

**MINUTES OF THE 118th ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
SATURDAY, 28 APRIL 2007
HOLIDAY INN WEST
LANSING, MICHIGAN**

I. The Encampment was opened by Commander Greene at 9:05 am in accordance to the Ritual.

II. Roll Call-SVC Robert Grove was absent. DC Greene asked PDC Gibson to fill in for the SVC.

Department Secretary Dennis C. Derr II, PCC called the Roll of Officers as follows:

Department Commander:	Richard Greene	Present
Senior Vice Commander:	Robert C. Grove, Sr.	Absent
Junior Vice Commander:	Jeffrey Baker	Present
Secretary:	Dennis C. Derr II, PCC	Present
Treasurer:	Brian J. Shumway	Present
Council Chairman:	Max L. Newman, P.C.C.	Present
Council Secretary:	Howard Streeter	Present
Council Member:	Kris D. Kuhlman	Present
Patriotic Instructor:	Kevin J. Lindsey	Present
Chaplain:	William McAfee	Present
Councilor:	Vacant	Present
Historian:	John Keith	Present
Guard:	Edgar J. Dowd	Present
Guide:	John McFeeters	Present
Color Bearer:	Blaine Valentine	Absent
Graves Registration Officer:	Richard E. Danes	Present
G.A.R. Records Officer:	James T. Lyons, P.D.C.	Present
C.W. Memorials Officer:	Douglas Armstrong	Excused
Communication & Technology Officer:	Matthew L. Adair	Present
Camp at Large Coordinator:	Robert Mitchell	Present
Michigan's Messenger Editor:	Richard Danes	Present
Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator:	Charles Worley	Present
Chief of Staff:	Donald W. Shaw, P.C.C.	Present

III. Matt Adair, Ed Dowd, & Bill Skillman were appointed to the Credentials Committee.

IV. Introduction of guests

V. Introduction of National Officers:

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- a. C –in-C James B. Pahl
- b. National Treasurer Max L. Newman
- c. National Patriotic Instructor Gary Gibson
- d. PC-in-C Keith Harrison

VI. Matt Adair presented the Credentials Report, there are 57 brothers present.

Roll Call of Members as Reported

<u>Camp Number</u>	<u>Delegate's Name</u>	<u>Registered As</u>
Camp No. 1	Tim Kolean William E. Truss	Past Camp Commander Camp Commander
Camp No. 2	Kevin Lindsey Gary Grout	Camp Commander Delegate
Camp No. 3	Daniel Grable Ron Bellenger	Past Camp Commander Past Camp Commander
Camp No. 7	John McFeeters Dan Conklin Mark Heath Bill Lowe Max Miller	Delegate Delegate Past Camp Commander Past Camp Commander Past Camp Commander
Camp No. 14	Dale L. Aurand Neal Breaugh Bob Clark Chuck Labar Bill Skillman	Delegate Past Camp Commander Delegate Delegate Camp Commander
Camp No. 17	Paul Arnold Keith G. Harrison Paul D. Hodges James T. Lyons James B. Pahl Brian J. Shumway	Delegate Past Commander-in-Chief Past Department Commander Past Department Commander Commander in Chief Past Camp Commander

<u>Camp Number</u>	<u>Delegate's Name</u>	<u>Registered As</u>
Camp No. 20	Jeff Baker Bill Brennan	Past Camp Commander Past Department Commander

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	Brandon Brennan William Costello Gary L. Gibson John R. Keith	Delegate Past Camp Commander Past Department Commander Camp Commander
Camp No. 22	Howard Streeter	Past Camp Commander
Camp No. 58	Dennis G. Felton Gordon McGarey Mark Pangburn	Delegate Past Camp Commander Delegate
Camp No. 83	Ronald McMichael Edward Woodward	Delegate Camp Commander
Camp No. 85	William Veit	Delegate
Camp No. 135	Bruce Gosling Chuck Worley	Delegate Camp Commander
Camp No. 145	Matthew L. Adair Dennis C. Derr Dennis C. Derr, II Edgar J. Dowd Richard Greene Dean Lamphere Donald W. Shaw Neal Zabicki	Delegate Delegate Past Camp Commander Camp Commander Department Commander Delegate Past Camp Commander Delegate
Camp No. 160	Gary Granger David Hilliker Mike McMillan Max Newman	Past Camp Commander Past Camp Commander Past Camp Commander Camp Commander
Camp 180	William McAfee	Past Camp Commander
Camp No. 250	Victor Finch Robert C. Grove, Sr. Kris Kuhlman	Camp Commander Past Camp Commander Past Camp Commander
Camp No. 255	Mark Keller Michael Neese David Neese	Delegate Delegate Camp Commander
<u>Camp Number</u>	<u>Delegate's Name</u>	<u>Registered As</u>
Camp No. 427	Richard E. Danes	Camp Commander

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Camp No. 462

Robert A Mitchell

Delegate

Report of Committee on Credentials

<u>Camp</u>	<u>Attendee Voting Strength</u>
1	2
2	2
3	1
7	7
14	4
17	6
20	6
22	1
28	0
43	0
58	3
83	2
85	1
101	0
120	0
135	2
139	0
145	8
160	4
180	1
250	3
255	3
259	0
266	0
427	1
462	1
Total	57

VII. Appointment of Encampment Committees – The following appointments were made:

- a. By-Laws – Donald Shaw-chair; Charles Worley, Bill Costello
- b. Officers Report- Gary Gibson-chair; Howard Streeter, Robert Mitchell
- c. Resolutions – Keith Harrison, chair; Kevin Lindsey, Bruce Gosling

VIII. It was announced that only reports with specific recommendations would be read, but all reports would be submitted to the Officers Reports Committee.

