

MINUTES OF THE
108th ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
7 JUNE, 1997

The Encampment was opened at 9:30 A.M., 7 June 1997, as per ritual, by Department Commander David F. Wallace.

The Credentials Committee was appointed: L.D. Lamphere, Chairman; assisted by D. Graves and T. McKinch.

The Roll Call of Department Officers was made with W. McAfee as Chaplain replacing G. McAllister who was recovering from eye surgery.

The Guide, H. Streeter, at the Commanders request, escorted SVCinC Richard Orr to the altar. DC Wallace extended the Departments greetings to him and invited him to be seated at the Commanders table.

Bro. Orr brought greetings from CinC A. Loomis and added that he considered Michigan as "one of the leading Departments in the nation".

DC Wallace appointed the following committees:

Resolutions - K. Harrison PCinC, Chmn., K. Shaw, J. Nash.

Officer Reports - J. Lyons PDC, Chmn., G. Hayes, W. Nash.

Committee Reports - J.D. Park, PDC, Chmn., D.T. Wallace, M. McMillan.

Visiting - W. Brennan PDC, Chmn., W. Costello.

Fraternal Relations -

Minutes of the 107th Annual Encampment were distributed to the Brothers who had been in attendance. K. Harrison moved to approve the Minutes as written, seconded and passed.

DC Wallace introduced the following Bros. holding positions in the National organization:

K. Armstrong JVC; Chmn., "Save Outdoor Sculpture" Special Comm.;

Richard Greene, Nat'l. Aide to the Nat'l. Camp and Dept. Organizer;

K. Harrison PCinC, Nat'l. Aide to the Nat'l. Secretary;

Hon. J. Pahl PDC, Nat'l. Counselor;

John Mann, Chmn., Nat'l. Graves Registration Comm.;

L.D. Lamphere Jr., Nat'l. Dept.-at-Large Secretary-Treasurer;

T. McKinch, Chmn., Nat'l. Military Affairs Comm.;

J.D. Park PDC, Program and Policy Comm.;

R. Williams, Nat'l. Membership List Coordinator.

Commander Wallace said he was pleased that during his administration new camps had been organized at Cadillac, Monroe, Menominee, Litchfield and Alpena and that dept. membership was now 434, up from 361 when he took office. He then introduced Larry Peterson Sec'y-treasurer of the Menominee camp who was applauded. DC Wallace then commended Bros. K. Armstrong and R. Lee for their assistance in organizing the new camps.

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DC Wallace also commended several Bros. for their efforts to promote the Dept. of Michigan S.U.V.C.W.;

Webmaster W. Morris; SVC P. Hodges and J. Lyons PDC for their planning of the Mid-Winter conference; Editor John Mann for the outstanding Dept. newsletter "Michigan's Messenger"; K. Harrison PCinC and T. McKinch for their work in organizing the "Weekend of Remembrance" in Grand Rapids.

SVC Hodges reported on the Bylaw changes which had been sent to all camps 60 days prior to the Encampment.

JVC Armstrong reported on the number of prospective members contacted and the various recruiting materials sent to the camps. He expressed his thanks to Bros. A. Kniaz, J. Mann, W.R. Morris, M. Pangburn, D.F. Wallace and R. Williams for their assistance.

Secretary Lee said that he was pleased to have worked with Cmdr. Wallace and to have assisted him in organizing 4 new camps by acting as his "Aide de Car". Lee explained that in the year ahead the camps that sent him reports and other requested information that was accurate, complete and on time, would be named in his column in "Michigan's Messenger".

Treasurer Williams gave his financial report for the past year and the proposed budget for 1997-98. These are attached as the last page.

Chief of Staff McKinch recounted the many accomplishments of Cmdr. Wallace's administration. He lauded SVC Hodges and JVC Armstrong for their work as well as Bros. J. Lyons, W. Morris, J. Mann, K. Harrison. He mentioned the new program of honoring the Michigan units present at the Battle of Gettysburg during the Remembrance Day ceremonies in November.

Camp Organizer Armstrong reported on the five new camps brought into the Dept. in 1996-97. they are: James D. Morgan #70 at Alpena; Col. Geo. W. LaPoint #76 at Monroe; Henry W. Quigley #147 at Cadillac; Archibald Stewart #259 at Litchfield; Albert & James Lyon #266 at Menominee. He mentioned other camps that should open soon or that are in the "talking stage".

Historian Bellenger reported that he had received very few articles from the camps on their activities as most were sent to "Michigan's Messenger" and he has all 1996-97 issues on file.

