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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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J. Douglas Park
Department Commander

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404 Kenway Drive
Lansing, MI 48917

1. I believe I speak for many when I give thanks to our All Wise Providence for the good news that two of our brothers are still with us. Bro. Jerry Friend and PCC Roger Graves of Colegrove-Woodruff Camp #22 recently experienced life threatening illnesses. While each is looking at a protracted recovery and neither Jerry or Roger are in tip-top shape, we give thanks that the physicians were able to provide the necessary care to allow both to attend their recent camp meeting. Others have had personal and family illnesses which have been worrisome as well. We convey our best wishes for a speedy recovery to these as well.

2. I am pleased to report the Department has raised its \$500.00 share to allow us to participate with the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War in adopting a Civil War flag for preservation. As you know, we voted in the 1993 Department Encampment to participate with the DUVCW in adopting a flag of the Civil War era for preservation. We were recently informed by Carol Santini, President, Michigan Department, DUVCW that they, too, have achieved their goal of raising \$500 or one half the total cost, i.e. \$1000, of preserving one flag. The flag we have chosen to adopt is the 1st Michigan Cavalry flag because of its uniqueness. Of all the flags researched which were not yet adopted, it was a flag in which no reenactment organization had expressed interest and the only flag for which history notes that men and women had been responsible for its being saved during the Civil War. It is, therefore, appropriate that organizations of men and women descended from Civil War veterans adopt such a flag. We are in the planning stages of preparing an adoption ceremony this summer, perhaps at one of the encampments. I want to thank each brother who bought a cup, poster or other fund raising item to ensure this project could be completed. I

trust many of you will be able to participate in the adoption ceremony to come.

3. I wish to thank the hard working Department Officers whose skill and dedication ensured a most productive Michigan Department Mid-Winter Conference which was held at the Midway Motor Lodge in Lansing, MI. The training conference was structured much like a clinic and Department Officers met with Camp Officers of similar title to provide training, share success stories and develop a working rapport between camps. I heard good comments regarding the session and was informed that several camp officers left with a much better understanding of their respective duties. Special thanks go to SVC-in-C Keith Harrison for the job descriptions on which the session was based and also to Dept. Secretary/Treasurer Richard Williams for his training which brought rave reviews. Most important, thanks to all of you who took time away from your already busy schedule and permitted us to share part of your day.

4. The Mid-Winter Conference noted above was followed that evening by our annual Washington-Lincoln Dinner at the same hotel. The dinner speaker was Weldon Petz, a world renown Lincoln scholar, who provided a breath-taking presentation on the events following Lincoln's assassination, including the details of Lincoln's funeral train which traveled from Washington, D.C. to Springfield, Illinois. Weldon, as is his custom, brought along actual artifacts pertinent to his presentation, i.e. this time from the funeral, and these kept us ogling long after Weldon finished speaking.

5. I am pleased to report that, at long last, Highway U.S.-12 is now known as the "Iron Brigade Memorial Highway". House Concurrent Resolution 626, previously described to you and enclosed

herein, passed the Michigan House on January 26, 1994 and the Michigan Senate on 3 March 1994. It is only through the efforts of Bro. Kent Armstrong and Bro. Michael Nye, a representative in the Michigan Legislature, that the resolution finally passed and was not left to languish in committee. **GENTLEMEN, THANK YOU!** The State of Indiana has already passed legislation which accomplishes the equivalent designation in that state and officials from Michigan and Indiana are presently reviewing signage so, hopefully, uniform signage will be seen in all states. It is now up to the states of Illinois and Wisconsin to complete the overall project of designating U.S.-12 as the Iron Brigade Memorial Highway over its entire length. The effort in Wisconsin has passed their House and is now in their Senate. When these separate legislative efforts are completed, signage will permit the public to be informed of the designation and that the Brigade was formed from three of the states and the 24th Michigan Infantry served as honor guard for President Lincoln's body in Springfield, Illinois. Efforts are now underway to raise funds to prepare historical markers to inform the public of the service and sacrifice of the Iron Brigade during the Civil War. We expect to receive and, subsequently, raffle off a Civil War art print by a well known Civil War artist to financially support this important work.

6. As noted earlier, the Department is hosting the 1994 National Allied Orders Encampment, August 12-14, 1994. We have received through Commander Don Workman, Wa-Bu-No Camp #53, a donation from Norm LaBarge, who owns an art dealership in Midland. Mr. LaBarge has donated a framed and matted art print of General George A. Custer at Five Forks, Virginia by the noted Civil War artist Don Spaulding. Raffle tickets for this print, not to be confused (continued on page 2)

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Department Orders (continued)

with the art print in order #5 above, are now being sold for \$5.00. We will make every effort to share the print and provide you a raffle ticket before the drawing which will take place during the National Encampment, August 13, at 8:00 pm. The proceeds will be used to defray costs of hosting the National Encampment.

7. Bro. Keith Harrison, PDC and SVC-in-C and the Department Bylaws Committee chaired by Dept. SVC Bill Brennan will be presenting recommendations for changing the Department Bylaws at the Department Encampment in June. The research and time given this project by all committee members is appreciated. This effort is aimed at updating the document to reflect present day operations.

8. We are proud to announce the formation of a new SUVCW camp in Grand Rapids and the installation of officers on April 12, 1994. Grand Rapids is the city where the first GAR post in Michigan was formed. The new camp, in fact, derives its name from that GAR post. Please be sure to welcome our new brothers at the Department Encampment from General John A. Logan Camp No. 1, Grand Rapids! You will want to greet Commander Scott Twietmeyer and his staff and give them a warm welcome. Thanks go to Camp Organizer Jim Lyons, Department Junior Vice Commander Dave Wallace, and site coordinator Ricky Ainsworth for tireless efforts to ensure the SUVCW is once again represented in the state's second largest metropolis. Great job, fellows!

9. Camp organizational efforts are also underway in Howell, Bay City and Ypsilanti. By the time this is being read, several initial meetings will have been held. If any brother knows of applicants who may be interested in joining these new camps, please have them notify Dept. JVC Dave Wallace as soon as possible if they would like to be included as a charter member of a new camp.

