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Department Orders No. 3 Series 1995/1996

1. With the passing of yet another Brother of our Order, I must once again ask that all Camp Charters and the Department Charter be draped in black for a period of thirty days, due to the passing of Brother Max L. O'Neil. He was a member of Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17 in Sunfield. Brother O'Neil was a retired agriculture teacher and a farmer. He had lived his entire life in the same house on a Centennial Farm in Mulliken. Brother O'Neil passed away on Tuesday, December 12, 1995. Our condolences go out to Ella, his wife of 61 years and the rest of the family and the Brothers of Curtenius Guard Camp.

2. At this time the Michigan Department would like to wish Brother Jack Patch, Past Camp Commander of Governor Austin Blair Camp No. 7 in Jackson, a continued speedy recovery from his throat treatments. Brother Jack's throat has been very sore and we are happy for Jack that things are going very successfully for him as he continues to get better. We all look forward to seeing him soon. Brother Patch has played a very big role in the success and growth of the Order of the SUVCW.

3. The Michigan Department and the 24th Michigan Infantry Inc., along with the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, are very happy to announce that the US-12 Iron Brigade Memorial Highway project that runs from Detroit to New Buffalo in the State of Michigan is now complete. These markers will make a very impressive tribute to the Iron Brigade that fought so hard to preserve the Union during the Civil War.

4. I would like to extend congratulations to the 24th Michigan Infantry Inc. for their efforts on really getting the ball rolling to make the Iron Brigade Memorial Highway a reality. Also, enough can't be said about the efforts that were put into this project by Brother Kent Armstrong. He put many hours and miles, as well as letters and phone calls, as he spearheaded this project from the start to the finish.

5. Our appreciation goes out to those who

were able to make the trip to Detroit on November 11, 1995 as we braved the snow and rain under very unfavorable weather conditions. This tribute to remember those men with a Historical Marker with the Iron Brigade logo looks very impressive. I'm sure many of the veterans were looking down with a smile that day in Detroit, as we collaborated together to remember the sacrifices that were made by our ancestors.

6. The Department of Michigan received a Certificate of Merit on November 11, 1995 in Detroit, from National Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert, for distinguished service in perpetuating the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the soldiers and sailors whose valor preserved the Union. The Certificate of Merit was for our work and support for the US-12 Iron Brigade Memorial project.

7. Now the real good news is; do you remember the Iron Brigade's logo was upside down on the memorial signs? Well, they aren't anymore! The signs were finally corrected after letters by Brother Armstrong, the 24th Michigan Infantry, myself and others pointed out the error. We can thank MDOT Director, Patrick M. Nowak who answered our battle cry and took charge to see that they were made right-side up. we also sent a letter of appreciation to Director Nowak for his efforts on this project's completion.

8. National Patriotic Instructor, David Turpin called this office on December 7, 1995. He said, "I want to wish all our Brothers of the Department of Michigan, SUVCW a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year". Brother Turpin served as National Aid to National Past National commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison from 1994-1995. He lives in Iowa, where he is presently serving as Iowa's Department Commander. I sent our best wishes to him and the Iowa Department, too.

9. It has been brought to my attention that it seems that little is known about the Russell A. Alger Memorial Fund. It is a (Cont. on page 2)

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Department Orders

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fund that is to be used only as a last ditch effort to pay for the setting of a Civil War veteran's head stone. It must, however, be understood that it is on the basis of no other way to get the particular job completed that it may be used, only in a so called emergency, so to speak. The Department has \$512.00 in the fund. It was formed about four years ago. The Department's Treasurer, Jim Williams, would be happy to handle any contributions that you or your Camp may wish to donate toward this fund. His address is 8032 Ore Knob Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. If you have any other questions, he may be reached at (810) 629-4603.

10. This office received a letter from National Commander-in-Chief, David R. Medert on November 22, 1995. Commander Medert said, "I'm placing the date June 8, 1996 on my calendar to attend the Department of Michigan's Annual Encampment at Lansing, Michigan and it is always a pleasure to meet with Michigan Brothers".

11. On March 16 and 17, 1996 the Kalamazoo Antique Arms show will take place at the Kalamazoo County Fair Grounds. General Pritchard Camp No. 20 will have a recruiting table there both days. So if you get a chance, it's well worth the trip over just to see the people in period dress from the Civil War to even Buckskinners promoting their hobbies or items for sale. The time on Saturday is from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and on Sunday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Many Brothers and Sisters of the Order attend this show each year, as well as Civil War reenactors.

12. Each year the Michigan Department authorizes the "Abraham Lincoln Award". It can go to an individual or entity who, in the judgment of a three member panel appointed by the Department Commander, has through action, word or deed, significantly contributed to the furtherance of the GAR within the State of Michigan. Recommendations for possible recipients of said award shall be submitted, along with a one page description of the contribution made, to the Department Secretary no later than two (2) months prior to the Annual Department Encampment. Recipients of the award shall be publicly announced and a certificate presented at the Annual Michigan Department-Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic Encampment Banquet. No more than three (3) recipients shall be selected for the award in any one year. This is in Article 16, Section 3 in our Department Bylaws. I'll be selecting a three member panel soon, so the deadline this year is April 8th. Be sure to get your vote or votes in to Brother Richard F. Lee, Department Secretary. His address is 1111 Kern road, Fowlerville, MI 48836.

13. This year at the Mid-Winter conference, I'd like each Brother to state his name, Camp and the name of the ancestor and his Civil War unit that the Brother claimed when he joined the SUVCW. This worked very well last year and it's another way to pay honor to our own Civil War ancestors who we remember today as members of the SUVCW.

14. Also once again, you may want to bring some extra cash with you to the Mid-Winter Conference. We are presently out of the SUV hat garland wreaths at \$18.00 each. But, rest assured that they are on order and could be in on time for the conference. Here's hoping! Our Michigan Department cap marks (7th Corps crescent moon and star) will sell for \$15.00.

The Blazer Insignia is obtainable for \$20.00 and the Coat of arms will sell for \$30.00. These items can be obtained from Department Treasurer Jim Williams. Brother Williams will have a supply on hand to meet your needs at the Mid-Winter Conference.

15. The 4th Annual Mid-Winter Conference will be held on Saturday, February 17, 1996 at the Mid-Way Motor Lodge. The address is 7711 West Saginaw Highway (M-43) Lansing, MI. Our meeting will take place in the Capitol Suite from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. This is in conjunction with Presidents Day and the Annual Washington-Lincoln Dinner with the Sons of the Revolution. The evening will start with the social hour at 5:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm, after which I will introduce the entertainment for the evening. It's going to be something a little different from what we've had in the past. Since the Fife and Drum played a big role in the Revolutionary War and the Civil War, I thought that it would be nice to have the 7th Michigan Fife and Drum Corps render us some music. They will play songs that were popular long ago. The dinner is optional, but highly recommended. Please complete the reservation form and forward it, along with your check, to the Department of Michigan, SUVCW % Jim Williams, Treasurer, 8032 Ore Knob Drive, Fenton, MI 48430 (see reservation form insert included in this issue).

