

### **Opening the Encampment:**

Department Officer assignments assigned by Commander Butgereit: Rick Danes, Department Graves Registration Officer, was asked to fill in for the Department Sr. Vice Commander. Bill McAfee, the Department Chaplain, was asked to fill in for the Department Patriotic Instructor. Dick Williams, Department Treasurer, was asked to fill in for the Department Secretary.

Encampment was opened per ritual at 9:20 A.M.. A moment of prayer was observed for those brothers who passed away this last year and for those serving in the current war.

The guide was asked to escort our visiting brothers to the altar. Commander in Chief Bob Grim was introduced to the encampment. Thomas Crawford from the Department of Indiana was also introduced to the encampment.

Recognition of other national officers present: PC-in-C Keith Harrison, SVC-in-C Kent Armstrong, National Treasurer Max Newman, National Department and Camp Organizer Gary Gibson.

### **Roll call of officers:**

Commander Bruce Butgereit, present.  
Sr. Vice Commander Philip Parks, absent.  
Jr. Vice Commander Neal Breagh, present.  
Secretary Richard Lee, absent.  
Treasurer, Dick Williams, present.  
Council: Keith Harrison, present; Howard Streeter, present; Max Newman, present.  
Chief of Staff, Richard Greene, present.  
Camp Organizer, Richard Lee, absent.  
Patriotic Instructor, Lee Stroschine, absent.  
Chaplain, William McAfee, present.  
Counselor, E. Lou Hoos, absent.  
Historian, Paul Hodges, absent.  
Guard, Ed Dowd, absent.  
Guide, Robert Groves, present.  
Color Bearer, Blaine Valentine, present.  
Graves Registration Officer, Rick Danes, present.  
G.A.R. records Officer, James Lyons, present.  
Civil War Memorial Officer, Douglas Armstrong, present.  
Communications and Technology Officer, Eric Kirschberg, absent.  
Camp-at-large Coordinator, Kevin Lindsey, present.  
Editor, Michigan's Messenger, John Mann, present.  
Weekend of Remembrance Coordinator, Keith Harrison, present.  
Boy Scouts of America Coordinator, Bruce Zann, absent.  
Commander's Group Representative, Bruce Butgereit, present.

Appointment for this year's Credentials Committee: Rick Greene, Max Newman, and John Mann.

### **Lincoln Awards:**

One person was present to accept one of the three Lincoln Awards given by the Department this year.

Deborah Conklin received her award for the work she's done on the restoration project of the G.A.R. monument in downtown Grand Rapids. The other recipients will receive their awards at a later date.

George W. Anderson, nominated by the Robert Finch Camp 14, is receiving the award for his work in the community honoring the graves, marking them, and maintaining them on his own.

Judy Gross who has worked with the Department Graves Registration Committee in surveying over 70 cemeteries in the Jackson area and is working on graves registration in Washtenaw, Allegan and Barry counties. She has completed graves registration for Roscommon, Luce, Crawford, and Osceola counties and will be working in the UP this summer.

### Report from the Credentials Committee:

Camp#	Voting strength:
1	3
2	1
7	7
14	2
17	6
20	8
22	3
58	3
145	3
180	2
250	2
427	1
Total	41

*(After the credentials report was given and with some clearing of the snow, an additional 12 brothers registered giving us a total of 53 participants.)*

### Appointment of committees:

By-Laws Committee: Keith Harrison, Bruce Butgereit II, and Bill Costello.  
 Officer Reports Committee: Dave Wallace, Brian Shumway, John Keith.  
 Resolutions Committee: Rick Danes, Bill Brennan and Brandon Brennan.  
 Committee Reports: Gary Gibson, Tim Kolean, Del Farnsworth.

### Reports of Officers:

Commander Bruce Butgereit read his report. The report is attached.  
 SVC Philip Parks submitted and read his report at the mid winter conference. The report is attached.  
 JVC Neal Breugh discussed his report. The report is attached.  
 Secretary was absent. Report will appear in the Michigan Messenger.  
 Treasurer Dick Williams read a summary of the finances for the year and discussed the proposed budget for next year. The report is attached.

A motion by Commander Bruce Butgereit to accept the minutes of the 2002 encampment minutes seconded by Neal Breough. A point raised during discussion that the minutes were not distributed to last years participants and Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries, so how could we approve the minutes of the previous encampment. Keith Harrison amended the motion to refer the 2002 encampment minutes to the Officer Report Committee. Amendment was seconded, both motions passed.

G.A.R. records report presented by James Lyons. The report is attached.

Camp-at-Large report given by Kevin Lindsey. The report is attached.

Camp Organizers Report. No report given. No new Camps to report on.

Graves Registration Report given by Rick Danes. All participants received the report. The report is attached.

Department Historian Report not given. The report was sent to the Department Secretary but the Department Secretary was unable to attend the Encampment. The Historian's report is attached.

Department Chaplain Report given by Bill McAfee. The report is attached.

Patriotic Instructor's report not given.

Boy Scout Coordinator Report, by Bruce Zann, was read by Commander Bruce Butgereit. The report is attached.

Memorial and Monument Committee report given by Doug Armstrong. The report is attached.

Keith Harrison reported the Weekend of Remembrance is no longer being held at the Grand Rapids Veterans facility. Options were discussed and a new site or facility was not determined to be viable at this time.

The Michigan Messenger's award for the best newsletter in the organization for 2002, presented at the 2002 National Encampment, was give by Department Commander Bruce Butgereit to John Mann for John to keep it at his house.

The 2004 Andersonville Monument Memorial Day Committee Report was read by Commander Bruce Butgereit. The report is attached.

### **Communications:**

Read the communication from

- 1) Camp 1 in Wisconsin, a resolution in support of Steve Michaels for Sr Vice Commander-in-Chief at this years National Encampment.
- 2) Don Darby requesting consideration for election as Jr Vice Commander-in-Chief at this years National Encampment.
- 3) Thomas Crawford, PDC Department of Indiana, requesting consideration for Council of Administration at this years National Encampment. Tom was presents and asked to say a few words about the position he's seeking.

The charter for Camp 2 was presented by Commander Bruce Butgereit to Kevin Lindsey.

**Resolutions:**

Resolution Committee Report was presented by Bill Brennan. He read the resolution of Michigan's support for Kent Armstrong for the position of Commander-in-Chief at the next National Encampment. James Lyons moved and Neal Breugh supported we support the resolution. The resolution passed. Howard Streeter moved the Encampment cast a unanimous vote for the resolution. Bill McAfee seconded. Motion passed.

**Awards to Camp Secretaries by the Department Secretary:**

The recipients of the Nicolay-Hay award for each camp reporting on time each quarter for the past year were read by Dick Williams. The report came from the Department Secretary Richard Lee. The recipients are:

Camp 1, Bruce Butgereit II	Camp 101, Jerald Walters
Camp 7, Ronald Tyrl	Camp 120, David Acheson
Camp 14, Neal Breugh	Camp 139, Donald Londo
Camp 17, Thomas Emerick	Camp 145, David F. Wallace
Camp 20, Jeffery Baker	Camp 147, Merle Carlson
Camp 22, Charles Harthy	Camp 160, David Hilliker
Camp 43, David Schneider	Camp 259, Randy Iles
Camp 58, Mark Pangburn	Camp 266, Paul Nelson
Camp 67, Kenneth martin	Camp 427, Richard Danes
Camp 85, Charles Pfauth, Sr.	Camp 462, Kevin Lindsey

Camp membership awards could not be determined in time for the encampment. Those awards will be presented later and will appear in the Michigan Messenger.

**The Commander-in-Chief:**

The Commander-in-Chief, Bob Grim, was introduced to address the encampment. He express his pleasure to be at our encampment and wished us all well. He then presented Rick Danes the Meritorious Service Award for his work as Graves Registration Officer for the Department of Michigan. Rick received a standing ovation.

Commander-in-Chief Grim presented Commander Bruce Butgereit with a statue of Col. Joshua L. Chamberlain for his work in taking on the Kent County Civil War Monument Restoration Project.

The Commander-in-Chief presented each member at the Encampment with a well constructed coin about the size of a silver dollar. On one side is the SUVCW emblem and the other side has the 116<sup>th</sup> SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Grim.

**A gift from the Department Commander:**

Commander Bruce Butgereit handed out black ribbons that can be worn behind the membership badge when the charter is draped in black. Bruce paid for the 1000 ribbons and asked each participant to pick one up and asked that Camp Commanders pick up ribbons for camp members not present at the encampment.

**Old Business:**

Bill McAfee, Department Chaplain, asked that the death notice be used by the camps to notify him of any deaths so he can pass the information on to the National Chaplain so a card can be sent to the surviving family members on behalf of the Department.

Jim Lyons asked how can we know what old business should come before the encampment when the minutes from last years Encampment haven't been distributed? Some participants in last years Encampment received the 2002 Encampment minutes, but most have not received them.

### **Council:**

Report from the council was given by Keith Harrison. The Council recommends the Camp-at-Large membership dues be increased from \$25 to \$26 to cover the needed minimum due to pay per-capita. James Lyons moved the recommendation be accepted by the encampment. Seconded by Rick Danes. The motion passed.

### **Officer Reports:**

The Committee on Officer Reports was presented by Dave Wallace. The committee recommends the adoption of the minutes of the 113<sup>th</sup> annual encampment with the following corrections.

- 1) Page 4, PC-in-C Harrison reported that the GAR flag is missing from the display of veterans organization flags in the State Capitol. He indicated that the VFW Department of Michigan will assist by raising funds to help replace it.
- 2) Page 5, correct the spelling of Camp 20's secretary from Borker to Baker.

Bill McAfee move the minutes be accepted as corrected. Seconded by Gary Gibson. During the discussion James Lyons objected that the minutes of last years encampment not be approved until the member of last years encampment have had a chance to review the minutes. Keith Harrison suggested the minutes be tabled until next years encampment and that the minutes from the 2002 Department Encampment be distributed to the attendees of the 2002 Department Encampment for their review. Motion made by Rick Danes to table the 2002 Department Encampment minutes until next years encampment. Seconded by Neal Breagh. Motion passed.

### **By-laws:**

By-laws Committee Report was given by Keith Harrison. See attached by-law changes.

We got into a discussion on the Department Encampment's inability to make any changes to any wording of the by-law changes at the Department Encampment because of the 60 day limit imposed in the by-laws and a ruling by the National Counselor at last year's Department Encampment. A lengthy discussion followed as to whether the change was at all necessary. We determined the change was necessary.

- 1) Article XIV, Amendments, Section 2. This proposal allows the encampment to modify wording of previously distributed proposals to amend the by-laws. The encampment by-laws committee recommends the proposal be accepted. A discussion followed. In the end, the by-law change was determined necessary. Neal Breagh moved the by-law change be adopted. Seconded by Robert Grove. Motion passed. The Commander-in-Chief, Bob Grim, was asked if he'd approve that change to the Department's by-laws immediately. He did.
- 2) Article III, Officers and their duties, Section 2. Change the Civil War Memorials Officer title to match the title changed at the 2002 National Encampment. We've subsequently learned that the title change should not have been made at national level and the committee recommended the change be rejected.

- Motion made by James Lyons to reject the proposed change, seconded by Robert Grove. Motion passed.
- 3) Article III, Section 5. By-laws committee asked this section be removed because a committee of the Michigan Allied orders handles the selection of the site. The encampment by-laws committee gave no recommendation. A discussion followed indicating that it was important to keep the Department Commander responsible for assuring that the Department Encampment takes place at the designated time and should not be relinquished to a committee even though the actual process of making arrangements may be designated by the committee, the ultimate responsibility still rests with the Department Commander and needs to be so stated. James Lyons moved the change be rejected. Seconded by Howard Streeter. Motion passed.
  - 4) Article III, Section 6. By-laws committee asked the section be renumbered to section 5 because of its recommendation to eliminate section 5. Removal of section 5 did not pass. Bill McAfee moved and Dave Wallace seconded that the change be rejected. Motion passed.
  - 5) Article III, add new Section 6. This new section would require Department Officers to turn over all materials when relieved of duty to the Department Historian. The encampment by-laws committee gave no recommendation. Rick Danes supported the addition and Richard Veit supported. A discussion followed bringing up many good points on preserving the materials, cost of copying, reimbursement, storage, and access to the data. Jim Lyons moved and Gary Gibson seconded to table the proposal until next year encampment. The proposal is to be sent to the By-laws Committee to set up procedures for implementation of the proposal and report to the next Department Encampment.
  - 6) Article III, Section 7. Delete the election of delegates to the National Encampment since it is covered in Article XX. . The encampment by-laws committee recommended to accept. A discussion pointed out that although the material presented in both was similar, that Article III, Section 7 is the appropriate place for this. Article XX, Section 5 should be deleted to remove the redundancy. Dave Wallace moved and Gary Gibson seconded that the section not be deleted. Motion passed.
  - 7) Article IV, Authorized expenditures. The proposal is to delete Sections 1-5 and replace it with a general statement that officers will be reimbursed for expenditures approved by the council after review of the budget proposed by the Treasurer. Jim Lyons moved and Dave Wallace seconded to support the change. Motion passed.
  - 8) Article VII, Reports, Section 2. Put a timetable on getting the encampment minutes to Department Officers 60 days after the encampment. Jim Lyons proposed an amendment to also include Camp Commanders, Camp Secretaries and all attendees of the Department Encampment. Gary Gibson moved and Richard Veit seconded that the amendment be accepted. Motion passed. Dave Wallace moved and Gary Gibson seconded the amended proposal be accepted. Motion passed.
  - 9) Article IX, Committees, Section 1. The proposal was to change the Civil War Memorials committee to Memorial and Monuments. An earlier change negates the necessity to do this. A discussion followed and it was determined since we can modify by-law changes at the encampment that we would modify this proposal to take out the Weekend of Remembrance Committee and add the Ceremonies and Rituals Committee. Neal Braugh moved and Rick Green seconded the modified proposal be accepted. Motion passed.
  - 10) Article IX, Committees, Section 4. Modified to send modified by-laws approved by the Commander-in-Chief to the Department Signals Officer to post on the Department Website. Dave Wallace made an amendment to the proposal to also include that the proposal comply with the National Organizations' Electronic and Communication Policy for storage on the website and that Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries also receive a copy of the approved by-laws. The amendment was seconded by Jim Lyons. The amended proposal passed.
  - 11) Article IX, Committees, Section 8. Change the name of the committee from Civil War Memorials to Memorials and Monument. An earlier motion rejected the name change. The encampment by-laws

