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*Richard C. Danes, Editor*

*Recipient of the Marshall Hope Award for Best Department  
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The Deep Freeze of Winter has arrived and sent many scurrying for warmer climates, or just hunkering down at home trying to stay warm. Thank you to ALL camps for finishing your installations prior to the heavy snow, high winds, and extreme cold of January arrived. I would also like to thank all the Camps for getting their required reports submitted to Department Secretary Denney and Department Treasurer Gosling.

Plans are advancing quickly for the Annual Michigan Department Encampment, to be held at The Okemos Conference Center in Okemos. Information is available on the Department Website and in the pages of the Messenger. Pre-Registration is happening right now. Plan on attending, as we have many revisions to our By-Laws and the ratification of a change to the National Constitution.

The Department is also hosting our very own Don Shaw, Commander in Chief, for a Testimonial Dinner, immediately following the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. Please make plans to attend so we can honor him and his contribution to the Order.

Prior to our Encampment, some members are heading to Springfield, IL, to honor President Lincoln Memorial Day(Observed) and true Memorial Day, May 30, follow less than a month after our Encampment. These are just a couple of the events planned by you, the brothers, and backbone, of this great Organization, as we continue to Keep Green the Memory of the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and Revenue Cutter Service men, who fought, died, and lived with the memories of that horrible conflict until, they too, passed into eternity. May they be forever remembered and honored.

It has been a pleasure serving the Department this past year, I have met many of you and look forward to continuing to serve the Department in the future. I would also like to extend my appreciation to my Staff and all the brothers of the Department for their help and service this past year.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Robert R Payne, PCC, DC

**Department Orders #12**  **Series 2018 – 2019**  
**Headquarters, Headquarters, Holt, MI**  
**January 1, 2019**

**Nominating Committee and Letters of Intentions**

1. In accordance with Department of Michigan Bylaws, Article IX, Section 12. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five Brothers NOT currently elected to an office of the Department. The committee's purpose shall be to prepare a slate of officers, listing one or more brother(s) for each elected office (of the Department), for the presentation at the Annual Encampment. Nominations from the floor will continue to be accepted at the Encampment.
2. The following brothers have been appointed to the Nominating Committee for 2019-2020: Richard Danes, PCC – Chair; L. Dean Lamphere, Jr, PDC; David Smith, PDC; Edgar Dowd, PCC; David Kimble, CC.
3. Any brother interested in an elected office should submit their letter of intent, credentials, and any recommendation letters to Richard Danes at redanes@sucvwm.org or via USPS at: 2612 Burns St., Dearborn, MI 48124-3204.
4. The deadline to submit letter of intent shall be Monday, 15 March 2019.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



Robert R Payne  
 Department Commander  
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/s/  
 Richard Denney  
 Department Secretary  
 Department of Michigan  
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"A Soldier's Grave..."

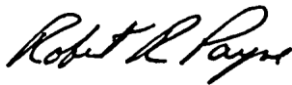
Tread lightly, 'tis a soldiers grave, A lonely, mossy mound;  
 And yet to hearts like mine and thine, it should be holy ground.  
 Speak softly, let no careless laugh, no idle, thoughtless jest escape your lips where sweetly sleeps the hero in his rest.  
 For him no reveille will beat when morning beams shall come;  
 For him, at night, no tattoo rolls... Its thunders from the drum.  
 Tread lightly! for a man bequeathed, ere laid beneath this sod,  
 His ashes to his native land, His gallant soul to God."  
 Left by Don Justin, CWO USN (Retired) on 19 Aug 2011

***In this Issue: Officer's Reports, Department Orders, Camp News, Encampment Announcements and Forms, History of the 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, GAR Museum News, and much more***

  
**Department Orders # 13 Series 2018 – 2019**  
**Headquarters, Headquarters, Holt, MI**  
**January 30, 2019**

1. As all camp installations have been completed, all camps are to insure they have properly filed all the proper forms with the Department Secretary. This includes Form 22, Form 22MI, and Rosters.
2. All Camps must insure they have provided the Department Treasurer with the appropriate information to insure all Form 990's are properly filed.
3. All Camps are reminded to complete the updates required to their Camp By-Laws.
4. The Department Encampment will be held at the Okemos Conference Center, 2187 University Park Dr, Okemos, MI 48864, on April 27, 2019. Registration shall begin at 8:00 am with the Business Meeting starting at 9:00 am. Registration, Hotel, and meal information may be found at [www.suvcwmi.org/DeptEncampment/DEindex-135.php](http://www.suvcwmi.org/DeptEncampment/DEindex-135.php)
5. Pre-Registration is encouraged.
6. Camps are encouraged to bring their Camp flags.
7. A Testimonial honoring Commander-in-Chief Don Shaw will be held on April 27, 2019 at the Okemos Conference Center, 2187 University Park Dr, Okemos, MI 48846. It will commence shortly after the Annual Department of Michigan Encampment concludes, in the same room as the Encampment. Information can be found at [www.suvcwmi.org/ShawTestimonial.php](http://www.suvcwmi.org/ShawTestimonial.php)