16. As we get together once again, I hope each and everyone will go back home with a better feeling of confidence and knowledge of how to perform their duties as a member of this proud and noble Order that we cherish so much.

17. Now Brother Dave (Chumley) Wallace will probably say, "Da, let's have a good time now Tennessee!" Right you are there Brother Chumley. Or, we're off to see Mr. Wooby. With all kidding aside, I believe we will have a most enjoyable time together. After all, honoring our ancestors who wore the Union Blue and having a good time is what it is all about.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
By Order of:

William A. Brennan
Department Commander

There was a total of 16 GAR Posts chartered in Michigan's Upper Peninsula: Charles H. Towne No. 8, Ishpeming; Matt Allen No. 94, Gladstone; Michael Shay No. 142, Rapid River; E. R. Stile No. 174, Hancock; C. F. Smith No. 175, Escanaba; George F. Fuller No. 257, Manistique; William B. Fenton No. 258, St. Ignace; Lyons No. 266, Menominee; Henry C. Pratt No. 289, Mackinaw Island; Albert Jackson No. 300, Marquette; Major Belcher No. 309, Iron Mountain; Marcellus E. H. Liscum No. 343, Sault Ste. Marie; Reno No. 354, Calumet; John Hartman No. 421, Crystal Falls; and Curtis Buck No. 429, Ironwood.

Only two Sons of Veterans Camps were ever chartered in the Upper Peninsula: George W. Fenalow Camp No. 40, Gladstone and W. E. Clark Camp No. 202, Manistique.

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Department Officer Reports

Senior Vice Commander

The Pledge of Allegiance is very important to Americans everywhere. For those of us in the sons of union Veterans of the Civil War, it is a highly esteemed part of our heritage. It is used in the opening ceremonies for Camp meetings and for department and National Encampments. Together we say: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We memorized the Pledge years ago, most likely in elementary school. There we learned to stand straight, face the flag and place our right hands over our hearts. Folks of my generation also learned to extend our right hands toward the flag while reciting "to the flag" until that custom was discontinued during World War II.

The practice of Americans giving the Pledge of Allegiance is widespread, for which we are thankful. On the other hand, the ceremony has become so commonplace that we tend to overlook its significance. The words are recited with little or no thought about their meaning. "Giving the Pledge" sometimes seems to be merely a bothersome obligation toward getting the meeting underway. When that attitude becomes apparent, it's time to stop and reflect on the Pledge of Allegiance and why we use it.

Consider the individual words and phrases which comprise this brief, 31 word statement. It begins with "I", showing that it is a very personal pronouncement. Although the Pledge

of Allegiance is spoken in unison, it is an individual commitment of each person.

To "pledge" is to promise, and "allegiance" is devotion or loyalty to a cause which, in this case, is "to the flag of the United States of America" and further "and to the Republic for which it stands". A person giving the Pledge of Allegiance is affirming faithfulness to the country.

After defining our country as being "one Nation", the Pledge declares that it is "under God". Dwight D. Eisenhower is reported to have stated that, by adding those two words, "we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage; in this way we shall consistently strengthen those spiritual weapons which will forever be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war."

The Pledge then maintains that the United States of America is "indivisible" and is "with liberty and justice for all". Each of these concepts is notable in itself and merits further attention.

Each SUVCW Camp would do well to devote time periodically toward reviewing the Pledge of Allegiance and the protocol for showing respect to the flag. The Patriotic Instructor could lead the discussion and use it as a basis for presentations to the community. Each of us has a duty to know and practice flag etiquette.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Paul D. Hodges
Department Senior Vice Commander

SVR Adjutant

Dear Brothers:

This is my first opportunity to address you since my appointment to SVR Adjutant for the Michigan Military Department. I am the third Adjutant in this Department since it was reinstated in 1992. It is my hope to carry on the fine tradition which the SVR has established.

I would like to extend thanks to all reservists who were able to make the trip to Gettysburg in November. The 30th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, SVR, had the privilege to participate in the Remembrance Day Parade and four services that followed. We divided into two platoons. First Platoon representing the Department of Michigan, SVR and 2nd Platoon representing SUVCW Camps. Captain Terrance McKinch served as Company Commander. The 30th Michigan had the distinction of being selected to lay the wreaths during the service at Albert Woolson's Monument. We also supported Rhode Island in two services honoring Light Artillery Batteries. Lastly, we held a private service at the 7th Michigan Infantry's Monument. Since this event took place during the first government shutdown, the Park Service looked to the SVR to assist in managing this event. We proved worthy to be trusted with such responsibility. We in the SVR owe a lot to the Park Service for not closing the park as they had been ordered to.

It is time, once again, when dues are payable. Please help by sending your 1996 payment of \$5.00 to me as soon as possible. Please make checks payable to the "Department of Michigan, SUVCW" This is necessary because the SVR has no account of its own. We conduct all of our finances through the Department of Michigan.

We have been requested by the Commanding General, SVR, to obtain social security numbers from all reservists. During services where Heads-of-State, like the Vice President of the United States are present, the FBI has conducted background checks on Color Guard members. Please understand this is for security reasons only. If you have not given your number to me, please send it along. My address is 7270 Morrcrest Lane, Flushington, MI 48433.

In the next issue, I should have some information regarding events for the year. In the meantime, for those of you who wish to contact me and are connected to the internet, my E-mail address is 76754.1525@compuserve.com.

Respectively Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Daniel V. Graves
SVR Adjutant

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Department Officer Reports

Junior Vice Commander

Last year at this time I wrote an article, or should I say a report, indicating the number of recruiting prospects handled by this office, and a tabulation of prospective referrals made to each of the respective Camps within the Michigan Department. In hope of establishing a yearly tradition for the office of Department Junior Vice Commander, I have again tabulated the prospect referrals for the preceding year as indicated below.

Camp No. 1 - 6	Camp No. 3 - 5	Camp No. 7 - 2
Camp No. 9 - 3	Camp No. 14 - 1	Camp No. 17 - 2*
Camp No. 20 - 2	Camp No. 22 - 2	Camp No. 28 - 0
Camp No. 43 - 3	Camp No. 53 - 3	Camp No. 58 - 1
Camp No. 67 - 4	Camp No. 101 - 17**	Camp No. 120 - 7
Camp No. 145 - 8	Camp No. 462 - 9	

* indicates one prospect also referred to Camp No. 58.