- committee recommended to reject the change. Bill McAfee moved and Rick Danes seconded that the change be rejected. Motion passed.
- 12) Article IX, Committees, Section 11. Delete the reference to the Weekend of Remembrance Committee since it no longer exists. The encampment by-laws committee recommended to accept the proposal. Moved by Dave Wallace and seconded by Jim Lyons to accept the proposal. Motion passed.
  - 13) Article IX, Committees, Section 12. Renumber to 11. The encampment by-laws committee recommended to accept the proposal. Moved by Dave Wallace and seconded by Jim Lyons to accept the proposal. Motion passed.
  - 14) Article X, Camps, Section 5. Addition to have Camps turn over to the Department Historian copies of history of the Camp each year. The encampment by-laws committee recommends this proposal also be tabled until next years Department encampment. Dave Wallace moved and Jim Lyons seconded that the proposal be tabled until next years Department Encampment. Motion passed.
  - 15) Article XVI, Awards and Insignia. This proposal changed the time period to determine the membership awards normally presented at the encampment. Jim Lyons suggested the new reporting method will allow the Department Secretary to keep up with the changes on a monthly basis and thus be able to determine the recipients of the awards before the Department Encampment. Jim Lyons moved and Dave Wallace seconded that the proposal be rejected. Motion passed.
  - 16) Article XX, Annual Encampment. Add a new section to change the period of time for determining the Camp delegates to the Department Encampment. Jim Lyons moved and George Roux seconded that the proposal not be accepted. Motion passed.

*(Additional by-law changes after the Department Operating Guideline changes.)*

Proposed changes to the Department Operating Guidelines.

- 1) Item 1. The fiscal year for the Department of Michigan SUVCW will be from April 1 through March 31. Jim Lyons moved and Dave Wallace seconded that the proposed change be accepted. Motion passed.
- 2) Item 2. Delete reference to Camps reporting for the Department Membership awards since it is covered in Article XX and Article XVI in the Department by-laws. Moved by Jim Lyons and seconded by Dave Wallace to reject the proposed change. Motion passed.
- 3) Item 3. Renumber item 3 to item 2. Motion by Bill McAfee and seconded by Neal Breagh to reject the proposed change. Motion passed.
- 4) Item 3. Add the language of "The number of Department representatives" to the beginning of the item. Moved by Jim Lyons and seconded by Dave Wallace to accept the change. Motion passed.
- 5) Item 4. Delete the item referring to Camps having juniors since the bylaws already handle it. Motion by Jim Lyons and seconded by Dave Wallace to reject the deletion. Motion passed.
- 6) Item 5. Renumber to 3 since 4 was going to be deleted, but it wasn't. Gary Gibson moved and Jim Lyons seconded that the proposed change be rejected. Motion passed.
- 7) Item 6. Renumber to item 4. Howard Streeter moved and Russ Streeter seconded to reject the renumbering of the item. Motion passed.
- 8) Item 6. Change the onsite registration to the Department Encampment to \$10.00. Jim Lyons moved and John Keith seconded the change. Motion passed.
- 9) Item 7. Renumber. Bill McAfee moved and Neal Breagh seconded to reject the change. Motion passed.
- 10) Item 8. New item to require the Department treasurer to prepare and present a Department budget at the annual encampment. Discussion led by Jim Lyons that the language should actually appear in Article VI, Section 2 of the by-laws. Motion by Jim Lyons seconded by Gary Gibson to reject the new item in the Operating Guidelines. Motion passed.

- 11) New item 9. The department will participate in an allied order committee to seek a location site, hotel accommodations, meeting room facilities, meals and other items for the annual encampment. A discussion followed on the wording. Motion made by Howard Streeter seconded by Rick Danes to reject the proposed addition as worded. Motion passed.

Jim Lyons moved a new item be added to the operating guidelines to replace the wording just rejected. The new item will read: "The Department Commander will appoint the appropriate number of brothers to serve on the Allied Orders Department Encampment site committee." Dave Wallace seconded. Motion passed.

- 12) New item 10. The Department Council will review and/or amend the Operating Guidelines. The encampment by-laws committee recommends rejection of this addition. Jim Lyons moved and Dave Wallace seconded the addition be rejected. Motion passed.
- 13) Keith moved a new operating guideline be adopted. It reads, "Alterations to the Department Operating Guidelines may only be made at and approved by the Department Encampment." Seconded by Jim Lyons. Motion passed.

#### **Additional By-law changes:**

Article VI, Section 2. Insert as the second sentence, "The Treasurer shall develop an annual budget to be reviewed by the Council and presented to the Department Encampment for approval and adoption." Jim Lyons moved and Dave Wallace seconded. Motion passed.

Article III, Section 20. Add as the last sentence, "All delegates and alternates shall be brothers of the Department of Michigan." The change was moved by Jim Lyons and seconded by Gary Gibson. Motion passed.

Article XX, Section 5. Delete. Moved by Jim Lyons and seconded by Gary Gibson to delete the section. Motion passed.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Keith Harrison, Council Chair, moved that the Treasurer's budget as presented to the council and discussed earlier in the encampment, be approved. Seconded by Howard Streeter, Council member. Motion passed.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Gary Gibson reported no recommendations were in any officer report. Found the reports in good order. Jim Lyons move the Committee Report be adopted, seconded by Dave Wallace. Motion passed.

Jim Lyons objected not having a chance to review the minutes from last year but will move to take the minutes off the table. Dave Wallace seconded. Motion passed. *(Under Officer Reports, the approval of the 2002 Department Encampment minutes were tabled until next year. This motion removed that motion.)*

Jim Lyons moved the minutes for the 2002 Encampment be approved as amended earlier in the Encampment. Seconded by John McFeters. Motion passed.



**Election of Delegates to the National Encampment:**

Keith Harrison moved that the delegates to the National Encampment be determined by reverse alphabetical order of the registered delegates at the Department Encampment less any members with outstanding credentials to the National Encampment up to our maximum number of delegates allowed and all others on the Encampment list be alternate delegates. Seconded by Jim Lyons. Motion passed.

**Nominating Committee Report:**

Bruce Butgereit II read the names for the elected officers of the Department. No nominations were made from the floor. Jim Lyons moved the nominations be closed and the Secretary be moved to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate presented. Seconded by the encampment. Motion passed.

**For the Good of the Order:**

Gary Gibson moved the encampment donate \$25 to the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief's fund and \$25 for the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund. Seconded by Rick Danes. Motion passed.

Jim Lyons moved that the minutes of these proceeding as they are transcribed, distributed and presented to the next encampment and upon approval at the next encampment become the official record of this encampment. Seconded by Dave Wallace. Motion passed.

Camp 7 on April 14 will have their 89<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They will have treats and all are welcome.

June 14 at the State Museum will be celebrating flag day. Commander Bruce Butgereit asked for a show of hands on who might want to attend. A few people raised their hand.

May 24 in Toledo there will be a rededication. The Commander-in-Chief will be present. There are some Michigan men buried at the monument. See the next issue of the Messenger for additional information.

May 17 has a Hayden rededication in VanBuren County.

April 13 there is a rededication in Adrian.

June 28 there will be a 135 anniversary of the G.A.R. in Jonesville. See the Messenger for more information.

July 25 through 27 there will be a National Civil War Band festival in Campbellsville, Kentucky. Eleven Civil War bands are participating.

June 7, at 1:00 PM Curtenius Guard will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a potluck lunch. All are welcome to come and bring a dish to pass.

Keith indicated the Council report recommended that the Camp at Large dues be increased to \$26 to cover the increase in the National per-capita. Jim Lyons moved the increase be approved. Seconded by Neal Breagh. Motion passed. This is a duplication of the material already presented in the Council Report.

**Installation of Officer:**

Commander-in-Chief, Robert Grim, did the short form installation of officers per the ritual.

**Closing:**

Closing of the Encampment done per ritual by Department Commander Bruce Butgereit.

Those brothers in attendance at the 114<sup>th</sup> annual encampment for the Department of Michigan SUVCW.

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Camp#</b>	<b>Category</b>
Douglas	Armstrong	058	Past Camp Commander
Kent	Armstrong	058	Past Dept Commander
Laverne	Aves	017	Delegate
Ron	Bellenger	020	Past Camp Commander
Neal F.	Breaugh	014	Delegate
Bill	Brennan	020	Past Dept Commander
Brandon	Brennan	020	Delegate
Bruce	Butgereit	001	Dept Commander
Colin	Butgereit	001	Junior
Bruce	Butgereit II	001	Delegate
Leo	Cohon	250	Past Camp Commander
William	Costello	020	Past Camp Commander
Rick	Danes	427	Delegate
Rex	Dillman	085	Alt Delegate
Verlin C.	Dillman	085	Camp Commander
Del	Farnsworth	020	Camp Commander
Dennis G.	Felton	058	Delegate
Gary	Gibson	020	Past Dept Commander
Daniel	Grable	003	Delegate
Richard	Greene	145	Past Camp Commander
Robert C.	Grove	250	Past Camp Commander
Keith G.	Harrison	017	Past C in C
Henry	Hawker	007	Alt Delegate
Landon	Hawker	007	Alt Delegate
Darius C.	Heath	007	Delegate
Mark D.	Heath	007	Camp Commander
John R.	Keith	020	Delegate
Tim	Kolean	001	Delegate
Kevin	Lindsey	002	Delegate
Bill	Lowe	007	Past Camp Commander
James	Lyons	017	Past Dept Commander
John	Mann	007	Past Camp Commander
William	McAfee	180	Past Camp Commander
John M.	McFeters	007	Alt Delegate
Michael	Neese	017	Delegate
Max L.	Newman	145	Past Camp Commander
Glen	Palen	085	Delegate
Wendel	Peabody	017	Delegate
Charles L.	Pfauth Jr.	085	Delegate
Charles L.	Pfauth Sr.	085	Delegate
James	Pugsley	180	Delegate
Jim	Ribby	014	Delegate
George	Roux	017	Delegate
Jon	Scott	003	Alt Delegate
Richard	Scott	003	Delegate
Brian	Shumway	017	Camp Commander
William E.	Skillman	014	Camp Commander
Glynn R.	Streeter	022	Camp Commander
Howard	Streeter	022	Past Camp Commander
Blaine C.	Valentine	022	Delegate
Richard	Veit	085	Delegate
David F.	Wallace	145	Past Dept Commander
Dick	Williams	017	Delegate
Charles	Worley	020	Delegate
Dave	Wrightsman	001	Alt Delegate

114<sup>th</sup> Department of Michigan Encampment

Date: 04/05/2003

Guests at the encampment:

Robert Grim, Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW.

Thomas Crawford, Department of Indiana.

**Officer and Committee Reports  
For the 114<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment  
Of the Department of Michigan SUVCW**

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April 2, 2003

To: Brothers in the Department of Michigan

Re: Commander's annual report

Dear Brothers:

Serving as your Department Commander this past year has been quite an experience and filled with many great memories. Since my attendance (actually my talking) at most Camps resulted in your longest meeting in Camp history, I'll present my report in bullet-style and try to be brief.

- ◇ I participated in 57 events as Department Commander (my wedding didn't count as we all know who was Commander that day!) □
- ◇ Communication efforts increased with my periodic updates sent to Camps.
- ◇ A Camp Health Survey was created along the lines of Form H of the GAR.
- ◇ I was able to attend 25 of the 26 Camps in the Department, missing only WA-BU-NO Camp 250 in Mt. Pleasant.
- ◇ Three new advertising flyers were created – 1) for the Department, 2) for each Camp except Camp 145 and 7, and 3) the Flag Facts.
- ◇ The Boy Scout Eagle Certificate program was reorganized.
- ◇ The By-laws for each Camp were addressed and amendments have been made in 14 of our Camps with Camps 2, 3, 17, 20, 28, 43, 120, 139, 145, and 250 currently working on theirs.
- ◇ To help share each other's burdens, I created an email Prayer List.
- ◇ Lines of communication were opened with our Sisters in the Allied Orders
- ◇ An Allied Orders Committee was formed to prepare for the rededication of the Michigan Andersonville Monument in 2004
- ◇ An Allied Orders Committee was formed to prepare for the 2004 rededication of the Michigan Soldier's and Sailor's Monument in Detroit

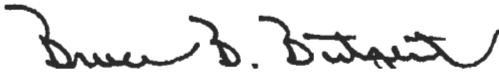
We were able to, with assistance from Brothers in (parenthesis):

- ◇ Revise the old "Red Book" into the Camp Resource Book (Dick Williams, Dept. Treasurer)
- ◇ Put our Graves Registration database online (Rick Danes, DGRO, GR Committee members and Eric Kirchberg, Dept. Signals Officer)
- ◇ The Department web page was revised to include the Eagle Scout program, the Bugle Call and a picture section titled, "Where we've been." (Eric Kirchberg)
- ◇ Increase our numbers through the diligent work of Department Junior Vice-Commander Neal Breugh in working with the National Junior Vice-C-in-C, Steve Michaels and Internet applications.

◇ Rework the Department website Query page (Bill Lowe, GR Committee).

