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Department Commander

Robert R. Payne, DC

A warm greeting to all on this cold and blustery day, one day before Leap Day, February 29. Many have headed to warmer climates, and many have stayed put, braving the cold and snow. Whichever category you fall in, I am glad you are my brothers.

Thank you to all the camps for completing your installations and for filing the proper forms with the Department Secretary. As we head into the spring, we are looking forward to the Department Encampment and warmer weather. Registration and Meal forms are on the Department Website, www.suvcwmi.org, as well as included in this issue, for your convenience.

I am looking forward to honoring President Lincoln in Springfield, IL and Dr. Stephenson in Petersburg, IL during April. The trip will be a welcome time to reconnect with brothers from our Department as well as from neighboring Departments.

It is also the time to declare your intentions of running for an elected office in the Department. Please refer to Department Order #14 for direction in this matter. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Department Encampment on June 6, at the Okemos Conference Center. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

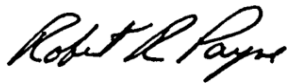
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Robert R Payne, DC

Department Order #12  **Series 2019 – 2020**
Headquarters, Holt, MI
December 16, 2019

1. In order to explore the possibility of hosting the 2022 National Encampment of the Allied Orders, I am appointing an Exploratory Committee.
2. I hereby appoint James B. Pahl, PC-in-C and Paul Davis, PDC as co-chairs of the 2022 National Encampment of the Allied Orders Exploratory Committee.
3. This Committee shall be comprised of brothers, as selected by the co-chairs.
4. This Committee shall be in effect until it is determined that the Department of Michigan shall or shall not host the 2022 National Encampment of the Allied Orders.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



/s/
Robert R. Payne, PCC, DC
Commander, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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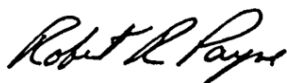
Richard Denney
Secretary, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department Order #13  **Series 2019 – 2020**
Headquarters, Holt, MI
January 21, 2020

In order to comply with the National C&R as well as Department By-Laws:

1. Camps are hereby reminded to file all required documents with the Department Secretary and Department Treasurer. The Department Treasurer will assist in completing the Form 990.
2. Information regarding the Department Encampment, June 6, 2020, may be found on the Department Website on the Department Encampment page. Reservations for rooms, registration forms, and an order form for lunch at the Encampment are available on the page.


In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



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Commander, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

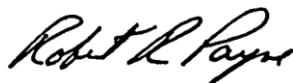
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Richard Denney
Secretary, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department Order #14 (AS Corrected)  **Series 2019 – 2020**
Headquarters, Holt, MI
January 21, 2020

1. In accordance to Department By-Laws, Article IX, Section 12, The Nominating Committee shall consist of five brothers who are 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 Brothers for each elected office of the Department, for the presentation at the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. Nominations from the floor will continue to be accepted at the Annual Michigan Department Encampment.
2. The following brothers have been appointed to the Nominations Committee:
 1. Richard Danes, Sr, PCC, Chair
 2. Edgar Dowd, PCC
 3. L. Dean Lamphere, Jr, PDC
 4. David Smith, PDC
 5. David Kimble, PCC
3. Any Brother wishing to run for a Department Office shall submit their name and qualifications to the Nomination Committee via email to Brother Danes using the following email: redanes@suvcwmi.org or via USPS to: 2612 Burns St., Dearborn, MI 48124-3204.
4. The deadline to submit a letter of intent shall be Monday, **6 April 2020**.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



/s/
 Robert R. Payne, PCC, DC
 Commander, Department of Michigan
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:

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

2019 - 2020
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Edgar J. Dowd, PCC

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Steven Martin

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Nathan Tingley

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Keith G. Harrison, PCinC

Guide

Nathan Tingley

Military and Veterans Affairs

Edgar Dowd

Graves Registration

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GAR Records

Gary L. Gibson, PDC

Civil War Memorials

John H. McGill, CC

Chief of Staff


L. Dean Lamphere, Jr. PDC

Camp At Large Coordinator

Nathan Tingley

Aide de Camp

Paul T. Davis, PDC

Department Order #15 (As revised)  **Series 2019 – 2020**
Headquarters, Holt, MI
January 21, 2020

1. In accordance with Department By-Laws Article XIX, Section 3, the Department is authorized to award a Department Certificate of Appreciation, known as the Abraham Lincoln Certificate of Appreciation Award. The award shall be conferred by the Department Commander upon any individual or entity who, in the judgment of a three member panel appointed by the Department Commander, has through his/her actions, words and/or deeds significantly contributed to the furtherance of the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic 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 Committee Chair whose email shall be included in the notice that nominations are open, no later than two (2) months prior to the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. Recipients of the Award shall be publicly announced, and a certificate presented at the Annual Michigan Department Encampment.

