

**MINUTES OF THE 120th ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
SATURDAY, 25 APRIL 2009
GREAT LAKES CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
LANSING, MICHIGAN**

I. The Encampment was opened at 9:15 am in accordance with the Ritual, Department Commander Dennis Derr II presiding and Secretary Kevin Lindsey being present.

II. Guide John McFeters was absent. DC Derr appointed Phillip Cripe to the position for the Encampment.

Department Secretary Lindsey called the Roll of Officers as follows:

Department Commander:	Dennis C Derr II	Present
Senior Vice Commander:	Charles L. Worley	Present
Junior Vice Commander:	Donald W. Shaw	Present
Secretary:	Kevin Lindsey, CC	Present
Treasurer:	Brian J. Shumway	Present
Department Council:	Max L. Newman, P.C.C.	Present
Department Council:	Howard Streeter	Present
Department Council:	Neal Breough	Present
Patriotic Instructor:	Dennis C Derr I	Present
Chaplain:	William McAfee	Present
Councilor:	James B. Pahl, PCinC	Present
Historian:	John Keith	Excused
Guard:	Paul D. Arnold	Present
Guide:	John McFeeters	Excused
Color Bearer:	Edgar Dowd	Present
Graves Registration Officer:	Richard E. Danes	Present
G.A.R. Records Officer:	James T. Lyons, P.D.C.	Deceased
C.W. Memorials Officer:	Douglas Armstrong	Excused
Signals Officer:	Matthew L. Adair	Present
Camp at Large Coordinator:	Robert Mitchell	Present
Michigan's Messenger Editor:	Richard Danes	Present
Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator:	Jeff Morse	Present

III. Matt Adair was appointed to the Credentials Committee.

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IV. Introduction of guests

DC Derr introduced these attending National Officers: Commander-in-Chief David Medert, National Treasurer Max L. Newman, National Signals Officer Ken Freshley, PC-in-C James Pahl, and PC-in-C Keith Harrison

VI. Matt Adair presented the Credentials Report, there are 69 brothers present.

List of Delegates by Camp - See attached report

Report of Committee on Credentials – See attached report.

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

- a. By-Laws – James Pahl-chair; Charles Worley, Dave Hilliker
- b. Officers Report- Gary Gibson-chair; Bill Brennan, Rick Greene
- c. Resolutions – Keith Harrison, chair; Bill Skillman, Neal Breough

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

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 voting card, name and camp, and asking debate be made in the spirit of F,C & L.

X. Approval of Minutes – Neal Breough moved the 2008 119th Encampment Minutes be approved as distributed. The motion was adopted.

XI. Recognition Awards

- a. Gov. Austin Blair Membership Award was given to Gov. Crapo Camp 145, accepted by John Keith.
- b. Orlando Valley Membership Award went to Carpenter-Welch Camp 180.
- c. Abraham Lincoln award was awarded posthumously to Fred Knoodle, Camp 14.

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XII Officers Reports (see attached for documents)

Reports were read by DC Derr, SVC Worley, JVC Shaw, Secretary Lindsey, Treasurer Shumway, Signals Officer Adair, Graves Registration Officer/Michigan Messenger Editor Danes, Eagle Scout Officer Morse, Camp at Large coordinator Mitchell, Chaplain McAfee, and Color Bearer Dowd. Counselor Pahl and Guard Arnold had nothing to report. Historian Keith and Memorials Officer Armstrong were excused, but their reports were added to the record.

Commander Derr declared a recess at 10:05
Reconvened Encampment at 10:30

XIII. Max Newman delivered the Report of the Department Council
The books were audited and approved, and there were no recommendations on the budget

XIV. Budget Report

Robert Mitchell moved that the budget report be adopted. Jim Pahl moved that the approval be postponed until after new business. The motion to postpone was approved

XV. Reception and Reference of Communications

XVI. Unfinished Business – none

XVI. Report of the Encampment Committees

A. James Pahl, reporting on behalf of the By-Laws Committee, stated the Encampment committee endorsed the action of the permanent Department by-laws committee and moved adoption of the amendment to the Department by-laws to establish the Dept of Mich permanent Fund. After debate the motion was adopted

James Pahl also moved the recommendation of Encampment by-laws committee endorsing the act of the permanent committee and adopt the amendments to the by-laws to allow Juniors and Junior associates. After debate the motion was adopted.

B. Gary Gibson, reporting on behalf of the Committee on Officers Reports offered a series of resolutions that were discussed and adopted. Resolved:

1. That the Department Commander's recommendation that all Department of Michigan property be labeled as such. The motion was adopted.
2. That the Department Council take an inventory of all department property, its location and condition. The motion was adopted.

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3. That the funds from the Kent Camp 83 in the amount of \$406.41 be set aside into a separate fund called the Greenville Civil War Monument Fund until things can be worked out with the DUVCW. After discussion the motion was adopted.

4. That per the Department Treasurer's recommendations that there be no increase in per capita tax. The motion was adopted.

5. That the cash amounts at close of fiscal year 08-09 be assigned to the Certificate of Deposit balance. The motion was adopted.

6. That web based marketing be made a priority and improved. After discussion the motion was adopted.

7. That Brother Dave Arnold, who has served as assistant treasurer and is stepping down, be commended for the job he has done. The motion was adopted.

C. Keith Harrison, reporting on behalf of the Committee on Resolutions, stated that there were several endorsements for National Officers. The committee will not approve or disapprove anyone running for National Office, so as not to tie the hands of the delegates.