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IX. The rules of the encampment were read: limiting reports to 5 minutes, allowing each brother to speak twice on a topic, asking all to identify themselves by name and camp, and asking debate be made in the spirit of F,C & L.

X. Approval of Minutes – Jim Lyon moved the 2006 117th Encampment Minutes be approved as distributed. Second was by Max Newman. It passed unanimously by voice ballot.

XII Officers Reports (see attached for documents)

- a. DC Greene presented his report
- b. SVC Grove was absent
- c. JVC Baker had no recommendations
- d. Secretary Derr had no recommendations
- e. Council had no recommendations
- f. Treasurer Shumway presented his recommendations in his report
 1. Robert Mitchell moved that the Treasurers report be referred to the committee. Second by Neal Zabicki. Passed by encampment.
- g. Chief of Staff Shaw had no recommendations.
- h. Chaplain McAfee presented his report (see attached)
- i. GAR Officer Lyon's presented news on the status of GAR Charters in the Archives of Michigan

XIII. Recognition Awards

- a. Abraham Lincoln award went to Tragge (will be delivered by Robert Mitchell) and Communications Officer Adair

XIV. Budget Report delivered by Treasurer Shumway (see attached).

Recess called at 10:13 for 10 minutes.

Encampment reopened at 10:40 a.m.

XV. Unfinished Business – none

XVI. Report of the Encampment Committees

- A. Report of the Committee on Resolutions was delivered by Keith Harrison
 1. Resolution from Finch Camp 14 that Chuck Labar have his PCC rank restored
 - a. The committee concurs
 - b. Resolution passed
 2. Resolution from Bliss Camp 12, Dept of Rhode Island endorsing Leo Kennedy PDC for JVC-in-C
 - a. The committee concurs
 - b. Resolution Passed

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3. Resolution from the Dept of Wisconsin as forwarded by Nat'l Secretary Bennet at the request of C-in-C Pahl that the SUVCW change its tax status from 501c4 to 501c3

- a. The benefits of each status were discussed
- b. Keith Harrison moved that we change the SUVCW tax status from 501c3 to 501c4, second by Neal Breaugh
- c. Resolution passed.
- d. We were advised that we must certify this resolution by addressing a letter to the Nat'l Secretary indicating its passage, and signed by the DC and Dept secretary.

4. Resolution from Plant Camp 3 to revise distribution of the Messenger.

- a. Discussion of how the last Encampment authorized current method.
- b. Jim Lyon moved it be tabled, second by Max Newman
- c. Motion to table passed by vote of 34 to 10

B. Report of the By-Laws Committee was delivered by Don Shaw

1. No recommendations.

C. Officers Reports

1. Requested to be delayed until after lunch, so that all reports can be reviewed.
2. The Encampment agrees.

XVII. New Business

A. Request that \$25.00 donated to the SVC Fund

1. Moved by Keith Harrison, second by Gary Gibson
2. Motion carried

B. Adoption of Budget

1. Moved to adopt by Jim Lyons, second by John McFeters
2. Motion carried

C. Matt Adair proposed that we sell 3x5 and smaller SUVCW flags as a fundraiser. He submitted a proposed design. It would cost around \$30 per flag. It was discussed how it first had to be presented to the Council of Administration

1. Keith Harrison moved to submit the flag concept to the Council of Administration for approval as a fundraiser, second by Neal Breaugh.
2. Motion carried

XVIII. Commander in Chief Pahl addressed the Camp

A. Thanked the Dept for their support

B. Discussed the Banner and some delivery problems

C. History records for the Department

D. ROTC program was modified so ROTC can apply directly to National.

E. Stressed cooperation with Allied Orders

F. Lincoln Death Day observance was excellent

G. Reminded all of National Encampment in St. Louis.

H. Quartermaster now has SUV swords available and working on challenge coin

I. National Headquarters has moved into new larger office.

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J. Presentations:

1. Bruce Gosling – National Ribbon for recruiting
2. Members of the C-in-C color guard at Gettysburg (see attached)

The Encampment closed at 11:33 for lunch. It is to resume at 1:30

The Encampment reopened at 1:37

Senior Vice Commander Robert Grove is now present.

XIX. Committee on Officers Reports presented their results by Gary Gibson

- a. Gary Gibson moved that 6 recommendations be approved at the sound of the gavel. Seconded and passed
 1. DC recommends digital back up of records,
 - a. the committee concurs - approved
 2. Treasurer recommends no increase in per capita tax
 - a. the committee concurs – approved
 3. That the cash amounts at close of fiscal year 06-07 be assigned to CD, except \$2000 to further strategic plan as overseen by DC.
 - a. the committee concurs - approved
 3. That the Department CD be deemed the permanent fund and that appropriate goals and procedures be set for its administration.
 - a. the committee concurs - approved
 4. That the Rally Around the Flags fund be promoted and that the Council develop guidelines for its use.
 - a. the committee concurs - approved

XX. Encampment Committees were dismissed with the thanks of the Department

PDC Bill Brennan is now present 3 weeks after by-pass surgery.

XXI. Presentation of Department Membership Awards

- a. Gov. Blair membership award went to Camp 135
- b. Orlando Levalley award went to Camp 427 with a growth of 14%

XXII. Election of Delegates to the National Encampment

- A. Motion that the first 23 Brothers alphabetically not already credentialed be elected as delegates, and the rest of the roster as alternates.
- B. Moved by Brian Shumway, second by Dean Lamphere
- C. Motion Carried

XXIII. Nomination and Election of Officers

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- A. Nominating Committee Report was presented by Chair Robert Mitchell as follows:
 - Department Commander – Dennis Derr II
 - Senior Vice Commander – Robert Grove
 - Junior Vice Commander – Don Shaw
 - Council – Howard Streeter
 - Council – Kris Kuhlman
 - Council – Max Newman
 - Secretary – Kevin Lindsey
 - Treasurer – Brian Shumway
- B. Motion that if there were no other nominations that the encampment accept the proposed slate
 - a. Moved by Bill McAfee, second by David Hilliker
 - b. Motion carried
- D. Nominees were polled if they would serve, and disclose what other elected office they currently hold.
- E. The slate was elected unopposed.

