

**MINUTES OF THE 119<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
SATURDAY, 26 APRIL 2008  
SOUTH LANSING CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
LANSING, MICHIGAN**

I. The Encampment was opened by Commander Derr at 9:05 am in accordance to the Ritual.

II. Roll Call-Color Bearer Edgar Dowd was absent. DC Derr appointed James Harris to the position for the Encampment.

Department Secretary Kevin Lindsey, CC called the Roll of Officers as follows:

Department Commander:	Dennis C Derr II	Present
Senior Vice Commander:	Robert C. Grove, Sr.	Present
Junior Vice Commander:	Donald W. Shaw	Present
Secretary:	Kevin Lindsey, CC	Present
Treasurer:	Brian J. Shumway	Present
Council Chairman:	Max L. Newman, P.C.C.	Present
Council Secretary:	Howard Streeter	Present
Council Member:	Kris D. Kuhlman	Excused
Patriotic Instructor:	Charles Worley	Present
Chaplain:	William McAfee	Present
Councilor:	James B. Pahl, PCinC	Present
Historian:	John Keith	Present
Guard:	Paul D. Arnold	Present
Guide:	John McFeeters	Excused
Color Bearer:	Edgar Dowd	Excused
Graves Registration Officer:	Richard E. Danes	Present
G.A.R. Records Officer:	James T. Lyons, P.D.C.	Excused
C.W. Memorials Officer:	Douglas Armstrong	Excused
Signals Officer:	Matthew L. Adair	Present
Camp at Large Coordinator:	Robert Mitchell	Excused
Michigan's Messenger Editor:	Richard Danes	Present
Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator:	Jeff Morse	Present

III. Matt Adair was appointed to the Credentials Committee.

IV. Introduction of guests

V. Introduction of National Officers:

a. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief David Medert of Ohio

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- b. National Treasurer Max L. Newman
- c. PC-in-C James Pahl
- d. PC-in-C Keith Harrison
- e. Past Department Commanders: Rick Greene, Keith Harrison, William Brennan, Gary Gibson, James Pahl, and Greg Hayes.

VI. Matt Adair presented the Credentials Report, there are 48 brothers present.

List of Delegates by Camp - See attached report

Report of Committee on Credentials – See attached report.

VII. Appointment of Encampment Committees – The following appointments were made:

- a. By-Laws – James Pahl-chair; Charles Worley, Dave Hilliker
- b. Officers Report- Gary Gibson-chair; Bill Brennan, Rick Greene
- c. Resolutions – Keith Harrison, chair; John Keith, Neal Breugh

VIII. It was announced that only reports with specific recommendations would be read, but all reports would be submitted to the Officers Reports Committee.

IX. The rules of the encampment were read: limiting reports to 5 minutes, allowing each brother to speak twice on a topic, asking all to identify themselves by voting card, name and camp, and asking debate be made in the spirit of F,C & L.

X. Approval of Minutes – Neal Breugh moved the 2007 118<sup>th</sup> Encampment Minutes be approved as distributed. Second was by Neal Zabicki. It passed unanimously by voice ballot.

XI. Recognition Awards

- a. Memorial Committee Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Chris Czopek.
- b. Gov. Austin Blair Membership Award went to Pritchard Camp 20, accepted by John Keith.
- c. Orlando Valley Membership Award went to Wa Bu No Camp 250, accepted by Bob Grove.
- d. Abraham Lincoln award went to William Costello, Gary Gibson, and Jesse Lasorda (his will be awarded later today)

XII Officers Reports (see attached for documents)