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/s/  
 Richard Denney  
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*I have just read your dispatch about sore-tongued  
 and fatigued horses.*

*Will you pardon me for asking what the horses of  
 your army have done since the Battle of Antietam  
 that fatigues anything?*

*Abraham Lincoln in response to General McClellan*

**2018 - 2019  
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**Civil War Memorials**

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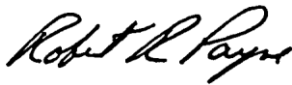
Paul T. Davis, PDC

**Department Orders # 14**  **Series 2018 – 2019**  
**Headquarters, Headquarters, Holt, MI**  
**February 6, 2019**

As of this date, James B. Pahl, PcinC, has been appointed Department of Michigan Camp Organizer. He shall be the contact for the formation of new camps in the Department.

Brother Pahl may be contacted by email at [jbpahl0824@yahoo.com](mailto:jbpahl0824@yahoo.com)

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/s/  
Richard Denney  
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**Department Orders # 15**  **Series 2018 – 2019**  
**Headquarters, Headquarters, Holt, MI**  
**February 20, 2019**

Where as Henry Plant Camp #3, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has failed to file the updated Form 22, Form 22MI, and an updated roster, by 15 February 2019.

I am hereby suspending Henry Plant Camp #3 until the proper forms have been filed.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



Robert R Payne  
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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

/s/  
Richard Denney  
Department Secretary  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**Department Orders # 16**  **Series 2018 – 2019**  
**Headquarters, Headquarters, Holt, MI**  
**February 21, 2019**

Where as Henry Plant Camp #3 Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has filed an updated Form 22, Form 22MI, and an updated roster.

I am reinstating Henry Plant Camp #3, as of February 21, 2019.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



Robert R Payne  
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/s/  
 Richard Denney  
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**From the Department Junior Vice Commander**  
**Nathan L. Smith, CC**

Greetings fellow brothers,

I hope you all have had a safe winter thus far and hopefully spring is just around the corner. I am pleased to share that over the past few months I have had just over a half dozen membership inquires, in which each of those later submitted a proper application to become members of either the Camp-At-Large or to the camps in which they were directed based on their preference or home location. It was nice to see an increase of membership activity after having a very quiet summer.

I recently read an article written by a Terry Ibele, titled, "*12 Practical Ways To Engage and Retain Members in Today's World,*" and wanted to highlight the articles 12 ways to keep membership engagement going as it may be helpful to our own organization's needs.

**1. Discover why they joined and do more of it**

The article suggests that the top two reasons people join an organization are because they want to: 1.) Network with others, and/or; 2.) Assess specialized and/or current information. The article suggests that 2/3rds of members join organizations because of these two reasons and suggests that it is our responsibility to find a out why the other 1/3 chose to join.

Discovering why our members joined is very important in our organizations endeavor to ensure membership retention. It will also ensure we as an organization are engaging them based on common interests, fraternal bonds and delivering on some of the expectations they had when they became members.

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**2. Refresh your members' memories of the benefits you offer**

Does your camp have a mentorship program? Does your camp have a newsletter? Does your camp have civil war round table discussions? If so, this is a great opportunity to send emails to your members reminding them of activities that your camp offers.

**3. Scale your onboarding in a consistent way**

What is the term "onboarding?" It is essentially communication. The best way to practice onboarding at the camp level is through emails. KEEP YOUR MEMBERS INFORMED. KEEP THEM ENGAGED with what is going on at the Camp, Department and National Level. Encourage participation.

**4. Identify who isn't engaging and send them a "win-back" email**

Keep track of your members and who regularly attends meetings and events. If you have members who drop out of sight you need to reach out to them and let them know the Camp is thinking of them. We are less likely to retain members who do not feel engaged.

**5. Conduct exit interviews with lapsed members**

Exit interviews can be a very important component in learning what we as an organization are doing wrong. I encourage each of you to engage members who are leaving on why and ask for suggestions on how we can become a better.

**6. Pick up the phone and start creating personal connections**

"Nothing engages a member more than a personal connection." This statement holds very true. The personal connections I made early on in my own membership certainly strengthened my resolve to be an active member and strive to do more for our organization.

**7. Begin facilitating online participation**

"Events are one of the best ways to engage your members. But, events aren't for everyone." One of the ways we can facilitate online participation is for our organization to ensure we keep our websites and social media accounts fresh and up-to-date.

**8. Ask lapsed members to rejoin with an appreciation letter**

Let members who have let their memberships lapse know they are appreciated. Let them know what their contributions to our organization have done. Ask them what can we do to assist them.

**9. Diversify your events**

Any way you look at it we are a diverse group. Maybe not in a huge way but we are diverse in the sense that we are made up of members from all different ages and reasons for becoming members. Engage your members to see if there is anything that we can do event wise that will engage the different levels of diversity.