James Pahl moved that the Encampment endorse Donald Shaw for National Council of Administration. The motion passed unanimously and will be mailed to the other Departments

XVIII. New Business

A. Keith Harrison moved that \$25.00 be donated to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund. The motion was adopted,

B. James Pahl read the National Constitutional Amendment to Article 5 section 2 that sets up a mechanism to allow the Commander in Chief to act when he believes there is a conflict, and proposed and moved the adoption of this ratification to the amendment of our constitution. The amendment was adopted.

C. Jim Pahl moved that Brothers be authorized to wear the 125th Encampment Commemorative Badge to the end of the year and further moved that this be the official delegate badge for the Michigan delegation to the National Encampment in Kentucky. After discussion the motion was adopted.

D. Sesquicentennial Commission

Keith Harrison discussed the State of Michigan's Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission and his recommendations to them to make use of the SUVCW, MOLLUS,

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and reenactment organizations. (He will make available copies of his recommendations to any brother by email)

Keith Harrison moved that the Encampment appoint an ad hoc Sesquicentennial Committee to work with the State's Sesquicentennial Commission and the Dept Camps during the sesquicentennial years. After debate the motion was adopted

E. DC Derr read a resolution from Gov. Crapo camp 135 requesting that the Encampment restore the Past Commander rank for Brother Terrance L. McKinch. The motion was adopted.

F. DC Derr was informed by Brother Chris Czopek that the Marshall GAR hall was going to undergo restoration this summer, and all the Dept records stored there need to be moved.

Bill Lowe moved that the next Department Historian might be instructed, and with the backup and assistance of any members of the camp council and any officers the Department Commander felt were appropriate, take action to remove our records before the end of May.

Keith Harrison moved that the Department Commander and Council establish a permanent location immediately for the Department archives that has, as a minimum, temperature control.

Bill Lowe made a point of order that his motion had not received a second. Commander Derr ruled that since Keith Harrison's motion had a second and incorporated Brother Lowe's, that we would proceed with the Brother Harrison's motion

After debate, the motion was adopted.

The Encampment was recessed for lunch at 11:45

The Encampment was called to order after lunch at 1:00

G. Jim Pahl addressed the encampment about the concept of acquiring liability insurance for the Department and proposed that we explore that. He then moved that the encampment allow the exploration of the possibility of a liability policy for the Department, to explore what the costs would be, to be presented to the Department Council and to further authorize the Department Council to act on that for any insurance that they find it advisable to do so. Debate followed.

Bob Hoffman moved the previous question to close debate. The motion to close debate was adopted.

The motion to explore and authorize was adopted.

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H. Brian Shumway presented his recommended budget (see attached)
Rick Greene moved to adopt the budget as presented. The motion was adopted.

I. Dave Arnold proposed that we could make a DVD on the history of the GAR/SUVCW in honor of our 125th anniversary.

Bob Hoffman moved that the Department form a committee to investigate making a DVD. The motion was adopted

XXII. Election of Delegates to the National Encampment

DC Derr asked who was already planning on going to the National Encampment, and Brothers Aurand, Arnold, Danes, Granger, Hiliker, Lindsey, Rieske, Shumway, and Shaw indicated they were. Jim Pahl moved that the proposed names be elected delegates, with the rest of the delegates to be drawn alphabetically from the roster, and that the remainder of the roster be elected as alternates. The motion was adopted

XXIII. Nomination and Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee Report was presented for Chair John Keith by Bruce Gosling as follows:

- Department Commander – Charles Worley
- Senior Vice Commander – Don Shaw
- Junior Vice Commander – Rick Danes
- Council – Howard Streeter
- Council – Neal Breough
- Council – Rick Greene
- Secretary – Kevin Lindsey
- Treasurer – Brian Shumway

Jim Pahl nominated Dave Arnold for DJVC from the floor.

Jim Pahl moved that those not opposed be elected by acclamation and that where there are contested offices that we proceed to vote. The motion was adopted. The unopposed slate was elected.

Brothers Arnold and Danes addressed the camp.

Matt Adair called the roll again to determine who was entitled to vote.

Gary Gibson moved that we go directly to a vote. The motion was adopted

Camp delegates cast ballots for the Junior Vice Commander position with the following tallies:

- a. Dave Arnold - 35 votes
- b. Rick Danes – 30 votes

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The Encampment was recessed at 3:00

The Encampment was called to order at 3:10

XXIV. Installation of Officers

Past Department Commander Gary Gibson installed the officers according to Ritual.

Commander-Elect Worley made the following Officer appointments:

- Patriotic Instructor – Max Rieske
- Chaplain – William McAfee
- Historian – John Keith
- Graves Registration Officer – Rick Danes
- Memorials Officer – Douglas Armstrong
- G.A.R. Records – Gary Gibson
- Signals Officer – Matt Adair
- Guide – John Brewster
- Guard – Philip Cripe
- Color Bearer – Ed Dowd
- Michigan Messenger Editor – Rick Danes
- Camp at Large Coordinator – Robert Mitchell
- Eagle Scout Coordinator – Jeff Morse

XXV. Good of the Order

- a. Commander Worley thanked the Encampment for their trust in electing him.
- b. Max Rieske – spoke on Abraham Lincoln and honoring the bicentennial of his birth.
- c. Bill Lowe – Austin Blair Camp 7 celebrated its 95th anniversary of being a continuously active camp in Michigan – urged camps to watch for their property being assessed by museums.
- d. Robert Mitchell offered free conference calling
- e. Dave Arnold - Curtenious Guard invited everyone to visit the Sunfield GAR hall before dinner.
- f. Commander Worley asked Chaplain McAfee to lead a moment of silence in remembrance of PDC James Lyons.
- g. David Wallace moved that \$25.00 be donated to the GAR fund as a memorial to James Lyons, PDC. The motion was adopted
- h. Gary Gibson discussed the possibility of the Department fielding 100 brothers to take part in the Michigan week parade for the first year of the sesquicentennial. He urged camps to discuss this. Color bearer Ed Dowd would be pleased to lead them.