No more than three (3) recipients shall be selected for the award in any one year.

The Committee shall consist of:

1. David Smith, PDC, - Chair
2. Keith Harrison, PCinC
3. Steve Williams, CC
3. Submissions shall be sent to: david.smith@suvchwmi.org
4. The nomination period shall end on Monday, **6 April 2020**

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



/s/
Robert R. Payne, PCC, DC
Commander, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:

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


Department Order #16 **Series 2019 – 2020**
Headquarters, Holt, MI
February 29, 2020

Whereas, The Department of Michigan has been awarded the 2022 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National Encampment:

1. I hereby appoint Past Commander in Chief James B. Pahl as Chair for the 2022 Host Committee.
2. I also ask all brothers to assist Brother Pahl in anyway possible, especially in the area of Committee Chairs and helping those brothers who are Committee Chairs.
3. Brother Pahl will be holding meetings as needed, which will be communicated through the Department Facebook Page and communications from the Department Secretary.
4. The first meeting has been established as March 28, 2020, at The GAR Museum, 224 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. **The meeting is scheduled for 1:00pm.**

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



/s/
 Robert R. Payne, PCC, DC
 Commander, Department of Michigan
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:

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

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, 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!

Department  Communication
Headquarters, Holt, MI
December 16, 2020

Brothers,

It has come to my attention that some camp members have been electronically attacked through e-mail PHISHING attacks. A phishing attack is when someone is sent a fraudulent email soliciting something. Sometimes you are asked to click on a link which will then send you to a fraudulent website or possibly infect your computer, phone, or tablet with a malicious program that can then steal valuable information from you. Other times, you are asked to purchase gift cards from specific stores and turn over the information on those gift cards to the sender of the email in order to assist a group of people you may feel an affinity towards. Many times it states you are helping a Veteran or Veteran Group.

I want all of you, my brothers, to understand: NO Legitimate Charity will ever ask you to purchase gift cards and then turn the numbers over by way of email. The person or persons sending these emails are criminals and are trying to steal your money. These emails are very convincing, but DO NOT SEND THEM ANYTHING. If you wish to help a Veteran's Organization, find a local one you can get the money to. The VFW, The American Legion, Wounded Warriors, The Disabled American Veterans are all legal and good organizations. None of these will ask you to purchase gift cards and turn the information over to them. I realize Veterans are near and dear to each of your hearts, but please, do not fall prey to these people. Make sure you are supporting legitimate charities.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Robert R Payne
Department Commander
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Editor's Note: Why Michigan's Messengers 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 have tried to keep all articles in the format that they are sent, however, in the spirit of editorial judgement, I will correct spelling or edit for space restrictions. 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.

Robert Finch Camp No. 14 – March 2020

Submitted by: David S. Smith, LM, PCC, PDC

During the January 2020 meeting of Robert Finch Camp No. 14, the Brothers of the Camp welcomed two new members, Kenny Jones of Grayling and Rodney Welliver of Cadillac. The two new Brothers were initiated per the ritual by Commander John Lantzer, Chaplain & PCC George Goodrich, and Guide Bob O'Hara. Brother Welliver is a U.S. Air Force Veteran, while Brother Jones is a Veteran of the U.S. Air Force, the Air National Guard, and the Army National Guard. Brother Jones is a retiree of the Army National Guard.



Above: Commander Lantzer closes out the short-form ritual for new Brothers Kenny Jones and Rodney Welliver, with Camp Brothers and the wives of the initiates looking on.

Per the SUVCW National Website: Beginning in 2003, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) embarked on the Last Soldier Project. The purpose of the project is to locate and appropriately mark the final resting place of the last Civil War Soldier buried in each county/parish and in each state of this great country. Camp 14 has made this a priority for the current administrative term. Due to Camp 14's large geographical region (19 counties in northern Michigan), and many large ongoing projects, the Last Soldier Project was delayed. Since October of 2019, 13 of 19 Last Veterans of the County have been identified with several more that are very close to finalization. The research has been conducted thus far by GRO Sawyer, Br. S. Schwander, Br. K. Jones, PCC Goodrich, and PDC Smith.