** indicates one prospect also referred to Camp No. 120.

The above figures do not reflect 15 applications forwarded to members of the 22nd Michigan Infantry (re-enactors) who have expressed interest in joining Camp No. 9 in Port Huron.

In addition to the above figures, prospect referrals have been made to the following:

SUVCW National - 2	SUVCW Department of Ohio - 2
DUVCW Michigan - 5	WRC - 1

The figures in this article cover only those recruiting prospects which were handled through this office. They do not include those prospects recruited at the Camp level. Anyone involved in recruitment will attest to the fact that the bulk of the recruiting efforts are done at the Camp level. This is where the real work is done. Those Camp's which have demonstrated dramatic increases in enrollment are those which are most active in conducting recruiting drives at local events, obtaining news coverage and spreading the word of our Order.

In an attempt to assist local Camps in their recruiting efforts at various functions, I would remind my Brothers that the Department does have a recruiting box available. The box contains a tri-colored eight foot tablecloth, display material and printed matter which will inform the public of our purpose. If your Camp is interested in using the Department recruiting box, please give me a call or drop a line to reserve the material for your event. This must, out of necessity, be on a first come first served basis.

Earlier in this article and in a previous article of November of last year, I informed my Brothers of the interest by members of the 22nd Michigan Infantry re-enactors in joining the George W. Howe Camp No. 9 of Port Huron. I recently spoke with Randy Maxfield, head of the unit, and was informed that his men are in the process of filling out the applications and gathering their proof of ancestry. I suspect that by the time this article is printed, Brother Lavis, Commander of Camp No. 9, is going to have a stack of applications on his desk of men ready to be initiated into the Order. I can hardly wait to hear the good news.

In closing, I would again thank all of my Brothers for their hard work and dedication to our Order. It is through your concerted efforts that the Michigan Department has continued to grow and prosper.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Don Workman

Department Junior Vice Commander

Treasurer's Report

Department of Michigan - SUVCW
Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance
At 31 December 1995

Assets	
Checking Account	\$1,209.74
Savings Account	3,628.96
Russell A. Alger Memorial Fund Savings Account	510.18
Total Assets	\$5,348.88

Liabilities and Fund Balance	
Liabilities	
Due camp at Large	\$127.25
Due SVR	115.00
Total Assets	\$242.25

Fund Balance	
Restricted Funds	\$510.18
Unrestricted Funds	4,596.45
Total Fund Balance	\$5,106.63

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$5,348.88
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Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
for the
Quarter Ended 31 December 1995

Revenue	\$1,395.50
Expenditures	<u>-1,200.51</u>
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures	\$194.99
Total Fund Balance Beginning of Period	\$4,911.64
Total Fund Balance End of Period	\$5,106.63

Yours,
In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

James J. Williams
Department Treasurer

Department Officer Reports

Commander's Corner

Dear Brothers:

I thought that I'd cross the grain with something a little different for the Commander's Corner article. While going through some of my great grandfather's things in the old family trunk, I ran across this very old song book. As I thumbed through it, I found a Civil War song that really makes you feel what they must have felt while off to war. This story is hand written and is dated December 2, 1891. It is by Minnie Gillespie, my grandmother and the daughter of Henry P. Gillespie of the 13th Michigan Infantry. I shall present it just as it appears in the book.

1. T'was just before the last fierce charge, two Soldiers drew their reins, for a tuck of hands and a parting word for they near might meet again. One had blue eyes with curling hair, nineteen but a month ago. down on his chin and red on his cheek he was only a boy you know.
2. The other was tall dark steam and proud. But if the face was dim he only trusted the more in those who was all the world to him. they had rode together through many a fight, they had marched for many a mile, but never till now had they met the foe with calm and troublless smile.
3. But now they look in each others face and with and awful gastly gloom. The tall dark man was the first to speak Charley my hour has come, we will ride together up hill but you'll come back alone. Promise me a little troble to take, when I am dead and gone.
4. You'll find a face upon my breast, I shall ware it to the fight with soft blue eyes and curling hair and love like morning light was her love for me. It gladen a lonely life and little cared I for its frowning face when she promised to be my wife.
5. Charley write to her when I am dead, send back that fair fond face. Tell her tenderly how i died and where is my resting place. Tell her my soul will wait for her in a boulder land between the heavens and the earth and it won't be long, I shall see her soon I mean.
6. Tears filled the blue eyes of the Boy and his voice was low and faint. I'll do your bidding Comrade if I come back again, but if you come back and I am dead, please do the same for me. My mother at home must hear the news, oh write to her tenderly.
7. One after another of those she loved, she has burried a husband and son. I was the last when my country called and she kissed me and sent me on. She has prayed for me, like a faithful saint her fond face white with woe, her heart will break when she hears of this. I shall see her soon I know.
8. Just then the order came for to march for instant hand touched hand. I answered I and on we went that brave devoted land, straight they went toward the cress of the hill

and the rebel with shot and shell made drifts of death through their toilsome rank and jarred us as they fell.

9. They broke with a horrible dieing yell from the heights they could not gain and those whom death and wounds had spared. Went slowly back again but among the dead and the left behind lay the boy with the curling hair, the tall dark man that rode by his side lay dead by the side of him there.
10. There was none to write to the blue girl the words that her lover had said. the mother at home who waits for her boy will only hear that he is dead, and never will she know the last fond thoughts that sought to soften her pain until she crosses the river of death and stands by her son again.

Minnie Gillespie was born in 1876, married George Brennan in 1895 and died in 1959. Her father, Henry P. Gillespie, a Civil War veteran of the 13th Michigan Infantry, was born in 1847 and died in 1919. They both enjoyed writing songs and poetry, as the old family story goes and the record shows.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
William A. Brennan
 Department Commander

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Camp News

Camp No. 3 Henry E. Plant

Fruitport — The November Camp meeting was held on Veterans Day, November 11, the day we got our first snowstorm of the season. Due to the weather conditions, we found it necessary to cancel our Veterans Day ceremonies and hold only our Camp meeting. There were six Brothers and one prospective member present.

During the meeting it was reported that the Camp's petitions on copying Civil War Medals, along with wearing of hereditary society medals by current military personnel was passed by the National at the 115th Annual Encampment.

Two Camp projects; one, of moving our Camp namesake's military tombstone plaque to a better location nearer to his private headstone; and two, of obtaining the proper flags for our Camp are continuing.

The Camp is currently working on participating in the U. S. Coast Guard Festival Parade, which is on the first Saturday of August. The Camp is hoping to have two separate groups. One consisting of Brothers of our Camp and the other consisting of 30 to 50 members of re-enactor units. We will know the status of the re-enactor units participation after their winter business meetings.

The Camp is working on and hoping to obtain a full Camp Charter this year. Also, the Camp has decided to move its meetings from quarterly to every other month, except during the summer, when we have our Camp picnic and parade participation.

