

Michigan Department - Sons of Union Veteran of the Civil War 101st Annual Encampment 9 June 1990

The 101st Annual Encampment of the Michigan Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (S.U.V.C.W.) was held on 9 June, 1990 at the Holiday Inn (West), Lansing, Michigan. The encampment was opened per ritual by Department Commander James Lyons at 9:10 A.M. Acting Department Secretary/Treasurer Jack Patch read the roll of Officers and Staff:

Commander James Lyons - present
SVC Gary Gibson - present
JVC James Pahl - present
Secretary/Treasurer Douglas Park - excused
Council - Don Everett, Chair - present
 William Brennan - present
 Bernard McCarthy - present
Chief of Staff Keith Harrison - present
Patriotic Instructor William Peebles - absent
Chaplain - Bernard McCarthy - present
Counselor James Pahl - present
Guide Milton Foster - absent
Guard Jeffery Adams - excused
Color Bearer Ralph Albrough - absent
Camp Organizer Keith Harrison - present
Aide to D.C. Jack Patch - present
Aide to D.C. Arthur Woodruff - excused

Also present was Lowell Hammer, National Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

The invocation was made by Chaplain McCarthy.

Committee Reports:

The following assignments were made by Commander Lyons:

Officer reports: Chairman Hodges, Nunemaker, McCarthy, Longworthy.

Resolutions: Chairman Harrison, Neely, Brennan.

By-laws. No changes being considered, therefore no committee assignment was made.

Credentials. Chairman Mitchell. 18 delegates were present and paid.

Minutes of the 3 June 1989 Annual Encampment.

Theodore Barney replaced David Rowley in the Department Council. By-laws Committee report. Chairman Pahl was corrected to read Chairman Gibson.

Minutes approved as corrected on motion by Harrison, second Neely. Motion carried.

Officers Reports:

Control of the meeting was passed to SVC Gibson during presentation of the Commanders report.

Commanders Report - see attachment.
Senior Vice Commanders Report - see attachment.
Junior Vice Commanders Report - see attachment.
Treasurer's Report - see attachment.
Historian's Report - see attachment.

Communications:

1. Letter from Maryland Department SUVCW requesting support for Lowell Hammer for Senior Vice Commander in Chief. Referred to the resolutions committee.
2. Request to participate in Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival on 4 August 1990. The Department will be represented.
3. Notice received regarding a public hearing regarding the development of Johnson's Island 19 June 1990. Referred to the resolutions committee.
4. Request by National Chaplain Gibson to attend Memorial Service at the National Encampment.
5. Letter from Steven Rocca concerning home video of the movie "Glory". Members may sign his petition.
6. Request from National Patriotic Instructor for a contribution. The National goal is \$2,000.
7. The Korean War Veterans Association is selling raffle tickets to raise money for purchase and installation of a monument in Washington, D.C.
8. The Indiana Department SUVCW is selling bumper stickers to help finance the 1991 National Encampment.
9. Invitation received from the Iowa Department SUVCW to attend the 1990 National Encampment in DesMoines 12-16 August.

Council Report:

Brother McCarthy reported that the financial books are in good order. He requested that a resolution be presented concerning the possible increase in the National per-capita.

The encampment recessed from 10:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

Old Business:

Jackets, caps, T shirts, etc. Proposals have been received from the Pritchard Camp and the Iowa Department concerning these articles silk-screened with SUVCW information. The Pritchard Camp items use the SUVCW emblem, whereas the Iowa items use the SUVCW badge. Order forms will be included in the next newsletter for both suppliers.

Position Description for Chief of Staff. The 1940 By-laws contain a position description, but this section was not carried forward to the revised by-laws. Motion by Harrison, second by Mitchell. Description of Chief of Staff role as defined in the 1940 by-laws be incorporated into the present by-laws by amendment. Motion carried.

Soldier & Sailors Memorial Hall in Detroit. This hall was constructed utilizing 5% SUVCW investment and 95% City of Detroit investment. The hall currently being repossessed by the city due to non payment of a land contract by the Citadel Corp. and has been declared unsafe and subject to demolition. Many of the artifacts from the hall have been taken by the Historic Fort Wayne organization. After much discussion the following motion was proposed by Brother McCarthy second by Nunemaker. The Department forms a committee, Chaired by James Pahl, consisting of the Department Commander, Senior VC, Junior VC, the two immediate past commanders and Brother McCarthy to find out why the hall has been condemned; is it feasible to save it; and if it is, to save it; or save whatever part of it is feasible to save. Motion carried. Nay, Brother Mitchell.