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- a. DC Derr presented his report with recommendations
- b. SVC Grove had many health issues, his report to follow.
- c. JVC Shaw presented his report.
- d. Secretary Lindsey presented his report.
- e. Treasurer Shumway presented his recommendations in his report.
- f. Graves Registration Officer Danes presented his report.
- g. Messenger Editor Danes presented his report. James Pahl noted that the Messenger received the Marshall Hope Award
- h. Memorials Officer Armstrong was excused, but his recommendations were delivered by DC Derr.
- i. Historian Keith's report was read by DC Derr.
- j. Camp at Large coordinator Mitchell's report was read by DC Derr.
- k. Signals Officer Adair presented his report.
- l. Eagle Scout Officer Morse presented his report.
- m. Chaplain McAfee presented his report. DC Derr urges all camps to contact the Chaplain whenever there is a death or illness

### XIII. Reception and Reference of Communications

DC Derr declared a recess at 10:15

Reconvened Encampment at 10:30

Representing Jim Lyons of the GAR committee Gary Gibson informed us that the work is ongoing, and the report will follow.

- XIV. Max Newman delivered the Report of the Department Council (written report to follow)
- a. The books were audited and approved
  - b. There were no recommendations on the budget
  - c. As National Treasurer he also wanted to inform the camps that they cant file the IRS form 99 until National does.
  - d. He requested contact information for camps, which Sec. Lindsey will send

XV. Unfinished Business – none

XVI. Report of the Encampment Committees

A. Report of the Committee on Officers Reports - Gary Gibson

Gary Gibson moved that

1. Reports were in good order and the committee commends the officers.
2. The Department Commander recommends creation of a Permanent Fund similar to what National has, with appropriate language added to the by-laws to govern that fund – the committee concurs
  - a. Moved by Jim Pahl to assign this to the permanent by-laws committee to make specific language recommendations and to report back to the 120<sup>th</sup>

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Encampment next year. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Neal Breugh – after some discussion the motion was approved

3. The Department Treasurer recommends no increase in per capita tax - the committee concurs

a. moved by Keith Harrison that recommendations be approved at the sound of the gavel. Seconded and passed

b. The recommendation that there be no increase in per capita tax- approved

4. The Treasurer recommends a continuation budget - the committee concurs - approved

5. The Treasurer recommends that a policy for a permanent fund be adopted – this was withdrawn because of the assignment to the by laws committee – no action

6. The Treasurer recommends that the cash amounts at close of fiscal year 07-08 be assigned to the Certificate of Deposit as the Permanent Fund

a. the committee concurs – approved

7. The Treasurer recommends that \$2000 be set aside to fund the Strategic Plan adopted last year and overseen by the Department Commander

a. the committee concurs - approved

8. The additional exposure of the Charge Bayonets project be undertaken

a. the committee concurs – approved

9. The Memorials Officer recommends that each each camp commander review the materials issued to their camp and forward the current contact information to the Department Memorials Officer

a. the committee concurs - approved

### B. Report of the Committee on Resolutions - Keith Harrison

There were several endorsements for National Officers. The committee will not approve or disapprove anyone running for National Officers, so as not to tie the hands of the delegates

1. Resolution endorsing Donald Shaw for National Council of Administration

a. The committee concurs

b. Resolution passed unanimously

c. Secretary instructed to notify other Departments of Endorsement.

2. Resolution to add service bars for Persian Gulf, Gulf War to membership medals.

a. The committee recommends non conference that this is already being looked at by National and led by the American Legion

b. No action taken

3. Resolution to add 10, 15, & 20 year service pins to medals

a. The committee recommends non conference.

Objection by Rick Greene - discussion

b. Moved by Rick Greene to send the resolution to National with our endorsement

c. Resolution passed.

### C. Report of the By-Laws Committee – James Pahl

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1. No recommendations were forwarded.

### XVIII. New Business

- A. Motion that \$25.00 be donated to the SVC Fund
  1. Moved by Keith Harrison, second by Richard Greene
  2. Motion carried
- B. Motion that \$25.00 be donated to the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund
  1. Moved by Gary Gibson, second by Richard Greene
  2. Motion carried
- C. Amendments to National C & R regarding Junior associates
  1. Jim Pahl addressed the camp about the background and purpose of the two amendments
  2. Jim Pahl moved to adopt these two resolutions and approve the amendments to the Constitution of the Order, second by Keith Harrison.
  3. After discussion the motion carried unanimously.