Counselor Pahl said that the Dept. "had a quiet year". He appreciated the assistance he had received from Bros. McMillan and Shaw.

Chaplain McAllister expressed his appreciation to Cmdr. Wallace and Chief of Staff McKinch for their efforts.

Graves Registration Officer Obermeyer reported that with assistance from others he estimates that there are 100,000 to 110,000 veterans buried in Michigan.

Committee on Credentials Chmn. L. D. Lamphere reported that there were 53 Bros. in attendance representing camps #1, #7, #17, #20, #22, #53, #67, #120, #145, #160, and #266. There were 19 pre-registrations.

Cmdr. Wallace called for a 15 minute recess at 10:30 A.M.

Communications & Technology Officer Morris reported on the development and maintenance of the Dept. Internet Web pages for each camp. He says that the pages and information on the internet for the Dept. of Michigan "meet and exceed the Natl. SUVCW guidelines. He spoke of several categories of information available to users from many backgrounds, States and countries. He cites problems with our server if our presence on the Web continues to grow.

Editor Mann expressed concern with the costs of publishing "Michigan's Messenger" and suggested options to reduce costs. To insure that members receive the newsletter in a timely manner he will change publication dates to the 15th of Jan., April, July and October.

Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Ralston spoke about the importance of this outreach program and the positive results for the SUVCW. He would appreciate being informed about opportunities to present certificates and also if Bros. in other areas could make presentations.

SVR Adjutant Graves reported that the 30th Michigan Volunteer Infantry SVR has 41 members under the command of Dept. Cmdr., Capt. McKinch. He comments further on problems with re-enlistments and dues. He reports a minimum of eight activities that the 30th took part in.

Cmdr. Wallace introduced Adj. Graves wife, Carol, who is Member-at-Large for the Auxiliary to the SUVCW.

COMMITTEE

REPORTS

SVC Bylaws Committee Chmn. Hodges read the proposed Bylaw changes that had been sent to the camps. J. Lyons moved that this and other reports be referred to the Reports Committee - seconded and passed.

The acceptance or revision or elimination of these Bylaw changes as well as other recommendations from Officers and Committees by the Reports Committee and the delegates assembled are listed further on in these Minutes.

G.A.R. Memorials Subcommittee of Graves Registration & Memorial Comm. JVC Armstrong Chmn., reports support of the "Civil War Memorial Assessment Program". The purposes are to catalog the memorials and their owners and to insure proper care and upkeep. Reference materials will be distributed at the Encampment. Recommendations made.

G.A.R. Records Committee - J. Lyons, PDC, Chmn., reports that the Comm. was to study the feasibility of developing a project to locate surviving G.A.R. Post records and other materials. Recommendations made.

Legislative Committee - R. Williams, Chmn, reports that legislation to clarify the penalty for defacing or removing flag holders or other memorials from veterans graves has become law. The Bill was G. Gibson's idea and JVC Armstrong worked with his representative to get it passed. Bro. Williams also reported on Michigan Laws relating to veterans; That the Dept. has a notarized copy of the Deed of Conveyance that proves the SUV as heir to property owned by the G.A.R.; that Prop "C" on the Nov. ballot would prohibit the Legislature from borrowing from the Veterans Trust Fund; that members should contact their representative about House Bill 5971 to designate M-99 as the "Gen'l. John A. Logan Memorial Highway". J.D. Park PDC, Chmn. of the "M-99 Committee" reports on his work with Rep. (Bro.) Michael Nye to get this Bill to the floor for a vote.

Membership Committee Chmn. Armstrong reports that in 1996-97 there were 116 new members initiated into 20 of the Depts. 23 camps for a total of 434 Bros. in the Dept. of Michigan.

Weekend of Remembrance Committee - K. Harrison PCinC, reported that this very worthwhile activity, co-sponsored by John A. Logan Camp #1 and the Dept. of Michigan will be held on August 1-3. All Bros. are encouraged to attend was the recommendation.

Camp-at-Large - T. McKinch reported for Coordinator W. Chapman that the camp has 8 members, including 2 Life Members.