Committee Reports:

Officer Reports:

Motion by Paul Hodge to accept, second Dean Parker. Nay, Brother Pahl.

Resolution Committee: (see enclosed)

1. Concerning supporting James Lyons for National Secretary. Motion by Keith Harrison, second Paul Hodges. Motion accepted unanimously.
2. Recommendations for George Long, Lowell, Hammer, and Elmer (Bud) Atkinson for National Offices. Motion by Harrison, second James Pahl. Motion carried.
3. Per Capita tax. Motion by Harrison, second by Dean Porter. Motion carried.
4. Johnson's Island. Motion by Harrison, second by McCarthy. Motion carried.
5. Membership Advertisements. Motion by Harrison, second by

Mitchell. Motion carried.

6. Records and Memorabilia. Motion by Harrison, second by Dean Parker. Motion carried.
7. Recognition of Keith Edwards. Motion by Harrison, second by Gary Gibson. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Resolutions received from camps. Motion by Harrison, second by Pahl. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. 1994 National Encampment. Motion by McCarthy second by Harrison. The Michigan Department would be pleased to offer an invitation to host the 1994 National Encampment in Lansing. Motion amended to make the invitation contingent on the previous National Encampment Chairman, chair the 1994 National Encampment. Amendment by Mitchell, second by Harrison. Motion as amended carried.
2. The Central Region Association of SUVCW will meet in Chesterton, Indiana 6 and 7 October 1990. The Association will meet in Lansing in 1991.
3. Contribution. Motion by James Pahl, second by Harrison to contribute \$25 to the National Patriotic Instructor Fund. Motion carried. Nay Brother Mitchell.
4. Memorial Service. Motion by McCarthy, second by Harrison that the memorial service cover the dead and missing in action of all wars and that the names of members deceased during the past year be read at the end of the memorial. Motion carried.

Nomination and election of 1990-1991 Officers. The following list of officers was presented on motion by Harrison. Second by Langworthy.

Department Commander	Gary Gibson
Senior VC	James Pahl
Junior VC	Douglas Park
Secretary-Treasurer	Richard Williams
Department Council	Don Everett
Department Council	Bill Brennan
Department Council	Jack Patch

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed upon a motion by Pahl, second McCarthy. Motion carried. Motion by Harrison, second by McCarthy that slate be elected by acclamation. Motion Carried.

Staff Appointments.

Commander elect Gibson announced the following appointments:

Chief of Staff	Keith Harrison
Patriotic Instructor	Bernard McCarthy
Chaplain	James Neely
Counselor	James Pahl
Historian	Paul Hodges
Guide	Leo Cohoon
Guard	Milton Foster
Color Bearer	Howard Nunemaker

The encampment recessed during visitation to and from the Allied Orders.

Visitation by Allied Orders.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Allyson Kincaid
Emily Van Buren
Kathleen Hengesbach

Women's Relief Corps
Wilma Martinez
Ruth Knysz

Visitation Committee.

The Visitation Committee composed of James Lyons, James Pahl, Gary Gibson, and Lowell Hammer visited the Daughters and the Women's Relief Corps.

During the recess, Lowell Hammer, Commander of the SVR, discussed the current role of the SVR and how it could be operational in Michigan.

The encampment was called to order following visitations.

Installation of Officers.

Officers and staff were installed by Keith Harrison per ritual.

Adjournment:

The encampment adjourned at 3:40 P.M.

Resolution #1:

Whereas James T. Lyons has served with honor for three years each as Camp Commander of Curtenius Guard Camp # 17 of Lansing/Sunfield and as Commander of the Department of Michigan, and

Whereas Brother Lyons has demonstrated his capabilities and keen understanding of the National Organization and it's Allied Orders in his role as co-ordinator of the activities at the highly successful National Encampment held in Lansing, Michigan in 1988, and

Whereas Brother Lyons was selected at the 1989 Annual Encampment of the National Organization to serve out the remaining term of office of National Secretary due to the untimely passing of Brother Chester Shriver, and Whereas Brother Lyons has provided the National Organization with exemplary service for this past year in his capacity as National Secretary,

Now, therefor be it resolved that the Michigan Department does hereby ceremoniously recommend and endorse Brother James T. Lyons for the high and honorable office of National Secretary of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and encourages the 1990 National Encampment to re-seat Brother Lyons to this office.