This April marks the 100th Anniversary of our Camp's namesake, Henry E. Plant, receiving the Medal of Honor for rescuing his regiment's Colors during the Civil War. The Camp is now working on a possible traveling display and local publicity on Henry Plant, the anniversary and the SUVCW.

Daniel Grable

Camp News Submissions

All Camps are welcome and are encouraged to submit an article for inclusion in the Camp News section of each quarterly issue of Michigan's Messenger. Camp Commanders should appoint one Brother of the Camp for this task to avert duplicate submissions. Write the article as you would like it to appear in the Messenger. Please do not send in your Camp newsletter and expect the editor to write your article for you from it. Due to space limitations, the articles should be limited to approximately 400 words. When writing the article, be aware of the submission and publication dates of the Messenger. These dates will be printed in every issue for the following issue. Let the Brothers from other Michigan Camps know what is being done by the members of your Camp!

Camp No. 7 Gov. Austin Blair

Jackson — With Michigan's "early" winter in November, the members of Camp No. 7 were forced to cease their cemetery work. It is anticipated that in the spring we will once again resume re-setting headstones in the Jackson's Mount Evergreen Cemetery.

However, much activity continues especially in researching local Civil War veterans and preliminary identification of veterans from Concord, where we plan a major effort in 1996. Work on the roster of GAR Post No. 48 has slowed due to the illness of our Camp Historian, Jack Patch, PCC. Late in December Brother Patch completed seven weeks of radiation treatment of his throat and is now recuperating. We look forward to having Jack back in our midst soon and he is eager to resume work on the roster of over 700 members.

Brother Thayne LaBanta, a true son and PDC, recently spent an afternoon with a history class at Spring Arbor College that is studying the Civil War. Reportedly the entire class paid close attention to Brother LaBanta as he spoke and afterward they had many questions to ask.

The Camp was saddened to learn of the death of Lilly E. Hoch, wife of long time member and PDC Don Hoch. She passed away on Christmas Eve at the age of 82. Don, her husband of 64 years, three daughters, one son, 24 grandchildren, numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren survive. The Camp extends our deepest sympathies to Brother Hoch.

At our January meeting new leadership took over as some switched hats for new responsibilities and others took on elected offices for the first time since joining our Order. Those elected to office were:

Commander	Todd Holton
Senior Vice Commander	Ken Strickler
Junior Vice Commander	Bill Lowe
Treasurer	Bob Metcalf
Secretary	Dale Tuckey
Camp Council	Dan Doyle, Michael Maillard, Max Miller

Commander Holton's appointments include:

Chaplain	Bill McAfee
Guide	Matt Tuckey
Counselors	Thayne LaBanta and Don Hoch
Historian	Jack Patch
Graves Registration	Gary Woodman
Librarian	Bill Lowe
Quartermaster	Max Miller

Following the installation, it was the privilege of new Camp Commander Holton to initiate three new members into the Camp. New members provide a fresh look and a fresh enthusiasm to a Camp and we welcome them to our ranks. This is especially true in that Austin Blair Camp lost by transfer four of its members to the new Camp in DeWitt, George W. Anderson Camp No. 58.

Bill Lowe

Camp News

Camp No. 28 Alexander French

Big Rapids — New employment has made it difficult for Brother Tim Richards to maintain the Camp post of Secretary-Treasurer, so Brother John Emmons has accepted the post. Brother Emmons is a Big Rapids businessman and comes to Alexander French Camp by way of an ancestor who served with the 6th Michigan Cavalry, Private Charles E. Emmons of Company H. Anyone wishing to contact the Secretary-Treasurer can do so by writing John at 13904 Northland Drive, Big Rapids, MI 49307 or calling (616) 796-0258.

Correction on Camp meeting dates: they are at 7:30 pm on Tuesday January 9th, March 12th, May 6th, July 8th, September 9th and November 4th, 1996.

1995 saw progress for Alexander French Camp No. 28, our first year as an organization in the Order. We have obtained all the necessary Camp meeting equipment (U. S. Flag, Camp and station banners, altar and cloth, etc.). We still need a SUVCW Camp flag that, hopefully, may come in 1996. Five new members were added to the Camp in 1995, Brothers John Emmons, Roger Elkins, Ted Johnson, Jamie Williams and John H. Yax. All are descendants of Civil War Veterans. We hope to initiate our first Associate at the January 9th, 1996 meeting.

At the November 7th meeting of 1995, three Brothers, Junior Vice Commander Solon Yax, Chaplain David Waldron and Secretary-Treasurer John Emmons volunteered to supply the bronze recognition buttons (five by each Brother). One will be given to each Camp member and to future members at their initiation ceremony.

On October 21, 1995, John Walker became a 10 year member of the SUVCW. Brother Walker has been a National Member-at-Large, a member of Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17, a member of Wa-bu-no Camp No. 53 and Senior Vice Commander and Commander of Alexander French Camp. John's civil War ancestors are: Grandfather William H. Gardner, Private of Company I, 1st United States Sharpshooters, later Sergeant of Company G, 10th Michigan Cavalry; Great Uncle John S. Gardner, Corporal of Company D, 3rd Michigan Cavalry; Great Grandfather Nelson P. Gardner, Captain of the 1st Michigan Mounted Rifles and 5th Michigan Cavalry; Great Grandfather John J. White, Private of Company D, 5th Michigan Cavalry; and Hampton Gardner, 1st cousin to William H. and John S. Gardner. Hampton was a private in Company A, 7th Ohio Infantry. He died of wounds received at the First Battle of Winchester, Virginia, March 23, 1862.

By vote of the membership all 1995 officers were to remain in place for the coming year, 1996. Officers installed at the January 9, 1996 meeting were:

Commander	John Walker
Senior Vice Commander	Thomas Mehl
Junior Vice Commander	Solon Yax
Secretary/Treasurer	John Emmons
Patriotic Instructor	Ted S. Johnson
Chaplain	David Waldron
Color Bearer	Gerald Lintemuth

During 1995, Chaplain Dave Waldron put together a pictorial and documented record of the Camp's 1995 activities. Hopefully, Brother Waldron will continue this historical record for the Camp.

Our first Associate member was inducted into the Camp at our January meeting; Lyle Trupe of 5172 11 Mile Road, Remus, MI 49340. Brother Trupe is an Associate pending a search for his ancestor's Civil War records. A goal set for 1996 is to have each current member bring in at least one new member into the Camp.

Bronze recognition buttons were passed out to all members present at the January meeting, Junior Vice Commander Yax officiating at this ceremony. We encourage all members of the Camp to attend our March 12th meeting to receive their recognition button, 1996 membership card and hopefully, their Membership Certificate. Also, those of you that haven't yet paid them, your dues are needed.