The Encampment was recessed for lunch at 11:45

The Encampment was called to order after lunch at 1:00

At this time Jesse Lasorda was present, and was awarded the Abraham Lincoln Award for his outstanding work in local cemeteries.

New Business (continued)

- D. Adoption of Budget
  1. Moved to adopt by Richard Greene, second by Matt Adair
  2. Motion carried
- E. An inquiry from Allan Keller about our Department hosting the GAR Allied Orders Central Region Association Conference in Oct 2009
  1. After discussion the Encampment was not interested in hosting it.
- F. Proposed adoption of bylaws for GAR Allied Orders Central Region Association.
  1. After discussion, James Pahl moved that the encampment adopt a resolution to the Central Region that they not adopt the by-laws, second by Gary Gibson.
  2. Motion is carried
- G. Sesquicentennial of the Civil War – Keith Harrison has a contact at the state, and a committee has been formed, but no action has been taken as of yet.
- H. Camp 120 requests the restoration of PCC and PDC rank for Greg Hayes.
  1. Moved to restore PCC rank and request National to restore PDC rank by Neal Breaugh, 2<sup>nd</sup> by James Pahl
  2. Motion carries unanimously
  3. Directed to notify National of Encampments restoration of PCC and request to restore his PDC rank.
- I. Brothers in a War Zone – waiving of Department Per Capita Tax

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1. Neal Breugh moved that the Department per capita tax be waived for brothers in a War Zone, second by William McAfee.

2. The motion passes.

J. Camp 7 requests there be a change in the dues structure for reinstated brothers who were Honorably Discharged. They suggest that they pay the same pro-rated dues as new members. They maintain it is not fair to make them pay the full dues, when new members pay pro-rated. This would only apply to Honorably Discharged Members, not those dropped.

1. Michael Mallard moved that Honorably Discharged members who are reinstated pay a pro rated per capita tax dues. Second by Dave Arnold

2. There was much discussion.

3. Rick Greene moved that the motion be tabled, second by Howard Streeter.

a. The motion to table failed

4. the original motion passes.

5. Motion to recommend to National that honorably discharged brothers pay the pro rated dues upon reinstatement.

a. the motion carries

K. Jim Pahl noted that the church had donated the facilities for free and moved that we donate \$100.00 to them.

a. The motion was seconded and carried

L. Gary Gibson noted that Marvin Hall was the first Commander in Chief of the SUVCW from Michigan, and moved that the Department buy a SUVCW flag holder to mark his grave.

a. The motion was seconded and carried

M. Gary Gibson noted that June 24, 2009 is the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the charter for the Department Michigan, and moved that the Department Commander appoint a committee to coordinate some type of observance.

a. The motion was seconded and carried

### XXII. Election of Delegates to the National Encampment

A. DC Derr asked who was already planning on going to the National Encampment, and Brothers Adair, Arnold, Breugh, Danes, Granger, Groves, and Shaw indicated they were.

B. It was moved and seconded that these Brothers be elected delegates, with the rest of the delegates to be drawn alphabetically from the roster, and that the remainder of the of the roster be elected as alternates.