10. I would like to thank Brothers Jim Lyons and Todd Rakestraw who spoke in March on behalf of the SUVCW to the Lansing City Council in an effort to once again educate those who would remove the name of General John A. Logan from one of Lansing's main North/South thor-

oughfares. The name change was not to be blunted, however, by any degree of education and so the name, in Lansing, has passed into the ages. I did request, however, that the Logan street signs be provided to our Order so that we, the Michigan Department, SUVCW, could see that Logan's name, which is synonymous with Memorial Day, would receive the honor and respect which is his due.

11. We have heard that your response to two requests from this office have started to have positive effects. The request from the Dept of Connecticut, SUVCW, to assist the Rhode Island Department, SUVCW in its efforts to once again have access to the Benefit St. Arsenal, Providence, R. I. in which the Department has its assets and where its meetings have been held have prompted the Rhode Island Attorney General to become involved. We understand, at a minimum, the Department of Rhode Island again has access to the Arsenal. The Attorney General is now inquiring as to the disappearance of certain federal property, i.e. weapons. Your response regarding the deplorable condition of Grant's Tomb in New York City has also been most welcome. Commander-in-Chief Moore and the Oliver Tilden Camp #26, Department of New York will meet at the Tomb as a part of Grant's birthday commemoration this month. The Commander-in-Chief and Camp officers would solicit any brother, who has not yet gone on record, to write their congressmen, the National Park Service, and others responsible for the oversight of the National Park Service. The Tomb must be cleaned, repaired, illuminated, provided 24 hour security and no longer allowed to be used as a shelter and outdoor toilet by vagrants and the homeless.

12. Gentlemen, let me again thank you for your trust in electing me your Commander for 1993-1994. It has been a very busy year and one endowed with great cooperation among officers who helped push total membership to 270 members, 13 camps and great respect from the national organization. We have an active Department Council once again and one willing to accept challenges and adopt major fund raising efforts. Our foundation, the Department Bylaws, are in process of being updated and many camps now include educational programs in their business sessions. Our efforts to inform the Lansing City Council of the legacy of John A. Logan, the

flag adoption commitment we shared with the DUVCW, and the involvement in helping rename U.S. 12 as the Iron Brigade Memorial Highway are small examples of how the Order sought to meet its public commitment in the last year. You can be proud of our last year and I thank you for allowing me to be part of it. I will not be seeking reelection and will give my full support to my successor.

13. Gentlemen, as we prepare to host the National Encampment this August, lets endeavor to plan and work together to see the 1994 event become a memorable one for all those who attend. Success will depend on each and every participant and volunteer who will contribute to the work.

14. Members are reminded to send notices to this office to update the Department calendar so these can be published in upcoming issues.

By Order of:

J. Douglas Park
Department Commander

Attest:

Richard Williams
Department Secretary/Treasurer



Michigan Regimentals

A limited number of reprints of the first ten volumes of the "Record of Service — Michigan Volunteers 1861 - 1865" are available for \$12.95 each. Shipping and handling charges are not known at this time. Volume 24 is also in the works and should soon be available. If interested, contact:

John K. King Books
901 West Lafayette Blvd.
Detroit, MI 48226-5363
Fax (313) 963-9138

If you are interested in acquiring a complete set of the books, let the company know, as the rest of the set will not be reprinted unless an interest is shown by enough individuals. There is a possibility that we might be able to make a group purchase at reduced rates. Let me know and I will inquire.

John Mann, Editor

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Sage Sayings of the Senior Vice Commander

Dear Brothers:

During the course of the winter, I was asked by the Allegan County Historical Society to do a talk about something that had to do with the Civil War. This was a dinner to be followed by my program. They told me that the dinner (pot luck) always draws the largest crowds. So I thought to myself, why not do a show and tell program and began planning the program.

I have discovered from past experiences, that if you have something to show your audience, you'll have a much better chance of keeping their attention. With that in mind, I took along a number of pieces of my Civil War memorabilia, enough to fill two long tables. I also enlisted the help of my son Brandon.

The program started at 7:00 pm sharp. Both my son and I were dressed in uniforms that really caught the audience's attention. After explaining the uniforms and talking about the equipment I had brought along, came my chance to tell them about the Grand Army of the Republic. I told them of Dr. Benjamin F. Stevenson who started the G. A. R. and how the G. A. R. got legislation passed for pensions for veterans, veteran's widows and their children.

I also told them of how Memorial Day originated as Decoration Day, by order of G. A. R. National Commander General John Logan's Order Number 11, declaring that May 30th of each year be observed as a day to decorate the graves of veterans. Besides telling them of General Logan being the father of Memorial Day, I informed them that the G. A. R. was a strong political force for many years and that five of our Nation's Presidents were members of the G. A. R.

Then came my opportunity to tell them about the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. As I explained our Membership Badge and my past Camp Commander's Badge, I told them that the G. A. R. members knew that their organization couldn't go on forever and would die alongside its last member. I told the audience of the desire of many of the G. A. R. members that the memory of their sacrifices during the Civil

War not be forgotten by future generations. Of the movement by several of these members to start an organization composed of their sons to carry on their memory. And of the origins of the Sons of Veterans, the original name of our organization. I told them of how we carry on their memory as a patriotic organization, composed of males, whose ancestor's fought to preserve the Union during the War of the Rebellion.

When one thinks of the S. U. V. history, you can't help but mention Major A. P. Davis from Pittsburgh, Pa. A member of the G. A. R. and the founder of the Sons of Veterans on November 12, 1881 (and a member, too!).

After I had shown the audience my collection of G. A. R. Veteran pictures, badges, guns and swords (much of which belonged to my Great Grandfathers; Henry P. Gillespie, of the 13th Michigan Volunteer Infantry and George Brennan of the 11th United States Regular Infantry), I closed things up by playing two songs on my Crosby wood fife from the Civil War. The songs I played for them were the "Battle Cry of Freedom" and "Tramp - Tramp, the Boys are Marching".