John Walker

Michigan Sharpshooters on Picket Duty

The following dialog is reported to have taken place between a Rebel and a Jackson County (MI) sharpshooter while on picket duty:

"I say, can you fellows shoot?"

"We reckon we can, some. Down in Mississippi we can knock a bumblebee off a thistle top at 300 yards."

Oh, that ain't nothing to the way we shoot up in Jackson. I belonged to a Military Company there with a hundred men in the company, and we went out for practice every week. The Capt'n draws us up in single file, and sets a cider barrel rolling down the hill, and each man takes a shot at the bung-hole as it turns up. It is afterward examined, and if there is a shot that did not go into the bung-hole, the number who missed it is expelled. I belonged to the company for ten years, and there ain't been nobody expelled yet."

Excerpted from: History and Biography of Jackson County (Michigan) 1881.

*Bill Lowe
Austin Blair Camp No. 7*

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Camp News

Camp No. 53 Wa-bu-no

Shepherd — Central Michigan University professor Hugh Timlin attended our Camp meeting in November and provided the membership with information regarding the construction details and a cost analysis on restoration of the Civil War statue in the Salt River Cemetery. Professor Timlin has estimated the cost of restoration at \$5,200.00, plus the cost of duplicating the finish. No cost estimate was given concerning minimum preservation, which would at least slow the deterioration of the statue.

It is obvious to the Brothers that we do not have the financial resources to do the job. That, of course, means fund raising. The question then becomes, how and where? If anyone out there can provide our Camp with information on how to raise funds, or where to apply for funding from a foundation or governmental agency, please share the information with us.

If you are one of those who wander around the countryside looking at the various memorials dedicated to the Civil War era, you must be saddened to observe the state of disrepair present at many of these outdoor sites. Many of the sculptures are public, while others are located in private cemeteries. Regardless of their location, the story is the same with vandals and weather taking their toll. Unfortunately, few members of the public or the government appear to take notice. If the present situation continues to exist, within a few years many of our Civil War statues and memorials will be beyond repair or restoration. A sad comment on our national consciousness.

Our Camp is still working on obtaining legal ownership of the GAR burial plots in the Riverside Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant. A copy of the Deed of Conveyance was presented to the cemetery sexton. He in turn submitted the document to the Mt. Pleasant City Attorney. To date, we have not heard a thing from the bureaucracy.

I have spoken to several Department personnel regarding the formation at the Department level of rules concerning the use of those GAR burial plots that become the property of our Order. My own personal feeling is that the Department should formulate the requirements for burial. This will result in a consistent policy being followed throughout the Department, rather than a patchwork of different rules made up by individual Camps. This matter is sure to be brought up at the Mid-Winter Conference in February, so bring your ideas with you.

Election of officers for 1996 were held at our November meeting. New Camp officers are:

Commander	Wayne Nash
Senior Vice Commander	Wayne Barrett
Junior Vice Commander	Keith Kuhlman
Secretary/Treasurer	Mark Lewis
Council	Leo Cohoon, Kris Kuhlman, Don Workman
Delegates	Jacob Kuhlman, Keith Kuhlman, Mark Lewis

The annual Remembrance Day ceremonies conducted by Wa-bu-no Camp No. 53 were held again at the grave site of our Camp namesake, Thomas Wa-bu-no, in the Riverside Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant. Brother Don Workman began the ceremonies

with a reading from the Ritual and Ceremonies booklet, followed by Brother Keith Kuhlman, acting Chaplain, reciting the prayer. A flag was placed upon the grave of Thomas Wa-bu-no by Brother Wayne Barrett as the Camp was called to attention and a salute was presented. Brothers Dave Cook, Scott Deveau, Jack Long, Ken Martin and Gordon McAllister from the Phil Kearny Camp No. 67 in Bay City, members of the SVR in full Civil War uniform, served as the Honor Guard and fired a three volley salute. Taps were provided by Renne Jones, a member of the Central Michigan University marching band. Brother Wayne Nash delivered the address and read a moving recitation of the song, The Vacant Chair. The National Colors were held firmly in the hands of Brother Leo Cohoon during the ceremony. The members of Wa-bu-no Camp No. 53 wish to extend our deeply felt thanks to our brothers from the Phil Kearny Camp who served as the Honor Guard at our ceremony. Your presence made remembrance Day ceremonies of 1995 a memorable one indeed.

Don Workman

Camp 120 Gilluly-Kingsley

Howell — At our December, 1995 meeting the annual election of Camp officers was held. The results are as follows:

Commander	James Williams
Senior Vice Commander	Bruce Schwemmin
Junior Vice Commander	Michael Taylor
Secretary/Treasurer	Gary Ralston
Camp Council	Richard Lee
Camp Council	George Allen
Camp Council	Sean Ralston

The Ceremony to install the above officers will take place at our January 18th meeting, at which time Commander Williams will announce his appointments to office.

Jim Williams

GAR National Encampments in Michigan

Michigan hosted six of the National Encampments over the history of the 83 years that they were held by the GAR.

Encampment No.	City	Year
25	Detroit	1891
48	Detroit	1914
59	Grand Rapids	1925
68	Grand Rapids	1934
69	Grand Rapids	1935
82	Grand Rapids	1948

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Ancestor Vignette

John S. Gardner
Corporal
3rd Michigan Cavalry
Company D

Great Uncle
of
John Walker
Alexander French Camp No. 28

John S. Gardner was born May 31, 1841 in East Cleveland, Ohio and came to Michigan in the early 1850's, settling on a small farm near the present day village of Muir, in Ionia County with his parents and brothers. When war came, John enlisted as a private in Company D, 3rd Michigan Cavalry on September 9, 1861. The 3rd was mustered into Federal service at Grand Rapids with an enrollment of 1,160 officers and men. The regiment left for St. Louis, Missouri on November 28, 1861 under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Robert H. G. Minty of Detroit.

Records show that the 3rd Michigan Cavalry took part in the battles of Island No. 10, Iuka and Corinth, Mississippi, the Corinth Campaign and battles near Little Rock and along the White River in Arkansas. Pension records show that Corporal Gardner was injured while on duty near the town of DeValls Bluff, Arkansas and was sent to the hospital at St. Louis, Missouri.

John reenlisted on January 19, 1864 at LaGrange, Tennessee. LaGrange was a large Union Cavalry depot in southeast Tennessee. This was the starting point for Colonel B. H. Grierson and 1,700 cavalry men of the 2nd Iowa and the 6th and 7th Illinois Cavalry Regiments on the raid through Mississippi and ending in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The raid confounded the Confederate defenders of Vicksburg. (This raid was the subject of the movie "The Horse Soldiers" with the part of Colonel Grierson being played by John Wayne.)

