

Michigan Department - Sons of Union Veteran of the Civil War
105th Annual Encampment 11 June 1994

The 105th Annual Encampment of the Michigan Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (S.U.V.C.W.) was held on 11 June, 1994 at the Holiday Inn (West), Lansing, Michigan.

Ron Bellenger was appointed to fill the vacant Guide position and James Pahl was appointed to fill the Patriotic Instructor's chair. Ron was asked to escort Keith Harrison, National Senior-Vice Commander-in-Chief, to sit next to the Department Commander.

The encampment opened per ritual by Department Commander Doug Park at 9:05 A.M. Department Secretary/Treasurer Richard Williams read the roll of Officers and Staff:

Commander J Douglas Park - present
SVC Bill Brennan - present
JVC Dave Wallace - present
Secretary/Treasurer Richard Williams - present
Council - Dave Downing, Chair - absent
 James Neely - excused
 Don Workman - present
Chief of Staff - Keith Harrison - present
Patriotic Instructor - Ron Berridge - absent, filled by James Pahl
Chaplain - Rev. Henry Reinewald - present
Counselor - James Pahl - present
Guide - Ron Bellenger - present
Guard - Howard Streeter - present
Color Bearer - Leo Cohoon - present
Graves Registration - Jim Lyons - present
Historian - Dean Lamphere - present
Michigan Messenger Editor - John Mann - present

Recognition of National Officers:

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| Senior-Vice Commander-in-Chief - | Keith Harrison |
| Secretary - | Jim Lyons |
| Editor of the Banner - | Rus Gregory |
| Membership at Large Coordinator - | J Douglas Park |
| Membership List Coordinator - | Richard Williams |
| Patriotic Instructor - | Gary Gibson |
| Camp-at-Large Coordinator - | Vaughn Rawson |

Camp Members Present:

Department Member-at-Large:

Terry McKinch

Austin Blair Camp # 7:

Thayne LaBanta
Bill Lowe
John Mann
Max Miller
Jack Patch
Dale Tuckey

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Benjamin Pritchard Camp # 20:

Ron Bellenger
Bill Brennan
Bill Costello
Gary Gibson
Phil Johnston
Dean Parker
Don Pickrell

Gilluly-Kingsley Camp # 120:

Richard Lee

Colegrove-Woodruff Camp # 22:

John Lohrstorfer
Howard Streeter

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17:

Jeff Adams
Laverne Aves
Rus Gregory
Keith Harrison
Paul Hodges
James Lyons
John Nash
James Pahl
J Douglas Park
Bill Warren
Richard Williams

George W. Howe Camp #9:

No members present

General John A Logan #1:

No members present.

Governor Crapo Camp # 145:

Michael Mc Creedy
Greg Hayes
Richard Greene
Lloyd D Lamphere
Gene A Taylor
Dave Wallace

Henry E Plant Camp #3:

No members present

Nash-Hodges Camp 43:

Bill Lentz
Steven Wyse

Robert Finch Camp #14:

No members present

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Ulysses S. Grant Camp # 101:
Rev Henry Reinewald

WA-BU-NO Camp # 53
Wayne Berrett
Leo Cohoon
Wayne Nash
James Nedela
Don Workman

Five dollars collected from 42 attendees for a total of \$210 to be placed in the treasury to offset costs for the encampment.

Camp Statistics:

All Camps are in good standing.

Camp total members at the end of the first Quarter 1994:

| | # Members |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Department Camp-at-Large | 4 |
| Austin Blair Camp #7 | 33 |
| Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20 | 27 |
| Colegrove-Woodruff Camp #22 | 25 |
| Curtenius Guard Camp #17 | 55 |
| George W. Howe Camp #9 | 1 |
| Governor Crapo Camp #145 | 36 |
| Henry E Plant Camp # 3 | 11 |
| Nash-Hodges Camp #43 | 15 |
| Robert Finch Camp #14 | 14 |
| Ulysses S. Grant Camp #101 | 20 |
| WA-BU-NO Camp #53 | 26 |

New Camps and members added during the second quarter 1994:

| | # Members |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| General John A Logan Camp #1 | 5 |
| Gilluly-Kingsley Camp # 120 | 5 |

General:

Commander J Douglas Park presented Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief with a present from the Department of Michigan SUVCW. It was one of the LOGAN street signs replaced by the City of Lansing.