After the program, an elderly gentleman of 77 years named Boyd Veenkant came up to me, very happy, as I had mentioned that his Grandfather, Ralph R. Towner, during the program. Towner, of the 186th New York Infantry, Company F, was the last surviving Civil War Veteran in the area. He was born in 1848 and died in 1946 and was Michigan's G. A. R. Department Commander in 1944. He was one of eight living Civil War Veterans from Michigan still alive in 1945. This really made the old gentleman's day for him, he said. Mr. Veenkant then invited me over to his home the following week, where I got to see his Grandfather's uniform, sword and pictures of this old Civil War Vet riding in a WWII army jeep on Memorial Day in Allegan.

Before leaving Mr. Veenkant, you can rest assured that I left him an application to join our Order.

Programs of this nature are not hard to put on. Most of us know enough about the Civil War in general and about some of the equipment to be able to hold the interest of an audience composed of

the general public. A short program of this sort will allow you to get started, then follow it up with a little history of the G. A. R. and finally work around to our organization and you will really have the interest of the audience. This is an excellent way to get the word out about our organization and what it stands for. People that would normally not take time to listen to someone talk about the Sons, will pay attention when you combine your talk with a historical presentation.



If you are uncomfortable in giving a program such as this, ask someone else in your Camp to give the program, but be willing to assist them. Above all, don't let the opportunity pass to get the word out about our organization.

Update: On March 15th, Boyd Veenkant paid his dues and was duly initiated as a member of Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20 of Kalamazoo. I'm sure this would have pleased one old G. A. R. Veteran who served in the Michigan Department for so many long years.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

William A. Brennan
Senior Vice Commander
Department of Michigan



Official Records

For those of you living in the South Central Michigan area, the Jackson County Library (downtown Jackson) has just placed a complete set of the Official Records on its shelves. To my knowledge, this is the only set available to the public closer than Ann Arbor or Lansing. The library is located at 244 West Michigan Avenue and is open from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm Monday through Thursday and 10:00 am to 5:30 pm on Friday and Saturday. The library is not open on Sunday. There is off street parking in the rear of the building.

William Lowe
Austin Blair Camp No. 7

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Jottings from the Junior Vice Commander

Recruiting

"The snow is gone, the grass is riz, I wonder where the prospects is?" Ah, the ponderings of many a Junior Vice Commander at this time of year. Seriously though, this is the time of year we all begin to "dust off" the recruiting table and get ready for some serious work at promoting our Order and growing our Camps. In December, a "Recruiting Support Request" was sent by the Department to all Camp Commanders in order to determine which events the Camps within the Department require support (i. e., recruiting tent, materials and personnel). So far, Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 53 and Governor Crapo Camp No. 145 have responded for events in May, July and September. We need to hear from the rest of you if you anticipate the need of the recruiting tent or need materials (a special thanks to Brothers John Mann and Dean Lamphere for their help in this area). If you need additional "Recruiting Support Request" forms, please contact me at (810) 635-2602.

Department Applicant Survey

As most of the Camp Commanders and Junior Vice Commanders are aware, the Department has been conducting a follow-up survey with all prospects previously contacted from the Department level. Year-to-date, we have had contact with 200 prospects who were referred to the various Camps within the Department (including the Camp-at-Large). Of these, 145 have been recontacted through the "applicant survey" in order to determine their reasons for joining or not joining, methods of contact and how they became aware of our Order. It also gives us a second chance at recruiting by making the prospect aware of the Department Camp-at-Large.

The most prevalent reason for not joining has been "distance to Camp". In order to alleviate that problem, the Department Camp Organizer has been busy doing what he was designated to do - organize new Camps. Two new Camps have recently been organized in Grand Rapids and Howell and will be issued Charters during the second quarter of 1994. Also, informational meetings are scheduled for the Bay City area and the

Ann Arbor area in April and May. New Camp opportunities also exist in the North Oakland County area, in the Hillsdale and Coldwater areas and in Sault Ste. Marie.

The other thing that has come out of the survey is that there needs to be more "face to face" or personal contact at the Camp level. We all seem to be doing our job by timely contact of prospects. However, it appears that a telephone call or face to face contact from the Camp, in addition to mailing a recruiting package, leads to the more successful likelihood of recruiting a prospect. I would urge all Camps to try and make personal contact whenever possible and don't leave it up to your Junior Vice Commander alone to do. This is *our* Order and we should all be willing to make one or two phone calls during this recruiting season to help promote it and make it grow (keep in mind our principle of "Fraternity").

Thanks to all Camps for their hard work at recruiting and for the help that you have extended to me in tracking what has been going on. If you have any names of prospects that you want to get into the survey machine, send them to my attention.

In F., L. & C.,

David J. Wallace
Junior Vice Commander
Department of Michigan



The Civil War — Grim Facts

Union Army hospitals treated over 6 million cases during the war. There were twice as many deaths from disease as from hostile bullets. Diarrhea and dysentery alone took the lives of 44,558 Union soldiers.

From 1861 to 1865, the Quartermaster Corps of the Union Army made 116,148 burials.

In the 79 National Civil War cemeteries, 54 percent of the graves are those of unknown soldiers. The largest Civil War cemetery is at Vicksburg, where 16,000 soldiers rest; only 3,896 are known. At the Confederate prison site in Salisbury, North Carolina, where 12,126 Union soldiers are buried, 99 percent are unknown.

Michigan Cemetery Atlas and Cemetery Source Book

The State of Michigan has available these two very useful publications. The Atlas is a map book of the 83 Michigan counties with cemetery locations marked on the maps by a number. In the margin of each map is the listing of each cemetery name and corresponding number. If you are not familiar with the county roads in a particular county, you may need another county map to navigate by, as some of the roads do not have a name indicated on the map.

The Cemetery Source Book is the more useful of the two. It is the companion volume to the Atlas, but may be used by itself. The book lists all known cemeteries in the state. Each county is further broken down by township with the cemeteries under the township headings. Cemetery locations are also listed by township section, on which road and in which town (if applicable).

The most useful part for our purposes, though, is the listings of recordings for most of the cemeteries. Each cemetery listed has the date it was recorded and the source of records along with the library code number for that record book. These records are all contained in the State Library of Michigan. (Each county library also should have their own copies of these recordings for that county.) Most of the cemeteries were recorded more than once.

The recordings are the inscriptions on the stones and monuments in the cemetery. In some cases, notes are made of any markers alongside the stones.