All in all, I believe through the dedicated efforts of every Brother in the Department of Michigan, we were able to accomplish my goal of "getting back to the basics." Individually, we can do good things; together, we can do great things. I appreciate the opportunity I've had to serve you.

Respectfully, in F., C., & L.,



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in 1861 to 1865"

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February 20, 2003

Dear Commander,

There are several items that I wish to briefly report to the Department at this Mid-Winter Conference:

- The work of the By-Laws Committee
- The response to Messenger reports
- The suggestion of several future projects

The Department By-Laws Committee consists of Rick Greene, Dick Williams, Bruce Butgereit II, Philip Parks and Exofficio, Commander Bruce Butgereit. The Proposed By-Laws that all the Camps should now have for their review were the inspiration of our Commander gleaned from his extensive experience as the Chair of the previous year's By-Laws Committee. It is expected that you give them your close attention and instruct your Delegates to present your Camp's position on these amendments, alterations and additions at the Department's Annual Encampment. The By-Laws now require a two-thirds vote of the Brothers present and entitled to vote at the Annual Encampment to approve these proposed changes.

The "Messenger" published three communications since I was elected DSVC. The first emphasized the job description and our need to communicate outside and inside the Department. A request was made for each CSVC to communicate with me about their Camp and themselves. One SVC responded. The second note emphasized how our participation in community activities, such as a Gun and Knife Show, Civil War Living History Encampment and Michigan Department of History event, Iron Ore and the Civil War, which are great for recruitment and keeping the SUVCW in the public eye. At least 17 newspapers in the UP responded with coverage of these events. The third message proposed some specific examples on how Camps can respond to the challenge to rise above the background noise. Being on the lookout for opportunities is essential but like so many other things in life it must begin at home, our Camp, our town and our county. Another personal example, several years ago Camp 266 was planning to have a rededication service for the placing of our first grave marker for Sergeant Orla W. Doolittle of the Charles H. Towne, GAR Post No. 8, of Ishpeming. I spent many hours of communication and planning with a representative of WLUCTV6. At the Ishpeming Cemetery that Saturday we gathered, finally a young lady with a camera came to record the ceremony. No names asked for nor questions about the service which was to be the

first of a continuing series on the Civil War veterans in the Upper Peninsula. I got a call when I got back to Hancock that this series was now going to have 30 seconds on the 11:00 pm News this very Saturday night! The lesson is try to make the media think it was their idea. But we can start small with a Camp newsletter even if it only contains the minutes of the last Camp meeting. The Christmas letter that I sent out to all Senior Vice Commanders was also intended to encourage each Camp to start small with good Camp communication before trying to launch out into the deep. That letter got the greatest number of Newsletters sent to me, 4! I just know there must be at least 22 more out there somewhere. Our goal can be to have every Camp produce a Newsletter.

There are several topics and issues that occur to me that may find a voice of sympathy or a united response of the SUVCW, Department of Michigan.



1. This month is not only the birthdays of Lincoln and Washington but it is also proclaimed as Black History. What is our responsibility with respect to Sons of Black Units of the Civil War?
2. Reparations was a topic of gubernatorial debate during the recent Michigan elections. Opinion is that the 13 confederate states should bare the burden not the thousands of Union widows and orphans.
3. The month of April to be devoted to the memory and accomplishments of Lt. General Ulysses S. Grant. Born April 27, 1822 and brought us Victory April 9, 1865. He lived in Detroit in 1849 and owned property in our fair State.
4. Anti-war demonstrations should be answered both Nationally and Departmentally, giving support to the C-in-C by the SUVCW.
5. The Boy Scouts are under attack again for their stand against homosexual leaders in their ranks. The SUVCW can defend as well as support the Boy Scout movement.
6. Homeland Security Department is in need of reliable men to become the backbone of a working Civil Defense system, what better source than the ranks of the SUVCW.

Let these be considered for the good of the Order. It could prove to be more controversial than we care to tackle but No.1 for me is to give Honor to whom Honor is due and that would be devoting the Month of April each year to the celebration of our 18th President and the first one to earn the rank of Lt. General since George Washington was honored with that rank.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip N. Parks  
Senior Vice Commander  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

To: Bruce Butgereit: Commander, Department of Michigan, SUVCW

From: Neal F. Breugh: Department Junior Vice Commander

Date: April 5, 2003

RE: Final Report: DJVC

1. Members in the Department as of March 31, 2002: 529  
 Members in the Department as of December 31, 2002: 535= an increase of 6  
 Totals from January 1, 2003 to April 5, 2003 are not yet available.
  
2. Members processed through this office from the internet applications provided by the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief:
  - A. From JVC-in-C Kent Armstrong: April to August, 2002
    1. 6 new members assigned:
      - 1 to Henry E Plant Camp No. 3: Grand Haven
      - 3 to Gilluly-Kingsley Camp No. 120: Howell
      - 1 to Carpenter-Welch Camp No. 180: Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti
      - 1 to Russell A. Alger Camp-at-Large No. 462
  
  - B. From JVC-in-C Stephen Michaels: August 2002 to present
    1. 3 new members assigned:
      - 2 to Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20: Kalamazoo
      - 1 to Albert & James Lyon Camp No. 266 Marquette
  
  - C. In addition, the names of 13 individuals who had requested information in 2002 were provided to me by JVC-in-C Michaels letters were sent to all of them with the following results:
    1. 6 did not respond at all.
    2. 2 responded but were not interested
    3. 5 became members
      - 1 to Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17: Lansing/Sunfield
      - 2 to Gilluly-Kingsley Camp No. 120: Howell
      - 1 to Albert and James Lyon Camp No. 266: Marquette
      - 1 to Russell A. Alger Camp-at-Large No. 462
  
  - D. In addition one member was processed through information provided by SVC-in-C Kent Armstrong.
    - 1 to Russell A. Alger Camp-at-Large No. 462
  
3. The JVC has made 16 visits to 15 different Camps:
  - A. Camp No. 1: General John A. Logan: Grand Rapids: Aug. 3rd
  - B. Camp No. 2: General Israel B. Richardson: Berkley: Jan. 30th
  - C. Camp No. 3: Henry E. Plant: Sept. 8th
  - D. Camp No. 17: Curtenius Guard: July 30th
  - E. Camp No. 22: Colegrove-Woodruff: Feb. 6th
  - F. Camp No. 28: Alexander French: Jan. 7th
  - G. Camp No. 58: George W. Anderson: Nov. 18th
  - H. Camp No. 67: General Phil Kearny: March 1st
  - I. Camp No. 120: Gilluly-Kingsley: Aug. 6th
  - J. Camp No. 139: Lockwood: Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> & Jan. 5th
  - K. Camp No. 145: Gov. Henry Crapo: March 19th

L.	Camp No. 147:	Henry Quigley: Feb. 9th
M.	Camp No. 160:	Major Henry F. Wallace: Jan. 8th
N.	Camp No. 250:	WA-BU-NO: March 13th
O.	Camp No. 266:	Albert and James Lyon: Feb. 1st

- The nine Camps not visited by the DJVC will be high on his priority list for the 2003/04 Department year.
- The DJVC has also kept a record of Camps who have submitted reports to the Michigan Messenger:

### CAMP MESSENGER REPORTS 2002

#### JANUARY, 2002 CAMPS PUBLISHING REPORTS: (12 CAMPS)

GENERAL JOHN A. LOGAN	CAMP 1
AUSTIN BLAIR	CAMP 7
ROBERT FINCH	CAMP 14
CURTENIUS GUARD	CAMP 17
GEN. BENJAMIN PRITCHARD	CAMP 20
COLEGROVE-WOODRUFF	CAMP 22
GEORGE W. ANDERSON	CAMP 58
LOCKWOOD	CAMP 139
GOVERNOR CRAPO	CAMP 145
CARPENTER-WELCH	CAMP 180
SGT. JOHN S. COSBEY	CAMP 427
RUSSELL A. ALGER	CAMP 462

#### APRIL, 2002 CAMPS PUBLISHING REPORTS: (8 CAMPS)

GENERAL JOHN A. LOGAN	CAMP 1
AUSTIN BLAIR	CAMP 7
ROBERT FINCH	CAMP 14
GEORGE W. ANDERSON	CAMP 58
LOCKWOOD	CAMP 139
ALBERT & JAMES LYON	CAMP 266
SGT. JOHN S. COSBEY	CAMP 427
RUSSELL A. ALGER	CAMP 462

#### JULY, 2002: CAMPS PUBLISHING REPORTS: (12 CAMPS)

GENERAL JOHN A. LOGAN	CAMP 1
GENERAL ISRAEL B RICHARDSON	CAMP 2
AUSTIN BLAIR	CAMP 7
ROBERT FINCH	CAMP 14
CURTENIUS GUARD	CAMP 17
GENERAL BENJAMIN PRITCHARD	CAMP 20
COLEGROVE-WOODRUFF	CAMP 22
GEORGE W. ANDERSON	CAMP 58
GENERAL ULYSSES S. GRANT	CAMP 101
MAJOR HENRY F. WALLACE	CAMP 160
ALBERT & JAMES LYON	CAMP 266

OCTOBER, 2002 CAMPS PUBLISHING REPORTS: (5 CAMPS)

GENERAL JOHN A. LOGAN	CAMP 1
HENRY E. PLANT	CAMP 3
ROBERT FINCH	CAMP 14
CURTENIUS GUARD	CAMP 17
GEORGE W. ANDERSON	CAMP 58

CAMPS IN ALL FOUR ISSUES OF THE MESSENGER

GENERAL JOHN LOGAN	CAMP 1
ROBERT FINCH	CAMP 14
GEORGE W. ANDERSON	CAMP 58

CAMPS IN THREE ISSUES

AUSTIN BLAIR	CAMP 7
CURTENIUS GUARD	CAMP 17
SGT. JOHN S. COSBEY	CAMP 427

CAMPS IN TWO ISSUES

GENERAL BENJAMIN PRITCHARD	CAMP 20
COLEGROVE-WOODRUFF	CAMP 22
LOCKWOOD	CAMP 139
ALBERT & JAMES LYONS	CAMP 266
RUSSELL A. ALGER	CAMP 462

CAMPS IN ONE ISSUE

GENERAL ISRAEL B. RICHARDSON	CAMP 2
HENRY E. PLANT	CAMP 3
GENERAL ULYSSES S. GRANT	CAMP 101
GOVERNOR CRAPO	CAMP 145
MAJOR HENRY F. WALLACE	CAMP 160
CARPENTER-WELCH	CAMP 180

**37 CAMP REPORTS IN 4 ISSUES = AN AVERAGE OF 9 REPORTS PER ISSUE-  
-OUT OF 26 CAMPS**

CAMPS WITH NO REPORTS (9 CAMPS OUT OF 26 CAMPS)

GEORGE W. HOWE	CAMP 9
ALEXANDER FRENCH	CAMP 28
NASH HODGES	CAMP 43
GENERAL PHIL KEARNEY	CAMP 67
FREDERICK H. HACKEMAN	CAMP 85
GILLULY-KINGSLEY	CAMP 120
HENRY W. QUIGLEY	CAMP 147
WA-BU-NO	CAMP 250
ARCHIBALD STEWART	CAMP 259

JANUARY, 2003: CAMPS PUBLISHING REPORTS: (7 CAMPS)

STRAIGHT)	GENERAL JOHN A. LOGAN	CAMP 1	(5
	AUSTIN BLAIR	CAMP 7	(4 OUT OF 5)
STRAIGHT)	ROBERT FINCH	CAMP 14	(5
	CURTENIUS GUARD	CAMP 17	(4 OUT OF 5)
STRAIGHT)	GEORGE W. ANDERSON	CAMP 58	(5
	LOCKWOOD	CAMP 139	(3 OUT OF 5)
	SGT. JOHN S. COSBEY	CAMP 427	(4 OUT OF 5)

(ALEXANDER FRENCH NO 28: USED WRONG FOMAT)

Respectfully Submitted,

DJVC Neal F. Breagh

This is the report of the Department Treasurer on finances for the 2002-2003 fiscal year  
and  
for the budget for the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

Category Description	Actual 2002	Budget 2002	Difference	Budget 2003
<b>Income</b>				
7th Corp patch	60.00	60.00	0.00	30.00
Camp at Large				
Application Fee	35.00	20.00	15.00	20.00
Per-Capita	317.50	330.00	-12.50	270.00
Supplies	-7.40	1.00	-8.40	25.00
<b>Total Camp at Large</b>	<b>345.10</b>	<b>351.00</b>	<b>-5.90</b>	<b>315.00</b>
Camp Per-Capita	10,216.00	10,000.00	216.00	14,300.00
Application fee	0.00	200.00	-200.00	100.00
<b>Total Camp Per-Capita</b>	<b>10,216.00</b>	<b>10,200.00</b>	<b>16.00</b>	<b>14,400.00</b>
Coat of Arms Pocket Patch	300.00	200.00	100.00	200.00
Dept Encampment				
Dinners	0.00	250.00	-250.00	350.00
Luncheon	0.00	1.00	-1.00	950.00
Registration	360.00	250.00	110.00	250.00
Room Charges	300.00	1.00	299.00	200.00
<b>Total Dept Encampment</b>	<b>660.00</b>	<b>502.00</b>	<b>158.00</b>	<b>1,750.00</b>
Emblem Pocket Patch	370.00	200.00	215.00	200.00
Gift Received	0.00	1.00	-1.00	0.00
Hat Badge	1,296.50	1,000.00	296.50	1,000.00
Interest Inc	64.85	80.00	-15.15	70.00
Mouse pads	50.00	1.00	49.00	50.00
Wine glasses	63.00	1.00	62.00	30.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>13,425.45</b>	<b>12,563.00</b>	<b>862.45</b>	<b>18,045.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Badges & Insignia	802.60	1,500.00	697.40	1,600.00
Central Region				
Dues	5.00	5.00	0.00	5.00
<b>Total Central Region</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5.00</b>
Commander Expenses	63.91	100.00	36.09	200.00
Department Encampment				
Dinners	0.00	250.00	250.00	300.00
Gifts	0.00	75.00	75.00	50.00
Luncheon	-1,594.25	1.00	1,595.25	900.00
Past Department Badge	53.00	25.00	-28.00	0.00
Ribbons	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.00
Room Charges	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
<b>Total Dept Encampment</b>	<b>-1,541.25</b>	<b>451.00</b>	<b>1,992.25</b>	<b>1,420.00</b>
Dept Web Site Fee	0.00	70.00	70.00	100.00
Gifts Given	0.00	400.00	400.00	200.00
Int Paid	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
Jr Vice Expenses	0.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Messenger				
Mail Preparation	237.30	325.00	87.70	340.00
Postage	566.37	550.00	-16.37	550.00