Appointment of Committees:

The following appointments for the encampment were made by Commander Park:

Committee on Credentials: Chairman Dave Wallace, Jim Neil, Don Workman

Credential committee reports the following roll call of delegates as reported and present for this meeting:

| Camp | Delegates |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Austin Blair Camp #7 | 6 |
| Benjamin Pritchard Camp \$20 | 7 |
| Colegrove-Woodruff Camp # 22 | 2 |
| Curtenius Guard Camp # 17 | 10 |

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| George W Howe Camp #9 | 0 |
| General John A Logan Camp #1 | 0 |
| Gilluly-Kingsley Camp #120 | 1 |
| Governor Crapo Camp #145 | 6 |
| Henrey E Plant Camp #3 | 0 |
| Nash-Hodges Camp #43 | 2 |
| Robert Finch Camp #14 | 0 |
| Russell A Alger Camp #462 | 1 |
| WA-BU-NO Camp #53 | 5 |
| Ulysses S Grant Camp #101 | <u>1</u> |
| | 41 |

Appointment to Encampment Committees:

Officer reports: Chairman Gary Gibson, John Mann, Jim Lyons
Resolutions: Chairman Jim Pahl, Bill Lentz, Louis Cuyler
By-laws: Chairman Bill Brennan, Keith Harrison, Dean Lamphere Jr
Fraternal Relations: Chairman Dave Wallace, Don Workman, Wayne Nash
Legislative Affairs: Chairman Bill Brennan, Jack Patch, Keith Harrison

Moment of silence:

We took a moment of silence to remember:
50th anniversary of D-Day
Vets of all wars
Your Civil War ancestor
President Nixon
130th anniversary of Wilson's Landing, VA
any brother or family member who may be ill

104th Encampment:

The minutes to the 104th Department Encampment were available at the 105th Annual Encampment. A few moments were taken to review the minutes. A correction in Brother Wayne Barrett's name was made. Brother Harrison moved the minutes be accepted as corrected. Seconded by Brother Reinewald. Motion passed.

Report of Department Council:

The council reports: the treasurer's books and budget for 1993-1994 fiscal year were reviewed prior to the encampment and are in order. Brother Harrison moved the report be accepted, seconded by brother Gibson. Motion passed.

The budget for 1994-1995 was presented to the encampment by the Department Secretary-Treasurer. A discussion followed and the budget of \$5,478 was agreed upon. Brother Lyons moved the motion, seconded by Brother Reinewald. Motion passed.

Officers Reports:

Jim Lyons moved all officer reports be given to the officer report committee for review. Seconded by brother Reinewald. Motion passed.

Commanders Report - filed with the Department Secretary.
Senior Vice Commanders Report -filed with the Department Secretary
Junior Vice Commanders Report -filed with the Department Secretary
Treasurer's Report - filed with the Department Secretary
Historian's Report -filed with the Department Secretary
Patriotic Instructor's Report - not available.
Legislative Committee Report -filed with the Department Secretary

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Chief-of-Staff Report - filed with the Department Secretary
Chaplain's report - verbal given.
Councilor's report - filed with the Department Secretary
Camp Organizer's Report - filed with the Department Secretary. Charters for new Camps will be presented at the dinner tonight.
Graves Registration Report - verbal given.
Publications Editor Report - Filed with the Department Secretary.

Reports of regular committee chairs & miscellaneous reports:

- A. Iron Brigade Memorial Highway (US12). Brother J Douglas Park gave a verbal report on the upcoming dedication in October for the highway marker at the west end of highway 12 in Michigan.
- B. Commander's Club. Brother J Douglas Park is now receiving on events of the Commanders Club. The main emphasis by the group currently is getting the State of Michigan to restore the veterans fund.
- C. SVR. Report is filed
- D. Central Region Conference. Verbal report given on activities for the Central region meeting the previous October in Milwaukee.
- E. Washington/Lincoln Day. Verbal report given on the mid-winter meeting, attendance and guest speaker at the dinner.
- F. National Encampment Committee. Verbal report given on the progress of the coordination of putting on the National Encampment in Lansing this year.
- G. Department Fund Raisers. Verbal report given on the ticket sales for prints that will offset the cost of putting on the National Encampment (Custer Print) and the highway marker for the "Iron Brigade" ("Men of Iron"), 7th Corp hat badges, blazer emblem patch and blazer coat-of-arms patch. All sales are going well.

Communications:

- 1. Amendments to the Constitution from the previous National Encampment. Referred to the By-laws committee for recommendation. Filed with the Department Secretary.
- 2. Resolutions received by Max Reske. Requests sent to the resolutions committee for action. Filed with the Department Secretary.
 - a) Grant permission for officers and enlisted men in the Army & Navy of the US to wear the badges adopted from previous military engagements.
 - b) Urge the U S Government to reproduce the Civil War medal using the original dye and make it available for purchase by descendants of Civil War veterans.
- 3. Nomination of Keith Harrison for National Commander-in-Chief received from Curtenius Guard Camp. Referred to the resolutions committee. Filed with the Department Secretary.
- 4. Nomination of Alan Loomis for Junior-Vice Commander-in-Chief from the David D Porter Camp #116 of Indiana. Referred to the resolutions committee. Filed with the Department Secretary.
- 5. A proposed amendment to the National Regulations to legally adopt the name, badge, emblem, seal and insignia of the Grand Army of the Republic. Referred to the by-laws committee. Filed with the Department Secretary.
- 6. Governor Crapo Camp by-laws change to suspend members 6 months in arrears of dues payment and terminate after 1 year. Referred to the by-laws committee. Filed with the Department Secretary.
- 7. Brother Gregory's request on policies, printing and format of the National Encampment official proceedings. Sent to a special committee assigned by Brother Park whose members are Brothers Harrison, Williams and Pahl. Filed with the Department Secretary.
- 8. Proposed amendments to the National Regulations to include a History Committee and a Committee on Americanization and Education. Referred to the by-laws committee. Filed with the Department Secretary.
- 9. Verbal resolution to urge Dave Wallace to fill the remaining term as National Secretary was made by Brother Lyons. Referred to the resolutions committee.
- 10. Governor Crapo Camp resolution to adopt the Department By-law changes previously prepared and submitted to Camps prior to the Department Encampment. Referred to they By-laws committee. Filed with the Department Secretary.

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Old Business:

- 1) A verbal report on the progressive changes made to the Department of Michigan's recruiting brochures was made by Brother Mann. The brochures are handed out to potential members. A supply is available for those who wish to take a supply with them. The Brochure has constantly been changing each year as Camp and Department Officers change and as new Camps are added to the Department.
- 2) Department records:
 - a) Burton Historical Collection. Not much has changed since last year.
 - b) Fort Wayne. Some new construction and maintenance was in progress and the fort is still open to the public.

Recess.

Meeting called back to order at 1:07 P.M.

Announcements:

The Department HQ room will be open for all to visit after the banquet tonight. The Daughters and Women's Relief Corp invited us to stop by their headquarters room after the dinner for socializing.

We will break at 3:00 P.M. to present a check on behalf of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War for the purpose of "adopt a flag" program.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws Committee: Brother Brennan, chair.

- 1) Motion to accept the changes in by-laws passed at the last National Encampment (after passing at the National Encampment, the Department must also vote on the by-law changes, made by Brother Lyons, seconded by Brother McKinch. Motion passed.
- 2) Amendment to National Regulations to legally adopt the name, badge, emblem, seal and insignia of the Grand Army of the Republic. Motion to accept the change by Brother Harrison, seconded by Brother Gregory, motion passed.
- 3) Crapo Camp by-laws change to suspend members 6 months in arrears of dues payment and terminate after 1 year. Brother McKinch moved to accept the change and pass on to the National Encampment, seconded by Brother Gregory.
- 4) Proposed amendments to the National Regulations to include a History Committee and a Committee on Americanization and Education. Motion by Brother Harrison, seconded by Brother Gregory; motion passed.

Resolutions Committee: Brother Pahl, Chair.

- 1) Max Reske's proposals.
 - a) Grant permission for officers and enlisted men in the Army & Navy of the US to wear the badges adopted from previous military engagements. We aren't Civil War Veterans and thus shouldn't be wearing those medals. If reproduced, collectors couldn't tell the new from the original.
 - b) Urge the U S Government to reproduce the Civil War medal using the original dye and make it available for purchase by descendants of Civil War Veterans. Doesn't distinguish between North & South. Send back to Max.

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Motion to not act on the proposals moved by the committee, seconded by Brother Adams, motion passed.

- 2) Nomination for Brother Harrison for the position of Commander-in-Chief moved by the committee, seconded by Brother Streeter, motion unanimously passed.
- 3) Nomination of Alan Loomis as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief moved by the committee, seconded by Brother Lyons, motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Nomination for Dave Wallace to the position of National Secretary was moved by the committee, seconded by Brother Lamphere Jr, motion passed unanimously.

Officer Report Committee: Brother Gibson, chair.

Committee reports all officers reports presented to the committee are in order.

Legislative Affairs Committee: Brother Brennan, chair.

No report.

Special Committee: Brother Pahl, chair.

Committee recommended Brother Gregory's document on policies, printing and format of the National Encampment official proceedings, seconded by Dale Tucky. The document was handed out for review and a lively discussion followed.

Brother Lyons moved the report be referred to the By-Laws Committee for review and be brought back to the next Department Encampment, seconded by Brother Lentz. Vote was too close to call verbally, so a show of hands was required. The vote was a tie, vote did not carry.

A vote on the original motion was also too close to call verbally, so a show of hands again was required. Motion passed, 19 yes, 15 no.