**10. Trash your paper renewal forms and automate renewals online**

It is a fact that most people nowadays use the internet to facilitate payments in one form or another. We as an organization will need to look at these options in the future. Paper checks and forms are becoming a thing of the past.

**11. Send automated reminders**

Automated reminders can be a great thing. They can remind your membership of upcoming meetings and events and can also be used to remind members that they have membership dues that need to be paid.

**12. Realize it's okay**

"There can be a million different reasons why someone doesn't renew and sometimes there's just nothing you can do about it."

I hope that you find these 12 suggestions helpful. We all have to remember that it is our responsibility to mentor current and new members, to engage them, and to make them have a greater sense of belonging.

## Department Chaplain

Submitted by Department Chaplain Charles Buckhahn, PCC

*When I participate in the Blue Gray Days in Franklin, TN, I portray Chaplain Isaac Newton Jaquess. He was the second Chaplain to serve the 73<sup>rd</sup> Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment, which had the nickname "The Preachers' Regiment" as most of its commanding officers were Methodist Ministers before the war. This Regiment fought at the Carter House during the 1864 Battle of Franklin, TN. Chaplain Jaquess was also a Methodist Minister, serving a congregation in Mt. Carmel, IL at the time of the war. He had some military experience prior to the Civil War, as he was a private in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Volunteer Regiment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, during the 1832 Black Hawk War in Illinois.*

*After the Black Hawk War, he married Jane S. Tilton and they had 11 children; however, only 6 lived to see adulthood. After but 29 years of marriage, she died on July 1, 1863. At the end of 1863, Isaac received the request to become the Chaplain of the 73<sup>rd</sup>. On January 14, 1864, at the age of 52, he was mustered into service. He served until the Regiment was mustered out of service on June 12, 1865. That he was respected and beloved by the men of his regiment is shown by the 73<sup>rd</sup>'s Regimental History. He was asked to write that history's final chapter. In that chapter, we learn a bit of the religious faith of the 73<sup>rd</sup>.*

*The Chaplain wrote: "Early in the year 1864, I was appointed chaplain of the 73d Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry. It did not take me long to discover that the office was one of the most difficult to fill of any connected with the army service. While the chaplain was a commissioned officer, he had no control, no arbitrary control over the men. The chaplain might appoint a time for religious services, but by the time, or perhaps before the hour appointed arrived, the men might be ordered out on picket, forage, or some other duty, and the well-meant efforts of the chaplain be thus frustrated.*

*"We regret to state that there were some officers in the army who did not want chaplains or their services. The presence of a good and faithful chaplain was a standing reproof of their wicked conduct; and the sooner they could discourage and dishearten the chaplain, the better they were pleased. On the other hand, some chaplains had an idea that, in order to be successful, they must be popular with the officers and men. In attempting to be popular, they too frequently let down the standard of morals and religion so low as to breed contempt. While these and other things that might be mentioned were serious hindrances in the way of the success of many chaplains, I want it distinctly understood there was no difficulty of this kind with the 73d. On the contrary, the officers in command always consulted the chaplain, and accommodated him in his work.*

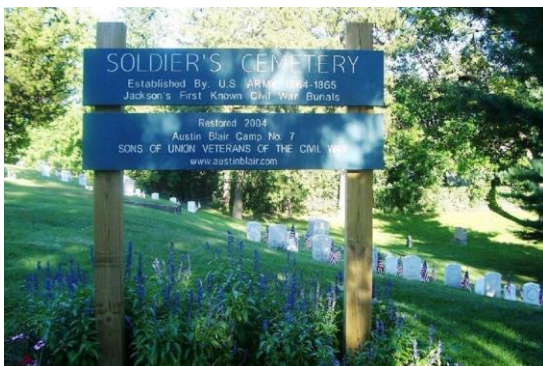
*"It soon became apparent to me that some religious organization was necessary. To meet this want, we organized a Regimental Church, with broad and liberal provisions, such as all who truly desired to be religious could subscribe to. This happily served as a bond to hold together a faithful band, amidst the terrible shock of war. I want to say here, in this connection, that when the men of the 73d were situated so that I could visit them in their tents or huts, in order to converse or pray with them, they always treated me kindly, and the invitation was, 'Come again, come again.'"*

*The good Chaplain returned to being a Methodist Pastor after the war and lived to be 85 years old, dying on November 12, 1896. He was also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Not a bad Chaplain to portray on an annual basis!*

*In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty*

## Graves Registration

By Department Graves Registration Officer Rick Danes



The GAR Plot at Mount Evergreen Cemetery  
Jackson

*At the March 9<sup>th</sup> Department Graves Meeting, I will announced that we have reached another milestone with our database, having 71,001 Civil War, and 3,888 "Other War" records represented.*

*At our meetings, we have very spirited discussions, not always about the Civil War, but in each session we learn something!*

*The meeting schedule is: June 8, September 14, and December 8*

*All are welcome to join us.*

**General Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20***Submitted by Bill Brennan, PCC*

This is a Cheshire, Allegan County picture. Memorial Day Circa. 1910-1913. Henry P. Gillespie of the 13th Mich. Inf. is in the center with mustache, black hat and arms that are behind his back. Cryus S. Klapp is the shorter veteran with a white beard, dark hat, and arms behind his back. He was a Pvt in the 44th Ind. Inf. Co.I. He was the last Civil War Veteran to be buried in the Lindsley Cemetery in Cheshire twp. 1841-1929. Gillespie was 1847-1919 and is buried near him in the Lindsley. They are by the Cheshire Center store which still stands today and meets the description as I checked it out. They are wearing the red, white, and blue ribbons of the day on their lapels left side.