114<sup>th</sup> Department of Michigan Encampment

Date: 04/05/2003

Postage Due	25.00	150.00	125.00	25.00
Printing	1,754.49	2,000.00	245.51	2,355.00
Annual Bulk Mail Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
<b>Total Messenger</b>	<b>2,583.16</b>	<b>3,025.00</b>	<b>441.84</b>	<b>3,420.00</b>
MidWinter Meeting				
Luncheon	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
Room Charges	0.00	140.00	140.00	100.00
Dinner	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
<b>Total MidWinter Meeting</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>140.00</b>	<b>140.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>
Misc	0.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
National Encampment				
Expenses	10.00	75.00	65.00	15.00
Gift to C&C	24.27	30.00	5.73	30.00
<b>Total National Encampment</b>	<b>34.27</b>	<b>105.00</b>	<b>70.73</b>	<b>45.00</b>
National Per-Capita	6,382.00	6,200.00	-182.00	8,800.00
Application Fee	0.00	1.00	1.00	100.00
<b>Total National Per-Capita</b>	<b>6,382.00</b>	<b>6,201.00</b>	<b>-181.00</b>	<b>8,900.00</b>
Secretary Expenses	103.12	100.00	-3.12	150.00
Sr Vice Expenses	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Supplies	26.50	100.00	73.50	100.00
Envelopes	37.26	1.00	-36.26	40.00
Paper	4.99	12.00	7.01	12.00
Postage	18.00	1.00	-17.00	30.00
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>86.75</b>	<b>114.00</b>	<b>27.25</b>	<b>182.00</b>
Treasurer Expenses	0.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>8,519.56</b>	<b>12,563.00</b>	<b>4,043.44</b>	<b>16,872.00</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>4,905.89</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,905.89</b>	<b>1,173.00</b>

Submitted by, Dick Williams at the Department Encampment April 5, 2003.

**DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**G.A.R. RECORDS COMMITTEE**

April 5, 2003

To: Bruce Butgereit  
Department Commander

Subject: Annual Report

It is a pleasure to once again report on the progress of this project. Activity was slowed due to the unavailability of several key committee members for substantial periods of time during the past year. We have also experienced a drop-off of reports from members and Camps concerning newly found Post records.

There has been some progress on several fronts, however. A retired Library Director has contacted me concerning a Post minute book in her possession. She is going to copy the book and will be sending the first forty pages in the next few days. She also thinks she may be able to locate another minute book from the same Post. This contact came through our page on the Department web site.

We have also turned up a lead on the possible location of a Post flag. It has been several years since this flag was last seen, but we are checking with several people regarding its location. More will follow on this.

Communication has been established with the archivist at the Clarke Historical Library at Central Michigan University. They have a number of G.A.R. Post materials and related manuscript files in their collection.

We continue to locate former G.A.R. Halls in various communities. The Hall in Vermontville is now the home of the local American Legion Post. We have located a building in Belding, fitting the location and general configuration of a Hall. More research will need to be done to verify this building. A search is under way to identify and locate a Hall pictured in an old photograph given to the Daughters of Tent 30. It is believed that this Hall was in Ionia County.

During the past year, we have made four presentations to Genealogical or Historical Societies.

Between 70 and 80 requests for research assistance were handled during the year.

Work on the G.A.R. Membership data base project continues. We are working on Post 43 and now have nearly 13,000 entries. There are also 2321 annual officer rosters included as a separate table. With the assistance of Dick Williams we have now developed a



number of queries and reports that can be used to extract information in several configurations.

We have now begun a project to provide "Post Notes" giving a brief history of the Post, information on the person for whom the Post was named, where the Post met and other things of interest regarding the membership. A brief history of the Department of Michigan, G.A.R., as presented on the Department and National web page listings of G.A.R. Posts, serves as the introduction to this companion piece to the Membership database.

During the past year in a different, but related project, we have completed (for the second time) the transcription of the National Card File Index of Camps into a database. This is a "one of a kind" record. We now have the ability to extract information, in several formats, and place this important record in several locations as a backup for the original cards. There are 3704 Camps recorded.

Work has begun to transcribe the information contained in the ledgers recording approved applications for Camp Charters. This material includes the date of publication in General Orders. There are two volumes dating from 1905 to the late 1940's. By 1950 this information is recorded in the Membership accounting ledger and is in a different format. Eventually this material can be cross-referenced with the card file information to provide a full picture of the Camp history of the Order. Reporting in recent years has been less specific, but will be included as presented.

This work continues to provide surprises and many great satisfactions as new things are discovered. New areas of research follow these discoveries providing many challenges to put all the pieces together. I am thankful for the opportunity to work on these important projects and hope to be able to continue until their completion.

Respectfully submitted,  
In F., C., and L.,

James T. Lyons, PDC, Chairman  
G. A. R. Records Committee



**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
**The Russell A. Alger, Camp No. 462**  
Department of Michigan  
*Camp-at-Large*

April 5, 2003

To: Department of Michigan Commander Bruce Butgereit  
Re: Department of Michigan Camp at Large

Sir,

When I took over as Coordinator last year, the Camp at Large had 11 members. It now has 14. Although the increase does not appear great, there has been considerable activity in the camp. In the past year we have initiated 3 new members, 2 were hereditary and 1 an associate. Two brothers have transferred into the camp, one of them a life member. One brother has transferred out into a local camp. One brother has requested and been granted an Honorable Discharge.

As a new initiative, I am attempting to contact the Brothers of the Camp-at-Large who have email with special notices, Department events, etc. Since this camp has no regular meetings, this is a way for these Brothers to feel more a part of the Department. So far this contact has been received favorably by the members.

Respectfully,

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**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN**

**Office of the Graves Registration Officer**



April 5, 2003

Bruce Butgereit, Commander  
Department of Michigan  
1691 Summerfield Street SE  
Kentwood, MI

Commander Butgereit,

Please accept the attached as a final report for the year 2002-2003 of activities from the Department of Michigan Graves Registration Committee.

The achievements of Committee during the past year although significant, did not meet the stated goals from the 2002 Report. We were not able to recover all records held in the Camps, and although we encouraged the Camps, were not able to achieve a GRO for each Camp, nor an active program throughout the Department.

The significance of our work since February 2002 can be recognized with an additional 11,326 records entered into the Department database, and 11,377 records sent to the National Chairman. Approximately 2,000 records currently await input to both.

Quarterly committee meetings were held, and were attended by a core of approximately 50% of the Camps. Like the 2001-2002 year, these meetings achieved meaningful dialog that is useful to the Camp GROs and allow them a forum to express ideas, concerns, and allowed them to spend time learning more about the resources available to them. We have created a living list of abbreviations, sources, and resources updated for each meeting, and each attending Camp receives an updated cd containing the most current Department db for their use. The Graves Officer Handbook was updated and distributed.

I mentioned at the last 2 Department Encampments that we have found the lack of participation from some camps reflective of the overall attitude of society today. Although that fact has not changed, certain proactive members have overcome the hurdle by working outside their normal areas and by soliciting participation by non-Members.

Under your leadership and support, the Department of Michigan Graves Registration Program has been selected by National Officers to provide guidance to the Department of Tennessee they structure their program.

I appreciate the opportunity that I have been given, and hope that you, as well as future Commanders allow me to remain Chairman of this Committee with the goal of completing the task at hand. I remain,

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard E. Danes'.

Richard E. Danes,  
Department of Michigan  
Graves Registration Officer

CC: Philip N. Parks, Department SVC  
Richard F. Lee, Department Secretary  
Conference Attendees

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

2003 GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

BACKGROUND

In spite of the Nation's present opportunity to prove that we will uphold our commitment to "Liberty and Justice for All", the year has presented many more opportunities for us as a committee and as an organization, to further our cause and to "Keep the Memory of our Ancestors Green". We hope that someone will remember the Veterans of the current War as we do those who protected our freedom over 140 years ago.

YEAR 2002-2003 SUCCESSES

During this past year many successes have been realized as a result of an active committee who were not afraid to continue the work that has been our purpose for several years. A sense of camaraderie and teamwork have continued to grow, as our members have left the comfort of their own Camps to guide the others in the effort.

Consecutive committee meetings were held in January, June, September and in December, and were attended by approximately 50% of the Camps. The issues that were addressed and resolved were:

1. The Graves Officer's Handbook was upgraded and distributed to all Camps attending the Mid-Winter Conference. These updated sections of our "living document" now more closely reflect how the Committee really works.
2. The format and content of the Department database was reviewed, changed as recommended, and administrated. Discussions were held on extending our service to the community by putting the database on-line. Because of the diligence of the Committee, of Commander Butgereit, Department Webmaster Kirchberg, and Department Treasurer Williams that on-line database will become a reality by the time you read or hear these words.
3. Committee members expanded their effort to "spread the word" by attending genealogical society, historical society, or other appropriate venues in Berrien, Calhoun, Eaton, Jackson, Kalkaska, Kent, Livingston, Monroe, Washtenaw, and Wayne Counties, as well as at the National Encampment. This is a great way to make the public aware of our data and database, but we need more volunteers to attend, get some familiarity with the information, and then start working in their own areas. So far this year we have attended events at Plymouth and Monroe.

4. At committee meetings three special speakers presented on a variety of subjects.
5. Our contributions from the field stands at 38,659 records at the National and 42,374 at the Department level. The records reconciliation was completed this year, resulting in the removal of over 3000 records from the National.
6. Several administrative issues were addressed and resolved during the year. Two key ones were the confirmation of the contributions that Don Harvey, Ed Russell, and Camp 9 have made to the Program. Another was the successful retrieval of the Graves Records so diligently collected by Lynn Reaume on our behalf in Monroe County.
7. We now have 27 Counties that have completed the survey, research, and submittal of records. 5 more have completed surveys and are finishing the second phase. 39 Counties are actively being surveyed. If my math is right, that leaves only leaves 12 that aren't active.
8. As I reiterate, half of the Camps attended one or more meetings out of four. That is 14 different Camps that attended one meeting or more, 6 attended all four meetings... we have 12 Counties left to start.....12 Camps did not attend meetings.....
9. At the recommendation and request of National JVC in Chief Stevens and National Graves Registration Officer Kennedy we assisted the new Department of Tennessee GRO by providing him with a copy of our Handbook, so that he could use it to structure his program.

Outside of the committee, the review and registration of existing lists of Michigan Soldiers buried at National Cemeteries continues. As the Committee decided, the burial place of any Michigan soldier will be documented in the Department record, as well as all Civil War Soldier buried in Michigan. We also record the resting places of veterans of all Wars Prior to World War I.

Queries are handled efficiently and professionally by the person to whom they are addressed, regardless of geography or position. In the future, as soon as all Camps assign a GRO, these requests for information will be routed to the Camp designee.

Several Camps have continued the verification of previously un-submitted registrations, and forwarding them to the Department GRO. Our hope is that with the new roster of Camp Commanders and GROs in Camps that previously did not participate, we can expand the program into all parts of the state. Spring is here, let's go!

An agenda of quarterly meetings was set for the year 2003.

FUTURE PLANS AND CHALLENGES

As we look forward, we see that the program and problems associated with program administration have taken a back seat to actually getting the job done. The Committee, has solicited resources outside the Membership so that only about 15% of the counties are not being surveyed. Hopefully, with the incentive shown by these people, the Camps that do not participate will join us.

**Our plan and challenge** for the next year, somewhat redundant to every year, is to get all records held by "completely surveyed" counties submitted, to complete the partially completed counties, and to encourage the appointment of GROs and participation by all Camps, so our new database is meaningful to all Camps.

We will actively work with the Department Webmaster in administrating the new on-line Department dB.

CONCLUSION

The Department of Michigan continues to be recognized as a national leader in Graves Registrations. With over 38,500 National registrations, the foreseeable trend would indicate that we will register many new graves every year for the next seven to ten years as our leaders and membership continue to drive the program. We have been asked to provide guidance to other Departments. We have enough Committee members that are willing to spend time on the Camp level to show a novice the ropes. Many of the experienced researchers come early and then attend our Committee meetings. The Graves Registration Program will continue to provide focus to an already great SUVCW agenda in the Department of Michigan... please support us as you can!