Resolution #2:

Whereas the Michigan Department has a keen interest in the well being and continued prosperity, and notoriety of the National Organization - Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and

Whereas the Michigan Department is aware and very familiar with several Brothers whose qualifications and interest in the Order would greatly benefit and enhance the Order both in terms of experience running the day-to-day affairs of the Order and in terms of their serving as our highly public representatives of the Order,

Now, therefor be it resolved that the Michigan Department does hereby unanimously recommend and endorse Brothers:

George Long from Pennsylvania for Commander-in-Chief,
Lowell Hammer from Maryland for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and
Elmer (Bud) Atkenson from Pennsylvania for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Resolution #3:

Be it resolved that the Michigan Department - Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at its 1990 Department Encampment does hereby authorize and direct the 1990/1991 Department council to institute a dollar for dollar increase in the Department Per Capita tax to its local Camps should the 1990 National encampment see it fit to increase the National Per Capita tax.

Resolution #4:

Whereas the Department is hereby aware of the current attempt by a Corporation to develop property located on Johnson's Island in Sandusky Bay, Ottawa County, Ohio and

Whereas such development would permanently destroy and remove forever a piece of our important and highly unique American Civil War history,

Now, therefor, be it resolved that the Department Encampment formally go on record as to its vehement opposition to such development, and

Be it further resolved that the Department Secretary-Treasurer be directed to send a letter expressing our concern and transmitting the Department's position to the US Army Corps of Engineers in Buffalo, New York.

Resolution #5:

Whereas the current recruitment efforts of the National Organization to advertise in national publications has proven to be successful

Now, therefor, be it resolved that the National Organization be encouraged to continue its current practice of advertising for membership in these national publications.

Resolution #6:

Whereas one of the charges to the SUVCW is to assist in every possible way to the preservation and in the making available for research records and other memorability pertaining to the G.A.R., and

Whereas, the 1989 Department Encampment established under the auspices of the Department Historian a subcommittee to oversee collection and preservation of historical material stored in various collections in museums, libraries, and personal collections regarding the G.A.R.,

Now, therefor, be it resolved that the 1990 Department Encampment renew its commitment to this endeavor and hold to the subcommittee's charge the preservation and inventorying SUVCW records and property.

Resolution #7:

Whereas the Michigan Department is empowered by its bylaws to recognize individuals for their service to the preservation of the G.A.R. memory within the State of Michigan, and

Whereas, periodically, then comes a time when it becomes necessary and not in conflict with said bylaws to recognize individuals for their achievements even though such achievements may not exactly meet with all the criteria established under the Department's bylaws,

Now, therefor, be it resolved that the Michigan Department - Sons of Union

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Veterans of the Civil War hereby recognize and commend Brother Jack Edwards of the Ulysses S. Grant Camp #101 for his work in history and genealogy and for his work in patriotism all by which has lead in part to his earning the rank of Eagle Scout.



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

JAMES T. LYONS, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

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COMMANDERS REPORT

Once again it is my privilege to present a report as your Department Commander. I have been honored to represent the fine Department of Michigan in this capacity for the past two years. The support and friendship of the Brothers has been greatly appreciated.

Several long-term problems were resolved early in this year as the problem with the Rowley Camp #18 came to a conclusion. We were also pleased that the complaint filed by Norman Rowley with the Michigan Department of Civil Rights was dismissed because no basis for the complaint was found in the investigation.

With this business behind us, we were off to the National Encampment in Connecticut in August. We returned home with more duties and responsibilities than when we left. The job of being National Secretary has made this a very challenging year.

In October we were off to Des Moines, Iowa for the annual meeting of the Central Region Association. This well attended event was an outstanding weekend and a great opportunity to get together with key folks from the Department in the Midwest.

The Department, in cooperation with the Sons of the Revolution in the State of Michigan sponsored the annual observance of the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. This years program was presented by David D. Finney of Howell. He provided an illustrated talk on the final days of Lincoln and his death.

The Department was represented in Springfield, Illinois on 14 April for the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies marking the 125th anniversary of the death of President Lincoln. It was great to note that all of the Department of the Central Region were represented.

Memorial Day weekend found the Department Commander at the Daughters ceremony at the Sunfield Cemetery on Sunday and at the Allegan program and parade on Monday. Special services were again conducted at the gravesite of General Benjamin Pritchard. Note was made that this year marks the 125th anniversary of the capture of Confederate President Jefferson Davis by the unit commanded by General Pritchard. It was gratifying to note that the SUVCW was moved to the beginning of the program this year and that the veterans organizations of the following wars were presented in the historic sequence of their action.

