

Department Orders #1

Series 2006- 2007

- 1. Having been duly elected and installed, command is hereby assumed**
- 2. Headquarters for the Department of Michigan, SUVCW remains at 9245 Willits Road, Mayville, Michigan, 48744. (989) 843-5967. Rgreene@tds.net**
- 3. A profound “thank you” to the Brothers of the Department of Michigan and the 117th Annual Encampment for their continued support of this administration and their decision to allow it to continue the work of the Department for another year. Brothers, your support is, both, touching and gratifying. It is my endeavor to run an open administration. My contact information appears above. Similar information for the balance of the Department staff may be found in the “Michigan’s Messenger”. Feel free to contact any of us with your thoughts, comments, criticisms, or even a compliment. You have entrusted all of us to work for you and do the Department’s work on your behalf. We all encourage you to let your thoughts be known to us.**
- 4. Standing Committees have been appointed and are set forth in “Michigan’s Messenger”.**
- 5. Special Committees are still being developed and will be announced at a later time.**
- 6. Congratulations to Sister Joanne Bailey- Boorsma of the DUV, Sister Angela Aridi of the WRC and Sister Linda Kronberg of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW on their elections to the Presidency of their respective Orders. I look forward to working with each of you as we seek, to keep green the memory.**
- 7. I regret to report the loss of Past Department Commander, Donald E. Hoch of the Austin Blair Camp #7, Jackson, MI. He was called to his final review on May 21, 2006. Brother Hoch’s contributions to the Order and to the Department of Michigan are legendary and we all owe a great debt to him. A detailed remembrance of Brother Hoch’s life and his many contributions may be found in “Michigan’s Messenger”. All Charters will be draped for thirty days in his memory.**
- 8. While the Department web site will continue to offer a web page to all Camps who desire it, Camps are encouraged to develop their own web sites to better promote their own projects and mission. The Department web site will be glad to offer a link to any Camp’s own web site upon request to the Department Signals Officer.**
- 9. The Department Annual Reports have been filed with the National Organization within the prescribed time limit for the first time in recent memory. Congratulations, praise and thanks go to Department Secretary, Dennis, C. Derr II and the Camps who filed their Annual Camp Reports on time for making this come about. Brothers, well done!!!!**
- 10. I wish to recognize the Camps who filed their Annual Camp Reports on or prior to the deadline date of April 30, 2006. Timely and accurate Annual Camp Reporting facilitates**

the on time submission of the Annual Department Report and enables the Department of Michigan to take its place of good standing with the National Organization. Filing on time were Camps #3, 7, 14, 17, 20, 22, 43, 139, 145, 160, 180, 250, 255, 259, 266, 427, and 462. Thanks and congratulations go to the Camp Secretaries, Commanders, and others who brought this about.

11. Effective May 20, 2006, the George W. Howe Camp #9 and the Ulysses S. Grant Camp #101 are suspended for failure to submit adequate Annual Camp Reports.
12. I am pleased to report 6% membership growth within the Department of Michigan. Membership, as of June 1, 2006 stands at 485 Brothers in good standing.
13. All Department Officers and Committees are reminded that copies of all documents generated in doing the business of the Department over the past year should be forwarded to the Department Historian, forthwith. It is suggested that, where possible, electronic copies be "burned" to a CD, which could be easily received and stored by the Historian.
14. I wish to thank the Department Officers and others who have, thus far, forwarded lists of Department property in their custody to either Department Historian, John Keith or myself. Department Orders #1, Series 2006-2007 call for all such officers or committee chairmen to participate in an inventory of all Department owned property by submitting a list of Department owned items that are currently in their care to the proper Department office. Items of an historical nature should be reported to Brother Keith. Currently used items should be reported to the Department Commander.
15. Brothers are encouraged to plan to attend the 125th National Encampment in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. To be held August 10-12, 2006, the National Encampment will offer a helpful insight into the "inner workings" of our Order. Michigan Brothers have an additional incentive to attend the Encampment this year, as a Michigan man will likely seek the office of Commander-In-Chief of the Order. Senior Vice Commander-In-Chief, Brother James B. Pahl. PDC has announced his intention to run for this lofty position. A large Michigan Delegation should be on hand to support Brother Pahl at this Encampment. Hotel arrangements should be made right away. Details are available in the "*Banner*" or on the National Web Site.
16. Brothers are encouraged to plan to participate in the Remembrance Day parade and services in Gettysburg, Pa. on November 18, 2006. Lodging should be arranged right away. It is hoped that we can improve on last year's small Michigan contingent. Please make every effort to adjust your schedules to allow your attendance and participation in this extraordinary experience. Pursuant to item #14, it is possible that the Michigan contingent will be called upon to escort and guard the Commander-In-Chief this year. Don't miss out on the chance to participate in this high honor. Assistance with finding car pool partners is available at Department Headquarters (info above).
17. All Brothers are encouraged to seek out and photograph Michigan monuments on Civil War battlefields. Copies of photos should be forwarded to Brother Jim Pahl, P.D.C.
18. In events where the presence of any Department Officer is desired, please allow at least one month notice prior to the date of the event.

- 19. Camp Patriotic Instructors are reminded that their reports are now due. The blank form has been sent to the CPI's, of record, by Department Patriotic Instructor, Kevin Lindsey. It seeks information regarding your Camp's patriotic activities over the past year. If you are a Camp Patriotic Instructor and, have not completed this task please complete the report and return it to Brother Lindsey, forthwith. If you have lost the form supplied by Brother Lindsey or did not receive one, you may download it from the National web site. All Camp Commanders should check with Brother Lindsey to find out if their Camp might be delinquent in this duty.**
- 20. I am pleased to report that Captain David W. Mann, son of "Michigan Messenger" Editor Emeritus and Brother John Mann has returned safely from military duty in Iraq. I have asked Brother Mann, to please convey the thanks of the entire membership of the Department of Michigan to Captain Mann for his service on our behalf.**
- 21. I am pleased to announce the appointment of Brother David Arnold to the Office of Assistant to the Department Treasurer, effective July 1, 2006. Brother Arnold's duties will include but will not be limited to managing the purchase, sale and distribution of merchandise which is licensed by the National Organization for sale by the Department of Michigan. Brother Arnold is currently working to bring himself online. His e-mail information will soon be made available on the Department web site and in the next "Michigan's Messenger".**
- 22. Applications have been filed with the National Secretary to renew our licensing of merchandise containing or presenting proprietary SUVCW logos. A decision is expected when the Council of Administration meets, next, in August, 2006.**
- 23. Licensed merchandise will soon be available online. In one of the latest innovations to appear on the Department's website, the hat badges, breast pocket patches, mounting clips, Corp badge insignia, mouse pads and other merchandise that the Department sells will be available for sale, direct from the web site. All purchases may be made, using Pay Pal and, in most cases, shipment will be immediate.**
- 24. Please join me in extending best wishes for a speedy recovery for Brother Al Pifer of Robert Finch Camp #14. Al would enjoy a card or other get well message from his Michigan Brothers. They may be addressed to him at: Mr. Al Pifer, c/o Tendercare Nursing Facility, 2585 LaFranier Road, Traverse City, MI 49633.**
- 25. Department hospitality tent will be located in the "Step Back In Time" area at the Jackson Civil War Muster at Sparks Park in Jackson, Michigan again this year. All Brothers are invited to join us for camaraderie and refreshments. The CW Muster will be held August 26 & 27, 2006**

**Submitted in F, C, & L,
June 1, 2006**

/s/

**Richard Greene, Commander
Department of Michigan, SUVCW**

Attest:

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**Dennis C, Derr II
Department Secretary**