**Future Michigan's Messenger Publications  
Submittal Dates and Publication Dates****Winter - March 1 for a March 15 Publication****Spring- June 1 for a June 15 Publication****Summer - September 1 for a September 15 Publication****Fall - December 1 for a December 15 Publication**

Send all articles to Rick Danes, Editor, preferably at [editor@suvcwmi.org](mailto:editor@suvcwmi.org) or to 2612 Burns Street, Dearborn, Michigan 48124-3204

**ALL PUBLICATIONS WILL BE MADE ON TIME**

*Please do not send me photos without the names of persons in the photo and a suggested caption. Thanks for your support!*



**U. S. Grant Camp #67 and LeValley-Heusted Camp 255**  
*Submitted by Paul Davis, PDC*

**Charles Buckhahn Receives National Chaplains Award**



Charles Buckhahn, U.S. Grant Camp 67 member and Department of Michigan Chaplain has been awarded the National Sons of Union Veterans Chaplain Award from the National SUVCW Chaplain Jerry Kowalski. Presenting the Award is Department Commander Robert Payne.



The Officers of U.S. Grant Camp were installed by Department Commander Robert Payne to serve their 2019 terms.

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Department Commander Robert Payne installed the 2019 Officers of LeValley-Heusted Camp 255. L-R: Robert Payne, Nathan Smith, Bernie Hawk, David Reid and David Neese.



Grant Camp member Len "Irish" McNerney and his friend Tony recently renewed their friendship at Gettysburg. Irish and Tony have appeared together in the movies Gettysburg and Gods and Generals.



Joe Bickley, U.S. Grant Camp member, brought his son to Gettysburg and visited the East Cavalry Field where the Michigan Cavalry Brigade fought. Looks like we have new recruit-in-training.

### ***PDC Davis Announces Candidacy For National JVCIC***



Paul Davis, two-term past Department Commander and current member of the National Council of Administration is completing the third year of his term on the Council of Administration. He has submitted his letter of intent to seek the position of Junior Vice Commander In Chief of the Sons Of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

PDC Davis is a Life Member of the SUVCW and a Commissioned Officer in Company A, 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, Sons Of Veterans Reserve. He is also Commander of MOLLUS Michigan Commandery. A complete Resume and Letter of intent are posted on the National SUVCW website under Governance> Candidates seeking Elected Office.

Brother Davis would appreciate your support and vote for his candidacy during the 2019 National Encampment to be held in Independence, Ohio on August 9 and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### ***Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum Commemorates the 153rd Anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic***

April 6 and 7, 2019

On the night of April 6, 1866, in Decatur, Illinois, 13 veterans of the Union Army of the Civil War, led by Major Benjamin Stephenson, gathered in an upstairs room in a small, unassuming brick building. Little did they realize that the organization they were forming would have so much influence on the country they fought to save.

Michigan's remembrance and commemoration of the 153rd anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) will take place with a special Open House on Saturday, April 6th from 10 AM to 5 PM and Sunday, Noon to 5 PM at Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum (224 South Main, Eaton Rapids, Michigan). In addition to the two floors of G.A.R. artifacts and memorabilia, many other special exhibits will be on display throughout the day in the 1886-built former G.A.R. Post building. Two full floors of special exhibits relating to the 90-years existence and accomplishments of the G.A.R. will be available for viewing. A special 153rd birthday cake in honor of the G.A.R. will be served on Saturday and refreshments will be served throughout both days.

The Museum invites all members of the Allied Orders to bring items that they would like to exhibit from their own collections including G.A.R., Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G.A.R., Daughters of Union Veterans, and Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

Please let PCinC Keith Harrison ([GARmichigan@gmail.com](mailto:GARmichigan@gmail.com)) know by no later than Thursday, March 31st if you will be bringing an exhibit and how much table space you will need. The Museum will have 4- and 6-foot tables available for exhibits, BUT given the limited space, tables will need to be distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

Mark your calendars so you don't miss out on the April 6 and 7, 2019 commemoration as Michigan celebrates the Grand Army of the Republic. Free Admission to the Museum.

Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum is a federally recognized 501 (c) (3) Michigan Nonprofit Corporation. It is solely dedicated to ensuring that the memory and accomplishments of the Grand Army of the Republic and its members in Michigan are not forgotten.

## Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum's Seminar Programs for 2019

Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Memorial Hall and Museum in Eaton Rapids will be sponsoring 5 Free Civil War History Seminars during 2019. Mark your calendars. The dates and times for the programs are:

**Tuesday, March 19th (7 PM)** - Program: *Andersonville* (Speaker: Bruce Butgereit)

**Tuesday, May 21st (7 PM)** - Program: *Three Ties That Bind Us to the Civil War: The Medal of Honor, TAPS, and Memorial Day* (Speaker: Dave Finney)

**Tuesday, July 16th (7 PM)** - Program: *The Eleventh Corps at Chancellorsville* (Speaker: Dr. Jim Pula)

**Sunday, September 22nd (3 PM)** - Program: *Last Veterans of the Blue and Gray* (Speaker: Larry Hathcock)

**Tuesday, November 19th (7 PM)** - Program: *Warriors in Mr. Lincoln's Army - Stories of Native Americans who fought in the Civil War* (Speaker: Quita Shier)

### About Our Speakers for 2019

**March 19th - Bruce Butgereit** is a former commander of the Michigan Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and Michigan Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and has coordinated restoration efforts for many Civil War memorials and conducted countless ceremonies to dedicate and/or rededicate headstones for Civil War soldiers. Bruce is a professional historical researcher, preservation consultant, genealogist, public speaker, and historian. He has received numerous awards for his historical work. He has coordinated the restoration of 14 Civil War memorials, including the Michigan monument at Andersonville. Bruce currently serves as the Executive Director of History Remembered, Inc., a not for profit organization dedicated to promoting historic preservation and restoration through educational programs.

**May 21st - Dave Finney** is a nationally recognized scholar author and lecturer regarding the Civil War. He served for 37 years as a history teacher and chairman of the history and social studies department at North Farmington High School. During that time he also taught as an adjunct faculty member at Oakland Community College and the University of Detroit/Mercy. Additionally, Finney worked for five summers as a seasonal historian at Fredericksburg-Spotsylvania National Military Park and Petersburg National Military Park. He has authored and contributed to numerous publications. His most recent book is: *Remembering Michigan's Civil War Soldiers* by Arcadia Publishing. A historical consultant on *Antietam: A Documentary Film*, he also contributed to documentaries produced by Michigan Government Television, Media Magic, and Historical Films Group.

**July 16th - James Pula** is a Professor of History at Purdue University Northwest and the editor-in-chief of *Gettysburg Magazine*. Dr. Pula is the author or editor of more than two dozen books, including *For Liberty and Justice: A Biography of Brig. Gen. Włodzimierz B. Krzyżanowski* and *The Sigel Regiment: A History of the 26th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, 1862-1865*, winner of the Gambrinus Prize in History from the Milwaukee County Historical Society.

**September 22nd - Larry Hathcock** is a retired upper elementary teacher from the Holly Area Schools where he taught for 30 years. He has a B.A. from Oakland University and a M.Ed. from Wayne State. Larry is a past president of the Michigan Regimental Round Table and the G.W. Lee Roundtable. Larry was born in northern Alabama where he developed his interest in the War Between the States. Members of his family served in the Confederate and Union armies during the war. In 1992, Larry participated in the making of the movie "Gettysburg" at Gettysburg, PA. Larry served six years in the U.S. Naval Reserve with three years active duty in the U.S. Navy.

**November 19th - Quita Shier** is a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University and a resident of Michigan, who has a lifelong interest in American Indian cultures and lifeways. She taught a course about Michigan Indian history and culture at Delta College, University Center, and is a frequent guest speaker. She is experienced in archival and family genealogical research and is a member of the National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865.

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There is no charge for admission to any of Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum programs and refreshments will be served. Information about Michigan's only museum dedicated to the G.A.R. may be obtained by going to Museum's website at <http://garmuseum.weebly.com> or its Face Book page at GARBrainerdPost111MemorialHallAndMuseum.

Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum is a federally recognized 501 (c) (3) Michigan Nonprofit Corporation. All contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowable by law.

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Face Book: GARBrainerdPost111MemorialHallAndMuseum

*Editor's Note: Why Michigan's Messenger is now distributed electronically:*

*In 2005 the Department was faced with rising printing and mailing costs for the nationally recognized Michigan's Messenger. Very few options were available to Department Officers, so the issue was put on the floor at the Department Encampment.*

*The Members voted to publish Michigan's Messenger in an electronic format, with each edition being forwarded to one person in each Camp (thereafter called a Camp Signals Officer), who would then distribute the newsletter to all Camp Members.*

*As a result of this action by the Membership, dues have not been raised.*

***I believe that the Camps have the responsibility to report changes, so that we can continue to serve you, you must provide me with a current contact for electronic mailing.***

*I have tried to include every article that was sent to me prior to publication, so that all future issues will be timely. I welcome all constructive suggestions, and encourage all of you to submit relative news about your committees, your Camps, and your ancestors. This is your newsletter, and its success depends on you. Rick Danes, [editor@suvcwmi.org](mailto:editor@suvcwmi.org).*

### ***An Insight Into Lincoln's Life***

Lincoln used to go to bed ordinarily from ten to eleven o'clock unless he happened to be kept up by important news, in which case he would frequently remain at the War department until one or two. He rose early. When he lived in the country at the Soldier's Home, he would be up and dressed, eat his breakfast (which was extremely frugal – an egg, a piece of toast, coffee, etc.), and ride into Washington, all before eight o'clock. In the winter at the White House he was not quite as early. He did not sleep very well but spent a good while in bed. Tad usually slept with him. He would lie around the office until he fell asleep and Lincoln would shoulder him and take him off to bed.