XXIV. Installation of Officers by C-in-C James Pahl

- A. Appointed Officers of Commander-Elect Derr
 - Patriotic Instructor – Charles Worley
 - Chaplain – William McAfee
 - Historian – John Keith
 - Graves Registration Officer – Rick Danes
 - Memorials Officer – Douglas Armstrong
 - G.A.R. Records – James Lyons
 - Signals Officer – Matt Adair
 - Guide – John McFeters
 - Color Bearer – Ed Dowd
 - Michigan Messenger Editor – Rick Danes
 - Camp at Large Coordinator – Robert Mitchell
- B. Commander in Chief Jim Pahl installed the officers according to Ritual.
- C. DC Greene was presented the PDC Badge by his wife

XXV. Good of the Order

- a. Kevin Lindsey discussed publicity campaign designed by Brother Bruce Miller. Copies of that information will be sent to camps
- b. Brother Chaffee discussed importance of Jefferson Barracks and U.S. Grants home near St. Louis, and encouraged all at National Encampment to visit.
- c. Gary Gibson warned that the Iron Cross on sale on EBAY as a GAR mourning badge is not one
- d. Robert Mitchell offered toll free conference call ability through AT&T
- e. Brother Lamphere – SVR invited Brothers to join.

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- f. Dave Arnold showed his excellent display board, and is in negotiation for possible SUVCW usage for commonality & uniformity
- g. Lincoln's 200th birthday is approaching – events can be coordinated through Al Loomis
- h. Bill Lowe described the new historical marker will be dedicated July 22nd in Jackson stating the importance of Camp Blair
- i. Bill Skillman stated his camp has a new potential British member. This is unique, especially since their camp namesake, Robert Finch was English
- j. Neal Breaugh discussed the ongoing work on the Confederate Cannon in Petoskey
- k. Gary Granger stated that his wife is a writer it is very important to send articles, photos etc yourself to papers.
- l. Chaplain McAfee addresses CC & Chaplains that, as the Death Notice is on line now, that all camps make sure to use it out
- m. Max Miller camp 7 suggests we check if the flag on obituaries in the paper are free for veterans or not. They are in many places.
- n.

XXVI. Encampment was closed per Ritual by DC Derr

Respectfully submitted,

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Kevin J. Lindsey, Secretary
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
State of the Department Address by the Department Commander
April 29, 2007**

Brothers of the Department of Michigan:

Introduction

Once again it is my honor to present the report of the events and issues of the Department of Michigan for the past administrative year. It has been a relatively quiet year but there are a number of issues and events to discuss with you today.

GAR Hall in Detroit

Perhaps the most exciting news of the past year is the settlement of the litigation between a coalition of various entities of the Sons of Union Veterans and Daughters of Union Veterans, and the City of Detroit. Culminating almost seven years of litigation, the settlement forced the sale of the GAR Hall by the City of Detroit to a private party with the proviso that certain physical attributes of the building would be preserved and maintained by the purchaser and that a opportunity would be provided for the Allied Orders to present a prominent display to extol the accomplishments of the Grand Army and of the Boys In Blue.

The agreement also provided the Allied Orders access to certain documents, fixtures, furniture, books and other artifacts of the GAR in order to catalogue them. The Allied Orders Civil War Preservation Committee has been formed by Sister Celestine Hollings, of the DUV to oversee this process. Currently, efforts are being made to coordinate with City of Detroit officials to view and inventory the GAR artifacts. Though not a part of the litigation, many MOLLUS items are also suspected to be in possession of the City.

Though many people spent countless hours in the effort to gain a fair settlement on behalf of the GAR, our lead consul, attorney, John P. Tragge deserves special mention. For almost seven years Mr. Tragge championed our cause against a most formidable opponent, the City of Detroit. In the end, we gained a settled agreement which afforded us much of what we wanted, including the sale and potential revival of the GAR Building. For his services Mr. Tragge's bill was--- zero. He so believes in the mission of the Allied Orders and the memory of the Boys In Blue that, outside of a very small retainer fee, years ago, he gave his services, pro bono. We, as Sons of Union Veterans owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to this kind and generous man.

Membership

For the second year in a row, I am pleased to report an increase in membership, across the Department. This year the increase is substantial. For the first time in several years our membership is above 500. With many of our Annual Reports still to come, preliminary estimates suggest that there are now 548 Brothers in our Department. Using membership tallies of our lowest point, this represents a 22% increase in just three years.

The effects are significant. The constant infusion of new members brings new energy and new ideas that serve to keep us from becoming tired and stagnate. I renew my call to Camps to

unite with the Department Junior Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander-In-Chief to develop and implement sound and strong strategies for recruiting and keeping membership.

Camps

I has been an up and down year for our Camps. Unfortunately, it was necessary to suspend two of our Camps for non-compliance with annual Camp reporting requirements. After several months and with immeasurable assistance from Third Battalion Chief, Brother Robert A. Mitchell, the U.S. Grant Camp #101, once again, became compliant and was returned to good standing on December 28, 2006. Unfortunately, the George W. Howe Camp #9 never responded and, upon my recommendation, their Charter was revoked by Commander-In Chief, James B. Pahl, effective December 31, 2006. Though no one ever wants to loose a Camp, it should be noted that the Howe Camp had struggled to stay alive for almost twenty years and, when revocation came, it was comprised of but three members. Some of the former Brothers of this Camp might find a home as we seek to establish a Camp to serve Michigan's second largest county, Macomb County.