Cmdr. Wallace called upon Sec'y. Lee to speedily read the Communications that he had received during the year:

1. Curtenius Guard camp #17 nominates Bro. Paul Hodges for Commander, Dept. of Michigan.
2. Geo. W. Anderson Camp #58 nominates Bro. Paul Hodges for Commander, Bro. Kent Armstrong for SVC, and Bro. William Morris for JVC of the Dept. of Michigan.
3. David R. Medert PCinC, places his name in nomination for the Nat'l. Council of Administration at the 116th Nat'l. Encampment.
4. Andrew M. Johnson JVCinC, solicits the support of the Dept. of Mich. for his candidacy for SVCinC at the 116th Nat'l. Encampment.
5. David A. Turpin, Dept. of Iowa, asks for any support the Dept. of Mich. can give to his candidacy for JVCinC at the 116th Nat'l. Encamp.
6. The Dept. of Iowa SUVCW unanimously endorses and supports David A. Turpin's candidacy for JVCinC.
7. The Dept. of New York SUVCW endorses Danny Wheeler for JVCinC at the Nat'l. Encamp. and solicits the Dept. of Michigan's support.
8. Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20 requests this Encampment to adopt a resolution regarding changing the SUVCW tax designation.
9. Letter from Stephen A. Michaels SVC, Dept. of Wisconsin, with information on the Central Region Conference in Milwaukee, Oct, 4-5.
10. Gov. Crapo Camp #145 endorsed the following slate for election:

Commander - Paul Hodges	Treasurer - James Williams
SVC - Kent Armstrong	Council - Gary Gibson PDC
JVC - William Morris	Council - Wayne Nash
Sec'y. - Richard Lee	Council - David Waldron
11. News release from the SUVCW - "Civil War Widows Meet at Gettysburg".

Cmdr. Wallace adjourned the Encampment for lunch at 12:05 P.M.

Cmdr. Wallace called the Encampment to order at 1;22 P.M.

Cmdr. Wallace distributed "Certificates of Merit to his Officers and Staff.

Cmdr. Wallace called for a Moment of Silence to remember those Brothers who have passed away.

Cmdr. Wallace announced the gift of a portable altar by to the Dept. An altar cloth and station banners will come later.

REPORTS
COMMITTEE
REPORT

Commander Wallace's recommendation to redefine position of Chief of Staff as the senior administrator of the Department's executive staff was not approved. A motion by J. Lyons to refer the matter to the "incoming bylaws committee was approved.

The following Officer recommendations were made and adopted:

Department Commander Wallace;

1. Redefine the position of the Commanding Officer of the Dept. Color Guard (30th Michigan Infantry - Sons of Veterans Reserve) as the "Military Liaison" between the Department and the current military component within the Department.

2. Create a standing staff appointed position of "Signals Officer" This position would have the responsibilities outlined for the Communications and Technology Officer appointed at the beginning of this term.

3. Recommend that the incoming Commander appoint a Brother to the position of "Scouting Coordinator Of Boy Scouts of America, Inc." This position would have the responsibilities outlined for the Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator plus additional duties as the Departments liaison with the various Scouting Councils across the State.

4. Rename the position of "Aide" to "Aide de Camp" in keeping with current National Organization terminology.

5. Redefine the Allied Orders "Weekend of Remembrance" Special Committee as a Standing Committee of the Department.

6. Subject to budget constraints, purchase of a large hand-held scanner for the use of the GAR Records Committee.

7. Subject to budgets constraints, purchase a 4-drawer fire resistant file cabinet (new or used) for use in the archives of the Grand Army of the Republic Hall in Marshall.

8. Adoption of a Pre-Registration program for all subsequent Department Encampments, establishing a \$5.00 pre-registration fee with an \$8.00 "at-the-door" fee, such fees to be reviewed and revised annually by the Department Encampment.

9. Adoption of an increase in the Department Per-Capita Tax of \$.75 per member per quarter or \$3.00 per member per annum, to be effective 1 January 1998.

Department Junior Vice Commander Armstrong

A proposal for a professionally produced National S.U.V.C.W. "Recruiting Video" be sent as a resolution of this Department to the National Encampment in August.

Editor, "Michigan's Messenger", Mann

1. Obtain other bids on printing to reduce the cost of printing the newsletter. This has been accomplished.

2. Make format changes to increase the amount of printed information on each page at the editor's discretion.

3. Reduce the number of pages to 12 or 16 requiring priority decisions on what copy to include or or omit at the editor's discretion.

There were no other Officer Recommendations submitted for approval.

The following Committee recommendations were made and adopted:

Bylaws Committee - Revisions and Additions

1. Article III Officers and Their Duties
Section 1. The elected officers of the Department shall be as follows: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, three (3) members of the Council, a Secretary and a Treasurer. They shall serve for the term of one (1) year or until their successors are duly elected and installed. The Commander and the Treasurer or Secretary/ Treasurer shall not serve on the Council. The same member may hold the office of Secretary and the office of Treasurer simultaneously.

