during the last year on designating M-99 as General John A Logan Memorial Highway and included recommendations, pictures and a list of other highways designated as memorial highways.
11. Gilluly-Kingsley Camp # 120:
A letter stating the Camp,
 - a) Endorsed Richard F Lee for Department Secretary and James Williams for Department Treasurer.
 - b) Endorsed the creation a position of Scout Liaison. Referred to the Resolutions Committee.

Old Business:

1. Brother Park suggested we have a discussion and have a committee in place to coordinate a joint Son's meeting with members of other Departments who are in attendance at the Jackson, Michigan Civil War Muster the last weekend in August.

Recess.

We adjourned at 11:20 for committees to review new items for consideration and returned at 11:40.

Old Business (continued):

2. Brother Wallace, Harrison, McKinch and other members of the Department of Michigan attended the Annual National Organization of Daughters of the Union 1861-1865 on May 20, 1995 at Wally's West in Flint, Michigan. The National Colors, Department Colors and Governor Crapo Camp Colors were displayed by the Department Color Guard.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws Committee: Brother Wallace, chair.

- 1) Proposed By-Law changes were submitted to Camps 60 days prior to the Department Encampment.
 - a) The changes were necessary to divide the office of Secretary/Treasurer into separate Secretary and Treasurer positions. The wording was such that one person could fill both positions or each position could be filled by a different person.
 - b) Spelling errors from previous revisions were also included.
 - c) The fiscal year for the Department was set at June 1 through May 31.

Brother Wallace moved the changes be adopted. Seconded by Brother Gibson. Motion passed.

Resolutions Committee: Brother Pahl, Chair.

- 1) Henry E Plant Camp endorsed urging the US Government to reproduce the Civil War medal using its original die; that the medal be made available for purchase by descendants of Civil War veterans; that no more than \$10 be charged for shipping and handling and profit over and above the cost of producing the medal and that the profit be used to decrease the deficit; the medal would be available only through a military related society originally composed of men and women who served in the armed forces, North or South, or who are members by inheritance of said societies. The Committee moved to accept the resolution, seconded by Brother Harrison. Motion passed 16 to 8.
- 2) Henry E plant Camp endorsed petitioning Congress and the Secretary of Defense to allow, on occasion of ceremony, all present members of the United States Armed forces to wear their American military hereditary society badges and medals for which they are qualified. The committee moved to accept the resolution. Seconded by Brother Dave Wallace. Motion passed.

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3) Gilluly-Kingsley Camp resolved to create a position of Scout Liaison whose duties will include working with Boy Scouts of America Councils in recognition of Eagle Scouts and to develop a program related to the Genealogy Merit Badge and selected other badges leading to some form of award. Committee moved to accept. Seconded by Brother Hodges. Motion passed.

4) The Committee endorsed these Brothers for National Office:

David R Medert for Commander in Chief
Alan R Loomis for Senior-Vice Commander-in-Chief
Richard D Orr for Junior-Vice Commander-in-Chief
J Douglas Park for National Council
David D Wallace for National Secretary

Seconded by Brother Harrison. Motion passed.

Recessed for Lunch and returned to finish business.

5) Alexander French Camp proposed to add the Camp name to the Citizens Flag Alliance Petition and urges the National Organization to encourage Camps to sign the petition.

The petition supports adopting a constitutional amendment to prohibit physical desecration of the United States Flag.

A good discussion showed there is a strong feeling within our group to support the concept, and also a strong feeling that we must be careful in the definition of what constitutes desecration. Although the Department endorses the principle of the petition, there is a lack of specific language that would allow us to support the petition at this point.

Brother Harrison moved the Department forward the petition to the National Organization indicating the Department endorses the proper use of the United States Flag. Seconded by Brother Dave Wallace. Motion passed.

Officer Report Committee: Brother Gibson, chair.

Committee reports all officers reports presented to the committee are in order.

Legislative Affairs Committee:

No report.