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XXVI. The Encampment was closed per Ritual by DC Worley

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

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

List of Delegates by Camp

Camp# 0

National Officers

Ken	Freshley	Past Dept Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
David V.	Medert	Commander in Chief	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered

Total for National Officers Camp 2

Camp# 001

Allotted Delegates

Gen. John Logan

2

Tim	Kolean	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
William	Truss	Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote

Total for Gen. John Logan Camp 2

Camp# 002

Allotted Delegates

Gen. Israel B. Richardson

3

Gary R.	Grout	Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Kevin	Lindsey	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote

Total for Gen. Israel B. Richardson Camp 2

Camp# 003

Allotted Delegates

Henry Plant

2

Max	Riekse	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
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Total for Henry Plant Camp 1

Camp# 007

Allotted Delegates

Austin Blair

5

Bob	Griggs	Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Mark	Heath	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Bob	Hoffman	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Ronald	Lewis	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Howard	Lloyd	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Bill	Lowe	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote

List of Delegates by Camp

Michael	Maillard	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Jeff	Oberdank	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote

Total for Austin Blair Camp **8**

Camp# 014

Allotted Delegates

Robert Finch

6

Dale	Aurand	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Neal	Breugh	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Bob	Clark	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Joe	Conger	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Don	Gray	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Tom	Jenkins	Alt Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Jim	Johnson	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Jeff	Morse	Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Bill	Skillman	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
H. G.	Smith	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Alan Jacob	Werdhoff	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote

Total for Robert Finch Camp **11**

Camp# 017

Allotted Delegates

Curtenius Guard

5

Pauld "Dave"	Arnold	Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
David	Bankhead	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Keith G.	Harrison	Past C in C	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Paul D.	Hodges	Past Dept Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Mark	Hoffman	Alt Delegate	<input type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
James A.	Pahl	Alt Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
James B.	Pahl	Past C in C	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Doug	Park	Past Dept Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Kenneth	Rousseau	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
George	Roux	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote

List of Delegates by Camp

Ronald G.	Shull	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Brian	Shumway	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Dennis	Zank	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote

Total for Curtenius Guard Camp 13

Camp# 020 **Allotted Delegates**

Gen. Benjamin Pritchard 4

Bill	Brennan	Past Dept Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Bill	Costello	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Gary L.	Gibson	Past Dept Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Steve	Redinger	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input type="checkbox"/> Present for vote

Total for Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp 4

Camp# 022 **Allotted Delegates**

Colegrove - Woodruff 3

Howard	Streeter	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Blaine	Valentine	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote

Total for Colegrove - Woodruff Camp 2

Camp# 043 **Allotted Delegates**

Nash- Hodges 3

Gary	Naugle	Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
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Total for Nash- Hodges Camp 1

Camp# 058 **Allotted Delegates**

George W. Anderson 3

Doug	Armstrong	Past Camp Commander	<input type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Dennis	Felton	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Gordon	McGarey	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote

Total for George W. Anderson Camp 3

List of Delegates by Camp

Camp# 135

Allotted Delegates

March to the Sea

3

Phillip	Cripe	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Bruce	Gosling	Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
David	Gosling	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Chuck	Worley	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote

Total for March to the Sea Camp

4

Camp# 145

Allotted Delegates

Gov. Henry Crapo

4

Matthew	Adair	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Dennis C.	Derr	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Dennis C.	Derr II	Dept Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Ed	Dowd	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Donald W.	Shaw	Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
James G.	Thompson	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
David F.	Wallace	Past Dept Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Neal	Zabicki	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote

Total for Gov. Henry Crapo Camp

8

Camp# 160

Allotted Delegates

Henry Wallace

2

Gary	Granger	Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
David	Hilliker	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Max	Newman	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote

Total for Henry Wallace Camp

3

Camp# 180

Allotted Delegates

Carpenter- Welch

2

Daniel G.	Benfield	Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
William	Eaton	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote

List of Delegates by Camp

Bill	McAfee	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Michael E.	Van Wasshnova	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote

Total for Carpenter- Welch Camp **4**

Camp# 255 **Allotted Delegates**
LeValley-Heusted 2

Rick	Greene	Past Dept Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
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Total for LeValley-Heusted Camp **1**

Camp# 427 **Allotted Delegates**
Sgt. John Cosby 5

Edward J.	Binkley	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Rick	Danes	Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Howard	Fite	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Gerald	Jacobs	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
Jerry A.	Olson	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote

Total for Sgt. John Cosby Camp **5**

Camp# 462 **Allotted Delegates**
Russell A. Alger 2

Robert A.	Mitchell	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present for vote
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Total for Russell A. Alger Camp **1**

Total Number of Brothers registered (not necessarily in attendance): **75**

Total Number of Brothers signed in and attended: **73**

Total Number of Brothers present for vote: **65**

Report of Camp Delegate Voting Strength

Camp#	Allotted Delegates	PCCs
001		
<i>Gen. John Logan</i>	2	3
	Camp Commander	1
Total for Gen. John Logan Camp		1
Camp#	Allotted Delegates	PCCs
002		
<i>Gen. Israel B. Richardson</i>	3	3
	Camp Commander	1
	Past Camp Commander	1
Total for Gen. Israel B. Richardson Camp		2
Camp#	Allotted Delegates	PCCs
003		
<i>Henry Plant</i>	2	2
	Past Camp Commander	1
Total for Henry Plant Camp		1
Camp#	Allotted Delegates	PCCs
007		
<i>Austin Blair</i>	5	12
	Camp Commander	1
	Delegate	3
	Past Camp Commander	4
Total for Austin Blair Camp		8
Camp#	Allotted Delegates	PCCs
014		
<i>Robert Finch</i>	6	8
	Camp Commander	1
	Delegate	6
	Past Camp Commander	2