The 3rd Michigan Cavalry was mustered out of service on February 12, 1866 at San Antonio, Texas. The regiment arrived in Jackson, Michigan on March 10, 1866, where it paid off and disbanded. During four and one half years of service, the 3rd lost 414 members of the regiment, 30 killed or mortally wounded and 384 to sickness and disease. Records also show that the last Confederate Army East of the Mississippi River surrendered to the 3rd Michigan Cavalry.

John S. Gardner is listed as a Civil War Veteran Volunteer by the State of Michigan. He died October 20, 1919 at Lyons, Michigan and is buried in the cemetery at Muir. His grave site is marked with an upright military type headstone with the inscription: "John S. Gardner - Co. D - 3rd Reg't Mich. Cav."

Information taken from the National Military and Pension Archives; Michigan in the Civil War; and Gardner and White Genealogy Charts.

John Walker

Joseph F. Workman
Sergeant
80th Indiana Infantry
Company D

Great Grandfather
of
Donald H. Workman
Wa-bu-no Camp No. 53

Joseph was born July 12, 1838 in Jefferson County, Ohio, the first of three sons of John T. and Anne Workman. Some time after 1846, the family moved to southern Martin County, Indiana and established a farm across East Fork of the White River from the village of Haysville. On June 2, 1859 Joseph married Nancy Elizabeth Ledgerwood and started his own farm which eventually grew to 400 acres.

Joseph and a brother, William H., enlisted in Company D of the 80th Indiana on August 16, 1862. The regiment left Indianapolis on September 8th and proceeded to Covington, Kentucky to pursue Confederate forces under Gen. Braxton Bragg as a part of the 1st Corps, 10th division, 34th Brigade.

On October 8, 1862 the regiment bore a conspicuous part in the Battle of Perryville by turning back the 31st Tennessee. During the engagement the regiment lost 150 men killed and wounded.

In November, the regiment was assigned to the newly formed 23rd Corps and completed the rest of the war as a part of this Corps. The 80th Indiana saw action at the Battles of Kingston and Mossy Creek in Tennessee. When the 23rd Corps joined with Sherman's forces, the regiment participated in all the important engagements from Dalton to Atlanta, including the Battles of Resaca, Kennesaw, Peach Tree Creek, Pumpkinvine Creek, Dallas, New Hope Church and Allatoona Hills.

Following the fall of Atlanta, the 23rd corps became a part of Gen. Thomas' command. The regiment was heavily engaged during the Battle of Franklin on November 30, 1864 with two companies being repositioned to repulse a Confederate breach in the center of the Union line. The regiment was also active in the defeat of Hood's forces at Nashville.

After his discharge, Joseph returned home to Nancy and their infant son, Joseph N (my grandfather). Four more children were born to Joseph and Nancy, one dying in infancy and two dying in their twenties.

In 1906, Joseph retired from farming and moved to Loogootee, Indiana where he joined Thomas J. Brooks GAR Post No. 322. During the summer of 1914, the 80th Indiana held one of its last reunions in the town of Loogootee. On November 12, 1914 Joseph died of kidney and bladder disease. He was buried in the South Martin Cemetery. His grave is marked by a large granite stone bearing the inscription, "Joseph F. Workman - July 12, 1838 - November 12, 1914 - Co. D 80 Reg. Ind. Vol."

Donald Workman

"Our Cannon is Missing..."

Such a telephone call would cause most members of our order to stop and want to find all the details...especially those who meet in Sunfield or Marshall and perhaps a few other places. Scanning some of the 1995 issues of the Civil War News, it is apparent that this announcement could become a reality more and more in the months ahead.

The May issue (p. 81), proclaims "Blakely Cannon Stolen from S. Carolina Park". It was reported the tube, a 700 pound cast iron barrel, was removed from the park during the night. It was missing from its brick mount in the park's memorial grounds when employees went to work.

In the October issue (p. 20), is an extensive article about the Ezra Griffin Camp No. 8, Department of Pennsylvania, SUVCW. They are taking legal action regarding a bronze cannon which was removed from Forest Hill Cemetery in Dunmore, Pennsylvania.

Briefly, the article stated that the cemetery officials sold the cannon. For the bronze cannon they would receive "\$10,000 and an iron replica for the concrete base that supported the original barrel near the graves of about 80 Civil War veterans".

Cemetery officials claim they have documents stating that when the GAR Post 139 was to dissolve, then ownership the gun would revert to the cemetery. Our Brothers of Camp No. 8 maintain that, as legal heirs to the GAR, they could, but are not interested in possessing the cannon. They just want it returned to the cemetery. At last report, the Camp has taken the cemetery to court. It will be interesting to see the final outcome.

More needs to be said about this matter. Camp No. 8 members feel they know the whereabouts of the cannon. It seems an organization known as AOPA is only concerned with historical preservation. AOPA is the acronym for the American Ordinance Preservation Association.

The cannon is believed to be in the private collection of a "prominent entertainer living in Tennessee". It is the opinion of AOPA that they are providing a service that: "It was not done for profit" ... but to save the gun from the effects of vandalism and acid rain. Furthermore, AOPA stated they had similarly sold a half dozen other cannon in recent months.

Later on in the same October issue (p 59), the headline reads: "Vermonters To Turn Cannon Into Cash". Another story, but with a slightly different twist.

A private museum in Emmaus, Pennsylvania offered the town of Derby Line, Vermont \$30.00 for its bronze Napoleon mounted on a granite base in the local park. Worse yet, the village residents voted to sell the cannon, with the money to be invested and the interest used to landscape flowerbeds in the park.

Bruce P. Stiles, described in the article as "the self-styled 'procurator for' the museum, wrote: "With the decline of the Generation X'ers interest in American history due to liberal revisionists presenting the U. S. in false facts, the stewardship of such items is best left to caring patriotic museums who have the funds at hand to properly preserve them and display them, until

such a future date that right-minded folk turn the country around to a decent, moral standard that the men and women of the past fought for and gave their lives for."

Such activity should be an awakening to all members of the SUVCW as to what is going on and especially be wary of some "good sounding" organizations. Who of us is not in favor of preservation of Civil War items??? On the other hand, we need to know about these organizations with great sounding names and lofty objectives. They, too, might share AOPA's ideas that the best way to "preserve", is to remove it from the public to some private collector.

Reportedly, there is a registry of all cannon in the U. S. with locations and serial numbers. However, would we not be wise if we were to develop our own Departmental registry? This would make us aware of their existence, especially where we have no Camps. And secondly, enable us to monitor their preservation. Hopefully, we will never need to report, "The cannon is missing..."

The final outcome of this matter is unknown, but I feel that if we are really "Dedicated to Preserving the Memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and to those who Fought to save the Union 1861 - 1865", we might want to extend our Camp picket lines to every corner of our Department to ensure that nothing of this nature happens in Michigan. Then perhaps we will never need to report, "The cannon is missing!"