Section 2. The Commander, after his election, shall appoint other officers for a term of one (1) year as per the C&R. The appointed officers shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Chief of Staff, Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain, Counselor, Organizer, Historian, Graves Registration Officer, Civil War Memorials Officer, GAR Records Officer, Communications and Technology Officer, Guide, Color Bearer, Guard, Aide, and other positions required by the C&R, these Bylaws, and/or the Order's Ceremonials and Ritual (Ritual).

Section 3. All officers shall be Brothers of the Michigan Department and shall perform the duties as specified by the C&R, Ritual, Department Bylaws, and the orders of the Commander. The officers shall have such other duties which are prescribed in the official Department Officers' Job Descriptions as adopted by the National Encampment.

2. Article IX Committees

Section 1. The Standing Committees of the Department shall be as follows: Bylaws, Legislative, Membership, Graves Registration, Civil War Memorials, GAR Records, and Communications and Technology.

Section 2. Special Committees may be created by action of the Commander and shall exist for the period of time designated in the creation thereof. Duties and responsibilities shall be defined at the time of Committee creation.

Section 7. The Graves Registration Committee shall seek and identify all graves of Civil War veterans in the State of Michigan. The Committee shall bring to the attention of the Department any disrespect or lack of attention shown to any Civil War grave. The Committee shall be chaired by the Graves Registration Officer.

Section 8. The Civil War Memorials Committee shall seek and identify all monuments and memorials dedicated to Civil War veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic in the State of Michigan. The Committee shall bring to the attention of the Department any disrespect or lack of attention shown to any Civil War monument or memorial. The Committee shall be chaired by the GAR Monuments and Memorials Officer.

Section 9. The GAR Records Committee shall seek, locate, catalog, and promote preservation of all surviving GAR records in the State of Michigan. The Committee shall be chaired by the GAR Records Officer.

Section 10. The Communications and Technology Committee shall advise the Department officers and committees about the latest computer and related technologies pertinent to the Department. The Committee shall be chaired by the Communications and Technology Officer.

Communications and Technology Committee Recommendations approved:

1. If Geocities offers web space and an e-mail address with no hidden costs, and that its use would not be detrimental to the Order, the Department's Communications and Technology Committee be authorized to assist Camps in establishing individual accounts with Geocities Server.

2. Failing the Geocities proposal, that the Department authorize the expenditure of a sum, not to exceed \$150.00 per year, to cover costs associated with administering a five megabyte Department web page with the Century Telephone Co. Should individual Camps and the Allied Orders desire, they be allowed to purchase additional web space on this server through the Department at the rate of \$1.00 per megabyte per month.

3. Where practical, Camps should be encouraged to establish their own internet and web page accounts whether they be with individual members.

4. To insure uniformity and compliance with proposed National guidelines the Department's Communications and Technology Committee should be authorized to review and approve independently developed Camp Web pages for appearance and content before they are presented as representing a Camp of the Department of Michigan.

G.A.R. Memorials Subcommittee Recommendations approved:

1. That the subcommittee become a separate, standing committee.
2. That it be named "Memorial Committee" ... this was changed to "Civil War Memorials Committee"; chaired by "Civil War Memorials Officer".

G.A.R. Records Committee (Temporary) Recommendations approved:

1. That the Department of Michigan establish this committee as a new Standing Committee.
2. That a temporary Committee be established to study and develop a program to record all members, past and present, and their Civil War ancestors. This work should proceed under the direction of the Department Historian and consistent with the advice of the Department Counselor relative to security concerns for personal data.

Legislative Committee Recommendation approved:

1. That all Brothers are urged to contact their State House Representative to solicit support for House Bill 4713 for renaming M-99 as the General John A. Logan Memorial Highway.

Weekend of Remembrance Special Committee Recommendation approved:

1. That all Brothers are encouraged to attend this special event.

Resolutions Committee Recommendations approved:

1. Resolved; that this Department endorses the candidacy of the following Brothers for election to National Office:

SVCinC Richard Orr for Commander in Chief

JVCinC Andrew Johnson for Senior Vice Commander in Chief

Nat'l. Chief of Staff David Turpin for Jr. Vice Commander in Chief

SVCinC Orr thanked the body for the endorsement and stated that "things done here to preserve records and monuments and keeping alive the memory of our ancestors are not being done in other Departments".