C. The Motion Carried

### XXIII. Nomination and Election of Officers

A. Nominating Committee Report was presented by Chair Richard Danes as follows:

Department Commander – Dennis Derr II

Senior Vice Commander – Charles Worley

Junior Vice Commander – Don Shaw

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Council – Howard Streeter  
Council – Neal Breagh  
Council – Max Newman  
Secretary – Kevin Lindsey  
Treasurer – Brian Shumway

- B. Gary Granger was nominated for Council from the floor.
- C. James Pahl moved that those not opposed be elected by acclamation.
  - a. The motion was seconded and carried
- D. The unopposed slate was elected.
- E. Camp delegates were polled for the 3 Council positions with the following tallies:
  - a. Max Newman - 37 votes
  - b. Howard Streeter – 33 votes
  - c. Neal Breagh – 32 votes
  - d. Gary Granger – 8 votes

### XXIV. Installation of Officers

- A. Appointed Officers of Commander-Elect Derr
  - Patriotic Instructor – Dennis Derr I
  - Chaplain – William McAfee
  - Historian – John Keith
  - Graves Registration Officer – Rick Danes
  - Memorials Officer – Douglas Armstrong
  - G.A.R. Records – James Lyons
  - Signals Officer – Matt Adair
  - Guide – John McFeters
  - Color Bearer – Ed Dowd
  - Michigan Messenger Editor – Rick Danes
  - Camp at Large Coordinator – Robert Mitchell
- B. Past Department Commander Rick Greene installed the officers according to Ritual.

### XXV. Good of the Order

- a. Paul Arnold discussed the display and handouts he had set up at the Encampment
- b. Rick Greene discussed the LeValley-Heusted Camp No. 255 upcoming monument dedication.
- c. The GAR Memorial Museum was described and encouraged to visit
- d. Matt Adair questioned the banana on the voting cards, which Jim Pahl explained in secret to the encampment

### XXVI. Encampment was closed per Ritual by DC Derr

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

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Kevin J. Lindsey, Secretary  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



**State of the Department Address  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Lansing, Michigan  
26 April 2008**

Brothers of the Department of Michigan,

**Introduction**

I have the privilege of presenting you with the State of the Department Address for the 2007-2008 administrative year. Even though the past year has been a pretty quiet one, the Department has continued to prosper.

**Membership**

Membership in the Department continues to grow. Last year we reported 497 Brothers plus 12 Juniors on the Department Annual Report. Not all Camps have submitted their Annual Reports for this year, but the early numbers indicate a gain of 40 new Brothers and a loss of 20, although these are not final numbers, it looks as if we will show a gain in membership again this year.

For the most part, we are doing a good job with new member recruitment. At the 126<sup>th</sup> National Encampment it was announced that the Department of Michigan was the second largest Department in the Order. This was only accomplished through new member recruitment and we must continue this trend of gaining new members. New members bring new ideas and energy to our Department and Order.

One area that we need to improve upon is member retention. While for the past couple of years we have had a significant number of new Brothers coming into the Order, we are also losing far too many. On last year's annual report we reported a gain of 62 members, but a loss of 48 for a net gain of 14 and we can probably expect similar numbers again this year.

We should set the goal for ourselves of becoming the largest Department in the Order. For the most part we are already doing what we need to do in regards to recruitment, combine that with retaining more members and it is a very obtainable goal.

**Camps**

While there are too many projects to list here, the Camps of this Department are active doing the work of the Order and "Keeping Green the Memory."

Unfortunately, we did lose a Camp this year. On February 23, 2008 the Brothers of Ulysses S. Grant Camp No. 101 of Detroit voted to disband and surrender their Camp Charter.

Every effort is being made to keep those Brothers in the Order by transferring them into other Camps.

### **Annual Reporting**

Annual reporting continues to be a challenge for some Camps. We are seeing a slight improvement from last year. However, this year more than any other it is imperative that Camps get their Annual Reports in on time.

National has once again raised the bar for on time reporting to a new level. Commander-in-Chief Kuhn has mandated that Departments must have their annual reports in on time or face disciplinary action.

In the past the Department has held off filing its' annual report, often submitting it late, because it was waiting for one or more Camps to submit their reports. We can no longer do this. The only way that this Department can maintain its' good standing is to suspend any Camp that fails to submit its' annual report on time and to proceed to submit the Department Annual Report to National on time.