Bill Lowe

Austin Blair Camp No. 7

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Hardtack Recipe

Hardtack is what many of your ancestors subsisted on during their stint in the military during the Civil War. This recipe will let you experience something that is supposed to be nearly same as the "crackers" served to Father Abraham's troops. You can attempt to eat it as is after it cools, but to make it really authentic you should let it "age" approximately 1 year before serving. Worms, insects and mould are optional. The end result is almost edible.

3 cups whole wheat flour	1 cup rye flour
1 tsp salt	1 cup water
	$\frac{2}{3}$ lard

Mix flour, lard and salt adding only enough water to form a ball of dough. Knead well for 5 minutes, then roll out to $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick and cut into 3" x 3" squares and place on a cookie sheet. Poke 4 rows of 4 holes then bake in a 400 degree oven until the top starts to turn brown or about 30 to 40 minutes.

Serving suggestions: Crush with a musket butt, mix with water and boil in a tin cup. Makes a good gruel or wall paper paste. Fry with pork fat for several minutes. If eaten for several days in a row it will give you a dandy case of dysentery.

Optional: Sew to body portion of shirt, running thread through holes in hardtack. Makes a nifty bullet proof vest!

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Common Abbreviations

- GAR** — The Grand Army of the Republic. The GAR was officially organized in 1866 by Union soldiers, sailors and marines who served the U. S. during the Civil War. Its last member, Albert Woolson, died in 1956. With his death, the GAR officially ceased to exist.
- Allied Orders** — Those Orders closely allied and officially recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), consisting of the WRC, LGAR, SUVCW, DUVCW and ASUVCW.
- WRC** — The Women's Relief Corps. The oldest of the Allied Orders, officially recognized by the GAR in 1881.
- LGAR** — The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. The LGAR was officially recognized by the GAR in 1883.
- SV** — The Sons of Veterans. The SV was officially recognized by the GAR in 1888. In 1925, the Order changed its name to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW).
- DV** — The Daughters of Veterans. The DV was officially recognized by the GAR in 1900. The DV changed its name to the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (DUVCW) in 1925.
- ASV** — The Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans. The ASV changed its name to the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary (SVA) in 1894. In 1925 its name was once again changed, this time to the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The ASUVCW was officially recognized by the GAR in 1931.
- SUVCW** — See SV above.
- DUVCW** — See DV above.
- SVA** — See ASV above.
- ASUVCW** — See ASV above.
- C & R** — The Constitution and Regulations. These are the National "Bylaws" of our Order, from which our Department and Camp Bylaws are modeled after.
- MOLLUS** — The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. An Organization formed of Union Officers of the Civil War and their descendants.
- SVR** — The Sons of Veterans Reserve. The Military Arm of the SUVCW. Originally conceived as an armed militia to supplement the National Guard, now used only for ceremonial purposes of the Order.
- UVU** — Union Veterans Union. One of the larger Orders of Civil War veterans of the many that arose after the Civil War. Now defunct.
- USWV** — United Spanish War Veterans. An Order consisting of those United States Military veterans who fought in the Spanish/American War of 1898.

Coming Events

February 12 through December 1996 **Lansing**
Michigan's Civil War Flags — Forty selected Michigan Regimental Flags from the State of Michigan's collection will be on display on a rotating basis. The display will commence on Lincoln's birthday and run through the end of 1996. In conjunction with the flags display, there will be a period homefront scene, a cemetery setting, a battlefield diorama and some Civil War artwork; along with cannons used by the Loomis Battery of Coldwater, Civil War uniforms, military equipment and rare photographs. A video program will present the entire flag collection to museum visitors. The exhibit will cover 4,600 square feet. At the Michigan Library and Historical Museum, 717 West Allegan Street, Lansing, MI; two blocks East of M-99, the previously named (Gen. John A.) Logan Street.

February 17 **Lansing**
Department Mid-Winter Conference — 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm at the Midway Motor Lodge, 7711 West Saginaw, Lansing. All Camp officers are encouraged to attend this workshop to exchange ideas on the running of Camps and recruiting procedures to increase membership. The Annual Washington-Lincoln Dinner follows (optional), at 6:00 pm. Dinner reservations are required (see next page for reservation form).

March 16 and 17 **Kalamazoo**
Annual Kalamazoo Antique Gun Show. — At the Kalamazoo County Fair Grounds. Firearms, accouterments, clothing, accessories, gear, etc. from the Colonial period through 1898, including Civil War period items. Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20 will host a recruiting table.

May 4 and 5 **Mansfield, Ohio**
Ohio Civil War Collectors Show. — 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Richland County Fairgrounds, U. S. 30 and Trimble Road Exit (then follow the signs), Mansfield, Ohio. The largest Civil War Relic and Memorabilia Show in the Mid-West, 550 tables. Buy, sell, trade and show. Many display only tables that are worth the trip in itself. Restricted to Military and related items (GAR, MOLLUS, SUVCW, etc.). Reproduction items allowed, if clearly marked.

June 8 **Lansing**
107th Department of Michigan Annual Encampment. — Registration starts at 8:00 am. 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. Luncheon and Dinner available.

Submissions for Coming Events are welcome. If your Camp is planning a special meeting or event and would like to have Brothers from other Camps attend, or if you know of a Civil War related event in your area, please send in the details, along with the name of the event, date, time and place of the event, so it may be included in the Coming Events calendar.

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Reader Survey Results

A total of 23 out of 345 Brothers returned surveys. Some of the surveys had one or more of the questions left unanswered and as a result, several of the questions will not have a total of 23 responses. The number of returned surveys broken down by Camps is as follows (total Camp membership in parenthesis):

Camp No. 1 - 1	Camp No. 3 - 1	Camp No. 7 - 3	Camp No. 9 - 0	Camp No. 14 - 1
Camp No. 17 - 6	Camp No. 20 - 0	Camp No. 22 - 0	Camp No. 28 - 2	Camp No. 43 - 0
Camp No. 53 - 0	Camp No. 58 - 6	Camp No. 67 - 0	Camp No. 101 - 1	Camp No. 120 - 0
Camp No. 145 - 2	Camp No. 462 - 0			

The following is the result of those Brothers in the Department that answered the survey questions.