Report of Camp Delegate Voting Strength

Total for Robert Finch Camp

9

Camp# 017	Allotted Delegates	PCCs
<i>Curtenius Guard</i>	5	9
	Camp Commander	1
	Delegate	4
	Past C in C	2
	Past Camp Commander	2
	Past Dept Commander	2

Total for Curtenius Guard Camp

11

Camp# 020	Allotted Delegates	PCCs
<i>Gen. Benjamin Pritchard</i>	4	10
	Past Camp Commander	1
	Past Dept Commander	2

Total for Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp

3

Camp# 022	Allotted Delegates	PCCs
<i>Colegrove - Woodruff</i>	3	7
	Delegate	1
	Past Camp Commander	1

Total for Colegrove - Woodruff Camp

2

Camp# 058	Allotted Delegates	PCCs
<i>George W. Anderson</i>	3	5
	Delegate	2

Total for George W. Anderson Camp

2

Report of Camp Delegate Voting Strength

Camp#	Allotted Delegates	PCCs
135		
<i>March to the Sea</i>	3	2
	Camp Commander	1
	Delegate	2
	Past Camp Commander	1
Total for March to the Sea Camp		4
Camp#	Allotted Delegates	PCCs
145		
<i>Gov. Henry Crapo</i>	4	7
	Camp Commander	1
	Delegate	4
	Dept Commander	1
	Past Camp Commander	1
	Past Dept Commander	1
Total for Gov. Henry Crapo Camp		8
Camp#	Allotted Delegates	PCCs
160		
<i>Henry Wallace</i>	2	6
	Camp Commander	1
	Past Camp Commander	2
Total for Henry Wallace Camp		3
Camp#	Allotted Delegates	PCCs
180		
<i>Carpenter- Welch</i>	2	4
	Camp Commander	1
	Delegate	2
	Past Camp Commander	1
Total for Carpenter- Welch Camp		4

Report of Camp Delegate Voting Strength

Camp# 255	Allotted Delegates	PCCs
<i>LeValley-Heusted</i>	2	2
	Past Dept Commander	1
Total for LeValley-Heusted Camp		1
Camp# 427	Allotted Delegates	PCCs
<i>Sgt. John Cosby</i>	5	2
	Camp Commander	1
	Delegate	3
	Past Camp Commander	1
Total for Sgt. John Cosby Camp		5
Camp# 462	Allotted Delegates	PCCs
<i>Russell A. Alger</i>	2	0
	Delegate	1
Total for Russell A. Alger Camp		1
Total Number of Brothers in Attendance For Voting:		65

State of the Department Address
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Lansing, Michigan
25 April 2009

Brothers of the Department of Michigan,

Introduction

I have the privilege of presenting you with the State of the Department Address for the 2008-2009 administrative year.

Membership

The Department Membership level for 2009, based on the Camp Annual Reports received so far, appears to be at about the same level as 2008 with no major overall gain or loss. However, not all of the Camps have submitted their reports so we won't have the final numbers until all the Camps have reported.

Camps

I was notified by the Commander of the Archibald Stewart Camp No. 259 in Litchfield, MI that on January 25, 2009 the Brothers of the Camp voted unanimously to surrender the Camp Charter and disband the Camp. I was able to obtain the Camp Charter, the remaining Camp Funds in the amount \$81.37, the Camp records and some miscellaneous property.

I have also been notified by the Commander of the William A. Kent Camp No. 83 in Greenville, MI that there are too few members willing or able to fill the Camp Officers positions necessary to keep the Camp going and the Brothers of the Camp have decided to surrender the Camp Charter and disband the Camp. Commander Woodard has already surrendered the Camp Charter to the Department and has closed out the Camp's Bank account and forwarded the remaining funds of \$406.41 to the Department Treasurer. The remaining Camp funds were designated for the restoration of the Greenville, MI Civil War Monument and Brother Woodard has requested that these funds be used towards the restoration of the Greenville, MI Civil War Monument. The Camp raised this money in conjunction with the local Daughters Tent.

Despite losing two Camps, there is some good news. I am pleased to report that there is a new Camp forming in Bay City, MI. This name of this new Camp is the U.S. Grant Camp No. 67. If all goes as planned, Camp No. 67 should be officially up and running by July of this year.

Graves Registration

As for the Department Graves Registration Program, I commend Brother Rick Danes for his leadership as Chairman of the Graves Registration Committee and the entire committee for their hard work and dedication to this program.

G.A.R. Records

The Department and the G.A.R. Records Program suffered a great loss last month with the passing of Brother James T. Lyons, PDC. Jim's hard work and dedication made the Department of Michigan's G.A.R. Records Program one that we can all be extremely proud of.

I am pleased to report that we were able to recover all Department and G.A.R. Records materials from Jim's house and they are safe.

Finances

The Department's financial situation continues to be sound and I will leave the details to the Department Treasurer to cover in his report.