On August 13, 2006 for the second year in a row, as his first official act, a newly installed Commander-In-Chief signed a new Michigan Camp into existence. Before the main body of the 125th Annual National Encampment, as his first official act, Commander-In-Chief, James B. Pahl endorsed the Application for Charter of the William A. Kent Camp #83, to be located in Greenville, Michigan. Sitting in attendance that day in Harrisburg, a Michigan Brother vowed that the time for quiet discussion had past and it was time to move ahead with the formation efforts of, yet, another new Michigan Camp. Beginning in September Brother Charles Worley set about organizing a Camp to serve the St. Joseph County area. With phenomenal speed and despite the effects of a serious auto accident, Brother Worley, with the help of Brother Bruce Gosling and other Camp Brothers, formed the March To The Sea Camp #135, just five months from the onset of Camp Organization.

On January 22, 2007 it was my honor to join Commander-In-Chief Pahl in presenting Camp #83 with its new Charter and another to Camp #135 just five days later on January 27, 2007

I am pleased to see members of these Camps here with us today. Congratulations to both of these Camps and welcome.

It is worth noting that, while no official Camp organizing effort is currently in place, preliminary work is underway to create a new Camp to serve the Macomb and St Clair County area.

Finances

While the Department Treasurer's report will explore the details of the Department's finances, I am pleased to report that the overall fiscal condition of the Department is sound and healthy. We are able to meet our day-to-day financial obligations and, with judicious use of our available funds, we may expect to remain in a similar position for the coming year.

Michigan's Messenger

Michigan's Messenger continues to improve as Editor, Rick Danes develops and refines the look of our Department newspaper. A year and a half ago Brother Danes was given carte

blanche to create an all new format and appearance for the Messenger. In return, he has given us an informative and attractive publication which the Department can be justly proud of.

The distribution of the Messenger has been more controversial. You will recall that the 116th Annual Encampment mandated that the Department cease the postal mailing of the Messenger beginning January 1, 2006. Electronic copies of the Messenger are now sent to selected members of each Camp who forward the newsletter to the balance of their Camp. The measure enables the Department to maintain this vital link with our membership at a realistic and manageable cost. Until January of last year, printing and mailing costs of the Messenger had been, far and away, the most costly item of the annual budget. Electronic mailing of the Messenger now frees upwards of \$4000, annually, which can now be used to advance the true mission of the Order which is to keep green the memory of the GAR.

Last year, at the 117th Annual Encampment I was charged with the task of surveying the emotional climate of the Department to gain some insight of how our Brothers felt about the new system. In visits to many of our Camps and in other Department functions where I was with our Brothers, I posed the question as to how they liked electronic delivery. While the preference was decidedly in favor of continuing electronic delivery, there is a significant minority who yearns to try another way. Later today, we will reexamine the matter. This is why we meet each year in Annual Encampment. We come together to revisit our actions of the past and to chart a new course for our future

The Department Web Presence

The Department of Michigan now enjoys one of the broadest and most comprehensive web sites of any in the entire Order. In addition to information about our Camps, our upcoming events, and our heritage it contains information from the Michigan State Archives-- data recently developed by the Department GAR Records Officer, and allows live searching of the Department's Graves Registration database. Soon to come are live searches of GAR Posts and membership and on line sales of Department merchandise, using PayPal accounts. Far ahead of any other SUVCW site, the Department of Michigan website has become something of an icon for the Department and the envy of other Departments.

Annual Camp Reporting

Though compliance in Annual Camp Reporting is still not acceptable, some improvement is evident. A concerted effort over the past two years to educate Camps as to the importance of timely and accurate reporting, coupled with increasingly stringent enforcement of reporting requirements is slowly paying off. Gone are the days when the Department can simply wink and wait for Camps to get around to filing their report. As of a week ago a one DEPARTMENT was on the brink of suspension, largely because two of its Camps hadn't reported. A Department cannot file its annual report with the National Organization until it can include the reports of ALL of its Camps. The Department of Michigan must not and will not follow the footsteps of this hapless and unfortunate Department. Though distasteful, should all else fail, future administrations will have little choice but to suspend non compliant Camps in order to protect the good standing of the Department within the National Organization.

Recommendation

I recommend that future administrations continue stringent insistence on timely and accurate Camp reporting. While tempered with common sense and fraternal charity, this effort should

keep, at the ready, any and all tools necessary to affect compliance with reporting requirements and preservation of the Good Standing of the Department of Michigan.

Lincoln Award Recipients

In a few moments we will announce the recipients of the Department of Michigan Abraham Lincoln Award. Before doing so, I wish to look back to last year when neither of our recipients could be present and, for the sake of later surprise presentations, we did not announce either man's name. So that you'll know and to place the information in the permanent record, our 2006 Abraham Lincoln Award recipients were Mr. Doug Tebo and Brother Doug Armstrong. Brother Armstrong, a Past Camp Commander of the George W. Anderson Camp #58, has long been an ardent advocate of Civil War Memorials preservation as evidenced by his fine work as Department Monuments and Memorials Officer. Mr. Tebo has been tireless in his graves registration and monument restoration work for many years. In January, 2007 Mr. Tebo became Brother Tebo as he joined the Gov. Crapo Camp #145

Technology

Last year we spoke of the need for periodic digital back up of the work of the Order, here in Michigan. The Communication and Technology Committee has explored a number of avenues to provide the means for off site computer back up to certain Department Officers and Committee Chairmen. The overriding challenge is to find a method that is, both affordable to the Department and easy enough to use for a broad spectrum of users. I believe that the solution is close at hand and will be rolled out in the near future.

Recommendation

I recommend that the next administration make this a priority project in order that we will no longer risk the loss of hard gathered data.