...He was extremely unmethodical: it was a four years' struggle on Nicolay's part and mine to get him to adopt some systematic rules. He would break through every regulation as fast as it was made.

...At noon the President took a little lunch – a biscuit, a glass of milk in winter, some fruit or grapes in summer.

Before dinner was over, members and Senators would come back and take up the whole evening. Sometimes, though rarely, he shut himself up and would see no one. Sometimes he would run away to a lecture or concert or theater for the sake of a little rest.

He was very abstemious, ate less than anyone I know. Drank nothing but water, not from principle, but because he did not like wine or spirits.

*By Jon Hay, one of Lincoln's private secretaries*

## 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry

By James B. Pahl, PCinC

(The account is based upon and quotes frequently from "Michigan in the War" compiled by J. Robertson, Adjutant General.)

"Our country! Forever we swear 'neath the blue,  
Thy name and thy fame bright and spotless shall be!  
Thine honor we'll guard – hearts and hands ever true;  
Columbia! We owe all and give all to thee!"

The 24<sup>th</sup> was raised almost exclusively in the county of Wayne, with its rendezvous at Detroit. It was recruited with much dispatch, being mustered into the U.S. service on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, 1862, just thirty days from the date of the order giving authority for its organization.

Prior to its leaving for the front, Messrs F. Buhl, Newland & Co., gave the 24<sup>th</sup>, on Campus Martius, Detroit, a very costly flag of red, white and blue, in stars of raised work, inscribed on the flag, "24<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry." D.E. Harbaugh, Esq, made a very appropriate presentation speech, to which Col. Morrow made a very brief reply. The flag was carried through all battles of the regiment up to Gettysburg, where, in upholding and saving it, four color-bears were killed and three wounded. It was then returned to the State, being so tattered and torn as to be unfit for service.

The 24<sup>th</sup> left Detroit on August 29 in command of Colonel Morrow, who had been authorized by the Governor to recruit and organize the regiment. It arrived in Washington, D.C. September 2<sup>nd</sup> and remained at various locations around Washington until September 30, when it was ordered to take rail for Frederick City, MD. On October 6, the regiment marched for Sharpsburg, arriving on the 8<sup>th</sup> and was assigned to General Gibbon's 1<sup>st</sup> brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> division, 1<sup>st</sup> corps.

It continued its march, reaching Warrenton on November 6<sup>th</sup> and finally went into camp November 22<sup>nd</sup> near the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Aquia Creek Railroad, where it went on guard duty until December 6.

The 24<sup>th</sup> again took up the march on December 9 and at daylight on the 11<sup>th</sup>, marched to Fredericksburg, laying on its arms until daylight of the 12<sup>th</sup> when it crossed the Rappahannock on the lower pontoon bridges, coming under enemy artillery fire from the heights. The regiment was placed on the left of the line of battle of the 4<sup>th</sup> brigade, Franklin's 1<sup>st</sup> division, 1<sup>st</sup> corp and under heavy artillery fire on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. On the 13<sup>th</sup>, the 24<sup>th</sup> supported battery "B", 4<sup>th</sup> U.S. artillery, sustained 8 killed, 16 wounded and 8 missing.

April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1863, the 24<sup>th</sup> marched from camp at Belle Plains, crossed the Rappahannock at Port Royal at daylight of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and drove the enemy from the town, capturing prisoners, horses, mules and important rebel mail, returning to camp without loss. As preliminary to the crossing of the Rappahannock by the main body of the army in the advance on Chancellorsville on April 29<sup>th</sup>, the 24<sup>th</sup>, supported by the 6<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin, crossed the river at Fitz Hugh crossing, drove the rebels from their rifle-pits and captured 103 prisoners with loss to the regiment of 3 killed and 22 wounded. The enemy left 17 killed on the field. The entire army received notice of this gallant and successful service.

The first corp did not become engaged in the battle at that place, but covered the retreat of the army across the Rappahannock after the battle. From the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of May, marching over 150 miles, the brigade, commanded by Col Morrow, engaged in an expedition to Westmoreland Court House, which resulted in the capture of 50 prisoners, 500 horses and mules and the liberation of over 1,000 slaves, which were brought within our lines.