Recommendations

- After the situation in having to pick up Department property from Jim Lyon's and spending literally hours going through boxes, I recommend that all Brothers who have Department Property in their possession to label all such property as "Property of the Department of Michigan, SUVCW."
- I am not sure if that has been done in the last few years, but I also recommend that the Department Council conduct an inventory of all Department Property noting its location and condition.
- I recommend that the funds from the Archibald Stewart Camp No. 259 in the amount of \$406.41 be set aside and placed into a separate fund designated the Greeneville Civil War Monument Fund until things can be worked out with the Daughters as to what to do with the funds.

Officers and Staff

I would like to thank the Officers and Staff for their dedicated service to the Department of Michigan over the past year. It has been a pleasure working with you.

In closing, I would like to thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as Department Commander for the past two years.

Respectfully submitted,

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Dennis C. Derr II
Commander
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Michigan
May 2008- April 2009

Report of the Department Senior Vice Commander
Charles L. Worley

Brothers,

It is my pleasure to report to you my experiences as your Department Senior Vice Commander. This past year I have had the opportunity to meet a number of brothers at various events. I regret that family and work obligations didn't allow me to participate more often in your Camp events. There were plenty of invitations and I appreciate each and every one of those cordial invites and will attend as many as I am able.

This past year has been a learning experience about how our organization functions. I have been in a number of long conversations with past and current Department officers discussing the various issues that need to be identified, if not put to rest with an appropriate solution. I have better acquainted myself with the dynamics of individual Camps. The conclusion I have is that every Camp seems to find an aspect of our mission scope that they can pull together upon. Those efforts produce some truly remarkable results. Another dynamic I've learned about this year is the Camp that disbands. Hopefully the reasons to continue a Camp are stronger.

I've learned more about our Department's "Treasures". The efforts I previously alluded to have resulted in some great collections and research of Michigan's contribution to the Civil War and Reconstruction eras. Our membership brings much talent and enthusiasm to communities. We will need these good brothers to preserve these treasures and impress upon our State Officials the value of these traces into our history.

This past year was more importantly a listening experience. As I met many of you, I found that hearing your ideas and visions for our organization have been very insightful. The Good of the Order can be guided by your ideas as well as prepare our members for leadership. I also listened to some ordinary citizens and their concerns as to how we can meet the needs of our communities. Last Memorial Day, a veteran's widow approached me and asked how her late husband could have an American Flag placed on his grave. For whatever reason, his had been overlooked. There is a lot of food for thought in that one heartfelt question.

This is a list of the events that I attended and represented the Department of Michigan as Senior Vice Commander:

- 2008 Department Encampment
- Memorial Day Parade-White Pigeon, Michigan
- Rededication of the GAR monument-Centreville, Michigan
- Remembrance Day-Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
- Bylaws Committee
- Camp Officer Installations-Camp 14, Camp 3, and Camp 135
- Graves Registration Officers meetings-December 08, March 09
- Investigation of the 100 pound Parrott Gun-Niles, Michigan

With Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Chuck Worley

DONALD W. SHAW

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April 16, 2009

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Re: Report to the Department Encampment

Brothers,

It is my pleasure to report to you that we were a bit busier this year than we were last. We have had a number of membership referrals from the national organization which we processed. The number was definitely up from last year, and all such applications were forwarded to and acted upon by various camps within the Department.

Additionally, there is an effort to establish a new camp in the Saginaw/Bay City/Midland area. An informational meeting has been held. We have ten to fifteen persons expressing an interest to join the order through that proposed new camp. The formal organizational meeting for that proposed camp is set for May 1, 2009. With any luck at all, and some good work by the organizers, the next Encampment may be welcoming a delegation from the tri-cities area.

I have no formal recommendations to set before the Encampment.

It has been my honor and my pleasure to serve you in the post of Junior Vice Commander during these past two years. I thank you for having given me that opportunity. It is very much appreciated. I look forward to continuing to serve the Department going into the future.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Donald W. Shaw
Junior Vice Commander
Department of Michigan - SUVCW



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department of Michigan
Office of Secretary

April 23, 2009

To: Department Commander Derr and the Encampment
Re: The report of the 2009 Department Secretary

Commander,

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Department Secretary. In this role I finished and electronically distributed the minutes of the last encampment, recorded and delivered the resolutions of the encampment, produced and submitted the annual report to National on time, submitted the Certification of Election of officers for Camps and the Department, created credentials for both Department and National encampments, processed many new applications and camp status reports, maintained and updated both the department database and the paper files and records, and received, distributed and responded to correspondence from National, other Departments, and camps and their individual members.

I have continued to use an electronic mail system I set up which allows me to contact all Camp Commanders and Secretaries with up to date information, orders, and reminders of pending due dates. I would encourage all camps to try to make sure that their secretary and/or commander have or provide them an email address for that purpose. As one of our Brothers once said, this organization runs on email!

The secretary job description states that, among other things, he should maintain a copy of the bylaws of each camp within the department. I have been attempting to gather those with reminders via email and articles in the Messenger. I thank the camps who have sent them to me and encourage the others to get me a copy as soon as possible

As Department Secretary I have attended the Department Encampment, the installation of officers for camp 427 and their 10th anniversary celebration

Respectfully Submitted In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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April 20, 2009

Report of the Department Treasurer

Commander Derr, Officers and Men of the Department of Michigan

The Department of Michigan has concluded the financial business of Membership Year 2008-2009. I suggest that the Department owes Commander Derr, who I understand is retiring this year, its gratitude for maintaining sound, conservative fiscal practices such that our finances are in good position for this change of command.