Bro. R. Greene spoke in opposition to the decisions being made on endorsements saying that they should be made by the delegates at the Nat'l. Encampment.

Bro. J. Pahl said that the delegates are not bound by these endorsements at the nat'l. Encampment.

Bro. McKinch urged support for D. Turpin who will be at Crossroads Village.

The Committee approved PCinC Medert's request for support but the Encampment was opposed. Bro. J. Lyons said the record should show that this "was not a negative reflection on PCinC Medert or his achievements".

2. The Resolution from Benjamin Pritchard Camp seeking the approval of the Encampment for the proposal to change the IRS tax status of the SUVCW was not approved after discussion by Bros. Harrison, Pahl and SVCinC Orr. Bro. Gibson could still send the matter to the Nat'l. Encampment from Benj. Pritchard Camp.

There were no other Resolutions offered for consideration.

Cmdr. Wallace asked if there was any "Old Business" to be considered and Sec'y. Lee said that there was none.

Cmdr. Wallace then asked the Encampment if there was "New Business" to be brought before the body.

NEW BUSINESS

PCinC Harrison moved that this Department move the National SUVCW to donate a portion of the existing funds that are proceeds from the SUVCW-sponsored Military Ball held annually in conjunction with the Order's Remembrance Day ceremonies in Gettysburg, PA to the National Military Park there and further, that this donation continue to be made annually. - Approved.

Bro. R. Williams moved that the MI Dept. Secretary be directed to write a letter to the National Council of Administration, by Jan. 31st, 1998, requesting permission to continue to offer for sale to members of the SUVCW the jacket pocket insignia and coat of arms. - Approved

Bro. G. Gibson moved that the MI Dept. donate \$25.00 each to the funds of the SVCinC and the Nat'l. Patriotic Instructor. - Approved

Bro. McAllister gave recognition to Bro. Jacob Kuhlman and his group for carrying on the tradition of playing American music.

Bro. W. Nash reported on WA-BU-NO Camp's efforts to acquire title to vacant G.A.R. grave sites in Riverside Cemetery.

Bro. M. Miller spoke about the recent article in the "Banner" about the FL Dept. wanting to admit women as Associates to the SUVCW. McKinch moved that the SUVCW remain SONS. J. Pahl stated that Federal law limits our membership to males. Bro. Sean Ralston said that the SUVCW should help form women's organizations where none exist. SVCinC Orr commented on the possible action of DC Bair (FL) and that a response to Bair's article will be in the "Banner" Bro. D. Graves suggested that the FL Dept. be assisted in forming Allied Orders camps.

Bro. Lee suggested that the Bros. consider setting up a Living History camp at the Howell, MI Balloon Fest on the 3rd weekend of June. The attendance is usually 50,000-100,000 depending on the weather. It should be a good recruiting opportunity.

The DUV distributed a survey requesting the Bros. suggestions as to where the 1998 joint Encampments might be held. Bro. H. Streeter cautioned that rising costs will limit us to a 1 day meeting.

Bro. Obermeyer announced that the Graves Registration office? was "open at the back".

Bro. Gibson said that raffle tickets for 5 items were available.

Cmdr. Wallace inquired if there was any other New Business - hearing none he then call for announcements for the "Good of the Order".

Bro. W. Lowe reported on the device constructed by Bro. M. Miller of Austin Blair Camp that raises sunken headstones "with 1 hand". It will be demonstrated at the Jackson Muster in August. He also spoke about the float that Camp #7 built for the Memorial Day parade, it was helpful to those who can't walk and got a good response from the community.

Bro. Park remarked about Bro. Miller's device and Cmdr. Wallace suggested that it be written up for "Michigan's Messenger".

Cmdr. Wallace inquired if any Bros. were not getting the "Banner", Bro. McAllister said that some of his members weren't.

Hearing no further items for the "Good of the Order", Cmdr. Wallace called for a motion for nominations for elected officers for 1997-1998.

Bro. Lyons endorsed SVC Paul Hodges for Dept. Commander, stating that his Grandfather was the 1st Commander of the Mich. Dept.

Bro. Lyons endorsed JVC Kent Armstrong for Senior Vice Commander, saying that "his record speaks for itself".

Bro. Lyons endorsed William Morris for Junior Vice Commander, mentioning his plans for the future of the Dept.

Bro. Lyons endorsed James Williams for Treasurer, saying that he has the "best records - backed-up - showing where the dollars are and where they are going".