Col Morrow back in command of the regiment, soon became involved in the Pennsylvania campaign. Soon the enemy appeared – desperation is in their movements. They seem to hazard all, columns in mass rush on the union line; they hesitate, stagger under the federal fire, waver and are repulsed. Charge follows charge in rapid order, unparalleled salvos of artillery, drifts of shot and shell, whirlwinds of minie bullets, continuous and destructive; the field is gory and the air is thick with the breath of the dying. Three long days the battle rages, but the flag of the Union is triumphant. In the beautiful cemetery where now quietly rest the dead of that terrible strife, lie the remains of over 200 Michigan men, the third largest in number and the largest in proportion to population.

The 24<sup>th</sup> left its camp on June 12 and made laborious and rapid marches to the Pennsylvania line. It arrived near Gettysburg on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July and went immediately into action, their division being the first infantry force under fire in that struggle.

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The brigade had become known throughout the army of the Potomac as the "Iron Brigade" and under that designation, its record has passed into history. On the first day, the losses of the 24<sup>th</sup> were extremely large, being 316 in killed, wounded and missing.

Marching from Gettysburg on July 6<sup>th</sup> in command of Captain Albert Edwards (Col. Morrow, Lt. Col. Flannigan and Major Wight being among the wounded), the regiment crossed the Potomac in the 18<sup>th</sup> and arrived on August 1<sup>st</sup> at the Rappahannock.

The 1<sup>st</sup> of November saw the regiment employed in guarding the Orange & Alexandria railroad from Catlett's Station to Slater Run, VA.

Back under the command of Col Morrow, the 24<sup>th</sup> was deployed at Mine Run on the 28<sup>th</sup> as skirmishers and assisted in driving the enemy into their main works, capturing many prisoners. Falling back with the army, it camped at Kelly's Ford until December 24, when it proceeded to Culpepper, where it went into winter quarters.

With the opening of the campaign of 1864, the 24<sup>th</sup> under Col. Morrow and serving in the 1<sup>st</sup> brigade, 4<sup>th</sup> division, 5<sup>th</sup> corp, broke camp at Culpepper on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, crossed the Rapidan at Germania Ford and on the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup>, encountered the enemy in the Wilderness. During this engagement, the regiment captured a number of prisoners and a stand of colors from the 48<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry. The regiment lost 18 killed, 46 wounded and 42 prisoners and missing. Col. Morrow was severely wounded and Lt. Col. Edwards assumed command.

On the night of May 7, Col. Edwards in command, the 24<sup>th</sup> withdrew from the Wilderness and marched rapidly towards Spotsylvania Court House. While there, the regiment was under fire almost every day until the 21<sup>st</sup>, suffering 11 killed, 39 wounded and 1 missing. The 24<sup>th</sup> crossed the North Anna river on May 23. The enemy almost immediately attacked, but were repulsed with large loss. On the 28<sup>th</sup>, the 24<sup>th</sup> crossed the Pamunky river near Hanover town and participated in the fighting attending the advance to Cold Harbor and in the battle and skirmishes near that point, lost 3 killed and 15 wounded.

On June 16, they crossed the James river at Wilcox's Landing and marched towards Petersburg. On the 18<sup>th</sup>, it participated in the successful assault on the enemy's works surrounded that city, going into action with 120 men, losing nearly 1/3 killed and wounded. On Aug 18<sup>th</sup>, the regiment participated in an engagement on the Weldon railroad and on the 19<sup>th</sup>, the enemy massed a heavy force and attacked their position. The regiment succeeded in holding its ground for a short time, thus saving a large portion of its brigade from capture. The regiment also participated in battle on Aug 21, capturing 11 rebel officers, one stand of colors, a large number of arms and 60 men, with very slight loss.

The regiment, then in 1<sup>st</sup> brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> division, 5<sup>th</sup> corps, participated in the battle of Hatcher's Run on October 27, 1864. During the month of November, back under the command of Col. Morrow, the regiment engaged on picket duty, watching the enemy in front of Petersburg and on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December, moved southward and bivouacked on the night near the Jerusalem plank road. There the corp was massed in preparation for a movement in the direction of Weldon, N.C. for the purpose of destroying the railroad and ascertaining the enemy's position and strength in that direction.

The object of that expedition having been accomplished, the troops moved back towards Petersburg and on the 10<sup>th</sup>, a considerable force of enemy cavalry threatened the rear of the command, but did not attack with any spirit. The regiment arrived in camp in front of Petersburg on the 12<sup>th</sup>, returning to picket and camp duties.

February 5, 1865, it moved with the army to Hatcher's Run, which it crossed and bivouacked for the night and on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> was hotly engaged with the enemy at Dabney's Mills. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of February, the regiment was ordered to report to Baltimore, MD for special duty and reaching there on the 13<sup>th</sup>, was ordered to proceed to Springfield, Ill for duty at the draft rendezvous. They arrived on the 21<sup>st</sup> and at that point was on garrison duty in guarding conscripts and taking them to the front and while stationed there, had the honor of being selected as escort at the funeral of President Lincoln.