We post expenditures during MY2008-2009 of \$13,658.86 and revenues of \$17,533.97, annual dues and per capita management which comprised \$13,227 of these revenues during the year. Accounts total funds of \$31,462.78 as of March 31, 2009. Of that total, \$745 is Alger Memorial Fund restricted account, \$419 is restricted Rally Round the Flag funds and \$260 of that amount is funds applicable to MY 2009-2010 Per Capita to be applied with the Department Annual Report

I wish to report:

1. The Department Certificate of Deposit (CD) balance is \$15,065.44 as of March 31 and earned \$ 450.67 during the membership year. The Department also purchased an additional CD with funds remaining from the previous membership year, that for \$6,000. By March 31, the balance on this new CD was \$6,149.57, bringing investment earnings to a total of \$695.10.
2. The Department Secretary and Department Junior Vice Commander and Department Treasurer have maintained appropriately bonding.
3. Department sales netted \$788.24. This represents solid improvement over previous year net sales as a result of implementation of the Department Merchandise Page and a better record of our advertisement appearing in The Banner.

4 The Alger *Medal of Honor* Fund was not accessed during MY2008-2009 and remains at \$745.45, having earned \$1.86 in interest.

5. Project funds other than the GAR Records Project have not been utilized as planned and the incoming Commander should review these budgets. I have posited a continuation budget for these projects pending such review.

6. Department Senior Vice Commander Worley has developed policy for the Department Permanent Fund which he will present to this encampment to formalize this fund.

I offer these recommendations for consideration by the Encampment for the coming year:

1. The Treasury is sound and I recommend no increase in department per capita tax. I have recommended a *continuation budget* to Department Council, i.e. one that allows expenditures similar to what has been the basis for the present year budget.
2. I recommend that cash amounts remaining at the close of MY2008-2009 be assigned to the Certificate of Deposit balance.
3. I recommend that improving our web-based marketing system be made a priority in the coming year, with a goal of being capable of selling items and collecting sales revenues through internet mechanisms during the 2009-2010 Membership Year.
4. Brother Dave Arnold has served as Assistant to the Treasurer during the past three years and has performed superbly. We have in essence had no customer satisfaction complaints and I believe the Department has earned a reputation for filling orders quickly and with personalized care, largely due to Brother Arnold's efficient performance of his duties. He is now asking to be relieved of these duties in order to concentrate on Camp Commander tasks during the coming year. I recommend that Brother Arnold be commended by the 119th Encampment for his efforts.

I have submitted my name for consideration by the Encampment as Department Treasurer in the coming year. I have enjoyed serving the Department and would wish to see through the projects initiated during the past administration should such be the decision of delegates of the 119th Encampment.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Brian J. Shumway, Treasurer
 Department of Michigan, SUVCW

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
ACCOUNTS

	01 Apr-08 BEGINNING BAL	31-Mar-09 End BAL
Checking	\$ 12,751.21	\$ 10,233.71
Savings	\$ -	\$ -
Alger Medal Hnr	\$ 743.59	\$ 745.45
Cert. of Deposit	\$ 14,567.51	\$ 21,230.47
Total Deposited Funds	\$ 28,062.31	\$ 32,209.63
Cash	\$ -	\$ -
receivable	\$ -	\$ -
Checks Outstandg	\$ -	\$ 746.85
<u>Total Avail.Funds</u>	\$ 28,062.31	\$ 31,462.78
Note: MY08-09 Per capita	\$ 884.00	MY Year 09-10 \$ 260.00

Restricted Use Report*

	Beginning	1st Quarter Total
Rally Round the Flag	\$ 415.00	\$ 419.00
Sesquicentennial Celebration		\$ 757.50

*special purpose funds included in the checking account.

2008-09 Revenues

Annual Dues	12,780
Per Cap	297
App Fees	150
Sales	2,065
Interest	695
Dept Encampment	1,455
<u>Camp Closing</u>	81
Total	\$ 17,534

2008-09 Expenses

National for Dues	8,892
Sales	1,277
Officer Expenses	292
Ceremonies	86
National Funds	75
GAR Records	213
<u>Dept Encampment</u>	2,675
Total	\$ 13,651

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Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Report of the Department Signals Officer 120th Encampment, April 25th, 2009

Brothers,

I have to honor to submit the following report concerning the activities of the Department Signals Officer for the 2008-2009 year:

During the past year, the Department website has mostly been in “maintenance mode.” No major features or content has been added to calendars, Camp pages, etc.

The web hosting account currently costs \$6.95 a month, payable in two year increments, which works out to \$166.80 every two years. Our current account will need payment again in June of 2010. In addition, the yearly cost of the domain name (www.suvcwmi.org), which will also expire in June 2009, 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.

The lack of current information submitted by individual camps continues to be a problem. **VERY FEW CAMPS** in this Department have submitted updated information. To reiterate what has been said in the past, our website is the online, public face of our camps and department, we need to make sure that the information presented is as current and accurate as possible. The internet age has been upon us for a number of years. More and more people used the internet to obtain information. We cannot grow as an organization if the public cannot contact us, or we do not present a reputable image.

For those Camps who are interested in maintaining their own web sites, space is available on the department server for no charge. Please contact me for more information you are interested.

Brother Rick Greene, during his administration as Department Commander, tasked the Communications and Technology committee with finding a reasonably priced recording solution for recording the proceedings of the Department Encampment. I believe we have found an appropriate solution in the Zoom H2 Handy Portable Stereo Recorder, which is currently selling for \$163.10 through Amazon.com. The unit is a handheld, digital recorder which can record many hours of material on a single SD Card. I would tentatively recommend that the Department consider purchasing one, depending on the results of testing a borrowed unit at this year's encampment.