New Business:

- 1) Sold 11 LOGAN street signs at \$2.00 each (\$36)
- 2) Jack Patch distributed invitations to the members to attend a rededication of the West Concord-West Brick Cemetery located West of Concord, Michigan and dinner on July 9 put on by the Austin Blair Camp. Filed with the Department Secretary.
- 3) Jack Patch also presented a check to the Department for the purposes of purchasing a tent to use at events for the purpose recruiting new members. Austin Blair received their charter on June 11, 1914 and today is exactly 80 years later. The check presented by Austin Blair was in the amount of \$80.00 (\$1 for each year). Jack also challenged other Camps to contribute \$1.00 for each member toward the purchase of a recruiting tent.
- 4) Request from Department Membership at Large Commander, Terry McKinch to include a ritual in the packet of information sent to new members. He has control of the Camp funds so he has control of what items to spend the Camp funds for the good of the membership.
- 5) Suggestion a Son's meeting be organized for Son's from all Departments attending the Jackson Civil War Muster.
- 6) The Department should donate on its behalf \$25 to the National Patriotic fund.
- 7) The Department should donate on its behalf \$25 to the National Senior Vice fund.
- 8) It was mentioned on of our true sons, John Campbell, isn't in good health and isn't doing well.
- 9) Letter and verbal request from the National Patriotic Instructor, Gary Gibson, to contribute to the National GAR Memorial Fund.

Recessed at 3:00 P.M.

We will break at 3:00 P.M. to present a check on behalf of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War for the purpose of "adopt a flag" program where the Department of Michigan SUVCW will present a \$500.00 check for the preservation of another Civil War flag.

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Returned at 4:05 P.M.

New Business:

10) No decision on getting a recruiting tent was made at this time. Additional time and research is necessary. We will hold the money donated by Austin Blair and wait for additional funds to be donated to the cause of obtaining a tent.

11) A discussion centered around what the format should be for the next mid-winter meeting. Dean Lamphere suggested we still continue to emphasize training of new Camp Officers.

12) Memorial Day. We agreed this year Camps would participate in their local Memorial Day events to draw more attention to the Organization in local communities.

13) Should we offer a tour to the participants of the National Encampment and get volunteers to drive? No response, no tour was scheduled.

Election of New Officers:

Brother Pahl recommended nominations be closed when only one person is elected and that person be elected by acclamation to be elected to the position. Seconded by Reinewald, motion passed.

Officers elected for next year:

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| Department Commander | Bill Brennan |
| Senior VC | Dave Wallace |
| Junior VC | Don Workman |
| Secretary-Treasurer | Richard Williams |
| Assistant Secretary | Vaughn Rawson |
| Department Council | John Mann |
| Department Council | Dean Parker |
| Department Council | Paul Hodges |

Staff Appointments.

Commander elect Brennan announced the following appointments:

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| Chief of Staff | Keith Harrison |
| Camp Organizer | Jim Lyons |
| Patriotic Instructor | Louis Cuyler |
| Chaplain | Rev. Reinewald |
| Counselor | James Pahl |
| Historian | Ronald Bellenger |
| Guide | Ronald Bellenger |
| Guard | Dean Parker |
| Color Bearer | Howard Streeter |

Committee Assignments:

Publications: John Mann, Rus Gregory, Dick Williams and Don Everett

Graves registration and memorials: Gary Gibson (chairman), Jim Lyons, Phil Johnston and William Warren

Bylaws: David Wallace (chairman), Jim Lyons and John Mann

Membership: All Junior Vice Commanders in the Department (Dept. & Camps)

Legislative: Dick Williams and David Michael

Camp Organizations: Don Workman, Keith Harrison and Gary Gibson

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GAR/SV Archival Committee: Ronald Bellenger, Gary Gibson, Donald Workman and Roger Heiple

Installation of Officers.

Officers and staff were installed by Senior-Vice Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison per ritual.

Delegates to the National Encampment:

The National Encampment will be held in Lansing, Michigan 11-14 August. Past and current Department Commanders have outstanding invitations. Michigan this year can send 11 delegates. Brothers who planned on attending were asked to raise their hands and the first 11 would be named as delegates to the National Encampment. Brother Reinwald moved the first 11 brothers showing interest in attending the National Encampment be delegates to the National Encampment seconded by Brother Lentz, motion passed. Our members nominated as delegate are:

Dean Lamphere Jr, Donald Workman, Paul Hodges, William Warren, William Lowe, Greg Hayes, Leo Cohoon, John Lohrstorfer, Donald Pickrell, John Mann and Lavern Aves.

Brother Harrison moved the remaining members showing interest be alternate delegates to the National Encampment, seconded by Brother Streeter.

Alternates are: Jeff Adams, Max Miller, Wayne Nash, Gene Tayler, Richard Lee, Terry McKinch, Ronald Bellenger and Louis Cuyler.

Visitations:

Visitations will occur at the banquet tonight.

Adjournment:

The encampment adjourned.