### **Michigan Messenger**

The Michigan Messenger continues to be published in an electronic format and distributed via e-mail and the Department Website. Because of this, the Department continues to benefit financially from the cost savings of not having to print and mail it out.

### **Department Website**

The Department Website is an important asset that not only allows people to learn about our Department, Camps and Order; it also provides a way for people to contact us and is a valuable source of information for those who are conducting research in the areas of Graves Registration and G. A. R. Records. Over the last year the Department Website has had many updates and more are on the way.

During the past year the Department launched an online store for our merchandise sales. Since being launched there has been a significant increase in our merchandise sales as compared to previous years.

Department Signals Officer Matt Adair is currently working on rolling out new a Department Website with a new look and new features.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Graves Registration Officer Rick Danes and the entire Graves Registration Committee, the Graves Registration Database on the Department Website continues to grow and to set the standard.

G.A.R. Records Officer James T. Lyons, PDC is currently working with Brother Matt Adair to revamp and expand the current G.A.R. Records Database on the Department Website.

The Department currently provides space on the Department Website so that each Camp can have its' own website. Of the 25 Camps in the Department, 5 Camps maintain and provide for their own websites. The other 20 are maintained and updated by the Department Signals Officer.

Of the 25 Camp Websites only 7 are current and up to date. The other 18 have not been updated in over a year. It is imperative that Camps keep the information posted on their respective websites up to date. These Camp Websites are often the first contact point for prospective members, but when someone tries and fails to make contact through outdated information or dead e-mails addresses it creates a bad first impression.

Department Signals Officer Matt Adair stands ready to update Camp Websites. All the Camps have to do is let him know what they want posted and he will do it and in most cases within 24 to 48 hours.

**Finances**

The Department's financial situation continues to improve. Many of you will recall that a few short years ago this Department's financial situation was far from good. That is no longer the situation. Rather than go into details now, I will leave those to the Department Treasurer and his report.

**Recommendations**

I would like to make the recommendation that the Department of Michigan establish a Permanent Fund similar to that of the National Organization, SUVCW including adding the appropriate language to the Department By-Laws that will govern the fund.

**Officers and Staff**

I would like to thank the Officers and Staff for their dedicated service to the Department of Michigan over the past year. It has been a pleasure working with you.

In closing, I would like to thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as Department Commander for the past year. It has been both a learning experience and at times a challenge. I hope that you will grant me the honor of serving another term.

Respectfully submitted,

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Dennis C. Derr II  
Commander  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

# List of Delegates by Camp

**Camp# 001**

**Allotted Delegates**

***Gen. John Logan***

3

Tim	Kolean	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
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**Total for Gen. John Logan Camp**

**1**

**Camp# 002**

**Allotted Delegates**

***Gen. Israel B. Richardson***

3

Gary	Grout	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
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James	Harris	Delegate	<input type="checkbox"/> Registered
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Kevin	Lindsey	Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
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**Total for Gen. Israel B. Richardson Camp**

**3**

**Camp# 007**

**Allotted Delegates**

***Austin Blair***

5

Bob	Hoffman	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
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Bill	Lowe	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
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Michael	Maillard	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
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**Total for Austin Blair Camp**

**3**

**Camp# 014**

**Allotted Delegates**

***Robert Finch***

6

Dale	Aurand	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
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Dan	Bennett	Past Camp Commander	<input type="checkbox"/> Registered
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Neal	Breaugh	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
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Robert	Clark	Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
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Joe	Conger - not attend	Delegate	<input type="checkbox"/> Registered
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Don	Gray	Delegate	<input type="checkbox"/> Registered
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Jeff	Morse	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
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Jim	Ribby	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
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Bill	Skillman	Past Camp Commander	<input type="checkbox"/> Registered
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**Total for Robert Finch Camp**