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



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

Office of the Graves Registration Officer



April 22, 2009

Dennis C. Derr, PCC, DC
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Greetings Commander Derr,

Please accept the attached as a final report for the year 2008-2009 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 2008 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 the deletion of over 2000 incomplete entries and an additional 1787 records entered into the Department database reflecting a total of 55,259 records. We have revised the database to recognize alias names, and moved cenotaph information to a miscellaneous field, and in recent months have taken on an assignment to document in a database all deceased SUVCV members.

The committee met for 38th consecutive time in March of this year, as we achieved a core attendance of approximately 50% of the Camps. Like the 2007- 2008 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 2009-2010 to reflect changes in our methods of doing business. Each Camp attending a GRO 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 8 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 8500 entries, raising the total number of Department of Michigan records to over 46,812. The National Database contains over 600,000 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,

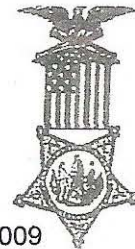
Richard E. Danes,
Department of Michigan
Graves Registration Officer

CC: Charles Worley, Department SVC
Kevin Lindsey, Department Secretary



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

OFFICE OF THE EDITOR, MICHIGAN'S MESSENGER



April 22, 2009

Dennis C. Derr, PCC, DC
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Greetings Commander Derr,

Please accept the attached as a final report for the year 2008-2009 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.

Currently, *Michigan's Messenger* is sent electronically to all 24 Camps in the Department of Michigan. Each Camp contact then should email the Messenger to their Camp's e-mail list, and arrange for copies to be delivered to those who do not have e-mail. Many Brothers prefer to read the news on the Department Website at home, and some Brothers who do not have e-mail of their own stop by a local library and use their e-mail service rather than getting a paper copy of their own. *Michigan's Messenger* is also e-mailed to all Department Officers that I have a current address for, and the Commander-in-Chief. All issues that have been forwarded to this editor have been expeditiously and professionally resolved.

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 e-mail 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,

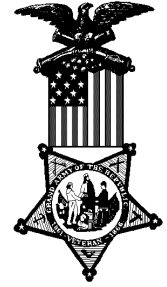
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Richard E. Danes,
Department of Michigan
Editor, *Michigan's Messenger*

CC: Charles Worley, Department SVC
Kevin Lindsey, Department Secretary



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REPORT of the DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN
April 25, 2009

Commander Derr:

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:

2008:

8/21 Fred Knoodle, Robert Finch Camp No. 14, Traverse City.

2009:

1/20 Ray E. Shedd, Gen. Israel B. Richardson Camp No. 2, Oakland Co.

3/11 PDC James T. Lyons, Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17, Lansing/Sunfield

2. During this fiscal year I have attended and/or participated in the following activities related to my position as Department Chaplain:
 - Annual Civil War Muster in Jackson August 23 , 2008.
 - Camp No. 427's 10th Anniversary Open House on Jan 31, 2009.
 - The Memorial Service for PDC Lyons on March 17, 2009.
3. I submitted appropriate reports of the deaths of Michigan brothers 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 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.).

April 6th, 2009

DEPARTMENT of MICHIGAN
SUVCW
DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN'S
2008-2008 ANNUAL REPORT

Sir:

This past year has been another slow year for the Department of Michigan office of the Historian.

I have received few items from the Brothers of the order.

As stated in the Michigan Messenger that all brothers can send items to me relating to their Department Office or items from their Camps and I will add them to our archives of our Department.

I have received some newspaper clippings from Department Brothers and a few pension files, which is greatly appreciated. We have quite a list of pension files now.

As of this date this is what I have concerning the year 2008-2009 for Office of the Department of Michigan Historian!
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty:
John R. Keith

Commander
Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20
Department Historian
Department of Michigan
SUVCW

Civil War Memorials Committee
Report to the Department Encampment
April 25, 2009
By Douglas Armstrong, Chair

There has, in recent weeks, been some public interest with a certain cannon in Southwest Michigan. I would like to thank those Brothers who have brought this to my attention and have proactively taken on the responsibility of educating the local authorities of the important significance of these pieces of history to their community. I have spoken with the city myself and am encouraged and pleased by their response to preserve the cannon's purpose in a place of honor as part of a veterans' park. Thanks again to those Brothers for their immediate action with this news.

With these recent events, I would therefore like to again strongly encourage and revive each Camp's participation with the locating and assessing the condition of monuments and memorials in their areas. Due to variously changing circumstances such as weather, vandalism and neglect the Department's Civil War Memorials Assessment Program has always been intended to be an ongoing project.

As springtime nears we will again be venturing into local cemeteries and recording the graves of the men we honor. I'd like to encourage each Brother as we do this to also notice the several monuments and memorials erected in honor of those men. These memorials rest in nearly every community in Michigan. As the rest of the world hurries by without a glance at these pieces of our heritage, let us remember the purpose of our Order. We can better perpetuate the memory of the G.A.R. and of the men who served to save the Union by promoting the preservation of these memorials. By observing their proper care and upkeep, we are educating the public of their historical importance.

In the past several years, I have been proud to attend several rededication ceremonies of monuments and memorials across Michigan. I commend those Camps for their dedication and devotion to seeing to the restoration of these memorials. I would like to preserve your hard work by including in the Department Record these extraordinary projects. Therefore, I am requesting that any Camp that has completed such a project or is the process or planning stages of a project, please send a detailed account of that project to me for inclusion in the Department's database and possibly on it's web site. These projects should be shared with the rest of the membership as well as the public.