It is gratifying to note that more Camps are conducting services on May 30 in their communities. Only by constantly emphasizing that Memorial Day (Decoration Day) is a Civil War observance and should be returned to it's historic date can we accomplish the task of restoring the date established by the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Department has continued to grow during the past year, although not at the rate of years previous. We have been able to visit each of the Camps of the Department this year, with the

exception of the George Howe Camp in Port Huron. All of the Camps, except Howe, have initiated new members during this past year.

A real highlight of the past year, which almost slipped my mind, was Remembrance Day in Gettysburg in November. It has been some time since Michigan has been represented at this event, and a few folks were surprised to see us there.

There were several things I had hoped to get done this year, but did not, and several things that I should have done but I forgot to do them. In spite of this, I think the Department had a pretty good year in general terms.

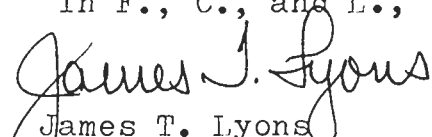
As I leave office, there are several things that I would like to recommend for your consideration;

1. Efforts must continue and be intensified on the effort to reactivate the Auxiliary in Michigan. We need the boost the an effective Auxiliary can give to our efforts. This must be the year we get the job done!
2. We must increase our efforts at recruiting new members and take advantage of situations similar to the one we have at the Jackson event each year. Two obvious choices would be at Crossroads Village and at Fort Wayne. There are others.
3. We need to take advantage of the opportunities afforded by events such as the Grand Haven Coast Guard parade and those projected by the Greater Michigan Foundation for the next ten years. We must take every opportunity to show our new flag.
4. We must increase our efforts to complete the organization of the several new Camps we have been working on. We need to assign members to each who will follow-up and complete the job.
5. Finally we must make a greater effort to have functioning committees and involve more people in the operation of the Department. We have moved forward on the efforts of too few people in the past, and must change this pattern if we are to complete the projects necessary to meet the objects of our Order.

It has been a great pleasure to work with all who have been helping to move the Department forward. Your efforts and support provide the glue that keeps us together. I am sure that my successor will enjoy the same as he assumes office.

In gratitude, I remain yours

In F., C., and L.,


James T. Lyons
Department Commander

9 June 1990

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
ALLIED ORDER OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

James T. Lyons, Department Commander

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
TO THE 101st DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

Brothers and honored guests:

I have been honored to serve this Department for the past year in the office of Junior Vice Department Commander. During my term in office, I have taken part in several activities which include:

Travel to Virginia to witness the 125th Anniversary reenactment of the surrender of the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia, conducting several school programs and participating in several Civil War Reenactments not only in Michigan, but also in Tennessee.

Also, part of the duties of my office included being the chairman of the Department Membership Committee. During this last year, the Michigan Department has seen 19 new members, with a majority of the Camp's reporting gains.

The Department Bylaws authorize two different Department Membership Awards. The Governor Austin Blair Membership Award is given to the Camp that initiates the most new members. The Orlando LaVallie Membership Award is presented to the Camp that shows the greatest increase in membership upon a percentage basis. The judging period is from March to March of each year.

The Camps of the Department reported the following:

Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20, 7 new members, 21% increase
Austin Blair Camp #7, 5 new members, 50% increase
George W. Howe Camp #9, no new members, no increase
Curtenius Guard Camp #17, 3 new members, 1% decrease
Robert Finch Camp #14, 4 new members, 31 % increase
Ulysses S. Grant Camp #101, no reports submitted
Wa-Bu-No Camp #53, no new members, no increase - however, it should be noted they did induct a new member in April.

I hereby announce the winners of these awards for the 1989-1990 year.

Governor Austin Blair Membership Award:

Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20: 7 new members

The Orlando LaVallie Membership Award:

Austin Blair Camp #7: 50% increase in membership

Certificates have been prepared and will be awarded at the Allied Order's Banquet this evening.

I count it a great privilege to have served as the Junior Vice Department Commander look forward to future years, serving our Order in whatever position you choose to entrust me with.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. B. Pahl', written in a cursive style.

James B. Pahl, J.D.
Junior Vice Department Commander



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

JAMES T. LYONS, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

OFFICE OF Sr. Vice Commander

9 June 1990

To the Brothers and Delegates of the 101st Encampment of the Department of Michigan;

It has been my pleasure to serve a second term as your Senior Vice Commander. Durring this past year, I have been involved in a number of activities in the business of the Department.

Also, I have traveled with Commander Lyons, representing the department at the National Encampment in Stamford, Connecticut, the Central Region Conference, Des Moines, Iowa, and the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony at Springfield, Illinios.