Officers and Staff

Brothers, this will be my last address to you as Department Commander. I will not seek a third term. I must stand by my avowed and often stated belief that the Department is best served by timely turnover of administrative personnel. New faces bring new ideas and new energy- to advance the Department and the mission of the Order. I have been privileged to walk in the footsteps of some phenomenal Department Commanders and to help form the future of our Department. I am eternally grateful to you, my Michigan Brothers, for the opportunity to do so.

As I retire to my role of hobby farmer, community historian—and PDC, I will take, with me, memories that only a few of us are privileged to bear. I am heartened by the fact that incredibly talented Brothers have already tossed their hats into the ring for various Department elected offices. They will now have their say and will bring a new set of ideas to the table for the continued improvement of the way that we serve the mission that was handed down to us by our hallowed forefathers.

In closing I wish to thank the officers and staff of the Department for the fine work that they have done in the past two years. Two years ago most of them came to their respective jobs for the first time. They learned fast and have unfailingly carried out the tasks of their offices with energy and competence and in the finest spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. I am immensely pleased and proud of each and every one.

Report of Camp Delegate Voting Strength

Camp# 001	Allotted Delegates	
<i>Gen. John Logan</i>	3	
	Camp Commander	1
	Past Camp Commander	1
Total for Gen. John Logan Camp		2

Camp# 002	Allotted Delegates	
<i>Gen. Israel B. Richardson</i>	2	
	Camp Commander	1
	Delegate	1
Total for Gen. Israel B. Richardson Camp		2

Camp# 003	Allotted Delegates	
<i>Henry Plant</i>	2	
	Past Camp Commander	1
Total for Henry Plant Camp		1

Camp# 007	Allotted Delegates	
<i>Austin Blair</i>	5	
	Camp Commander	1
	Delegate	2
	Past Camp Commander	3
Total for Austin Blair Camp		6

Camp# 014	Allotted Delegates	
<i>Robert Finch</i>	6	
	Camp Commander	1
	Delegate	1
	Past Camp Commander	2

Report of Camp Delegate Voting Strength

Total for Robert Finch Camp **4**

Camp# 017	Allotted Delegates	
<i>Curtenius Guard</i>	4	
	Commander in Chief	1
	Delegate	1
	Past C in C	1
	Past Camp Commander	1
	Past Dept Commander	2

Total for Curtenius Guard Camp **6**

Camp# 020	Allotted Delegates	
<i>Gen. Benjamin Pritchard</i>	5	
	Camp Commander	1
	Delegate	2
	Past Camp Commander	1
	Past Dept Commander	2

Total for Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp **6**

Camp# 022	Allotted Delegates	
<i>Colegrove - Woodruff</i>	3	
	Past Camp Commander	1

Total for Colegrove - Woodruff Camp **1**

Camp# 058	Allotted Delegates	
<i>George W. Anderson</i>	3	
	Delegate	2
	Past Camp Commander	1

Report of Camp Delegate Voting Strength

Total for George W. Anderson Camp **3**

Camp# 083	Allotted Delegates	
<i>William A. Kent</i>	1	
	Camp Commander	1
	Delegate	1

Total for William A. Kent Camp **2**

Camp# 085	Allotted Delegates	
<i>Frederick H. Hackeman</i>	2	
	Delegate	1

Total for Frederick H. Hackeman Camp **1**

Camp# 135	Allotted Delegates	
<i>March to the Sea</i>	2	
	Camp Commander	1
	Delegate	1

Total for March to the Sea Camp **2**

Camp# 145	Allotted Delegates	
<i>Gov. Henry Crapo</i>	4	
	Camp Commander	1
	Delegate	4
	Dept Commander	1
	Past Camp Commander	2

Total for Gov. Henry Crapo Camp **8**

Camp# 160	Allotted Delegates	
<i>Henry Wallace</i>	2	

Report of Camp Delegate Voting Strength

Camp Commander	1
Past Camp Commander	3

Total for Henry Wallace Camp **4**

Camp# 180	Allotted Delegates	
<i>Carpenter- Welch</i>	2	

Past Camp Commander	1
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Total for Carpenter- Welch Camp **1**

Camp# 250	Allotted Delegates	
<i>Wa-Bu-No</i>	2	

Camp Commander	1
Past Camp Commander	2

Total for Wa-Bu-No Camp **3**

Camp# 255	Allotted Delegates	
<i>LeValley-Heusted</i>	2	

Camp Commander	1
Delegate	2

Total for LeValley-Heusted Camp **3**

Camp# 427	Allotted Delegates	
<i>Sgt. John Cosby</i>	4	

Camp Commander	1
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Total for Sgt. John Cosby Camp **1**

Camp# 462	Allotted Delegates	
<i>Russell A. Alger</i>	2	

Camp Commander	1
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Report of Camp Delegate Voting Strength

Total for Russell A. Alger Camp

1

Total Number of Brothers in Attendance

57



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department of Michigan
Office of the Chief of Staff

April 9, 2007

To: Department Commander Greene and the Encampment Re: The
2007 Report of the Department Chief of Staff

Commander and Brothers,

The great thing about working with Department Officers and Committee Chairmen who know their stuff and execute on it well, is that it makes my job really easy. The brothers filling departmental roles were all of such caliber that it left me with virtually no problems to help solve and accordingly, the Chief of staff has not had a busy year at all. I did manage to do a couple of things however which are offered below for your consideration.

First, at the last Encampment I recommended that we develop a formal job description for the Department Chief of Staff. Having made the recommendation, the Encampment then charged me with writing such a document. Attached is a proposed Job Description for the Michigan Department Chief of Staff. Having borrowed heavily from the National Organization's job description for this post, I feel confident that it is appropriate to our purposes. I recommend that the Encampment enact it so as to provide some guidance for future occupants of this post. Secondly, the dreaded call for Department Encampment Reports was put out and their collection was accomplished, to some extent, by this office.