In the back of the Source Book is a bibliography of all the record sources and an index listing all the cemeteries by name. Also included in the back is a Michigan Cemetery Atlas Errata section containing corrections to the Atlas.

The Atlas and Source Book are available only from the State Library. The price is \$20.00 for either volume or \$40.00 for both. These prices include postage and handling. Checks should be made payable and sent to: The Library of Michigan, P. O. Box 30007, Lansing, Michigan 48909. Allow two to four weeks for delivery. They may also be purchased at the library (5th floor, not the lobby bookstore) at the same price.

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The Treasury's Notes

Department of Michigan, SUVCW
Profit & Loss Statement
1/1/94 Through 3/31/94
All Accounts

INCOME/EXPENSE

INCOME

Account Interest:
Checking Interest 4.68
Savings Interest 1.22
Total Account Interest 5.90

Department Camp-at-Large 80.00
Hat Badges -214.50
Income Drive
7th Corp Cap Mark 361.00
General Raffle 81.00
Save the flag income 28.00
Save the flag income 20.00
SUVCW Jacket Insignia -324.00
SUVCW Jacket Insignia 357.55
Total Income Drive 523.55

Income/Expense:

Camp per-capita 895.00
National per-capita -512.50
Total Income/Expense 382.50
Lincoln/Washington Dinner:
Accommodations -582.45
Reservations 630.00
Total Lincoln/Washington Dinner 47.55
TOTAL INCOME 825.00

EXPENSES

Department Meeting 28.64
Department Newsletter
Messenger Printing 68.64
Postage 29.48
Total Department Newsletter 98.12
General Supplies:
Printing 30.75
General Supplies - Other -15.00
Total General Supplies 15.75
Recruiting Table at event:
Recruiting Brochures 81.10
Total Recruiting Table at event 81.10
Sons Veterans Reserve 0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES 223.61

TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE 601.39

\$800.00 was from the Ladies of the GAR and SUVCW to cover their part of the cost for the National Encampment. We still expect another \$400 from the Auxiliary.

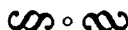
\$642.00 total collected to date on Save-the-Flag project (we needed \$500 and the Daughters were coming up with the remaining \$500 - they have their \$500).

Income generated from the sales of Cap Marks, Hat Badges, Insignia's and Coat-of-Arms is \$594.55. There is a potential the Department will continue to receive income from the sale of Insignia and Coat-of-Arms blazer patches.

We appear to be in good shape financially to cover the additional expenses we will incur hosting the National Encampment.

In F., C. and L.,

Richard Williams
Department Treasurer
4/15/1994



State of Michigan Library

The state library has several volumes of Civil War regimental roster books of various states in its genealogy collection that can help you in ancestor research. Complete sets for the following states are in the collection: Michigan, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, Vermont, Wisconsin, and Arkansas (index only) and North Carolina (both Confederate). The Michigan set includes the index and the index for the Ohio set is on microfilm. The library also has several individual regimental histories, both Union and Confederate.

Unfortunately, in most instances, there is no index available for most of the states. This means either you must know which regiment the soldier was in or scan through each volume regiment by regiment looking for that one individual out of several thousand listed.

Several of these volumes are in fragile condition due to water damage from a fire back in the 50's and should not be photocopied. None of the material in the genealogy section may be checked out.

In addition, there are many other volumes on the Civil War, ranging from the Southern Historical Society Papers to the Official Records to individual diaries of soldiers. There is also an extensive genealogical section containing thousands of volumes and a very large microfilm collection of census records, newspapers, county records, etc.

The Secretary's Scribings

Delegates to the Department Encampment..

Each Camp automatically has the Camp Commander and one additional member of the Camp authorized to be delegates to attend the Department Encampment.

Current Department Officers and all Past Camp Commanders in good standing are also automatic delegates to the Department Encampment and are not counted in the overall delegate count for a Camp.

In addition to the above delegates, each Camp is authorized to have delegates based on active membership of the Camp. Each Camp has one delegate per 10 members or significant portion of 10 (>5). For instance, a Camp with 15 members would have one delegate in addition to the delegates mentioned in the first two paragraphs. A Camp with 16 members would have 2 delegates according to the above formula.

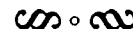
Here are the authorized delegates to the Department Encampment bases solely on membership as of March 31.

Camp	Membership	Delegates
Henry E. Plant	11	1
Austin Blair	30	3
George W. Howe*		
Robert Finch	14	1
Curtenius Guard*		
Benjamin Pritchard*		
Colegrove-Woodruff	25	2
Nash-Hodges	15	1
Wa-Bu-No	26	3
Ulysses S. Grant	20	2
Governor Crapo	36	4

* 1st quarter report for 1994 not reported by Camp.

In F., L. and C.,

Richard Williams
Department Secretary



Library hours are 9:00 to 6:00, Monday through Friday. 9:00 to 5:00 on Saturday and 1:00 to 5:00 on Sunday. The library is located one block East of Logan Street (M-99) at the corner of Butler and Washtenaw in Lansing.

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Commander's Corner

Fellow Officers and Brothers:

The Department Orders note two Department fund raisers, both of which relate to Civil War art prints being raffled. These separate raffles, of separate art prints by different artists, represent the Department's commitment to excellence in hosting a memorable National Encampment and to fund an historical marker to educate the public regarding the Iron Brigade. We ask your support in buying tickets for each raffle. Two lucky winners will have a Civil War art print on their wall this Fall and, in addition, our Department will have fulfilled a small part of its obligation to continue keeping green the memory of our ancestors who served and cannot be forgotten.

As advertised in the recent Winter issue of the Banner, we are also proud to offer the Michigan Department cap marks and hat badges which can be purchased and affixed to your kepi. The cap marks are essentially the 7th Corps Badge complete with gold and silver bullion and a red center denoting department. Cap marks sell for \$15.00 and hat badges sell for \$18.00. A SUVCW Insignia and a SUVCW Coat of Arms are, as advertised, also available at \$20.00 and \$30.00, respectively. These multi-colored badges are also embroidered complete with gold and silver bullion. For those interested, we also can provide a clear lucite badge holder which is affixed to an insignia or coat of arms and slips over the pocket of a blazer or suit coat. All materials are available to camp secretary/treasurers from Dept. Secretary/Treasurer Richard Williams. Proceeds from sales will help support our hosting the National Encampment.