Respectfully Submitted in  
Fraternity, Loyalty, and Charity,



Richard E. "Rick" Danes  
Graves Registration Officer  
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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

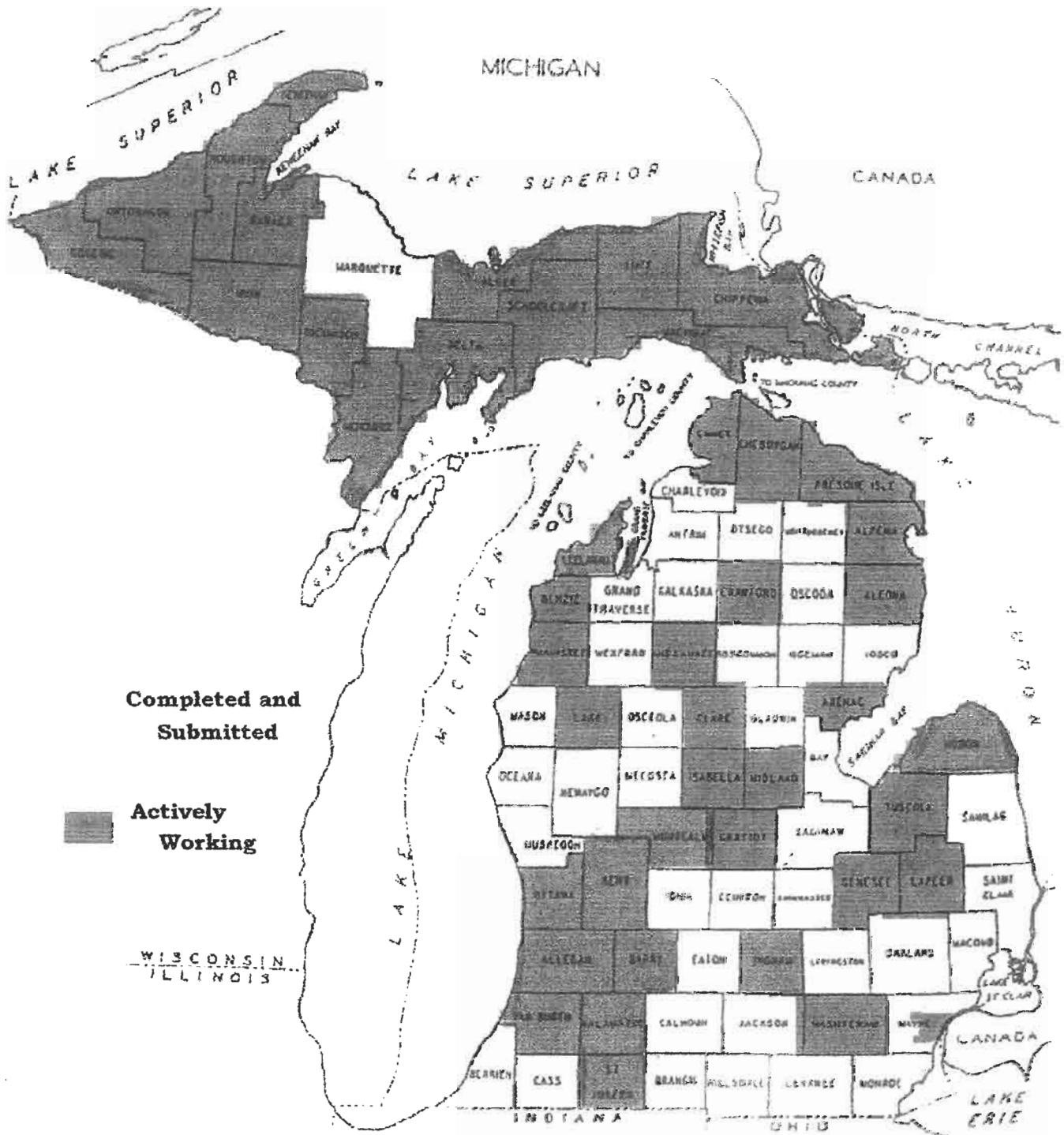




SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN



2003 REPORT





Graves Records Submitted, June 2000- April 2003

<b>Date</b>	<b>Records Submitted to National</b>	<b>Records in State Database</b>	<b>Records Waiting for Input</b>
<b>June, 2000</b>	<b>18, 583*</b>	<b>18, 021*</b>	<b>2000**</b>
<b>Sept, 2000</b>	<b>19,227</b>	<b>18, 528</b>	<b>300</b>
<b>Feb, 2001</b>	<b>20, 146</b>	<b>19, 881</b>	<b>7324</b>
<b>Feb, 2002</b>	<b>30, 282</b>	<b>33,289</b>	<b>12,000</b>
<b>Feb, 2003</b>	<b>38, 659*</b>	<b>42, 374</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>Total Change Since 2/2002</b>	<b><u>8,377*</u></b>	<b><u>9,085</u></b>	<b>5,324</b>

\*3007 records deleted as a result of record reconciliation per National request.

**Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

Historian's Report

Department Encampment  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

April 5, 2003

Historians in the Order are charged to collect and preserve historical and biographical material pertaining to the Civil War, to members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and to members of the Order. Accordingly, the Department Historian this year has solicited and collected materials of that kind. The items include a book from Brother John Mann, copies of veterans' military and pension records, photographs, newspaper clippings, magazine articles, printed programs, and Camp records. Most have been filed in four three-ring binders with archival protectors and indexes for ready reference.

Volume I contains copies of military and pension records of fourteen Civil War veterans. Some of the materials are complete files as obtained from the National Archives and Records Administration. Others are only the one or two pages submitted with SUVCW membership applications. This program provides a wonderful means for perpetuating the memory of the men who saved the Union. Brother Michael Nick suggested it and was the first contributor to it.

The second binder is a photograph album. One image shows officers of the Seventeenth Michigan Infantry at Grass Lake, Michigan, in 1865. Another was taken at the dedication of the monument to the Twenty-second Michigan Infantry at Chickamauga Battlefield. Among the veterans in the picture are the great grandfather and two great uncles of Herbert Marshall, of California, who furnished the photo. One of several sets of photographs has scenes of the dedication ceremony in Detroit of the International Memorial to the Underground Railroad. Other pictures portray events such as the installation of Camp officers and the dedication of monuments.

Volume III contains newspaper articles, printed programs and announcements, copies of "Michigan's Messenger," and agendas from Eagle Scout certificate presentations. Several newspaper items describe Memorial Day ceremonies held around the state. A funeral bulletin and a wedding announcement are displayed. Copies of the printed programs for the Department's 2002 Encampment and the Ceremony of Remembrance are exhibited.

The other notebook has published articles of interest. For example, some from the *Eaton County Quest* have copies of letters written by Union soldiers during 1861 and 1862. Among the stories from *Michigan History Magazine* are one entitled "Captured at Shiloh!" and another about "Return to Spotsylvania." Also in Volume IV are copies of the records of Robert Finch Camp #14 for the years 2000, 2001, and 2002.

Preservation of the Department's records also received attention this year. The provision of fire-resistant storage facilities for them had been discussed at several

Department encampments but not pursued further. Brother Charles LaBar located some used fire-resistant file cabinets for sale last spring, and the Department Council authorized the purchase of one. However, the Marshall Historical Society subsequently declined permission for the Department to have any more storage space in their GAR hall. As a result, the purchase of a file cabinet was discontinued, and the search for suitable storage space was begun. That search still continues.

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the History Collection 2003. The materials described above illustrate how each Camp and each member can contribute to the historical collection of the Department. Their participation in future endeavors of this office are greatly encouraged.

Respectfully submitted in  
Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Paul D. Hodges, PDC  
Department Historian

## REPORT of the DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

April 20, 2003

Commander Butgereit:

1. Listed below are the names of brothers and death dates, which have been reported to the Department Chaplain since our last Department Encampment:

2002:

5/3: Layton Aves, Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17.  
6/14: Boyd A. Veenkant, Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20.  
7/25: Hubert Williams, Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20.  
10/1: Paul Bachmann, Gov. Henry Crapo Camp No. 145.  
10/19: Vernon L. Pease, Albert & James Lyon Camp No. 266

2003:

2/25: Donald Culp, Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20.

2. During this fiscal year I have attended and/or participated in the following activities related to my position as Department Chaplain:
  - Department Encampment 4/20/02.
  - The Department Commander's wedding in Hastings, 7/20/02.
  - Remembrance Day at the Veterans' Home in Grand Rapids 8/3/02.
  - Jackson CW Muster 8/24 & 8/25/02.
  - Department Mid-Winter Conference 2/22/03.
3. I submitted three articles for the Chaplain's Corner in "The Messenger".
4. I sent cards of condolence to the widows and/or families of deceased brothers as I was provided names and addresses, submitting appropriate reports of those deaths to Department and National officers, as required.

It has been my honor to have been appointed to this office. I appreciate having been able to serve our Order and to have done what I was able to perpetuate its ideals and promote its agendae.

Respectively submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

William B. M<sup>c</sup>Afee, PCC, Chaplain  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

*"Serve the Lord with gladness."*

Dear Commander Butgereit and fellow Brothers:

Although it took some time, we now have a Boy Scout Eagle Certificate program we feel comfortable with. While it does not guarantee any Council will contact us, we have at least communicated to them we have this and would be more than happy to participate.

The program has been placed on the Department website through the excellent work of Department Signals Officer Eric Kirchberg.

In this past year, we distributed 45 certificates from the Department:

2 delivered by Bruce B. Butgereit as Department Commander.

31 sent via mail from requests received from the National Coordinator.

12 delivered to Camps for distribution (9 for Camp 17).

I thank you for the opportunity to serve and look forward to an even busier year. Please remember to remain in contact with your BSA Council and area Troops. These young men may be future Brothers in the SUVCW.

Sincerely,  
Bruce Zann

**Civil war memorials committee report**  
**DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN – S.U.V.C.W.**  
Encampment of April 5, 2003

Douglas R. Armstrong, Chair

Chris P. Czopek

Fred L. Knoodle

Michael W. McMillan

Richard A.

Williams

We have the honor to report continued progress by our Department's Camps, in support of the Civil War Memorials Assessment Project. With the increased participation, we have begun to enter the information from the assessment forms submitted by the Camps into our Department database. To date we have registered 85 monuments and memorials located within 24 counties across the State. Brothers have located and assessed the condition of 100% of monuments and memorials in Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ionia, Jackson, Shiawassee, Washtenaw and Wayne Counties. Our thanks to the brothers of Camp's 1, 7, 14, 17, 58, 101, 120, 160, 180, and 427 for their efforts and support of the project.

We would ask that newly elected Camp Commanders and Camp Civil War Memorials Officers contact this office with a report of their Camp's progress with the assessment of monuments in their assigned areas. We would also ask that the Past Camp Commander turn over all materials pertaining to the assessment project to the incoming officers. To those Camps who do not have a program in place we respectfully encourage them to appoint a Camp Civil War Memorials Officer to coordinate an effort within the Camp.

In April of 2001, after hearing the City of Detroit's plan to dismantle and relocate the Michigan Soldier's and Sailor's monument at Campus Martius, a message was sent by this committee to the city's planning director of our interest with this project.

After several communications over a one-year period, a meeting was set with representatives from the city's planning department and Mayor's office for May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2002. Information gathered from that meeting included an outlay of the plans for a park, which will be built at the center of Michigan and Woodward Avenues. The plans outline the Soldier's and Sailor's monument to be placed in a prominent location at the head of Woodward Ave. The monument will be set on a four-foot high stone pedestal with seating on all sides. In addition, a fountain will be constructed surrounding the base and will include a waterwall. The planting of trees, shrubs, and flowers around the monument and the mixture of blue stone pavers and crushed limestone paths will invite the public to view and appreciate the monument much more than in it's current location at the center of a traffic circle.

The monument will be disassembled this spring and stored before it is relocated to its new location. Construction of the remainder of the 1.6 acre park, that will include a central staging area for public events, a green space with benches and tables that will convert into a 7800 square foot skating rink in the winter months, is set for the summer of 2003 and will continue through the fall at this year. City Officials expect to have a dedication ceremony for the park in June of 2004, at which time consideration will be made for an appropriate rededication of the monument. This office was assured that it would be notified of any further developments or changes to the schedule of construction.

Another matter that was discussed with the city, was the replacement of the sign that was set at the corners of Woodward and Michigan Avenues in 1995. The marker,

sponsored by the SUVCW, MOLLUS and the 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry Reenactors was placed there at the eastern end of US 12 to designate the highway as the "Iron Brigade Memorial Highway. The project, with the assistance of Brother Kent Armstrong, also included the placement of markers at the western end of US 12 at New Buffalo and another in Indiana. A proposal was given to place the Detroit marker adjacent to the monument after the park had been finished.

We are pleased to report the discovery of a significant artifact in the City of Petoskey. With the assistance of Brother Fred Knoodle, Camp 14 of Traverse City has acquired for restoration a cannon that has been stored at the city garage since its discovery in 1996. Through research by Brother Knoodle and some on sight inspection by artillery expert Wayne Stark, it was determined that the cannon was a rare 12-pdr Confederate Napoleon from the Augusta Foundry. The cannon is the only known iron cannon from the Augusta Foundry, which typically cast bronze artillery pieces for the Army of Tennessee.

Camp 14 has taken on the task of restoring the cannon for future display in Petoskey. They have gotten overwhelming interest and suggestions by many different sources. The Augusta Museum of History has contacted Camp 14 with its offer of advice and assistance in restoring the historical cannon.

Other restoration efforts underway by Camp's within the Department include the continued fundraising efforts of Camp 1 for the restoration of the memorial fountain in Grand Rapids. Camp Commander Butgereit reports the necessary funds may be obtained soon. Camp 14 with the assistance of Grand Traverse County, has continued to raise funds for the restoration of the white bronze monument on the County Courthouse grounds in Traverse City.

We are proud to report recent encouraging developments concerning legislation preventing the theft and sale of all veteran monuments, in particular the theft and sale of Civil War era cannon. House Bill No. 5888 was sponsored by and introduced by State Representative Larry Julian in May of 2002. Since then the bill has gathered the support of the American Legion of Michigan, The Commanders Group and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

The bill would create a new act to provide for the disposition of demilitarized military equipment and artifacts, including Civil War era cannon. Specifically, the bill would require the recipient of such equipment from a federal agency to display the equipment in accordance with the agreement with the donor under the grant of conditional title. If the recipient no longer wished to keep the equipment or artifacts, he or she would have to return the equipment in accordance with federal law.