Above and beyond my above stated recommendation, I make no further recommendations for actions to be taken in the coming year that would effect the duties touched on by the Chief of Staff.

Respectfully Submitted In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Donald W. Shaw
Chief of Staff
Department of Michigan – SUVCW

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT CHIEF OF STAFF

The purpose of the office of the Chief of Staff is to oversee and encourage the productivity of all appointed Department officers, acting on behalf of and for the Department Commander. In pursuit of that goal the Chief of Staff shall become familiar with the duties and job descriptions of all Department officers; monitor the progress of, and assist the appointed Department officers and Committee Chairmen in completing their duties where necessary; apprise the Department Commander of problems encountered with the fulfillment of responsibilities; prepare an annual report of his activities for the information of the Department Encampment and notify other Department officers and Committee Chairmen that, if required, they will need to do likewise; and perform other such duties consistent with his position as delegated to him by the Department Commander or the Department Encampment.



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

Office of the Graves Registration Officer



April 7, 2007

Richard Greene, Commander
Department of Michigan
9245 Willits Rd.
Mayville, MI 48744-9535

Greetings Commander Greene,

Please accept the attached as a final report for the year 2006-2007 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 2006 Report. We were not able to recover all records held in the Camps, and although we have encouraged the Camps were not able to contact an active Graves Registration Officer (GRO) for each Camp, nor an active program throughout the Department.

The significance of our work year can be recognized with an additional 1661 records entered into the Department database reflecting a total of 57,355 records.

The committee met for 30th consecutive time in March of this year, as we achieved a core attendance of approximately 50% of the Camps. Like the 2005-2006 year, these meetings achieved meaningful dialog that is useful to the Camp GROs and allows them a forum to express ideas, concerns, and spend time learning more about the resources available to them. We have created a living list of abbreviations, sources, and resources, a handbook designed to aid each GRO in keeping consistency in our work. This handbook will be revised in 2007-2008 to reflect changes in our methods of doing business. Each Camp attending a GRA Committee Meeting receives an updated CD containing the most current Department db for their use at no cost to the Department.

I have mentioned at the last 6 Department Encampments the lack of participation from some camps, and although that fact has not changed, certain proactive members and friends outside of the Order continue to overcome the hurdle by working outside their normal areas.

In 2006 I was appointed to the National Graves Registration Committee, and since that time, have submitted over 1500 entries, raising the total number of Department of Michigan records to over 39,000. The National Database contains over 425,000 records.

Under your leadership and support, the Department of Michigan Graves Registration Program and its members continue to provide a program that is second to none.

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

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Richard E. Danes,
Department of Michigan
Graves Registration Officer

CC: Robert C. Grove, Department SVC
Dennis Derr, Department Secretary
Donald William Shaw, Chief of Staff
Attendees

Keeping green the memory

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

G.A.R. RECORDS COMMITTEE

April 27, 2007

To: Richard Greene
Department Commander

Subject: Annual Report

This has been an outstanding year in terms of moving efforts toward the accomplishment of the goals and objectives laid out for this committee.

The working relationships we enjoy with the Archives of Michigan have been expanded and enhanced. Work has been completed on the Post Charter restoration project that our Department financed. There are nearly 200 Charters on file at the Archives and they have all now gone through the conservation program as outlined. Each charter is now stored flat in individual folders. We have also located three additional Charters.

Last year in a discussion with State Archivist Mark Harvey he inquired about the format of our Graves Registration data base. The outcome was that we made arrangements to integrate the card file created during the Civil War Centennial and our ever growing data base. Mr. Harvey assigned one of his clerks to run the card file against the information in our data base. The result was a listing of those in the card file but not in the data base. That project has been completed and forwarded to the Graves Registration Committee.

The G. A. R. membership data base project continues to move forward. We have now posted the first 75 Post rosters in a searchable data base format similar to the program used in the Graves Registration program. Although the highest numbered Post included is 75, there are actually records from 87 Posts due to multiple use of several Post numbers over the years.

On a parallel track we have posted thumbnail sketches of the history of each Post listed. Each contains information on the person for whom the Post was named, the first and last Post Commanders, meeting place locations and other notes on the Post operation. Researchers will be able to go to this listing and print the record of the Post on which they are working.

Brother Matt Adair has provided invaluable assistance in preparing this material for posting. He has also set up an interface program that will allow editing and the addition of more material as it becomes available.

We will be able to provide reports on individual members, an entire post, and a background sketch of the Post history and a complete roster of those who served as officers in a Post

We will also be posting pictures of surviving G. A. R Halls in Michigan along with a brief history of the building and its uses over the years. Several Post flags have been located and photos of these flags will also be displayed.

The G.A.R. membership data base program continues to move ahead nicely. Work is presently under way on Post 78. There are now 4007 annual rosters of officers.

Work has been completed on a related project, now posted on the National web site in the section on Special Projects. Compilation has been completed on the record of SUVCW Camps maintained by the National Secretary's office. The card file contained 3704 records, the Ledger of approved Charter Applications contained 2006 records and there were 475 entries in the Membership Accounting Journal. Hopefully this will spur the effort to preserve the history of our Order.

Transcription work has begun on Post Meeting Minutes. Post 283, covering 1884 to 1925 has been completed. Work is presently under way on Post 42 material from 1886 to 1931.

Cultivation with other organizations continues to be productive. The Gratiot County Historical/Genealogical Society is copying Minute books from Posts in that area. A volunteer in the Local History Room at the Manchester District Library has already provided us with a copy of the Post Descriptive Book and is presently copying a Minute Book that covers 1912 to 1924.

Our Committee members continue to contribute. Chuck Harthy and Fred Knoodle continue to dig out information in their area of the State. Brother Harthy has provided many obituaries that help to give us a better picture of these veterans.

We welcome the opportunity to continue working with this fine committee and keeping this effort moving.