Since we now have more members and more camps and this growth has been a direct result of well planned and executed recruiting, especially at Civil War reenactments, a number of department officers have noted our efforts could be expanded even further through local recruiting by local camps at local reenactments. Plans are already being made to give each camp an active opportunity to participate in local events and let their own community know of the local SUVCW camp. Please be sure to contact JVC Dave Wallace soon to ensure all local recruiting activities are coordinated and, wherever possible, our

present recruiting tent and materials are made available.

Speaking of the tent, the condition of our present recruiting tent has previously been noted as being limited and suffering from wear and tear. When I mentioned, in the previous issue of Michigan's Messenger, it was time to retire the old war-horse, the vernacular used meant to convey we should retire the tent and not its benefactor, SVC-in-C Keith Harrison. My apologies, Sir! We should, however, in all seriousness consider means by which funding might allow us to acquire a suitable replacement as described previously. The multiple uses which it must now house, e.g. recruiting table, display table, initiations, storage of ancillary materials, etc. will necessitate our looking at, perhaps, a tent and fly, both of which need to be more accommodating. If recruiting is our lifeblood, the acquisition of a new tent and fly should be seen as our next important project. Let's not forget this task as we complete other projects and raise funds for department needs.

As you will recall from previous issues, it was agreed that each local camp would hold individual Memorial Day ceremonies this May 30, 1994 in place of a single large event as was held last year in Lansing at the State Capitol. As your camp plans an activity for May 30, you may wish to keep in mind all such activities are recruiting opportunities for your camp. In addition to notifying your local veteran groups, and city, village or township leaders, do not forget the impact the local newspaper, radio or television station can have in spreading the news of your camp and its activities. It is just possible that Memorial Day may be a slow news day and the media could be more interested than normal in filling their time slots with current affairs. A local high school trumpet player (bugler) and a splash of color from Civil War uniforms coupled with a volley from a musket or cannon could likely be a news event. With or without the media and regardless of the recruiting advantages, it is ultimately most important that a suitable ceremony is performed so those who served to protect and defend the Union during the Civil War are remembered and honored.

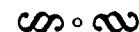
With our recent department growth in members and camps and projected increases in camp and member

numbers yet this spring and summer, we are realizing the results of good planning in the past. We must not rest on any laurels, however, because an organization which is not growing is dying. We must continue to plan for growth by identifying places where new camps need to be organized. We must continue promoting the Order among our friends and acquaintances and we must contribute to local recruiting efforts whenever the opportunity, e.g. a local reenactment, book and paper show, Civil War show, etc. is available. It is also time for new members with new ideas on membership growth to come forward and give us the benefit of your wisdom. Please don't be bashful with an idea. It just might be the one which places Michigan in second place nationally in overall SUVCW membership.

Please note the publication deadlines for the next issue of Michigan's Messenger and submit your ideas and thoughts for publication.

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

J. Douglas Park
Department Commander



The Cost of The Civil War

From 1861 to 1865, it cost the United States Government approximately 2 million dollars a day to prosecute the war.

In 1880, the Secretary of the Treasury reported that the Civil War had cost the Federal Government 6.19 billion dollars. By 1910, the cost of the war, including pensions and other veterans benefits, had reached 11.5 billion dollars.

In 1958, the government was providing pensions for 3,042 widows of Union Veterans. In June of that year, as a result of special legislation, 526 widows of Southern soldiers and the two surviving Confederate veterans became eligible for Federal pensions. The last Union veteran, Albert Woolson, had died in 1956, leaving the two Confederates, John Salling and Walter Williams, to draw the highest Civil War pensions paid by the United States Government. The last Civil War veteran, Walter Williams, died in 1959 at the age of 117.

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Editor's Comments

It was originally planned to include in this issue the current Department of Michigan roster list. Due to the number of pages, no response from some Camps and the two new Camps being organized, the list will be handed out at the Dept. Encampment in June. My thanks and apologies for any inconvenience to those secretaries who responded in a timely manner. To the Camps not responding, here is a second chance.

Most of the information for this list was taken from a list compiled by Department Secretary Richard Williams. Missing information (about 50% of the phone numbers, all dates of joining and most of the status information) and any corrections were requested from all Camp Secretaries by letter in February with a return deadline of April 15.

The following Camps forwarded corrected and updated information:

Camp No. 3 — Henry E. Plant
 — Milton Mockerman, Secretary.
 Camp No. 7 — Austin Blair
 — Dale Tuckey, Secretary.
 Camp No. 17 — Curtenius Guard
 — James Pahl, Secretary.
 Camp No. 20 — Benjamin Pritchard
 — Philip Johnston, Secretary.
 Camp No. 22 — Colegrove-Woodruff
 — John Lohrstorfer, Secretary.
 Camp No. 53 — Wa-Bu-No
 — Wayne Nash, Secretary.
 Camp No. 462 — Russell A. Alger
 — Terrance McKinch, Co-ordinator

No response was received from the following Camps:

Camp No. 9 — George W. Howe
 Camp No. 14 — Robert Finch
 Camp No. 43 — Nash-Hodges
 Camp No. 101 — Ulysses S. Grant
 Camp No. 145 — Governor Crapo

Any address changes, corrections to or information missing from this list should be forwarded to your Camp Secretary, who should in turn forward it to the Department Secretary as soon as they receive the new information. When the Messenger is returned to us due to an address change, the Post Office charges the Department 35 cents for each undeliverable piece of mail in addition to the regular mailing fee. This turns out to be quite expensive for the Department when we have several undeliverable copies each mailing.

The Michigan Department is also in the process of compiling a list of Member's ancestors. This will require the cooperation of all Camp Secretaries, as the Department currently has no information on Member's ancestors. All of this information is kept at the Camp level. The information needed is basically what is on the membership application form.