After consideration by the Veterans Affairs Committee, the bill has been recommended to undergo further language changes to set forth penalties and assign jurisdiction to a state agency. Once the language has been added, the bill will again be introduced and a new House number will be assigned.

After an updated House Bill number is introduced, we would respectfully encourage the members of the Department of Michigan to support this effort by contacting their elected state representative and ask for his or her support. Each camp will also need to step up their efforts with locating and assessing the condition of each Civil War era cannon and monument in their area. In doing so we can bring to the attention of local authorities and officials the importance of these pieces of their community's history and heritage. With your help we can prevent these collectors from profiting from what our ancestors and veterans of the Civil War entrusted to us to care for and ensure that future generations would not forget.

114<sup>th</sup> Department of Michigan Encampment  
Respectfully submitted in  
Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Date: 04/05/2003

Douglas R. Armstrong, Civil War Memorials Officer  
Chairman, Department of Michigan Civil War Memorials Committee



## Department Newsletter Editor's Report for the year 2002/2003

All four quarterly issues of Michigan's Messenger were published and mailed on or before the scheduled mailing dates. A combined total of 84 pages were printed for the year and over 550 copies were mailed to our members each quarter. Costs for the four issues were as follows:

Printing	\$2,288.89
Postage	493.86
Address Labeling	316.40
Annual Bulk Mail Fee	150.00
Return Mail Fee	<u>25.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,274.15</b>

According to our Department Treasurer, Richard Williams, from whom these figures were received, this represented 74% of the Department's total income for the year.

On 11 August 2002, at the 121<sup>st</sup> National Encampment in Springfield, Illinois, the Department of Michigan received the Marshall Hope Award for best Department newsletter. This award is based mostly upon interest and quality of content, along with consistency of publication. As editor of Michigan's Messenger, I had the honor of accepting the award on behalf of the Department from Commander-in-Chief George Powell. Though the award is presented to the Department of Michigan, it is our Department Officers, through their respective columns, our Camps, through their Camp News reports, and many of our Brothers, through their Ancestor Vignettes and other articles, that are the true recipients of this award.

On 20 March 2003, a request was received from the Genealogy Department of the Allen County, Indiana Public Library for a complete set of Michigan's Messenger newsletters and a subscription for future issues. The Allen County Library is the largest genealogy library in the mid-west and draws genealogists from all over the U.S. The letter stated, in part, "*We believe a complete set of your publication would be of tremendous benefit to our patrons.*" The library has offered to pay all costs involved in obtaining the copies.

Presented this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 2003,  
In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

John R. Mann



**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
Headquarters for the Department of Michigan  
*Grand Rapids, Michigan*

Our website: [www.suvcw.org/mi/deptmi.htm](http://www.suvcw.org/mi/deptmi.htm)

April 2, 2003

To: The Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan

Re: The 2004 Andersonville Monument Memorial Day Committee

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In preparation for the 2004 Andersonville Memorial Day services where we will rededicate the Michigan Monument upon its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, I put together a committee of representatives of from the SUVCW, WRC, DUVCW and Auxiliary. Our efforts will be the first of any state.

The State of Michigan, Department of History, Arts and Libraries is working with the State to create a Senate Concurrent Resolution that will give us permission to proceed with the project. State Representative, Mr. Tom George has agreed to sponsor the resolution and it is expected to pass without any problem.

I am currently seeking monument companies in the Atlanta, GA area that may be able to provide us with a quote as to the cost of replacing a bronze laurel wreath that has been missing for some time. Once a cost is known, funding sources will be contacted including the SUVCW Civil War Memorials/Monuments Fund, the Andersonville National Park, and private contributors.

Each member of the Committee has received a report of my initial meetings with Fred Boyles, Director of the Andersonville NHS as well as a complete history of the Michigan Monument and the Park. Further communication will be sent as soon as details are available.

I appreciate the opportunity to honor those from Michigan who were imprisoned at Andersonville as well as working with our Sisters in the Allied Orders.

Here are the members of the Committee:

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Respectfully, in F., C., & L.,



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“To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and the men who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865”

**ARTICLE III - Officers and Their Duties**

**Section 2.** The Commander, after his election, shall appoint other officers for a term of one (1) year as per the C&R. The appointed officers shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Chief of Staff, Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain, Counselor, Camp Organizer, Historian, Graves Registration Officer, Civil War Memorials Officer, G.A.R. Records Officer, Signals Officer, Guide, Color Bearer, Guard, Aide de Camp, Ceremonies and Rituals Officer and any other positions required by the C&R, these Bylaws and/or the Order's Ceremonials and Ritual (Ritual).

*Revise Section 2. Reason for revision:* Due to the Civil War Memorials Officer title changing at the 2002 National Encampment, this amendment allows for the proper Officer title.

**Section 2.** The Commander, after his election, shall appoint other officers for a term of one (1) year as per the C&R. The appointed officers shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Chief of Staff, Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain, Counselor, Camp Organizer, Historian, Graves Registration Officer, *Memorials and Monuments Officer*, G.A.R. Records Officer, Signals Officer, Guide, Color Bearer, Guard, Aide de Camp, Ceremonies and Rituals Officer and any other positions required by the C&R, these Bylaws and/or the Order's Ceremonials and Ritual (Ritual).

**Section 5.** It shall be the duty of the Commander and Secretary, jointly, to make arrangement for temporary Headquarters and place of meeting for the Annual Encampment.

*Delete Section 5. Reason for deletion:* A Committee of Michigan Allied Orders now handles this function. If this was to change and the SUVCW were left standing alone, it would still be a Committee making the decision rather than the Secretary and Commander. The Department of Michigan SUVCW Committee would then be created for this purpose.

**Section 6.** All officers (elected and appointed) shall upon their retirement from office, turn over to their successors, all property of the Department within ten (10) days after leaving office.

*Renumber Section 6 to 5. Reason:* Section 5 was deleted.

**Section 5.** All officers (elected and appointed) shall upon their retirement from office, turn over to their successors, all property of the Department within ten (10) days after leaving office.

*Add new Section 6. Reason:* To insure that future generations will be given the opportunity to research who we are and what we did.

*Section 6. All Department Officers (elected and appointed), shall upon their retirement from office, or at the Annual Department Encampment, turn over to the Department Historian, copies of all agendas, minutes, newsletters, photographs, communications, and media articles as pertaining to their office.*

**Section 7.** Pursuant to the C&R, a sufficient number of Brothers of the Department of Michigan shall be elected as Delegates and Alternates to attend and represent the Department of Michigan at the Annual National Encampment of the Order. Said election shall occur at the Annual Department Encampment preceding the National Encampment in question.

*Delete Section 7. Reason for deletion:* This same item is covered in ARTICLE XX – Annual Encampment, Section 5.

## **ARTICLE IV - Authorized Expenditures**

**Section 1.** The Commander may be entitled to reimbursement of certain expenses necessary for the conduct of his office. Approval of reimbursement for expenses up to a maximum of one hundred dollars (\$100) per year shall be obtained from the Council. Typical expenses may include, but are not limited to, long distance telephone calls, postage, and mileage.

**Section 2.** The Senior Vice-Commander may be entitled to reimbursement of certain expenses necessary for the conduct of his office. Approval of reimbursement for expenses up to a maximum of one hundred dollars (\$100) per year shall be obtained from the Council. Typical expenses may include, but are not limited to, long distance telephone calls, postage, and mileage.

**Section 3.** The Junior Vice-Commander may be entitled to reimbursement of certain expenses necessary for the conduct of his office. Approval of reimbursement for expenses up to a maximum of one hundred, fifty dollars (\$150) per year shall be obtained from the Council. Typical expenses may include, but are not limited to, long distance telephone calls, postage, and mileage.

**Section 4.** The Secretary may be entitled to reimbursement of certain expenses necessary for the conduct of his office. Approval of reimbursement for expenses up to a maximum of one hundred dollars (\$100) per year shall be obtained from the Council. Typical expenses may include, but are not limited to, long distance telephone calls, postage, and mileage.

**Section 5.** The Treasurer may be entitled to reimbursement of certain expenses necessary for the conduct of his office. Approval of reimbursement for expenses up to a maximum of fifty dollars (\$50) per year shall be obtained from the Council. Typical expenses may include, but are not limited to, long distance telephone calls, postage, and mileage.

*Delete Section 1-5. Reason for deletion:* While this entire section was amended at the 2001 Department Encampment, it was never submitted to the Commander-in-Chief for approval. New Section 1 covers all officers affected.

**Section 1.** The Commander, *Senior Vice-Commander, Junior Vice-Commander, Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary/Treasurer)* may be entitled to reimbursement of certain expenses necessary for the conduct of *their offices*. *The amount of reimbursement shall be approved by the Council in their review of the budget proposed by the Treasurer.* Typical expenses may include, but are not limited to, long distance telephone calls, postage and mileage.

## **ARTICLE VII - Reports**

**Section 2.** The Secretary shall make and keep a record of the proceedings of the Annual Encampment. He shall make a regular report of the correspondence received and sent, and other activities as required by his office, to the Commander as often as required by the C&R. He shall also make special reports, as may be deemed necessary by the Commander and/or Council.

*Revise Section 2. Reason for revision:* In order to expedite the minutes of the Department Encampment being sent out to the Camps, we believe there should be a timetable established to encourage timeliness. In recent history, the amendments made to the By-laws at the Department Encampment have been slipping through the cracks, with a timetable established, the By-laws can be revised, approved, and distributed in a more timely manner.

**Section 2.** The Secretary shall make and keep a record of the proceedings of the Annual Encampment and provide a copy of the proceedings to all Department Officers within 60-days following. He shall submit any approved amendments to the Department By-laws to the Department Commander for proper signature and forward same to Commander-in-Chief for approval and signature within 60-days following Annual Encampment. He shall make a regular report of the correspondence received and sent, and other activities as required by his office, to the Commander as often as required by the C&R. He shall also make special reports, as may be deemed necessary by the Commander and/or Council.

## **ARTICLE IX - Committees**

**Section 1.** The Standing Committees shall be as follows: Bylaws, Legislative, Membership, Graves Registration, Civil War Memorials, G.A.R. Records, Communications and Technology, Weekend of Remembrance, and Nominating.

*Revise Section 1. Reason for revision:* With the change from Civil War Memorials Committee to Memorials and Monuments, this change is necessary. As the Weekend of Remembrance in Grand Rapids has run its course, this committee is no longer necessary.

**Section 1.** The Standing Committees shall be as follows: Bylaws, Legislative, Membership, Graves Registration, *Memorials and Monuments*, G.A.R. Records, Communications and Technology, and Nominating.

**Section 4.** The Bylaws Committee shall be chaired by the Senior Vice- Commander and shall annually review these Bylaws, bringing any necessary revisions to the attention of the Department membership.

*Revise Section 4. Reason for revision:* This additional wording helps insure that the Department Senior Vice-Commander will forward the revised By-laws to the Department Signals Officer for posting on the Department website.

**Section 4.** The Bylaws Committee shall be chaired by the Senior Vice Commander and shall annually review these Bylaws, bringing any necessary revisions to the attention of the **Department membership.** *The By-laws Committee shall, after approval of the Commander-in-Chief, submit copy of revised By-laws to Department Signals Officer in electronic format for posting on the Department Website.*

**Section 8.** The Civil War Memorials Committee shall seek and identify all monuments and memorials dedicated to Civil War veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic in the State of Michigan. The Committee shall bring to the attention of the Department any disrespect or lack of attention shown to any Civil War monument or memorial. The Committee shall be chaired by the Civil War Memorials Officer.

*Revise Section 8. Reason for revision:* The changes at the 2002 National Encampment require this.

**Section 8.** The *Memorials and Monuments* Committee shall seek and identify all monuments and memorials dedicated to Civil War veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic in the State of Michigan. The Committee shall bring to the attention of the Department any disrespect or lack of attention shown to any Civil War monument or memorial. *The Memorials and Monuments Officer shall chair the Committee.*

**Section 11.** The Weekend of Remembrance Committee shall be responsible for the co-planning and promotion of the annual Remembrance Program at the Veterans' Facility in Grand Rapids.

*Delete Section 11. Reason for deletion:* As this event will no longer be held in conjunction with the Department, the Committee is no longer necessary.

**Section 12.** The Ceremonies and Rituals Committee shall assist Camps with appropriate use of the Ritual in performing ceremonies at Camp functions. It shall help Camps to organize Camp Guards and provide training for these groups in effective presentations and programs. It shall develop "Degree Teams" to handle ceremonies and other duties at Department level functions. It shall provide guidance and assistance in regard to dress and appearance of Brothers participating in ceremonial functions. The Rituals and Ceremonies Officer shall chair the Committee.

*Renumber Section 12 to 11. Reason:* Section 11 was deleted.

**Section 12.** The Ceremonies and Rituals Committee shall assist Camps with appropriate use of the Ritual in performing ceremonies at Camp functions. It shall help Camps to organize Camp Guards and provide training for these groups in effective presentations and programs. It shall develop "Degree Teams" to handle ceremonies and other duties at Department level functions. It shall provide guidance and assistance in regard to dress and appearance of Brothers participating in ceremonial functions. The Rituals and Ceremonies Officer shall chair the Committee.

## **ARTICLE X, Camps:**

*Add Section 5. Reason for addition:* To insure that future generations will be given the opportunity to research who we are and what we did.

**Section 5.** *All Camps shall turn over to the Department Historian, copies of all agendas, minutes, newsletters, photographs, communications, and media articles at the Annual Department Encampment.*

## **ARTICLE XIV, Amendments:**

**Section 2.** Any proposed amendment, alteration or addition to these Bylaws shall be printed or typewritten and a copy sent to the Commander of each Camp for review, at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Department Encampment. All Camps shall take action on same and instruct their delegates accordingly.