For the Committee
In F., C., and L.,

James T. Lyons, PDC
G. A. R. Records Officer
Department of Michigan

Committee Members:

Gary L. Gibson, PDC

J. Douglas Park, PDC

Paul D. Hodges, PDC

Matt Adair

Fred Knoodle

Charles O. Harthy



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
OFFICE OF THE EDITOR, MICHIGAN'S MESSENGER



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Greetings Commander Greene,

Please accept the attached as a final report for the year 2006-2007 of activities from the Editor of *Michigan's Messenger*, the official Newsletter of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The goals that were set by Commander Greene for the current year were simple: 1) produce an attractive, impartial, and informative newsletter; 2) deliver the newsletter on a proscribed schedule in an electronic format as directed by the vote of the 116th Department Encampment; and 3) try and incorporate suggestions of the Membership into future editions.

Goals number one and two were achieved by the successful publication of Volume XV of *Michigan's Messenger*. Remarkably, criticisms of this effort have been almost nil until the Fall of the year, so no action to resolve the issues could be taken until that time.

Currently, *Michigan's Messenger* is sent electronically to all 26 Camps in the Department of Michigan. Each Camp contact then emails the Messenger to their Camp email list, and arranges for copies to be delivered to those who do not have email. Many Brothers prefer to read the news on the Department Website at home, and some Brothers who do not have email of their own stop by a local library and use their email service rather than getting a paper copy of their own. *Michigan's Messenger* is also emailed to all Department Officers that I have a current address for.

The challenges for the coming year are minor and few, and concern the linchpin of the continued success for *Michigan's Messenger*. Camp contacts and Officers will need to keep sending news articles in on time, and Camp contacts will need to continue to provide this Editor with a current email address to ensure prompt delivery and communication, so their Members get the "news" on time.

Under your leadership and support, the Department of Michigan Official Newsletter, Michigan's Messenger has continued to be a quality publication provided to our members at no cost.

I appreciate the opportunity that I have been given, and hope to be able to continue to serve the membership of this Department. I remain,

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Richard E. Danes,
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Editor, Michigan's Messenger

CC: Robert C. Grove, Department SVC
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**DEPARTMENT of MICHIGAN
SONS of UNION VETERANS
of the CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN'S
2006/2007 ANNUAL REPORT**

Greetings:

April 1st, 2007

The past year has been a slow one for the Department of Michigan office of Historian. Sadly this is the standard for my 3 years in this office!

I have received just a few items from Department of Michigan SUVCW Brothers this past 12 months. To note just a couple-

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Respectively submitted.

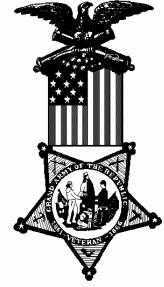
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty:

John R. Keith

Camp Commander
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Department Historian
Department of Michigan
SUVCW



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REPORT of the DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN
April 22, 2007

Commander Greene:

1. Listed below are all of the death dates and names of departed brothers, as they were reported to the Department Chaplain since our last Department Encampment:

2006:

- 10/28 James C. Wood, Alexander French Camp No. 28, Big Rapids.
12/2 Merle J. Hagerman, Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20, Kalamazoo.

2007:

- 1/15 James B. Pugsley III, Carpenter-Welch Camp No. 180, Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti.
1/22 Michael D. Mitchell, Life Member, Curtenius Guard Camp # 17, Lansing-Sunfield.
2/2 Dale F. Calder, Russell A. Alger Camp No. 462, Michigan's Camp-at-Large.
2/14 Leo Cohoon, Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 250, Shepherd.
4/11 Ronald K. Hurlburt, Austin Blair Camp No. 7, Jackson

2. During this fiscal year I have attended and/or participated in the following activities related to my position as Department Chaplain:
 - Attended tour of Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit, on May 20 with Camps No. 101 and 180.
 - Attended National Encampment in Harrisburg, PA August 10-13, 2006.
 - Attended Annual Civil War Muster in Jackson August 26 & 27, 2006.
 - Presented Veterans' Memorial Service during Custer Week in Monroe on October 1.
 - Participated in Camp No. 7 Christmas Dinner in Jackson on December 10.
 - Participated in the installation of March to the Sea Camp No. 135 in Centreville on January 27, 2007.
3. I submitted appropriate reports of the deaths of Michigan brothers to Department and National officers, as required.
4. I submitted one Chaplain's column for "The Messenger".

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 in order to perpetuate its ideals and promote its agendae.

Respectively submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

William B. M^cAfee

"Serve the Lord with gladness."

Organized 1881-Legal Heir of and Representing the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.).

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John R. Keith

Camp Commander
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Department Historian
Department of Michigan
SUVCW



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department of Michigan
Patriotic Instructor

April 20, 2007

To: Department Commander Greene and the Encampment
Re: The report of the 2007 Department Patriotic Instructor

Commander,

As patriotic instructor I have participated in the Department Encampment, the Indiana Summer Encampment, and the installation of Officers for Camp 427. I have also submitted some articles to the Michigan Messenger.

Using the contact information on the Department's website I sent a reminder to all the camps to send in their Annual Report of the Camp Patriotic Instructor by April 1st. This was the same method I used last year.

As of this date, I have heard from 6 camps; Camps number 2, 3, 14, 43, 160, and 255. I thank these camps for their response. Below is a summary of their reports.

Of the 6 responses, all the camps did report they had a Patriotic Instructor involved.

Four reported they had programs at most meetings; two did not.

Four said they participated at schools, two did not.

All participated in Community Memorial Day and/or Veteran Day services.

All participated in Living History Events.

One participated in the ROTC program.

One camp was involved with Eagle Scouts.

While one camp had some activity in the Adopt a School program, five camps had none.

Four camps did share activities with some of the Allied Orders while 2 had none.