Do you read the following?	Never	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Department Orders	0	4	4	15
Department Officer Reports	0	5	5	12
Camp News	0	2	4	17
Ancestor Vignettes	0	5	3	15
Coming Events	0	0	3	20
Camp Meeting Times, Dates and Places	1	6	8	7

Do you want regular Articles by other Department Officers?	Yes	No
Historian	22	0
Patriotic Instructor	18	4
Chaplain	13	8
SVR Adjutant	10	11
Legislative Committee	12	9
Bylaws Committee	12	9
Graves Registration Committee	19	3
GAR/SV Archival Committee	19	3
Veterans Affairs Committee	16	4
Other (???????)	0	1

The Camp News section should be:	Dropped-2	Have more Camps report activities-20
The Ancestor Vignette section should be:	Dropped-2	Continued-20
The Coming Events section should be:	Dropped-0	Continued-23
The Camp Meeting Times, Dates and Places section should be:	Dropped-0	Continued-11 Run once annually-12
What you would like to see in the Messenger:	Yes	No
Civil War articles	14	9
Civil War reenactment articles	10	12
SUV Camp histories, past and present	21	2
GAR Post histories	22	1
More articles and pages	19	5
Reader response column	16	7
Want ads	12	10
Style changes	20	1

Other subjects mentioned were: Genealogy, where to find info on C. W. ancestors and GAR records; articles explaining such topics as "Allied Orders", the "C & R", the "SVR", the "WRC", graves registration and sources of Civil War records; sites on the internet and members on the internet; vignettes on namesakes of past and present Camps and why the name was chosen.

Other changes some of you mentioned you would like to see: Run C. W. reenactment articles only if they involve a Brother; run want ads only if paid for; run want ads only if space warrants (as space fillers).

Comments concerning the Messenger were: Nice layout, easy to read; 1st page style change takes up too much room; don't like new masthead but like officer listing on first page.

This information will allow the Department to better gauge the type of information the members of this Department want from their elected and appointed Department officers and other Camps and individuals in the Department. Thanks again to those who took the time and trouble to fill out and mail in the form.

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Camp Meeting Times, Dates and Places

Gen. John A. Logan Camp No. 1

Meets at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, January through December at the Michigan Veteran's Facility, 3000 Monroe NE, Grand Rapids.

Grand Rapids

Henry E. Plant Camp No. 3

Meets at 1:30 pm on the 3rd Sunday of January, March, May, September and November at the Tri-Cities Historical Museum, 1 North Harbor Ave., Grand Haven.

Fruitport

Gov. Austin Blair Camp No. 7

Meets at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November at the American Legion Hall, 3200 Lansing Ave., Jackson.

Jackson

George W. Howe Camp No. 9

Meetings held once quarterly. Contact Commander Jack Lavis, P. O. Box 302, Marysville, MI 48040, (810) 364-9691 for time, date and place of meetings.

Port Huron

Robert Finch Camp No. 14

Meetings held once quarterly. Contact Commander Allen A. Pifer, 815 Westminster Woods, Traverse City, MI 49684, (616) 947-9533 for time, date and place of meetings.

Traverse City

Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17

Meetings at 7:00 pm on the last Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Grand Army of the Republic Hall, Main St., Sunfield.

Lansing/Sunfield

Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20

Meetings at 7:00 pm on the last Tuesday of the month, with the exception of June, July and August at the American Legion Hall, 431 E. South St., Kalamazoo.

Kalamazoo

Colegrove-Woodruff Camp No. 22

Meetings at 7:30 pm on the 1st Thursday of each month, with the exception of July and August at the Grand Army of the Republic Hall, 402 E. Michigan Ave., Marshall.

Marshall

Alexander French Camp No. 28

Meetings at 7:30 pm on the 1st Tuesday of January, April, July and October at the Free Methodist Church, Big Rapids.

Big Rapids

Nash-Hodges Camp No. 43

Meetings at 7:00 pm on the 1st Sunday of January, February, March, May, July, September, October and November at the Blissfield Historical Museum, 105 North Lane St., Blissfield.

Blissfield

Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 53

Meetings at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Thursday of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Shepherd Museum, corner of First St. and Maple St., Shepherd.

Mt. Pleasant

George W. Anderson Camp No. 58

Meetings at 7:00 pm on Monday January 22, March 18, May 20, July 15, September 23 and November 18, 1996 at VFW Post 671, 12550 South US 27, DeWitt.

DeWitt

Gen. Phil Kearny Camp No. 67

Meetings at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, with the exception of January and December at VFW Post 485, 3022 N. Water St., Bay City.

Bay City

Gen. Ulysses S. Grant Camp No. 101

Meetings at 2:00 pm on the first Saturday of January, April, July and October at the Elmwood Cemetery Offices, 1200 Elmwood Ave., Detroit.

Detroit

Gilluly-Kingsley Camp No. 120

Meetings at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month, January through December at the Howell Carnegie Library, 314 W. Grand River Ave., Howell.

Howell

Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145

Meetings at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of January, February, March, April, May, July, September, October and November at the Army Reserve Headquarters Building, 1909 Kearsley Park Dr., Flint

Flint

Russell A. Alger Camp No. 462

No meetings.

Camp-at-Large

Any SUVCW Brother may attend any regular meeting of any SUVCW Camp by presenting his current Official SUVCW Membership Card to the Camp officers. All Brothers are encouraged to visit other Camps within the Department.

Michigan's Messenger

is the official newsletter of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and is published quarterly on the first of February, May, August and November. Michigan's Messenger is mailed to all Members and Associates of Camps within the Department as a service of their Department per capita taxes.

All Department Officers, Camps and Brothers are encourage to submit original articles of news or interest for inclusion in the newsletter.

April 15th

is the deadline for the next issue of the Messenger.

Copy must be received by the editor by this date to ensure its inclusion in the May issue. Earlier submissions are most welcome.

Send submissions to:
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Washington - Lincoln Dinner

Following the Mid-Winter SUVCW Conference

Social hour at 5:30 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

After Dinner Entertainment

7th Michigan Fife and Drum Corps
"Music from the Civil War"

Dinner Menu:

- Salad
- Swiss Steak Jardiniere
- Baked Potato
- Vegetable
- Dessert
- Beverage

The Dinner and Entertainment is open to the Public.
Guests are Welcome.

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Please use this coupon for dinner reservations.

I am planning on attending the Washington - Lincoln Dinner at the Mid Way Motor Lodge, 7711 West Saginaw, Lansing on Saturday, February 17, at 6:30 pm.

I would like to purchase ____ tickets @ \$15.00 each for the dinner. Total amount enclosed is \$____.00.

Deadline for Ordering Dinner Tickets is February 14th.

Please make the check payable to: Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Mail to:

Jim Williams, Treasurer
Michigan Department, SUVCW
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Fenton MI, 48430

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Name of Ancestor _____

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February 17, 1996

1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

The Michigan Department's 4th Annual

Midwinter Conference

Will be held at the Midway Motor Lodge, 7711 West Saginaw, Lansing, Michigan.

The Annual Washington-Lincoln Dinner will following in the evening at 6:00 pm.

All Camp Officers are encouraged to attend this workshop to exchange ideas on the running of Camps and recruiting procedures.

Please plan on attending!

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