*Revise Section 2. Reason for revision:* While this entire section was amended at the 2001 Department Encampment, it was never submitted to the Commander-in-Chief for approval. The last sentence is a new addition based upon conversations at the 2002 Department Encampment.

**Section 2.** Any proposed amendment, alteration, or addition to these By-laws shall be printed *and mailed or sent electronically* to the Commander of each Camp for review, at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Department Encampment. All Camps shall take action on same and instruct their delegates accordingly. *Motions to alter or modify any printed proposed amendment may be heard on the floor of the Department Encampment.*

#### **ARTICLE XVI - Awards and Insignia:**

**Section 2.** Authorization for two (2) Department membership awards is provided. The Department may confer an award upon the Camp within the Department of Michigan that initiates the most new Brothers during the twelve (12) months preceding (March to March) the Department Encampment. This award shall be designated as the *Governor Austin Blair Membership Award*. The Department may also confer an award upon the Camp within the Department of Michigan that demonstrated the largest percentage growth during the twelve (12) months preceding (March to March) the Department Encampment. This award shall be designated as the *Orlando LaValley Membership Award*.

*Revise Section 2. Reason for revision:* With our new Annual reporting method and the April 30 deadline for Camps to submit their reports to the Department Secretary, the time period used (currently March to March) to determine Camp growth awards must change. We recommend that in order to be considered for either of the two awards available, a Camp must submit a current roster, showing increases and decreases over the past 12-months to the Department Secretary no later than February 15. The time frame used would be from February to February.

**Section 2.** Authorization for two (2) Department membership awards is provided. The Department may confer an award upon the Camp within the Department of Michigan that initiates the most new Brothers *from February 1 to February* . This award shall be designated as the *Governor Austin Blair Membership Award*. The Department may also confer an award upon the Camp within the Department of Michigan that demonstrated the largest percentage growth *from February 1 to February* . This award shall be designated as the *Orlando LaValley Membership Award*.

Camps must submit a current roster, showing increases and decreases in membership to the Department Secretary no later than February 15 of each year. The awards will be distributed at the Annual Department Encampment.

#### **ARTICLE XX - Annual Encampment**

**Section 1.** All delegates to the Annual Department of Michigan Encampment, including Past Department Commanders, current and Past Camp Commanders, Department Officers, and Camp Delegates, or Camp Alternates serving in the absence of the Camp Delegates, shall be charged a *Registration Fee*. Delegates who pre-register with the Department Secretary shall be charged a discounted registration fee as described in the Department of Michigan Operating Guidelines. Only paid registrants shall be entitled to vote at the Department's Annual



Encampment. Registration fees for the next Annual Encampment shall be reviewed and may be revised by the current Annual Encampment. Fee structures will be published in the next Michigan's Messenger following the Annual Encampment.

**Section 2.** Present and Past National Officers shall be exempt from paying the Encampment Registration Fee.

**Section 3.** Present and Past National Officers who are not Brothers of the Department of Michigan shall not be entitled to vote at the Department of Michigan's Annual Encampment.

**Section 4.** Regardless of the number of Camp, Department and/or National offices, past or present, held by any registered Michigan Brother to the Department Encampment, he shall only be entitled to one vote on any issue to come before the Department Encampment.

**Section 5.** Delegates and Alternates from the Department of Michigan, to the National Encampment, shall be elected at the Annual Department Encampment and shall be Brothers within the Department of Michigan.

*Renumber Section 1-5 to 2-6. Reason:* In order to add a new Section 1.

*Add new Section 1. Reason:* To clarify the criteria used to determine representation at the Department Annual Encampment.

*Section 1. Representation to the Annual Encampment will be determined by the roster information submitted by each Camp to the Department Secretary no later than February 15 of each year.*

**Operating Guidelines**  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Department of Michigan

1. The fiscal year of the Department of Michigan shall be from the period used to end the last fiscal year to the quarter ending before the next Department Encampment.

*Revise Item 1. Reason:* In order to comply with the last statement sent to the IRS regarding our fiscal year.

The fiscal year of the Department of Michigan shall be from April 1 through March 31.

2. Representation for the Department Encampment and for the Department Membership awards will be determined by the information submitted to the Department Secretary by the Camps for the period described in the by-laws.

*Delete Item 2. Reason:* The criteria for representation at the Annual Encampment is covered in ARTICLE XX - Annual Encampment, Section 1 and Department Membership awards are covered in the Department By-laws, ARTICLE XVI – Awards and Insignia, Section 2.

3. Department representation to the National Encampment will be determined by the April report submitted to the Department Secretary by the Camps.

*Revise Item 3 and renumber as 2. Reason:* This is rather ambiguous in language and item 2 was deleted.

*Item 2. The number of Department representatives* to the National Encampment will be determined by the April report submitted to the Department Secretary by the Camps.

4. The Department encourages all Camps to establish the “Juniors” program as outlined in the Constitution and Regulations of the Order.

*Delete Item 4. Reason:* Camp By-laws already contains wording that states a Camp may have a “Junior” program.

5. While the Department of Michigan shall have no required dress code, the Department shall have an optional dress guideline for all Camps within the Department. The dress code shall include a hat of Civil War-period Union Army kepi style, dark wool, blue in color, with a leather bill. The kepi may be decorated with any of the following: a hat badge consisting of an open top wreath encircling the letters “SUV” of gold color, affixed to the front center of the kepi, a Department of Michigan Cap Mark of the Civil War Union Army VII Corp Style, consisting of a crescent moon over a five point star, affixed to the top center of the kepi. The VII Corp Camp Mark shall be red with optional gold edging and silver star. The jacket shall be civilian blazer or a Civil War-period Union Army four button fatigue blouse (also known as a sack coat), dark blue in color, with (optional) affixed to the right collar the letters “MICH” and affixed to the left collar the letters “NO.” followed by the member’s Camp number, ½” in height, all of gold color. Dress style slacks of dark blue or black color, a dress style shirt, solid white in color, a necktie of subdued color or

preferably of the SUVCW badge or crest pattern, and leather dress style shoes of black or brown complete the dress. White dress gloves also may be worn. The above is a guideline and shall not be construed to be a required dress of any Brother.

*Remember Item 5 to 3. Reason: Item 4 was deleted.*

6. A discounted pre-registration fee for Camp delegates to the next Department Encampment will be \$5.00 per person. Anyone pre-registering less than 7 days before the Department Encampment will be charged \$7.00 per person.

*Revise Item 6 and renumber to 4. Reason: Brothers who have not pre-registered compound the congestion and delay at the registration table of the Annual Department Encampment. By increasing the registration fee, it is hoped that more will take advantage of the lower cost and pre-register. The Department has been charging \$10 for late registration for several years.*

*Item 4. A discounted pre-registration fee for Camp delegates to the next Department Encampment will be \$5.00 per person. Anyone pre-registering less than 7 days before the Department Encampment will be charged \$10.00 per person.*

7. Authorized expenditures: Documentation for expenditures must accompany the request from reimbursement.

- a) Commander up to a maximum of \$200.00
- b) Senior Vice Commander up to a maximum of \$100.00
- c) Junior Vice Commander up to a maximum of \$150.00
- d) Secretary up to a maximum of \$150.00
- e) Treasurer up to a maximum of \$50.00

*Remember Item 7 to 5. Reason: The deletion of previous items.*

*Add Item 6. Reason: While Camp Treasurers are required to submit an annual budget to the Camp Council, the wording for the Department Treasurer is hidden in the Department By-laws under ARTICLE VI – Council, Section 2 and is yet to be listed under the National Job Descriptions for Treasurer.*

*Item 6. The Treasurer shall develop an annual budget to be reviewed by the Council and presented to the Department Encampment for approval and adoption.*

*Add Item 7. Reason: In order to insure fairness in the decision-making process of the Michigan Allied Orders Department Encampments/Conventions, and to encourage open communication between the SUVCW, WRC, and DUVCW, the Department of Michigan SUVCW will participate in this Committee.*

*Item 7. The Allied Orders Department Encampment/Convention Committee shall consist of a minimum two members each from the SUVCW, WRC, and DUVCW. The purpose of the committee will be to seek a location site, hotel accommodations, meeting room facilities, meals, and any other such duty as may be required for the Michigan Allied Orders Department Encampment/Convention. The Commander or President of one of*

*the Allied Orders shall chair the Allied Orders Department Encampment/Convention Committee on an annual rotation basis between the three Orders.*

*Add Item 8. Reason:* While Operating Guidelines are not part of the By-laws and not subject to review and process by the delegates at the Department Encampment, they still should be reviewed annually as referenced in ARTICLE VI - Council, Section 1, ...and for the consideration of such other business as may be brought to its attention.

*Item 8. The Department Council will review and/or amend these Operating Guidelines annually and report such action at the Department Encampment.*

Encampment opened at 9:20 A. M.

Department Officer assignments: Rick Danes, Department Graves Registration Officer, was asked to fill in for the Department Sr. Vice Commander. Bill McAfee, the Department Chaplain, was asked to fill in for the Department Patriotic Instructor. Dick Williams, Department Treasurer, was asked to fill in for the Department Secretary.

Encampment was opened per ritual. A moment of prayer was observed for those brothers who passed away this last year and for those serving in the current war.

The guide was asked to escort our visiting brothers to the altar. Commander in Chief Bob Grim was introduced to the encampment. Thomas Crawford from the Department of Indiana was also introduced to the encampment.

Recognition of other national officers present: PC-in-C Keith Harrison, SVC-in-C Kent Armstrong, National Treasurer Max Newman, National Department and Camp Organizer Gary Gibson.

**Roll call of officers:**

Commander Bruce Butgereit, present.  
Sr. Vice Commander Philip Parks, absent.  
Jr. Vice Commander Neal Breagh, present.  
Secretary Richard Lee, absent.  
Treasurer, Dick Williams, present.  
Council: Keith Harrison, present; Howard Streeter, present; Max Newman, present.  
Chief of Staff, Richard Greene, present.  
Camp Organizer, Richard Lee, absent.  
Patriotic Instructor, Lee Stroschine, absent.  
Chaplain, William McAfee, present.  
Counselor, E. Lou Hoos, absent.  
Historian, Paul Hodges, absent.  
Guard, Ed Dowd, absent.  
Guide, Robert Groves, present.  
Color Bearer, Blaine Valentine, present.  
Graves Registration Officer, Rick Danes, present.  
G.A.R. records Officer, James Lyons, present.  
Civil War Memorial Officer, Douglas Armstrong, present.  
Communications and Technology Officer, Eric Kirschberg, absent.  
Camp-at-large Coordinator, Kevin Lindsey, present.  
Editor, Michigan's Messenger, John Mann, present.  
Weekend of Remembrance Coordinator, Keith Harrison, present.  
Boy Scouts of America Coordinator, Bruce Zann, absent.  
Commander's Group Representative, Bruce Butgereit, present.

Appointment for this year's Credentials Committee: Rick Greene, Max Newman, and John Mann.

**Lincoln Awards:**

One person was present to accept one of the three Lincoln Awards given by the Department this year.

Debra Conklin received her award for the work she's done on the restoration project of the G.A.R. monument in downtown Grand Rapids. The other recipients will receive their awards at a later date.

George W. Anderson, nominated by the Robert Finch Camp 14, is receiving the award for his work in the community honoring the graves, marking them, and maintaining them on his own.

Judy Gross who as worked with the Department Graves Registration Committee in surveying over 70 cemeteries in the Jackson area and is working on graves registration in Washtenaw, Allegan and Barry counties. She has completed graves registration for Roscommon, Luce, Crawford, and Osceola counties and will be working in the UP this summer.

#### Report from the Credentials Committee:

Camp#	Voting strength:
1	3
2	1
7	7
14	2
17	6
20	8
22	3
58	3
145	3
180	2
250	2
427	1
Total	41

#### Appointment of committees:

By-Laws Committee: Keith Harrison, Bruce Butgereit II, and Bill Costello.  
 Officer Reports Committee: Dave Wallace, Brian Shumway, John Keith.  
 Resolutions Committee: Rick Danes, Bill Brennan and Brandon Brennan.  
 Committee Reports: Gary Gibson, Tim Kolean, Del Farnsworth.

#### Reports of Officers:

Commander Bruce Butgereit read his report. Report is attached.  
 SVC Philip Parks submitted and read his report at the mid winter conference. His report is attached.  
 JVC Neal Breagh discussed his report. His report is attached.  
 Secretary was absent. Report will appear in the Michigan Messenger.  
 Treasurer Dick Williams read a summary of the finances for the year and discussed the proposed budget for next year. Report is attached.

A motion by Bruce Butgereit to accept the minutes of the 2002 encampment minutes seconded by Neal Breagh. A point raised during discussion that the minutes were not distributed to last years participants and Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries, so how could we approve the minutes of the previous encampment.

Keith Harrison amended the motion to refer the 2002 encampment minutes to the Officer Report Committee. Amendment was seconded, both motions passed.

G.A.R. records report presented by James Lyons. Report is attached.

Camp-at-Large report given by Kevin Lindsey. Report is attached.

Camp Organizers Report. No report given. No new Camps to report on.

Graves Registration Report given by Rick Danes. All participants received the report.

Department Historian Report not given. The report was sent to the Department Secretary but the Department Secretary was unable to attend the Encampment. The Historian's report is attached.

Department Chaplain Report given by Bill McAfee. Report is attached.

Patriotic Instructor's report not given.

Boy Scout Coordinator Report, by Bruce Zann, was read by Bruce Butgereit. Report is attached.

Memorial and Monument Committee report given by Doug Armstrong. Report is attached.

Keith Harrison reported the Weekend of Remembrance is no longer being held at the Grand Rapids Veterans facility. Options were discussed and a new site or facility was not determined to be viable at this time.