The Camp plans to hold ceremonies for each county, with more information to come going forward. The first ceremony scheduled is for Kalkaska County at the South Boardman Cemetery on 09 May 2020. The next meeting for Robert Finch Camp No. 14 will be held on Saturday, 14 March 2020 at 11:30 AM at the Elks Lodge No. 323 in Traverse City.

General Benjamin Pritchard, Camp 20



General Benjamin Pritchard, Camp 20 Brothers (L to R) Robert Townsend, Bill Brennan (PDC) and Jr. Vice Commander Doug Gilchrist Met with leadership of the Star of the Lake Masonic Lodge in South Haven, Michigan as part of the camps outreach program to further our mission of keeping green the memory of Michigan soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the U.S. military during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-1865.



Tim Steggman (Worshipful Master) of the Star of the Lake Masonic Lodge hosted the Camp 20 Brothers. Mr. Steggman has undertaken an in-depth genealogical study of the Masonic members who were also Civil War veterans and/or members of the GAR Zach Chandler Post 35 of South Haven. Our organizations are sharing research and are planning a Civil War veteran gravestone preservation project in a South Haven cemetery for the summer of 2020.

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Camp 20 held our annual *Winter Thaw* luncheon on Saturday, January 25, 2020. The event was held at the newly reopened Club Car Grill on D Avenue in Cooper, MI. About twenty brothers and friends of the camp braved the winter weather and shared comradery and a pleasant lunch.

In Memoriam

WILLIAM CEDRICK O'DONNELL
 JANUARY 26, 1939 – NOVEMBER 29, 2019



Age 80, November 29, 2019. Preceded in death by his sisters LaVonne Kargel and Dolores Clark. Dear uncle of Lori (Paul) Simmons, Karen (Mike) Artress, David Clark, Jack (Jackie) Mason, Gary (Val) Mason, Jeff Kargel, Brian Kargel and the late Lisa Gorka. Also survived by many great nieces and nephews.

Bill was a retired Allen Park Police Lieutenant. He proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps and enjoyed Civil War History. He was a Mason and a member of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp # 427 since April of 2003, descended from Private John Query, Company D 14 Pennsylvania Cavalry.

Graves Registration

Submitted by Graves Registration Officer Rick Danes

Our committee will meet on March 14, and I will announce that we have recorded 75,234 Other War and Civil War, records represented.

On the surface, you would think that this is only an increase of only 27 records since last quarter but we have also reviewed and removed duplicate records, and added spouses, birth and death, and corrected spelling errors, man by man, and record by record, 13, 500 men in all.

More to come about that.



**Pvt Charles Lewis, CO B 11 MI INF
 At Schuyler Cem, Colfax, NE**



202 DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

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| Camp Delegate | (Check One Only) Camp Commander | Department Commander |
| Alternate Camp Delegate | Past Camp Commander | Past Department Commander |
| Past Commander-in-Chief | | |

Name: _____ Camp No.: _____
 Email Address: _____

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 25 May 2020 to:

L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., PDC, Chairman
 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 - 6 June 2020

(Note: \$10 Registration Fee at the Door If Not Pre-Registered)

Okemos Conference Center 2187
 University Park Drive Okemos, MI
 48864

Lunch Reservation Form For 2020 Department Encampment

1. Please make your selections from the following list of options below and enter the Letter Codes
2. Send your completed Lunch Reservation Form with check for **\$9.75** per sandwich or salad made payable to "Department of Michigan SUVCW" and remit before **1 June 2020** to:

Charles Worley: 68341 Crooked Creek Rd., White Pigeon, MI 49099

Please note a Gluten Free Chef's Salad will also be offered at **\$9.75** per salad.

If you order a salad instead of a sandwich, enter "SALAD" in the Sandwich Box and your dressing choice in the Condiments Box.

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

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| Your Name: |
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| Sandwich | Bread | Condiments | Fixings | Cheese | Side | Cookie | Drink |
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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

Dressings: BC-Blue Cheese, R-Ranch, FF-Fat Free Ranch, IT-Italian, FR-French

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