Council Report on the Budget:

The report on the activities of the Council during the previous year was presented by Brother Hodges. The budget for the coming year was reviewed by the Council prior to the Department Encampment. Motion to accept the Council report made by Brother Harrison. Seconded by Brother Neal. Motion passed.

The Budget for 1995-1996 was presented. Discussion and figures presented by the Department Secretary/Treasurer. The Council also recommends no increase in the Department per-capita taxes. Brother Hodges moved the budget and no increase in per-capita taxes be accepted by the Encampment. Seconded by Brother Gibson. Motion passed.

New Business:

1) Brother Harrison moved the Department send \$25 to the Patriotic Instructor Fund and \$25 to the Senior-Vice Commander-in-Chief fund, seconded by Brother Dave Wallace. Motion passed.

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- 2) Announcement by Department Commander Brennan encourage members to attend the Allegan Civil War Muster September 30 through October 1.
- 3) Brother McKinch invited all Brothers to attend the Crossroads Village muster June 25. A Son's meeting will be in the church at 5:00 P.M. followed by a picnic. The meat is furnished by the Governor Crapo Camp. Bring a dish to pass. If you plan on attending, give your name to Brother McKinch before you leave and you can get in the village free.
- 4) Brother Adams announced a picnic will also be held at the Charlton Park muster. A Son's meeting at 4:00 P.M. at the church with the picnic to follow immediately. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass.
- 5) Brother Park suggested the Department continue trying to designate Highway M 99 from its beginning in Lansing to the Ohio border (See the report presented by Brother Lyons). Brother Richard Williams recommended the recommendations presented in Brother Lyons report be adopted. Seconded by Brother Park. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Income and expenses from the previous year were presented by the Department Secretary/Treasurer. Because of the changes in the By-Laws the fiscal year was extended from March 31 to May 31. Even with the additional two months in the fiscal year, income and expenses were within the proposed budget from last year. Balance as of May 31, 1995 is \$5,040.29.

Of that money we are holding \$600 for a highway marker for the Iron Brigade; \$58.25 for the Russell A Alger Camp at Large; \$80.00 for the Michigan Department SVR; and \$505.77 for the Russell A Alger headstone account.

Brother Harrison moved the treasurer's report be accepted. Seconded by Brother Dave Wallace. Motion passed.

Good of the Order:

- 1) Abraham Lincoln Certificates of appreciation were presented at the Encampment because not all recipients could attend the dinner following the Encampment. Recipients this year are: John Mann, J Douglas Park and Richard Williams.
- 2) Publications Report was discussed. Encouragement for all Brothers to write articles for the Messenger was presented by Commander Brennan and Brother Richard Williams. This is our means of communications and not only are the Department Officers and Camps requested to submit articles each quarter, but individual members are also encouraged to use this as a means to get information to other Brothers.
- 3) A new Camp, George W Anderson Camp 58, will have its first meeting Monday evening, July 17 at 7:00 P.M. at the VFW hall on M 127 just East of DeWitt.
- 4) Brother Wallace recommend the Michigan Department extend a formal greeting to the newly formed Department of the Southwest by way of a letter from the Department Secretary..
- 5) We discussed a letter from Brother Dave Wallace on redeeming GAR cemetery lots in Whitehall. Brother Calder moved the Department purchase the 7 lots at the stated price of \$15 each for a total of \$105.00. Brother Calder moved we purchase the lots. Seconded by Brother Graves. Motion passed.
- 6) Brother Park moved we adjust the budget to reflect the additional purchase. Seconded by Brother Harrison. Motion passed.

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Election of New Officers:

Brother Pahl moved when only one person is nominated for office then that person be elected by acclamation. Seconded by Brother Greene. Motion passed.