For those new members or Camps, I would like to share some information about the assessment program. The intent of the program is to locate and assess the condition of all Civil War Memorials, from the grandest and ornate sculpture to a small bronze plaque. Each has historical significance and deserves proper respect and honor. The information is recorded on a form and once submitted to the department, is maintained in a database. If a memorial is in urgent need of treatment, the care of that memorial can then be brought to the attention of the community government where the memorial is located.

I thank those Camps that have a program already in place and have continued to submit assessments. For those Camps that have not yet initiated a program, I encourage your participation. I request that each newly elected Camp Commander appoint a Camp Civil War Memorials Officer and have that Officer contact me to ensure that the proper materials and information have been provided to them, so there is no duplication of effort by those Brothers. Please contact me if any Camp or Brother requires any further information or necessary forms. Please send any completed forms along with photos to me at the following address: 3481 Parkwood Dr., DeWitt, Michigan 48820. I may also be reached by telephone or email at the following: (517)669-1947 or doug24mich@comcast.net. With the assistance of each Camp by their participation with the program we are ensuring the education and appreciation of future generations.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Michigan
May 2008- April 2009

Report of the Department Bylaws Committee

Charles Worley, Chair
James B. Pahl, PC-in-C
Donald W. Shaw, PCC

The members serving on the Bylaws Committee for 2009 remember Brother James Lyons for the years and dedication that he contributed to shaping the Department of Michigan into an outstanding organization. His wisdom and insight will be missed.

The Department Bylaws committee researched and discussed two proposals for consideration by the Department Encampment of April 25, 2009. Both proposals were advanced sixty (60) days prior to the Encampment to the current Camp Commanders by email (January 21, and February 17, 2009). The Spring edition of the Michigan Messenger provided space to notify members of the proposals.

As stated in the Bylaws of the Department of Michigan:

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.

Therefore, this committee recommends the following for consideration:

Resolved: DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN PERMANENT FUND

ARTICLE 1. A "Restricted Account" shall be established and managed for the purposes of the Department of Michigan. This restricted account shall be known as the "Department of Michigan Permanent Fund".

ARTICLE 2. The purpose of this Fund is to preserve the principle and encourage Brothers of the Department and interested patrons to increase the principle through the generosity of their gifts. The Department Permanent Fund must be administered per the requirements of a tax exempt nonprofit corporation, per the Internal Revenue Code, as amended. The use of the fund must be in accordance with the Constitution and Regulations of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

ARTICLE 3. The Department Council is charged to invest the principle of the Department of Michigan Permanent Fund in order to achieve an income yield. The Department Treasurer will administer the account. Reports to the annual Department Encampment will include decisions made and a balance sheet of the account's state.

ARTICLE 4. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Michigan Officer signatories of the Department of Michigan Permanent Fund shall be the Department Treasurer and such Assistant Treasurers that shall be designated for such purpose by a Department Encampment.

ARTICLE 5. Any funds donated to and received for the Department of Michigan Permanent Fund shall be deposited directly into this restricted account by the Treasurer. An acknowledgement of the gift to the donor will be sent conforming to applicable IRS regulations. Such funds shall be kept on deposit in one or more institutions whose deposits are fully insured to the amount of the deposit, or invested in obligations of the United States or in the securities of corporations or trusts located in the United States, which securities are listed or admitted to trading privileges on the New York Stock Exchange, American Stock Exchange or NASDAQ, as directed by the Department Council. No investment shall be made in the securities of any corporation or trust which has not paid regular dividends on its common stock or on its capital stock if it has only one class, for at least three years prior to such investment.

ARTICLE 6. Subject to the restrictions governing any such funds, the income of the permanent fund, or any portion thereof, as determined by affirmative vote of a Department Encampment, may be transferred to the General Fund and used for the expenses and purposes of the Order, but any income not so transferred shall be added to the principal.

Also recommended for Department Encampment consideration:

Resolved: **Proposed Membership Classes**

Juniors

Section 1. Camps may provide for Juniors as defined by the Constitution & Regulations of the Order.

Section 2. Juniors may not hold any elected office in any Camp or the Department, nor shall they be eligible to serve in any appointive office of the Department.

Section 3. Juniors shall not be counted in determining the number of delegates a Camp may have to a Department Encampment.

Section 4. The Department shall not impose the per capita tax on Juniors.

Section 5. Juniors shall not be counted toward the required number of Brothers to establish a new Camp. However, the names of Juniors may appear on the Camp Charter and be so designated as Charter Juniors of the Camp.

Section 6. Camps may impose further restrictions on Juniors and provide for their organization in accordance with the provisions in the Constitution & Regulations of the Order.

Section 7. Camps may adopt amendments to their By-Laws which prohibit the establishment of Juniors within their Camp.

Section 8. The Department Membership-at-Large Coordinator is hereby authorized to establish Juniors within the Department Membership-at-Large.

Junior Associates

Section 1. Camps may provide for Junior Associates as defined by the Constitution & Regulations of the Order.

Section 2. Junior Associates may not hold any elected office in any Camp or the Department, nor shall they be eligible to serve in any appointive office of the Department.

Section 3. Junior Associates shall not be counted in determining the number of delegates a Camp may have to the Department Encampment.

Section 4. The Department shall not impose the per capita tax on Junior Associates.

Section 5. Junior Associates shall not be counted toward the required number of Brothers to establish a new Camp. The names of Junior Associates may not appear on the Camp Charter nor be designated as Charter members of the Camp.

Section 6. Camps may impose further restrictions on Junior Associates and provide for their organization in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution & Regulations of the Order.

Respectfully Submitted by the Committee Members,

Chuck Worley
James Pahl
Don Shaw