As chairman of the Department By Laws committee, I was called upon to research items in past Constitution and Regulations. This was both an enlightening and enjoyable task.

At the National Encampment, I was appointed to the office of National Chaplain by Commander-in-Chief Charles Corfman.

Under the leadership of Commander Lyons, our department has grown stronger and will continue to grow as a result of his dedication and ability. It has been a privlige to serve under his command.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary L. Gibson".

Gary L. Gibson, Sr. Vice Commander
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



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JAMES T. LYONS, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

OFFICE OF By-Laws Committee

9 June 1990

Report of the Michigan Department By-Laws Committee.

The By-Laws committee was requested by the 100th encampment to define the role of the Department Chief of Staff.

After consulting numerous references, including the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of 1889, 1920, 1939, 1956, and 1982, and the Department By-laws of 1940, the following information was obtained.

In only one instance is the Chief of Staff mentioned in any of the sources mentioned. That is in the Department By-Laws of 1940. In Article 14, Section 1, titled "Reserves", referring to the Sons of Veterans Reserves, Quote:

"There shall be military units within the Department known as S.V.R. and the Department Commander shall appoint a member of the Order, preferably one familiar with military affairs, as Chief of Staff, and if the appointee be a Department Commander, his rank shall be Colonel, if not a Past Department Commander his rank shall be Lieutenant Colonel."

It is therefore the recommendation of the By-Laws committee that either Article 14, Section 1, of 1940 be re-adopted into the current by-laws, or leave the definition of the role up to the discretion of the individual sitting Commanders.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

Michigan Department By-Laws Committee
Gary L. Gibson, Chairman

Report of the Historian

Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

at the Department Encampment
9 June 1990

The Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was active at the national level as well as in the State and in the local camps this past year. At the 108th National Encampment at Stamford, Connecticut, Brother James Lyons was elected National Secretary and was chosen to chair the National Encampment Site Committee. Brother Gary Gibson was appointed to be Chaplain. Brother Keith Harrison was selected as National History Book Coordinator and named to serve with the Coordinator of SUVCW 125th Anniversary Events. The Department also was well represented at other events such as the SUVCW Central Region Association meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, and the 34th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony at Springfield, Illinois.

The Department bylaws provide for the office of Historian but do not assign specific duties to it. Such appointed officers are charged to "...perform duties as specified by the C & R, Ritual, Department By-Laws, and/or the orders of the Department Commander." A variety of activities which could be conducted through this office were suggested in the Historian's annual report and were considered at the Department Encampment last year.

In light of that discussion, the following suggestions are made for consideration by the Department Commander and by any others as may be appropriate.

- A. A committee be appointed to serve under the chairmanship of the Department Historian.
- B. The committee consist of one member from each Camp, as appointed by the Department Commander, with suggestions from the Camp Commanders, providing broad participation across the entire Department.
- C. The committee be given specific charges. Some examples are: collect, organize and issue information about the Grand Army of the Republic here in Michigan; gather, assemble, and issue biographical information about the Union veterans from whom the Department members are descended; and collect, organize, and preserve historical papers and other materials of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Specific charges to this office, to this committee, and to the other committees would help set a direction for the Department.

Respectfully submitted in
Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Paul D. Hodges
Paul D. Hodges
Department Historian

YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 2ND Q 1989 - 1ST Q 1990
 MICHIGAN DEPT. - SUVCW
 2 JUNE 1990

ACCOUNT	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	END BALANCE	LIABILITY
	\$369.91				
<u>RECEIPTS</u>					
PER CAPITA TAX (2)		377.50			
" " " (3)		310.00			
" " " (4)		280.00			
" " " (1)		347.00			
ENCAMPMENT FEES (2)		121.00			
FLAG FUND (I)		95.00			95.00
REFUND (3)		50.00			
TOTAL		<u>1580.50</u>			
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>					
PER CAPITA TAX (2)			158.75		
" " " (3)			160.00		
" " " (4)			163.75		
" " " (1)			162.50		
POSTAGE (2)			25.00		
POSTAGE (3)			50.00		
SUPPLIES (2)			62.62		
SUPPLIES (3)			144.73		
SUPPLIES (4)			49.46		
CENTRAL REGION			5.00		
MISC.(DUVCW) (2)			39.00		
BOUNCED CHECK			57.50		
TOTAL			<u>1078.31</u>	872.10	
END BALANCE	\$369.91	\$1580.50	\$1078.31	\$872.10	\$95.00
LIABILITY					\$95.00

J. Douglas Park Sec Treasurer