Many of our Brothers have more than one ancestor that they could have joined the SUVCW under, but have only chosen to register under the one ancestor. To help make the Department Member ancestor database as complete as possible, it is being asked of all Brothers to fill out membership applications for any and all ancestor's that they might be eligible to register under. Also include as a separate ancestor listing, any ancestor that was in more than one unit. Some soldiers transferred to another unit or reenlisted in a unit other than his original unit. This will require you to fill out application sheets for each additional ancestor and/or ancestor's in more than one unit. When you have completed the forms, give them to your Camp Secretary and he will forward the information to the Department Secretary or me.

To make it easier for the person compiling the listing (namely me!), please make a notation in the margin of the form of the relationship of the ancestor to you. When listing relationships, please use F for father, GF for grandfather, G GF for great grandfather, etc. Use U for uncle, GU for great uncle, etc. This will save me much time in not having to figure the relationships on several hundred applications.

When listing muster dates, the enlistment date may be substituted if the muster date is unknown. The date of death while in service should be substituted for the discharge date, if applicable. Under the column "reason", list the reason for discharge (wounds, end of term of service, sickness, etc.) or death (died of wounds, died of disease, accidental death, etc.)

Assuming that each Member has a least two ancestors, it is obvious that the list will be quite large. (One Member is known to have 26 ancestors that he is eligible to register under and several have five or more.) This list was originally going to be run in serial form in the Mes-

senger. Due to budget restrictions, potential list size and some other considerations, it has been decided that the lists will be distributed at the 1995 Department Mid-Winter Conference to be held in February. This will also give Members more time to complete the forms and get them filed.

Camp Officers attending the Conference will be able to pick up one copy for each Brother in their Camp and an additional copy for the Camp Historians files. Extra copies will be available for distributed to libraries and genealogical societies in your area. Copies will also be filed with the Department Historian, the National Historian and with the Department Junior Vice Commander for recruiting purposes. Updates of the complete copy will be issued periodically. The list will also be available on computer disk. The list will be combined with that already existing of the National Member-at-Large and Department of Ohio lists to form the nucleus of a National database.

Benefits to be gathered from this include:

1. Members may be able to find other Members that had ancestors in the same unit or possibly the same company and exchange information.
2. Members may find that they have "shirt tail" relatives in the Department (and later, the National), through a common ancestor.
3. Non-members reading the list will be more apt to join our organization if they find a member with an ancestor in the same unit or possibly a common ancestor (interest by association with something familiar). This list can become a great recruiting enticement, especially for people interested in genealogy. There are many, many more genealogists out there than SUVCW members and we might just be able to hook a few as Members, if we use the right bait.
4. Above all, by creating such a list of members ancestors, we will be helping to fulfill the oath we all took when we joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. That we would "preserve the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of those that fought to save the Union, 1861 - 1865".

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty'

John Mann, Editor

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Camp News

Camp No. 7 — Austin Blair

Jackson — Austin Blair Camp has made the clean-up and refurbishing of the West Brick cemetery in Concord Township their project for 1994. The cemetery is an old one for the area, the first burials dating from 1836 and the most recent 1898. The cemetery has been neglected for several years and most of the cemetery is now overgrown with myrtle and brush. Several of the headstones have fallen and broken from their bases and many of these are now covered with sod. Many of the grave sites are marked only with a piece of unscrubbed slate stuck on edge in the ground.

According to records found so far, three War of 1812, one Revolutionary War and three Civil War soldiers are known to be buried there. An old burial plot map has been located and is being copied. It will be scrutinized and researched to determine if there are any other veteran burials in the cemetery. One Civil War veterans stone has already been ordered to replace his broken private headstone. In addition to the general clean-up of the cemetery, camp members plan to repair and reset all fallen and broken headstones in the cemetery and install a marker inscribed with the name of the cemetery (the cemetery is currently unmarked).

Target date for completion of the project is July 9th, at which time a rededication ceremony is planned.

The 80th Anniversary of the Charter of Austin Blair Camp is June 11, 1994, which is the date of the Department Encampment. The Camp will observe the Anniversary with a small celebration and Anniversary Cake at its regular July 11 meeting. All Brothers of the Order are invited to attend to help us celebrate our observance. The meeting will take place at 7:00 pm at the Richard Smith American Legion Post, 3200 Lansing Avenue, Jackson. Take the Parnall Road exit from North U. S. 127. Go East one mile on Parnall to Lansing Avenue, then South 1/8 mile. The Post is on the West side of Lansing Avenue.

At our March 14 meeting we initiated new Member Richard G. Mannin of

Clark Lake. Dick's Great Great Uncle was Charles M. Gorham, a private in the 74th Illinois Infantry, Company K. April 1st saw the acceptance of another Member into our ranks, Thomas Loewe, of Jackson. Tom derives his Member status from August Heyer (Hoyer), a corporal of Company C, 3rd Michigan Infantry.

John Mann

Camp No. 17 — Curtenius Guard

Lansing/Sunfield — Our March Camp meeting saw Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison, of our Camp, unanimously endorsed for the office of Commander-in-Chief.

The Camp's two mile section of state highway M-50 will again be picked clean in 1994 under the Michigan Adopt a Highway program. The Camp recently received a certificate of appreciation from the Michigan Department of Transportation for its work in previous years.

The Camp is sad to announce that the Lansing City Council has taken action to rename Logan Street to Martin Luther King Boulevard. Logan Street was so named to honor former Union Major General and GAR Commander-in-Chief John Logan.

The Samuel W. Grinnell Post No. 283 Hall Restoration project is again progressing, with 1994 promising completion. Bids of expert craftsmen have been accepted for interior work and it is hoped the project will be completed in time for the 1994 National Encampment.

The Camp will again participate in a full range of Memorial Day activities including: Lansing's Memorial Day Parade, Lansing cemetery services, joint services with the DUVCW Tent 30 at the Sunfield Cemetery, services at the graveside of Samuel W. Grinnell in Sunfield's Welch Cemetery and our annual Memorial Day Camp meeting in the GAR Hall.

The Camp is exploring the restoration of several graves and markers in Sunfield's Welch Cemetery. The Township Board has given preliminary approval with work sessions hopefully taking place soon.

Our March Camp meeting featured Banner Russ Gregory with a very interesting presentation featuring General J. H. Kidd of Ionia, who took over command of the Michigan Cavalry Brigade after the promotion of General George A. Custer.