While at Springfield, the citizens of Detroit, through General Mark Flannigan, gave the regiment a superb silk flag elegantly embroidered with the Michigan and United States arms, together with the battles in which the regiment had participated. The flag was presented to the regiment at Camp Butler, Illinois by Major William Hutchinson and presented with a letter from Gen. Flannigan. Col. A.M. Edwards, commanding the regiment, received it in an appropriate reply.

On June 19, the regiment left Springfield for Detroit, arriving on the 20<sup>th</sup> and on the 30<sup>th</sup>, mustered out of service, paid off and disbanded.







## 2019 DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

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Department Commander

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Name:

Camp No.:

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SUVCW Pre-Registration Fee is \$5.00 (note: \$10.00 at the door)

Make Your Check Payable To: **Dept. of Mich. SUVCW**

Mail NO LATER THAN 15 March 2019 to:

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Dept. Encampment Credentials Committee  
1062 Four Seasons Blvd.  
Aurora, IL 60504

This form covers only the pre-registration fee. You will still be required to present a current SUVCW Membership Card and Credentials Card issued by your Camp Secretary at the door in order to complete your registration for admission to the Department Encampment.

**2019 Department of Michigan Encampment - 27 April 2019**

Okemos Conference Center  
2187 University Park Drive  
Okemos, MI 48864

**Lunch Reservation Form For 2019 Department Encampment**

1. Please make your selections from the following list of options below and enter the Letter Codes
- 2.

Please note a Gluten Free Chef's Salad will also be offered at **\$9.25** per salad.

All Sandwiches will be made to Order per your specifications made below.

Your Name:
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Sandwich	Bread	Condiments	Fixings	Cheese	Side	Cookie	Drink

**Letter Codes:**

**Sandwich:** H-Ham, T-Turkey, HT-Combo, HS-Ham Salad, VG-Veggie

**Bread:** WW-Wheat, WT-White, RY-Rye, MG-Multi-Grain

**Condiments:** HM-Honey Mustard, M-Mayo, MT-Mustard, SD-On The Side

**Fixings:** LT-Lettuce, TM-Tomato

**Cheese:** CD-Cheddar, SW- Swiss

**Side:** CP-Chips

**Cookie:** CC-Chocolate Chip, HB-Heath Bar Crunch, OR-Oatmeal Raisin, MAC-Macadamia Nut

**Drink:** C-Coke, DC-Diet Coke, DCF-Diet Coke Caffeine Free, SP-Sprite, RT-Root Beer, WA-Water

Mail your check, made out to Department of Michigan SUVCW to “Charles Worley, 68341 Crooked Creek Rd., White Pigeon, MI 49099. Due to Chuck by March 15.

DONALD WILLIAM SHAW, C-in-C  
TESTIMONIAL DINNER  
27 APRIL 2019

OKEMOS CONFERENCE CENTER  
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You are cordially invited to attend a testimonial dinner in honor of our Brother, Commander-in-Chief, Donald W. Shaw, at a cost of \$30 per person. Proceeds, in part, will help defray costs that are incurred annually by the Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW in carrying out his responsibilities during his term. In addition to the stimulating dinner program, there will be an opportunity to relax and get to know Brothers from far and wide. A buffet style dinner will be served including beef tips with rice, chicken parmesan, choice of vegetable, dessert and drink. **Note: Dinner reservations must be received by April 1st. No "At the Door" dinner available.**

Those wishing to attend the Testimonial, but without the Dinner, may do so. Please arrive nearer to 6:45 PM to enjoy the program. Can't attend, but want to donate anyway? Use the same form below.

[C-in-C DONALD SHAW TESTIMONIAL DINNER/DONATION FORM](#)

Note: Dinner Reservations Form must be received by APRIL 1st. Donations can be submitted at any time.

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A block of guest rooms have been reserved at the Comfort Inn for April 26th-27th at a rate of \$109.00 plus tax. This hotel is directly attached to the Conference Center. Guests may call this hotel directly at (517)347-6690 and ask for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War block.

There is also a block of rooms at the Best Western at a rate of \$119.00 plus tax. This hotel is across the parking lot from the Conference Center. Guests may call this hotel at (517)349-8700 and ask for the Sons of Union Veterans. There are also a couple of suites available at a rate of \$130.00 plus tax. All HOTEL reservations must be made by April 5th. We advise - BOOK NOW if you intend to stay.

**The Conference Center is located at Exit 110(Okemos Rd) on I-96  
The Center sits just north of the Freeway, on the east side of Okemos Rd., behind Culver's Restaurant**

TESTIMONIAL DINNER TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- 5:15 PM - 5:45 PM - Social Mixer
- 5:45 PM - 6:45 PM - Dinner Served
- 6:45 PM - 9:00 PM - Program Fun and Frivolity

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NUMBER OF DINNER RESERVATIONS:TOTAL: NUMBER X \$30 EACH = \$\_\_\_\_\_

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**Your Email Address for Acknowledgment of Your Dinner Reservation/Donation:**