**9**

**Camp# 017**

**Allotted Delegates**

***Curtenius Guard***

5

## List of Delegates by Camp

Paul "Dave"	Arnold	Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
William	Haines	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
Keith G.	Harrison	Past C in C	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
Paul	Hodges	Past Dept Commander	<input type="checkbox"/> Registered
James T.	Lyons	Past Dept Commander	<input type="checkbox"/> Registered
James B.	Pahl	Past C in C	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
Brian	Shumway	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered

**Total for Curtenius Guard Camp** 7

**Camp# 020**

**Allotted Delegates**

*Gen. Benjamin Pritchard*

5

Bill	Brennan	Past Dept Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
William	Costello	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
Gary L.	Gibson	Past Dept Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
John R.	Keith	Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered

**Total for Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp** 4

**Camp# 022**

**Allotted Delegates**

*Colegrove - Woodruff*

3

Howard	Streeter	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
Blaine C.	Valentine	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered

**Total for Colegrove - Woodruff Camp** 2

**Camp# 058**

**Allotted Delegates**

*George W. Anderson*

3

Douglas R.	Armstrong	Past Camp Commander	<input type="checkbox"/> Registered
Dennis G.	Felton	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
Gordon	McGarey	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered

**Total for George W. Anderson Camp** 3

**Camp# 085**

**Allotted Delegates**

*Frederick H. Hackeman*

2

Theodore	Chamberlain	Delegate	<input type="checkbox"/> Registered
Rex	Dillman	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered

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Jeffrey Paul	Hudon	Alt Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
Glen	Palen	Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
Charles L.	Pauth, Jr.	Alt Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
Charles L.	Pauth, Sr.	Alt Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
William R.	Viet	Delegate	<input type="checkbox"/> Registered

**Total for Frederick H. Hackeman Camp** 7

**Camp# 120** **Allotted Delegates**

*Gilluly- Kingsley*

3

Gregory	Hayes	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
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**Total for Gilluly- Kingsley Camp** 1

**Camp# 135** **Allotted Delegates**

*March to the Sea*

2

Bruce	Gosling	Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
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Chuck	Worley	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
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**Total for March to the Sea Camp** 2

**Camp# 145** **Allotted Delegates**

*Gov. Henry Crapo*

4

Matthew L.	Adair	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
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Dennis C.	Derr	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
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Dennis C.	Derr II	Dept Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
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Donald W.	Shaw	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
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Neal	Zabicki	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
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**Total for Gov. Henry Crapo Camp** 5

**Camp# 160** **Allotted Delegates**

*Henry Wallace*

2

Gary A.	Granger	Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
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David L.	Hilliker	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
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Max L.	Newman	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered
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**Total for Henry Wallace Camp** 3

## List of Delegates by Camp

<b>Camp# 180</b>	<b>Allotted Delegates</b>		
<b><i>Carpenter- Welch</i></b>	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="text" value="2"/>		
Daniel Benfield	Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Registered
William B. McAfee	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Registered
<b>Total for Carpenter- Welch Camp</b>			<b>2</b>

<b>Camp# 250</b>	<b>Allotted Delegates</b>		
<b><i>Wa-Bu-No</i></b>	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="text" value="2"/>		
Robert C. Grove	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Registered
Kris D. Kuhlman	Past Camp Commander	<input type="checkbox"/>	Registered
<b>Total for Wa-Bu-No Camp</b>			<b>2</b>

<b>Camp# 255</b>	<b>Allotted Delegates</b>		
<b><i>LeValley-Heusted</i></b>	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="text" value="2"/>		
Richard Greene	Past Dept Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Registered
David Neese	Past Camp Commander	<input type="checkbox"/>	Registered
<b>Total for LeValley-Heusted Camp</b>			<b>2</b>

<b>Camp# 427</b>	<b>Allotted Delegates</b>		
<b><i>Sgt. John Cosby</i></b>	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="text" value="5"/>		
Richard E. Danes	Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Registered
Howard Fite	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Registered
Jerry Jacobs	Delegate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Registered
Jerry A. Olson	Past Camp Commander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Registered
Allan R. Treppa	Delegate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Registered
<b>Total for Sgt. John Cosby Camp</b>			<b>5</b>