James B. Pahl

Camp No. 20 — Benjamin Pritchard

Kalamazoo — Benjamin Pritchard Camp recently celebrated their 10th anniversary with a banquet followed by a program of interest to Civil War buffs at Dane's restaurant in Kalamazoo.

The speaker was James Brady II, noted Civil War memorabilia collector and scholar and member of Benjamin Pritchard Camp. Bro. Brady's speech detailed the life of Ulysses S. Grant.

In attendance was Brother Thayne LaBanta of Austin Blair Camp No. 7 and his wife Mary. Thayne is a "true Son" of a veteran of the Civil War, his father having served in an Illinois regiment that was under Grant's command at Vicksburg and Petersburg. Bro. LaBanta related several interesting stories about his attending of Grand Army of the Republic reunions with his father from 1914 to 1926.

The Camp was also pleased to welcome Bros. Howard Streeter and Tom Oxenham of Colegrove-Woodruff Camp 22 and John Mann, Camp 7.

Benjamin Pritchard Camp hosted a recruiting table at the Kalamazoo Gun Show on March 19 and 20. The show was well attended, as usual and we obtained a list of approximately twenty potential members residing in Michigan, Indiana and Illinois. Their names will be distributed to the appropriate Camps and Departments.

It was also a nice opportunity to have our table serve as a home away from home for many of our Brothers from around the state. It was a pleasure to meet you and we thank you for stopping at our table.

Phil Johnston

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Camp No. 53 — Wa-Bu-No

Mt. Pleasant — Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 53 has increased its membership by 117% during the past year, from the first quarter of 1993 to the end of the first quarter of 1994. Fourteen new Brothers have joined our Camp during this period. This marks the third year in a row that Wa-Bu-No has increased its membership by over 100%.

Daniel R. TerBurgh Became the youngest Brother of our Camp, being initiated on his fourteenth birthday. He may represent the youngest Brother in the Michigan Department, having met the minimum age requirement for regular membership.

Bros. Solon Yax and Mark Lewis have made contributions to the Adopt-a-Flag and Department Flag funds in honor of their ancestors.

Wa-Bu-No Camp will be recruiting at Civil War Days in Big Rapids on Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15. The event will be held at Hemlock Park in Big Rapids.

Don Workman

Camp No. 462 — Russell A. Alger

Statewide — The Department Camp-at-Large actually got its start this past November, 1993 after being voted into existence at the June 12, 1993 Department Encampment. The name and Camp number didn't come into being until January 22, 1994. At present there are four Brothers in this Camp; Patrick Blohm of Grosse Pointe Woods, Daniel Boeskool of Grand Rapids, Steven Charles of Brimley and the latest Brother, Stephen Olson, a transfer from a Missouri Camp.

The namesake of the Camp, Russell A. Alger, was an important person in Michigan's history. He was born in Lafayette Township, Medina County, Ohio on February 27, 1836. He originally enlisted in the 2nd Michigan Cavalry as the Captain of Company C. He received his first injury in the battle of Booneville, Mississippi, July 2, 1862.

He was promoted to the rank of Major as a result of his actions during this battle. He ended his career in the army with the rank of Major General. More about Russell Alger in the next newsletter.

Jerry McKinch



Department Cap Marks

From the proceedings of the 28th National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans, 1909.

These Departments have adopted the following cap marks:

Connecticut.....	Trefoil
	The 2nd Corps Badge.
Illinois.....	Quinquefoil
	The 22nd Corps Badge.
Indiana.....	Four Bastioned Fort
	The 10th Corps Badge.
Kansas.....	Sunflower
	The State Flower.
Maine.....	Greek Cross
	The 6th Corps Badge.
Michigan.....	Crescent and Star
	The 7th Corps Badge.
Minnesota.....	Maltese Cross
	The 5th Corps Badge.
New Jersey.....	Diamond
	The 3rd Corps Badge.
New York.....	Fanleaved Cross
	The 18th Corp Badge
Ohio.....	Star
	The 12th Corps Badge.
Pennsylvania.....	Keystone
	The State Symbol.

The original 7th Corp was the in Department of Virginia and fought there until August 1, 1863, when it was disbanded. It had no Corp Badge. The 7th Corp that is associated with the Crescent and Star Corp Badge was assigned to the Department of Arkansas. Their Corp Badge was not adopted until after the close of the war, on June 1, 1865.

In F., C. and L.,

Ron Bellenger
Camp Commander
Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20

Grand Army of the Republic Museum and Library

Anyone traveling in the Eastern Pennsylvania area this summer might want to take the time to stop by the GAR Museum and Library in Philadelphia. It is located in the historic Ruan House. The house was built in the 1860's and is noted for its cantilevered circular stairway. The building is recognized for its architectural significance and is listed in the national register of historic places.

The museum has an extensive collection of artifacts, battle relics, personal memorabilia, paintings, documents and photographs, enough to fill three floors of the Ruan House. Much of this collection was assembled from personal items of the members of GAR Post 2.

The library has over 2,000 volumes, many original to the Civil War period. Among them are: Harper's Weekly and Philadelphia Inquirer newspapers for the entire period of the war, the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion, regimental and unit histories and other related historical volumes.

The Ruan House is located in the Frankford section of Philadelphia, at 4278 Griscom Street. It is one block West of Frankford Avenue between Church and Ruan Streets, only two blocks from the Church Street stop of the Frankford elevated train.

From I-95, exit at Bridge Street, turn left at the second light (Wakeling Street) and proceed to Griscom Street, turn left on Griscom to the Museum. From U. S. 1 (Roosevelt Blvd.) proceed to Oxford Circle; follow Oxford Ave., (next to McDonald's) to Griscom Street and turn right on to Griscom.