Bro. Lyons endorsed Richard Lee for Secretary.

Bro. Lyons endorsed Bros. Gary Gibson PDC, Wayne Nash and David Waldron for Dept. Council.

Cmdr. Wallace entertained a motion to accept these nominations, Lyons so moved - seconded and passed.

Cmdr. Wallace then called for nomination of delegates to the National Encampment to be held 8-10 August at Utica, NY.

Bro. Lyons moved that only those Bros. who really plan to go to the Nat'l. Encampment be elected, Bro. Harrison seconded and added "and the rest of us as Alternates" - approved.

Bros. Pahl, Lyons and McKinch all spoke of the need for Mich. to send a full delegation because of the vital issues to be resolved there effecting the future of the SUVCW.

The following Bros. stood up and were elected: K. Armstrong, R. Greene, K. Shaw, T. McKinch, G. McAllister, D. Calder, D. Fickrell, B. Valentine and R. Lee.

Cmdr. Wallace then asked Bro. Hodges whom he had selected as his Installing Officer and Bro. Hodges named Bro. K. Harrison PCinC.

Cmdr. Wallace asked Sec'y. Lee to read the nominees for elected office.

Bro. Harrison then relieved Cmdr. Wallace from office as per ritual. and then performed the election of elected and appointed officers.

Commander Paul Hodges related how he was recruited for the SUVCW by Bro. J.D. Park and about a book about his Grandfather's service with the 17th Mich. and his experiences as 1st Cmdr., Dept. of Mich. Cmdr. Hodges said that the Bros. need to share in the work of the SUVCW and that he will be involving Bros. from across the state.

Cmdr. Hodges then closed the meeting as per ritual at 5:20 P.M.

Elected officers for 1997-1998 are:

Commander - Paul Hodges
Senior Vice Commander - Kent Armstrong
Junior Vice Commander - William Morris
Treasurer - James Williams
Secretary - Richard Lee
Council - Gary Gibson, PDC
Wayne Nash ⁵³
David Waldron ¹²

Appointed Officers for 1997-1998 are:

Chief of Staff - Gregory Hayes
Patriotic Instructor - William Costello
Chaplain - William McAfee
Counselor - James Neal
Organizer - David Wallace, PDC
Historian - Gary Holmes
Guide - Howard Streeter
Color Bearer - Leo Cohoon
Guard - LaVerne Aves
Aide - Charles Langworthy
Graves Registration Officer - John Obermeyer
GAR Records Officer - James Lyons, PDC
Civil War Memorials Officer - Kent Armstrong
Communications & Technology Officer - Charles TenBrink
Camp-at-Large Coordinator - Wade Chapman
Editor, "Michigan's Messenger" - John Mann
Weekend of Remembrance Liaison Officer - Lee Stroschine
Boy Scouts of America Coordinator - Gary Ralston
Commanders Group Representative - Paul Hodges
SVR Commander - Capt. Terrance McKinch
SVR Adjutant - Lt. Daniel Graves


Commander Wallace gave Certificates of Appreciation to the elected and appointed officers who had served with him.

The Orlando LaValley Award was given to Gen'l. Phil Kearney Camp #67 for the largest percentage increase in membership for the period 3-31-1996 to 3-31-1997.

The Gov. Austin Blair Award was given to James & Albert Lyon Camp #266 for recruiting the largest number of new Brothers for the period 3-31-1996 to 3-31-1997.

The Abraham Lincoln Award was given to Gen'l. John A. Logan Camp #1 for outstanding effort in sponsoring the Weekend of Remembrance.

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


Richard F. Lee
Secretary



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06/04/97

Department of Michigan - SUVCW Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance At 31 May, 1997

ASSETS

Checking Account	\$2,452.34
Savings Account	3,756.90
Russell Alger Memorial Fund Savings Account	<u>528.14</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$6,737.38</u>

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Liabilities	
Due Camp at Large	\$ 141.00
Due S.V.R.	187.00
Miscellaneous	<u>237.00</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 565.00
Fund Balance	
Restricted Funds	\$ 528.14
Unrestricted Funds	<u>5,644.24</u>
Total Fund Balance	\$6,172.38
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	<u>\$6,737.38</u>

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY, 1997

Revenues	\$7,882.55
Expenditures	<u>(8,564.53)</u>
Excess of Expenditures over Revenues	(\$681.98)
Total Fund Balance Beginning of Year	<u>\$6,854.36</u>
Total Fund Balance End of Year	<u>\$6,172.38</u>