

Department Orders #4

Series 2006- 2007

- 1. I am pleased to welcome the William A. Kent Camp #83, of Greenville to the Department. Department Secretary, Dennis C. Derr II and I were honored to join Commander-In-Chief, James B. Pahl in presenting the Camp's Charter on January 22, 2007. An added treat was touring the Fighting Falcon Museum, home of the Camp. The museum honors the fact that America's World War II combat gliders were built in Greenville. Serving the Montcalm County area, Camp #83 is off to a fine start with a healthy agenda of projects to honor the Boys In Blue.**
- 2. I am, likewise pleased to welcome the March To The Sea Camp #135 of Centreville to the Department. Again, Brother Derr accompanied me to Centreville to present the Camp's Charter on January 27, 2007. The Camp's prime service area will be St. Joseph County and some surrounding area. The unbounded enthusiasm and passion to "keep green the memory" are impressive and are sure to render the Camp #135's work a success.**
- 3. I am pleased to appoint Brother Matthew L. Adair to Chair the Department Credentials Committee. Encampment pre-registration may be sent to Matt at 409 Bent Oak Street, Fenton, Michigan, 48430-2288. Pre-registration fee is \$5.00 per Brother and must arrive before April 23, 2007.**
- 4. The Department will convene in Annual Encampment on Saturday, April 28, 2007 in Lansing, Michigan. All Brothers are heartily encouraged to attend. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged as it serves to smooth out the load of the Credentials Committee and saves the pre-registering Brother half of his registration fee. More details of the upcoming Encampment may be found elsewhere in this issue of the "Messenger",**
- 5. All Camps are requested to bring their Camp Colors and a suitable flag stand to the Department Encampment. The colorful display of Department and Camp colors at the Encampment room serves to represent the solidarity of all Camps and the Department as they stand, aligned together in a Color Line to the right of the Commander's station.**
- 6. The Ulysses S. Grant Camp #101, of Detroit has fulfilled its annual reporting obligations of the 2006 fiscal year and is now reinstated, as of December 27, 2006. Camp #101 is now in good standing and entitled to act in the name of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War with all due privileges and obligations.**
- 7. I extend a hearty commendation and profound thanks to Brother Robert Mitchell for his extraordinary efforts to bring Camp #101 back to good standing. Time and again, Brother Mitchell went the extra mile (actually many miles!) to assist his Brothers. Well done, Robert.**
- 8. With regret, I announce that George Howe Camp #9, of Port Huron is no more. With no realistic hope of restoring this Camp to good standing, and on my recommendation, Commander-In-Chief Pahl has revoked the Charter of the Howe Camp, effective December 31, 2006**

9. I regret to report that five Brothers of the Department of Michigan have recently gone to march in the army of The Lord:

- **Although only recently reported, Brother James C. Wood passed away on October 28, 2006. He was a member of Alexander French Camp No. 28 based on his Great Grandfather, PVT. William Dix Everdon, 3rd PA Heavy Artillery. Brother Wood served his camp as Historian, Jr. Vice Commander, and a member of the Camp Council. At the time of his death he served as the Secretary of Camp #28.**
- **Brother James B. Pugsley III of Carpenter- Welch Camp #180 went to his final review on January 15, 2007. Brother Pugsley joined the Order in 2002 by virtue of being the grandnephew of Sgt. Stephen H. Clayton, Co. F, 6th Tennessee Cavalry, US. Brother Clayton had served in several Camp offices and was active in the Ann Arbor Civil War Round Table.**
- **Brother Michael D. Mitchell has gone to rest at Eternal Campfires. A Charter Member of Curtenius Guard Camp #17, had been very active in the Camp until the onset of prolonged illness. He was once the Department Senior Vice Commander and the recipient of the Abraham Lincoln Award. Brother Mitchell was an avid re-enactor, skirmisher and a member of the Sons of the Revolution. Brother Mitchell's great grandfather was Pvt. Jason C. Bradeen, Co. C, 2nd Maine Infantry.**
- **Brother Dale F. Calder succumbed February 2, 2007 after a lengthy illness. The great grandson of Pvt. Johan M. Lerge, of the 6th Michigan Cavalry, Brother Calder had been a member of a number of Michigan Camps. He once Commanded the Henry Wallace Camp #160. At the time of his death he was a member of the Russell A. Alger Camp #462.**
- **Brother Leo Cohoon, P.C.C departed February 14, 2007 to rest in the arms of The Lord. Details are still not in but Brother Cohoon was a Charter Member of Wa-Bu-No Camp #53 (now Camp #250) and was a Past Camp Commander. He had served in almost every office of that Camp and was, of late, the Camp Chaplain. A warm and engaging man, Brother Cohoon was also and active and passionate Mason.**

Noble Sons of noble sires have fallen. The Charters of all Camps will be draped for a period of thirty days in their memory

10. All Camps are reminded that the Annual Camp Report (Form #27) is due no later than April 30, 2007. Be sure to use the new Form #27 this year, available for download from the National website. Reports submitted on any other form cannot be accepted.

11. All Camps are reminded that, beginning this year, each Camp must file a Form 990 or 990EZ with the Internal Revenue Service. To clarify, the actual report will be filed in early 2008 for the 2007 reporting year. While this item will be amplified in months to come, some details are elsewhere in this issue of "Michigan's Messenger"

12. I am pleased to announce the Department Nominating Committee. Including Brothers John Keith of Camp #20, Bill Kuzinski of Camp #139, Rick Danes of Camp #427, and Jeff

Morse of Camp #14, the committee is chaired by Brother Robert Mitchell of Camp #462. Contact Brother Robert Mitchell, prior to April 1, 2007 at 1504 Longfellow Street, Detroit, Michigan 48206-2000 Phone: (313)866-8630, e-mail: RMITC02@americitech.net if you are interested in running for any Department office at the 118th Annual Department Encampment.

13. I am pleased to announce the appointment of the Department Awards Selection Committee. Brother Jim Lyons, PDC of Camp #17 is the Chairman with Brothers John Keith of Camp #20, and Richard Scott of Camp #3 serving with him. Nominations for Department Awards should be sent to Department Secretary, Dennis C. Derr II, 4033 Horizon Drive, Davison, MI 48423. These nominations should be made in writing prior to April 1, 2007.
14. These are the last Department Orders that I will write. I will not seek re-election when we meet at the 118th Annual Department Encampment. It has been my unparalleled privilege to lead the Department of Michigan for the past two years. I am honored to be included with the incredible men who have Commanded before me and grateful to have had the opportunity to help shape the future of the Department. It has long been my view that the Order (and the Department) are best served by the timely changing of the guard. New men bring fresh energy and new ideas to the table. As I write, good men are already stepping forward to offer their services to the Department. I will be forever grateful for the trust that my Michigan Brothers placed in me. Thank you, so much.

Respectfully submitted in F, C, & L,
March 1, 2007

/s/

Richard Greene, Commander
Department of Michigan, SUVCW

Attest:

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Dennis C, Derr II
Department Secretary