The Museum is normally open only certain days, but arrangements can be made to accommodate your schedule. For further information, a brochure and arrangements for tours, contact:

Bud Atkinson, Past C-in-C, SUVCW
President, GAR Museum and Library
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STATE OF MICHIGAN

MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE

House Concurrent Resolution No. 626

Offered by Representatives Nye, Baade, Porreca, Varga, Middaugh, Gernaat, Crissman, McNutt, Whyman, Vorva, Weeks, Lowe, Bodem, Shugars, Munsell, Dobronski, Yokich, Clack, Rhead, Leland, Palamara, Wallace, Schroer, Parks, Profit, Liewellyn, Scott, Cropsey, Wetters, DeMars, Middleton, Dalman, Barns, Horton, Dolan, Walberg, Jersevic, Gire, Jamian, Hammerstrom, Gustafson, Galloway, Kukuk, Goschka, Voorhees, Harder, Joe Young, Jr. and Hillegons and Senators Berryman, Dunaskiss, Gougeon, Hoffman, Kelly, Schwarz and Vaughn

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO RENAME US-12 THE IRON BRIGADE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, Throughout the history of our state and nation, Americans have paid tribute to outstanding citizens by naming a street, building, or bridge in their honor. This testimonial stands as a lasting tribute to inspiring individuals from grateful citizens. Clearly, there can be no group more deserving of such homage than the Iron Brigade, five regiments of soldiers—including the Twenty-fourth Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment—who fought bravely in the Civil War and lost more troops than any other brigade. We join with the members of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War (S.U.V.C.W.), who have worked diligently on this cause, in requesting this honor; and

WHEREAS, The regiments of the Iron Brigade represented Wisconsin, Indiana, and Michigan—three states that are joined in their pride for these heroes. Indiana and Wisconsin have begun efforts to rename US-12 in their states the Iron Brigade Memorial Highway. Illinois is also honoring the memory of these soldiers because members of the Twenty-fourth Michigan Volunteer Regiment served as the Honor Guard at the funeral of President Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, It is most appropriate to name US-12 after these courageous soldiers. This road links the home states of the Iron Brigade. In addition, the Twenty-fourth Michigan traveled on that very road on its journey to war. While not many returned, all the members of the Iron Brigade were proud to be part of this widely respected and feared group; and

WHEREAS, The Iron Brigade fought in nearly every major battle of the war, including Gettysburg. At that pivotal battle, the Twenty-fourth Michigan lost more troops than any other Union regiment. Throughout the war, these volunteers fought with unending courage and a tireless commitment to preserving our nation. Their efforts must not be forgotten by present and future generations. Naming US-12 in their honor will be a permanent reminder of the price they paid on our behalf; now, therefore, be it


RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (the Senate concurring), That we request the Michigan Department of Transportation to rename US-12 from the Indiana border to Detroit the Iron Brigade Memorial Highway; and be it further


RESOLVED, That we request the MDOT to place the appropriate signs for this highway and to post the Iron Brigade logo as it is used on signs in other states; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Director of the MDOT and to the members of the S.U.V.C.W.

Adopted by the House of Representatives, January 26, 1994

Adopted by the Senate, March 9, 1994


Secretary of the Senate


Co-Clerk of the House of Representatives



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Calendar Of Events

May

5th — Colegrove-Woodruff Camp No. 22 - Marshall
Meeting - 7:30 pm at the GAR Hall, 402 East Michigan Avenue, Marshall.

5th — Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 53 - Mt. Pleasant
Meeting - 7:00 pm, Shepard Museum, 1st and Maple Streets, Shepard.

9th — Austin Blair Camp No. 7 - Jackson
Meeting - 7:00 pm at the American Legion Hall, 3200 Lansing Avenue, Jackson.

10th — John A. Logan Camp No. 1 - Grand Rapids
Meeting - 7:00 pm, Wyoming Public Library, Wyoming.

10th — Nash-Hodges Camp No. 43 - Blissfield
Meeting - 7:00 pm American Legion Hall, 451 High Street, Blissfield.

15th — Henry E. Plant Camp No. 3 - Fruitport
Meeting - 2:00 pm, Tri-Cities Museum, 1 North Harbor Street, Grand Haven

18th — Governor Crapo Camp No. 145 - Flint
Meeting - 7:30 pm, Flint Public Library, 1026 Kearsley, Flint.

23th — Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20 - Kalamazoo
Meeting - 7:00 pm, American Legion Hall, 431 East South Street, Kalamazoo.

30th — Memorial Day
Each Camp should hold Memorial Day ceremonies in their own community. Preferably in conjunction with other local Veteran Organizations

June

2nd — Colegrove-Woodruff Camp No. 22 - Marshall
Meeting - 7:30 pm at the GAR Hall, 402 East Michigan Avenue, Marshall.

11th & 12th — 105th Michigan Department. Encampment. 8:00 am, registration starts. Meeting lasts until?? Holiday Inn West, 7501 West Saginaw, Lansing.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Women's Relief Corps Department Encampments also held concurrently, with the Women's Relief Corps as the host Order.

Luncheon and Dinner available. After dinner speaker — Br. Thayne LaBanta (a true Son) to show movies and reminisce on attending GAR Encampments with his father. Derrick LaBanta.

14th — John A. Logan Camp No. 1 - Grand Rapids
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June (continued)

18th and 19th — Reenactment, Allegan County Fairgrounds Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20 hosting the recruiting tent.

19th — Henry E. Plant Camp No. 3 - Fruitport
Meeting - 2:00 pm, Tri-Cities Museum, 1 North Harbor Street, Grand Haven

25th — Ulysses S. Grant Camp No. 101 - Detroit
Meeting - 2:00 pm, Elmwood Cemetery, 1200 Elmwood Avenue, Detroit.

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16th and 17th — Reenactment at Charleton Park, Barry Co. Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17 Hosting the recruiting tent.

17th — Henry E. Plant Camp No. 3 - Fruitport
Meeting - 2:00 pm, Tri-Cities Museum, 1 North Harbor Street, Grand Haven

20th — Governor Crapo Camp No. 145 - Flint
Meeting - 7:30 pm, Flint Public Library, 1026 Kearsley, Flint.

26th — Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17 - Sunfield
Meeting - 7:00 pm, GAR Hall, Main Street, Sunfield.

August

12th, 13th and 14th — National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. Holiday Inn South (former Clarion Hotel), 6820 South Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Ladies of the GAR Auxiliary to the SUVCW and WRC Encampments will also be held at the Holiday Inn South. The DUVCW Encampment will be held at the Sheraton Inn, Creyts Road and I-496, Lansing.

Luncheon and Dinner available.

All Sons Members are encouraged to attend this National Encampment.

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