Also noted was an impressive list of varied activities the camps had participated in.

Respectfully Submitted In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Kevin Lindsey
2007 Michigan Patriotic Instructor
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Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Report of the Department Signals Officer 118th Encampment, April 28th, 2007

Brothers,

I have to honor to submit the following report concerning the activities of the Department Signals Officer for the 2006-2007 year:

Additions and improvements made to the Department Website this year include:

- Continued quarterly updates to the graves registration database.
- All proceedings from Department Encampments back to 1986 have been scanned and placed online in the Headquarters section.
- All editions of *Michigan's Messenger* back to 1992 have been scanned and placed online.
- The Department's online calendar has been changed to use the Google calendar system as a backend.
- Updated historical information concerning the Past Department Commanders.
- Probably the greatest improvement to the Department Website this year has been the addition of the GAR Membership Rosters and Post Histories. This ongoing project currently includes the histories and rosters of 87 GAR Posts numbered 1 through 75 (some numbers were duplicated over time). The membership rosters currently number almost 19000 entries. Brother Jim Lyons and the GAR Records Committee deserved a hearty "Well Done!" for their efforts in transcribing and compiling the data.

Of a somewhat disappointing nature, I was forced to remove the Queries & Discussions forum from the website due to the amount of highly inappropriate material that was being posted. Options to replace this continue to be explored.

Individual camps are encouraged to examine their camp web pages under the Camps & Membership portion of the website. **VERY FEW CAMPS** in this Department have submitted updated information. Commander Greene directed me to work with Secretary Derr to update the rosters of Camp Officers, but this is not enough. To reiterate what I stated in last year's report, our website is the online, public face of our camps and department, we need to make sure that the information presented is as accurate as possible. We cannot grow as an organization if the public cannot contact us, or we do not present a reputable image.

Additional improvements are on the horizon:

- We are exploring the ability to sell our Department Merchandise online, with the capability of paying through PayPal or credit card.
- It may be possible in the near future to provide email accounts to any member of the Department of Michigan.

- Email lists which can be implemented for various Department committees and groups. These lists would allow users to send an email to one address, which would then redistribute the email to of the subscribed members.

The web hosting account currently costs \$6.95 a month, payable it two year increments, which works out to \$166.80 every two years. Our current account will need payment again in June of 2007. In addition, the yearly cost of the domain name (www.suvcwmi.org), which will also expire in June 2007, is currently \$35 year, with discounts for ordering multiple years. It is my sincere hope that we will continue to fund the website in a way that will bring honor and praise to our Department.

I appreciate the trust conferred upon me, and hope that I will be given the opportunity to serve again.

Respectfully submitted,
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Matthew L. Adair
Department of Michigan
Signals Officer

mladair@gmail.com

-----Original Message-----

From: jbpahl0824@yahoo.com

To: p31713@aol.com

Sent: Mon, 26 Mar 2007 9:45 PM

Subject: Michigan Department Encampment Report

Brother MI Chief of Staff Don:

I am writing to you tonight, to submit my report concerning the Michigan Battlefield Monuments project that I have been working on for the past two years - to the Michigan Department Encampment. Given the other commitments to this Order between now and then, I am hopeful that I will be prepared to personally deliver this report to the 118th Department Encampment. But if not, here it is in writing. (If I have time and get real lucky, I will have some of these photographs printed out and with me.)

The Department of Michigan Battlefield Monuments Project was originally designed to be accomplished in two phases. Phase 1 is to locate and photograph all Michigan's Civil War battlefield monuments. Phase 2 will be to publish this information in some form.

I have a complete set of current photographs of our monuments at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, along with a set of photographs taken at the time of their dedication. I also have current photographs of the monuments at Fredericksburg, VA, Shiloh, TN, Vicksburg, MS and the monument at the Andersonville, GA prison camp.

I have a complete set of the photographs taken of the Chickamauga/Chattanooga battlefield monuments when they were dedicated. I am lacking current photographs of six of those monuments: 9th MI Inf; 10th MI Inf; 21st MI Inf; 22nd MI Inf; 1st MI Eng and 4th MI Cav. I have requested some assistance of the Missionary Ridge Camp #63 of the Department of Tennessee, located in Chattanooga, TN, so hope that I can quickly complete the first phase of this project.

As far as I can determine, this constitutes all Michigan monuments on our Civil War battlefields. All of these were sponsored by the State of Michigan, except the monument to the 7th Michigan Inf. at Fredericksburg, which was privately financed by the 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Co B, Inc., reenactment group.

I am aware of a few Michigan Historical markers, including one at the battlefield in Perryville, KY, however, I do not feel it appropriate to include this markers in this project.

While I am hopeful, I do not believe phase one will be completed by the time of our Encampment.

Once the first phase is completed, I am hopeful the then Department Commander and the Department Council can settle on a way to publish this information in some form.

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity and loyalty,

Jim

James B. Pahl

Commander-in-Chief

Chair - Department of Michigan Battlefield Monuments Project

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Michigan
May 2006-April 2007**

**Report of the
Eagle Scout Coordinator
Charles Worley**

It has been my privilege to serve as the Department Eagle Scout coordinator for the term of 2006-2007, my second year. I personally was blessed to interact with so many parents that devote their time to keep young men engaged with not only Scouting's principles but the values of this great nation. Every Letter of Commendation and Certificate of Achievement that was sent to these young men is a statement recognizing those principles and values.

What is so satisfying is that our certificate along with many other organizations is presented in a keepsake scrapbook that will carry the memories of all their Good Deeds through the years.

Activity for the year:

85 Certificates have been sent to Michigan Eagle Scouts
Of those 1 were requested by Michigan Sons Camps.

Expenses for the year:

\$78.48 has been turned into the Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles L. Worley

Charles L. Worley
April 28, 2007