**Total Number of Brothers pre-registered (not necessarily in attendance): 61**

**Total Number of Brothers registered (signed in and attended): 48**

# Report of Camp Delegate Voting Strength

<b>Camp# 001</b>	<b>Allotted Delegates</b>	<b>PCCs</b>
<i>Gen. John Logan</i>	3	2
	Past Camp Commander	1

**Total for Gen. John Logan Camp** **1**

<b>Camp# 002</b>	<b>Allotted Delegates</b>	<b>PCCs</b>
<i>Gen. Israel B. Richardson</i>	3	2
	Camp Commander	1
	Delegate	1

**Total for Gen. Israel B. Richardson Camp** **2**

<b>Camp# 007</b>	<b>Allotted Delegates</b>	<b>PCCs</b>
<i>Austin Blair</i>	5	11
	Delegate	1
	Past Camp Commander	2

**Total for Austin Blair Camp** **3**

<b>Camp# 014</b>	<b>Allotted Delegates</b>	<b>PCCs</b>
<i>Robert Finch</i>	6	8
	Camp Commander	1
	Delegate	3
	Past Camp Commander	1

**Total for Robert Finch Camp** **5**

<b>Camp# 017</b>	<b>Allotted Delegates</b>	<b>PCCs</b>
<i>Curtenius Guard</i>	5	10
	Camp Commander	1
	Delegate	1
	Past C in C	2



# Report of Camp Delegate Voting Strength

Past Camp Commander      1

**Total for Curtenius Guard Camp** **5**

<b>Camp# 020</b>	<b>Allotted Delegates</b>	<b>PCCs</b>
<i>Gen. Benjamin Pritchard</i>	5	9
	Camp Commander	1
	Past Camp Commander	1
	Past Dept Commander	2

**Total for Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp** **4**

<b>Camp# 022</b>	<b>Allotted Delegates</b>	<b>PCCs</b>
<i>Colegrove - Woodruff</i>	3	8
	Delegate	1
	Past Camp Commander	1

**Total for Colegrove - Woodruff Camp** **2**

<b>Camp# 058</b>	<b>Allotted Delegates</b>	<b>PCCs</b>
<i>George W. Anderson</i>	3	5
	Delegate	1
	Past Camp Commander	1

**Total for George W. Anderson Camp** **2**

<b>Camp# 085</b>	<b>Allotted Delegates</b>	<b>PCCs</b>
<i>Frederick H. Hackeman</i>	2	6
	Alt Delegate	3
	Camp Commander	1
	Past Camp Commander	1
	Too many delegates	-1

**Total for Frederick H. Hackeman Camp** **4**

# Report of Camp Delegate Voting Strength

<b>Camp# 120</b>	<b>Allotted Delegates</b>	<b>PCCs</b>
<i>Gilluly- Kingsley</i>	3	6
	Delegate	1

**Total for Gilluly- Kingsley Camp** **1**

<b>Camp# 135</b>	<b>Allotted Delegates</b>	<b>PCCs</b>
<i>March to the Sea</i>	2	1
	Camp Commander	1
	Past Camp Commander	1

**Total for March to the Sea Camp** **2**

<b>Camp# 145</b>	<b>Allotted Delegates</b>	<b>PCCs</b>
<i>Gov. Henry Crapo</i>	4	6
	Delegate	3
	Dept Commander	1
	Past Camp Commander	1

**Total for Gov. Henry Crapo Camp** **5**

<b>Camp# 160</b>	<b>Allotted Delegates</b>	<b>PCCs</b>
<i>Henry Wallace</i>	2	6
	Camp Commander	1
	Past Camp Commander	2

**Total for Henry Wallace Camp** **3**

<b>Camp# 180</b>	<b>Allotted Delegates</b>	<b>PCCs</b>
<i>Carpenter- Welch</i>	2	4
	Camp Commander	1
	Past Camp Commander	1