Officers elected for 1995-1996:

Department Commander	Bill Brennan
Senior VC	Paul Hodges
Junior VC	Don Workman
Secretary	Richard Lee
Treasurer	James Williams
Department Council	J Douglas Park
Department Council	Scott Twietmeyer
Department Council	Dale Calder

Delegates to the National Encampment:

The National Encampment will be held in Columbus, Ohio 12-15 August 1995. Past Department Commanders and the current Department Commander have standing credentials. This year Michigan can send 13 delegates in addition to the Department Commander and past Department Commanders. Brother Harrison moved that the first 13 Brothers who signed the Department Encampment roster who do not have standing credentials to the National Encampment, be designated as delegates to the National Encampment and all other Brothers in the Department be designated as alternate delegates. Seconded by Brother Dave Wallace. Motion passed.

Installation of Officers.

Officers and Staff were installed by Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison per ritual.

Staff Appointments.

Commander-elect Brennan announced the following appointments:

Chief of Staff	Keith Harrison
Camp Organizer	Don Workman
Patriotic Instructor	Steve Redinger
Chaplain	Rev. Reinewald
Counselor	James Pahl
Historian	Ronald Bellenger
Guide	Bill Costello
Guard	Ed Dowd
Color Bearer	Howard Streeter

Committee Assignments:

Publications: Richard Williams, Greg Hayes, John Mann

Graves Registration and Memorials: Gene Taylor, Bill Warren, Don Workman

Bylaws: Paul Hodges, James Pahl

Membership: All Junior Vice Commanders in the Department (Dept. & Camps)

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Legislative: Richard Williams, Doug Colley

Camp Organizations: Don Workman

GAR/SV Archival Committee: Ronald Bellenger, Gary Gibson, Don Workman, Roger Heiple

Veterans Affairs: Herb Gage, Doug Casamer

Commanders Group: Doug Colley

Adjournment:

The encampment adjourned.

New Camps and members added during the first quarter 1995:

	# Members
Alexander French Camp # 28	11
General Phil Kearney Camp #67	10

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Camp Members Present:

General John A Logan #1:
 Doug Colley

Henry E Plant Camp #3:
 Max Riekse

Austin Blair Camp # 7:
 Gary Woodman
 John Mann
 Howard Streeter
 Bill Lowe
 Max Miller

George W. Howe Camp #9:
 No delegates

Robert Finch Camp #14:
 No delegates

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17:
 James Neal
 James Pahl
 J Douglas Park
 Keith Harrison
 Paul Hodges
 Richard Williams
 Jeff Adams
 LaVern Aves
 Dale Calder

Benjamin Pritchard Camp # 20:
 Steve Redinger
 Gary Gibson
 Bill Brennan
 William Costello
 Ron Bellinger
 Anthony Collins
 Herb Gage

Colegrove-Woodruff Camp # 22:
 Howard Streeter

Alexander French Camp # 28:
 No Delegates

Nash-Hodges Camp 43:
 No delegates

WA-BU-NO Camp # 53
 Don Workman
 Wayne Nash

Wayne Barrett
 Leo Cohoon

General Phil Kearney Camp # 67:
 Dan Johnson
 Gordon McAllister

Ulysses S. Grant Camp # 101:
 No delegates

Gilluly-Kingsley Camp # 120:
 Richard Lee
 Gary Ralston
 Sean Ralston

Governor Crapo Camp # 145:
 Terry McKinch
 Dave F Wallace
 Dan Graves
 Floyd E Wallace
 Greg Hayes
 Gayle Steele
 Rick Greene
 Ed Dowd
 L Dean Lamphere

Russell A Alger # 462:
 No delegates

Camp Statistics:

All Camps are in good standing. Camp total members at the end of the first Quarter 1995:

Members	#
Alexander French Camp # 28	11
Austin Blair Camp #7	39
Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20	29
Colegrove-Woodruff Camp #22	30
Curtenius Guard Camp #17	57
George W. Howe Camp #9	1
General John A Logan Camp #1	9
General Phil Kearney Camp # 67	10
Governor Crapo Camp #145	45
Gilluly-Kingsley Camp # 120	8
Henry E Plant Camp # 3	15
Nash-Hodges Camp #43	16
Robert Finch Camp #14	9
Russell A Alger Camp # 462	6
Ulysses S. Grant Camp #101	23
WA-BU-NO Camp #53	22
Total	326