

Department Orders No. 3  
Series 2007 – 2008  
1 December 2007

1. Effective 27 September 2007 General Ulysses S. Grant Camp No. 101 of Detroit, MI is hereby reinstated.
2. A reminder to all Camps, that per the Department By-Laws and the Constitution & Regulations of the Order, Camp Officer Installations must be completed by 31 January 2008.
3. Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries are reminded that Form 22, Certification of Election and Installation of Camp Officers is due to the Department Secretary by February 14, 2008. Please, be sure to use the current version of the form which is available on the National SUVCW Website at <http://suvchw.org/ftp.htm>. Previous versions of Form 22 are void.
4. I also want to remind Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries that Form 27, Camp Annual Report is due to the Department Secretary by April 30, 2008. Please, be sure to use the current version of the form which is available on the National SUVCW Website at <http://suvchw.org/ftp.htm>. Previous versions of Form 27 are void.
5. I would like to commend the Brothers of Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17 for their work in the Mt. Hope Cemetery in Lansing, MI and for putting on a first rate rededication ceremony. Well done, Brothers!
6. The Department Encampment is scheduled for 26 April 2008 in Lansing, MI. Location and other detailed information will be announced as soon as possible.
7. By order of Commander-in-Chief Charles E. Kuhn, Jr. in General Order No. 9 and due to changes by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), all Camps are required to file with the IRS in 2008. For more information, General Order No. 9 is posted on the National, SUVCW Website at: <http://suvchw.org/go/go.htm>. I strongly encourage all Brothers, especially, Camp Commanders, Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers to familiarize themselves with this new requirement.
8. The ***Charge Bayonets!*** Project:

The Department is establishing a program to actualize the goals envisioned by those who adopted the Strategic Plan at the Department Encampment in 2006. Those goals are:

1. Development of Camps in areas of low service.
2. Development of the Talents of Brothers in order to better serve the order.
3. Invest in the Technological Tools needed to advance into the future.
4. Recruit new Members.
5. Expand Relationships with Other Veteran's Organizations.
6. Foster and Maintain Our Relationship with the Community.

I have established a team to review ideas coming from camps to carry out projects designed to achieve these objectives. The Department Review Team will be composed of

the Department Commander, the Department Treasurer and the Chairman of the Department Council. Brothers are invited to submit ideas to their Camp Commander for adoption by the camp. The camp, then, should complete the application for a *Charge Bayonets!* Grant and submit it to the review team.

The Department Team will consider proposals and I will announce funded projects on Remembrance Day. Amounts of project grants are not restricted, but please understand that a limited amount - \$2,000 - has been approved for this program for MY2007-2008, and that I would like to fund 3 or 4 projects.

Once an idea has been submitted to the Department, the camp agrees that the Department may make these ideas available to other camps in the Department.

Those projects that are funded are agreeing by accepting to present their project and their results to the Department Encampment next following its conclusion. Such results will be distributed for use by other camps at the conclusion of their project.

**Charge Bayonets! Project Proposal:**

1. Camp Adopting this Project:
2. Brother Who Will Be Responsible for the Project:
3. Strategic Plan Objective to be advanced through this project (from above)
4. Description of the Project:
5. Duration of Project, as appropriate (i.e. the start and end dates):
6. Date of Event, as appropriate:
7. Total Budget of Project:
8. Amount Requested Through *Charge Bayonets!*:
9. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of my Michigan Brothers and their families!

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,  
/s/  
Dennis C. Derr II  
Commander  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:  
/s/  
Kevin J. Lindsey  
Secretary  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War