The Michigan Messenger's award for the best newsletter in the organization for 2002, presented at the 2002 National Encampment, was give by Department Commander Bruce Butgereit to John Mann for John to keep it at his house.

### **Communications:**

Read the communication from

- 1) Camp 1 in Wisconsin, a resolution in support of Steve Michaels for Sr Vice Commander-in-Chief at this years National Encampment.
- 2) Don Darby requesting consideration for election as Jr Vice Commander-in-Chief at this years National Encampment.
- 3) Thomas Crawford, PDC Department of Indiana, requesting consideration for Council of Administration at this years National Encampment. Tom was presents and asked to say a few words about the position he's seeking.

The charter for Camp 2 was presented by Bruce Butgereit to Kevin Lindsey.

### **Resolutions:**

Resolution Committee Report was presented by Bill Brennan. He read the resolution of Michigan's support for Kent Armstrong for the position of Commander-in-Chief at the next National Encampment. James Lyons moved and Neal Breaugh supported we support the resolution. The resolution passed. Howard Streeter moved the Encampment cast a unanimous vote for the resolution. Bill McAfee seconded. Motion passed.

The recipients of the Nicolay-Hay award for each camp reporting on time each quarter for the past year were read by Dick Williams. The report came from the Department Secretary Richard Lee. The recipients are:

Camp 1, Bruce Butgereit II	Camp 101, Jerald Walters
Camp 7, Ronald Tyrl	Camp 120, David Acheson
Camp 14, Neal Breaugh	Camp 139, Donald Londo
Camp 17, Thomas Emerick	Camp 145, David F. Wallace
Camp 20, Jeffery Baker	Camp 147, Merle Carlson
Camp 22, Charles Harthy	Camp 160, David Hilliker
Camp 43, David Schneider	Camp 259, Randy Iles
Camp 58, Mark Pangburn	Camp 266, Paul Nelson
Camp 67, Kenneth martin	Camp 427, Richard Danes
Camp 85, Charles Pfauth, Sr.	Camp 462, Kevin Lindsey

Camp membership awards could not be determined in time for the encampment. Those awards will be presented later and will appear in the Michigan Messenger.

The Commander-in-Chief, Bob Grim, was introduced to address the encampment. He express his pleasure to be at our encampment and wished us all well. He then presented Rick Danes the Meritorious Service Award for his work as Graves Registration Officer for the Department of Michigan. Rick received a standing ovation.

The Commander-in-Chief presented each member at the Encampment with a well constructed coin about the size of a silver dollar. On one side is the SUVCW emblem and the other side has the 116<sup>th</sup> SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Grim.

Bruce Butgereit handed out black ribbons that can be worn behind the membership badge when the charter is draped in black. Bruce paid for the 1000 ribbons and asked each participant to pick one up and asked that Camp Commanders pick up ribbons for camp members not present at the encampment.

### **Old Business:**

Bill McAfee, Department Chaplain, asked that the death notice be used by the camps to notify him of any deaths so he can pass the information on to the National Chaplain so a card can be sent to the surviving family members on behalf of the Department.

Jim Lyons asked how can we know what old business should come before the encampment when the minutes from last years Encampment haven't been distributed? Some participants received the 2002 Encampment minutes, but most have not received them.

### **Council:**

Report from the council was given by Keith Harrison. *The Council* Keith recommends the Camp-at-Large membership dues be increased from \$25 to \$26 to cover the needed minimum due to pay per-capita. James Lyons moved the recommendation be accepted by the encampment. Seconded by Rick Danes. The motion passed.

### **Officer Reports:**

The Committee on Officer Reports was presented by Dave Wallace. The committee recommends the adoption of the minutes of the 113<sup>th</sup> annual encampment with the following corrections.



- 1) Page 4, PC-in-C Harrison reported that the GAR flag is missing from the display of veterans organization flags in the State Capitol. He indicated that the VFW Department of Michigan will assist by raising funds to help replace it.
- 2) Page 5, correct the spelling of Camp 20's secretary from Borker to Baker.

Bill McAfee move the minutes be accepted as corrected. Seconded by Gary Gibson. During the discussion James Lyons objected that the minutes of last years encampment not be approved until the member of last years encampment have had a chance to review the minutes. Keith Harrison suggested the minutes be tabled until next years encampment and that the minutes from the 2002 Department Encampment be distributed to the attendees of the 2002 Department Encampment for their review. Motion made by Rick Danes to table the 2002 Department Encampment minutes until next years encampment. Seconded by Neal Breugh. Motion passed.

### By-laws:

By-laws Committee Report was given by Keith Harrison. See attached by-law changes.

We got into a discussion on the Department Encampment's inability to make any changes to any wording of the by-law changes at the Department Encampment because of the 60 day limit imposed in the by-laws and a ruling by the National Counselor at last year's Department Encampment. A lengthy discussion followed as to whether the change was at all necessary. We determined the change was necessary.

- 1) Article XIV, Amendments, <sup>Proposed</sup> Section 2. This proposal allows the encampment to modify wording in the previously distributed by-law ~~changes~~. The encampment by-laws committee recommends the proposal be accepted. A discussion followed. In the end, the by-law change was determined necessary. Neal Breugh moved the by-law change be adopted. Seconded by Robert ~~Graves~~. <sup>Grove</sup> Motion passed. The Commander-in-Chief, Bob Grim, was asked if he'd approve that ~~change to the Department's~~ by-laws immediately. He did.
- 2) Article III, Officers and their duties, Section 2. Change the Civil War Memorials Officer title to match the title changed at the 2002 National Encampment. We've subsequently learned that the title change should not have been made at national level and the committee recommended the change be rejected. Motion made by James Lyons to reject the proposed change, seconded by Robert ~~Graves~~. <sup>Grove</sup> Motion passed.
- 3) Article III, Section 5. By-laws committee asked this section be removed because a committee of the Michigan Allied orders handles the selection of the site. The encampment by-laws committee gave ~~no recommendation~~. A discussion followed indicating it was still the responsibility of the Department ~~of Michigan SUVCW~~ to determine where the next encampment site will be and should not be relinquished ~~to a committee~~ although a committee of the Allied Orders in Michigan can still be formed under the current provisions. James Lyons moved the change be rejected. Seconded by Howard Streeter. Motion passed.
- 4) Article III, Section 6. By-laws committee asked the section be renumbered to section 5 because of its recommendation to eliminate section 5. Removal of section 5 did not pass. Bill McAfee moved and Dave Wallace seconded that the change be rejected. Motion passed.
- 5) Article III, add new Section 6. This new section would require Department Officers to turn over all materials when relieved of duty to the Department Historian. The encampment by-laws committee gave no recommendation. Rick Danes supported the addition and Richard Veit supported. A discussion followed bringing up many good points on preserving the materials, cost of copying, reimbursement, storage, and access to the data. Jim Lyons moved and Gary Gibson seconded to table the proposal until next year encampment. The proposal is to be sent to the By-laws Committee to set up procedures for implementation of the proposal and report to the next Department Encampment.

- 6) Article III, Section 7. Delete the election of delegates to the National Encampment since it is covered in Article XX. . The encampment by-laws committee recommended to accept. A discussion pointed out the section is not redundant with Article XX. Dave Wallace moved and Gary Gibson seconded that the section not be deleted. Motion passed.
- 7) Article IV, Authorized expenditures. The proposal is to delete Sections 1-5 and replace it with a general statement that officers will be reimbursed for expenditures approved by the council after review of the budget proposed by the Treasurer. Jim Lyons moved and Dave Wallace seconded to support the change. Motion passed.
- 8) Article VII, Reports, Section 2. Put a timetable on getting the encampment minutes to Department Officers 60 days after the encampment. Jim Lyons proposed an amendment to also include Camp Commanders, Camp Secretaries and all attendees of the Department Encampment. Gary Gibson moved and Richard Veit seconded that the amendment be accepted. Motion passed. Dave Wallace moved and Gary Gibson seconded the amended proposal be accepted. Motion passed.
- 9) Article IX, Committees, Section 1. The proposal was to change the Civil War Memorials committee to Memorial and Monuments. An earlier change negates the necessity to do this. A discussion followed and it was determined since we can modify by-law changes at the encampment that we would modify this proposal to take out the Weekend of Remembrance Committee and add the Ceremonies and Rituals Committee. Neal Breagh moved and Rick Green seconded the modified proposal be accepted. Motion passed.
- 10) Article IX, Committees, Section 4. Modified to send modified by-laws approved by the Commander-in-Chief to the Department Signals Officer to post on the Department Website. Dave Wallace made an amendment to the proposal to also include that the proposal comply with the National Organizations' Electronic and Communication Policy for storage on the website and that Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries also receive a copy of the approved by-laws. The amendment was seconded by Jim Lyons. The amended proposal passed.
- 11) Article IX, Committees, Section 8. Change the name of the committee from Civil War Memorials to Memorials and Monument. An earlier motion rejected the name change. The encampment by-laws committee recommended to reject the change. Bill McAfee moved and Rick Danes seconded that the change be rejected. Motion passed.
- 12) Article IX, Committees, Section 11. Delete the reference to the Weekend of Remembrance Committee since it no longer exists. The encampment by-laws committee recommended to accept the proposal. Moved by Dave Wallace and seconded by Jim Lyons to accept the proposal. Motion passed.
- 13) Article IX, Committees, Section 12. Renumber to 11. The encampment by-laws committee recommended to accept the proposal. Moved by Dave Wallace and seconded by Jim Lyons to accept the proposal. Motion passed.
- 14) Article X, Camps, Section 5. Addition to have Camps turn over to the Department Historian copies of history of the Camp each year. The encampment by-laws committee recommends this proposal also be tabled until next years Department encampment. Dave Wallace moved and Jim Lyons seconded that the proposal be tabled until next years Department Encampment. Motion passed.
- 15) Article XVI, Awards and Insignia. This proposal changed the time period to determine the membership awards normally presented at the encampment. Jim Lyons suggested the new reporting method will allow the Department Secretary to keep up with the changes on a monthly basis and thus be able to determine the recipients of the awards before the Department Encampment. Jim Lyons moved and Dave Wallace seconded that the proposal be rejected. Motion passed.
- 16) Article XX, Annual Encampment. Add a new section to change the period of time for determining the Camp delegates to the Department Encampment. Jim Lyons moved and George Roux seconded that the proposal not be accepted. Motion passed.

*(Additional by-law changes after the Department Operating Guideline changes.)*

Article III, Section 20. Add as the last sentence, "All delegates and alternates shall be brothers of the Department of Michigan." The change was moved by Jim Lyons and seconded by Gary Gibson. Motion passed.

Article ~~V~~<sup>XX</sup>, Section ~~20~~<sup>S</sup>. Delete. Moved by Jim Lyons and seconded by Gary Gibson to delete the section. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Keith Harrison, Council Chair, moved that the Treasurer's budget as presented to the council and discussed earlier in the encampment, be approved. Seconded by Howard Streeter, Council member. Motion passed.

### **Committee Reports:**

Gary Gibson reported no recommendations were in any officer report. Found the reports in good order. Jim Lyons move the Committee Report be adopted, seconded by Dave Wallace. Motion passed.

Jim Lyons objected not having a chance to review the minutes from last year and will move to take the minutes off the table. Dave Wallace seconded. Motion passed. *(Under Officer Reports, the 2002 Department Encampment minutes were tabled until next year. This motion remove that motion.)*

Jim Lyons moved the minutes for the 2002 Encampment be approved as amended earlier in the Encampment. Seconded by John McFeters. Motion passed.

### **Election of Delegates to the National Encampment:**

Keith Harrison moved that the delegates to the National Encampment be determined by reverse alphabetical order of the registered delegates at the Department Encampment less any members with outstanding credentials to the National Encampment up to our maximum number of delegates allowed and all others on the Encampment list be alternate delegates. Seconded by Jim Lyons. Motion passed.

### **Nominating Committee Report:**

Bruce Butgereit II read the names for the elected officers of the Department. No nominations were made from the floor. Jim Lyons moved the nominations be closed and the Secretary be moved to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate presented. Seconded by the encampment. Motion passed.

### **For the Good of the Order:**

Gary Gibson moved the encampment donate \$25 to the Sr Vice Commander-in-Chief's fund and \$25 for the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund. Seconded by Rick Danes. Motion passed. *(Motion passed earlier.)*

Jim Lyons moved that the minutes of these proceeding as they are transcribed, distributed and presented to the next encampment and upon approval at the next encampment become the official record of this encampment. Seconded by Dave Wallace. Motion passed.

Camp 7 on April 14 will have their 89<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They will have treats and all are welcome.

June 14 at the State Museum will be celebrating flag day. Bruce Butgereit asked for a show of hands on who might want to attend.

May 24 in Toledo there will be a rededication. The Commander-in-Chief will be present. There are some Michigan men buried at the monument. See the next issue of the Messenger for additional information.

May 17 has a Hayden rededication in VanBuren County.

April 13 there is a rededication in Adrian.

June 28 there will be a <sup>137</sup>175 anniversary of the G.A.R. in Jonesville. See the Messenger for more information.

July 25 through 27 there will be a National Civil War Band festival in Campbellsville, Kentucky. Eleven Civil War bands are participating.

June 7, at 1:00 PM Curtenius Guard will celebrate it's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a potluck lunch. All are welcome to come and bring a dish to pass.

Keith indicated the Council report recommended that the Camp at Large dues be increased to \$26 to cover the increase in the National per-capita. Jim Lyons moved the increase be approved. Seconded by Neal Breagh. Motion passed.

*Already in Council Report —*

**Installation of Officer:**

Commander-in-Chief, Robert Grim, did the short form installation of officers per the ritual.

**Closing:**

Closing of the Encampment done per ritual by Department Commander Bruce Butgereit.