# Report of Camp Delegate Voting Strength

**Total for Carpenter- Welch Camp** **2**

<b>Camp# 250</b>	<b>Allotted Delegates</b>	<b>PCCs</b>
<i>Wa-Bu-No</i>	2	6
	Past Camp Commander	1

**Total for Wa-Bu-No Camp** **1**

<b>Camp# 255</b>	<b>Allotted Delegates</b>	<b>PCCs</b>
<i>LeValley-Heusted</i>	2	1
	Past Dept Commander	1

**Total for LeValley-Heusted Camp** **1**

<b>Camp# 427</b>	<b>Allotted Delegates</b>	<b>PCCs</b>
<i>Sgt. John Cosby</i>	5	2
	Camp Commander	1
	Delegate	2
	Past Camp Commander	1

**Total for Sgt. John Cosby Camp** **4**

**Total Number of Brothers in Attendance** 48



**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
Junior Vice Commander – Department of Michigan

April 2, 2008

To: Michigan Department Encampment  
Re: Report of the Junior Vice Commander

Brothers,

While it has been a quiet year in this position, it has not been an unproductive one. Approximately half a dozen referrals were received from the Junior Vice Commander in Chief for attention by the Michigan Department. All were referred to camps close the prospective member, those camp officials were contacted and confirmation was sent back out to the JVC-in C to acknowledge the progress made in bringing these individuals into the order. Other persons who approached the organization at the Department level were similarly referred to camps to begin their involvement with the order.

Recruiting materials were requested and delivered for only one civil war event this year. These materials are available from the Department for any camp or member who has a civil war event they are sponsoring, and would like recruiting materials.

There are no recommendations that I suggest be brought to the floor of the Encampment.

In F, C, & L,

Donald W. Shaw  
Junior Vice Commander - Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department of Michigan  
*Office of Secretary*

April 26, 2008

To: Department Commander Derr and the Encampment  
Re: The report of the 2008 Department Secretary

Commander,

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Department Secretary. In this role I finished and electronically distributed the minutes of the last encampment, produced and submitted the annual report to National on time, submitted the Certification of Election of officers for Camps and the Department, created credentials for 2 national encampments, processed many new applications and camp status reports, maintained and updated both the department database and the paper files and records, contributed articles to the Michigan Messenger, and received, distributed and responded to correspondence from National, other Departments, and camps and their individual members.

I have set up an electronic mail system which allows me to contact all Camp Commanders and Secretaries with up to date information, orders, and reminders of pending due dates. I would encourage all camps to try to make sure that their secretary and/or commander have or provide them an email address for that purpose. As one of our Brothers once said, this organization runs on email!

The secretary job description states that, among other things, he should maintain a copy of the bylaws of each camp within the department. I have been attempting to gather those with reminders via email and articles in the Messenger. At this point, I have received them from 12 camps, I thank these camps and encourage the others to get me a copy as soon as possible

As Department Secretary I have attended the Department Encampment, the Jackson Civil War muster and the installation of officers for camp 427

Respectfully Submitted In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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April 19, 2008

**Report of the Department Treasurer**

Commander Derr, Officers and Men of the Department of Michigan

The Department of Michigan has concluded the financial business of Membership Year 2007-2008 and your finances remain in the good position established by previous administrations and practiced by our current leadership.

**I wish to report:**

1. Total Funds in Department accounts are \$28,062.31 as of March 31, 2008, an increase of \$4,995.16 over beginning amounts for the year. This total includes \$14,567.51 in the Department Permanent Fund, \$182 held in annual dues applicable to the current report and \$692.98 reserved for this Encampment. We maintain \$743 in the Alger Memorial Fund restricted account.
2. We post expenditures during MY2007-2008 of \$992.06. This is significantly under approved budget since funds held for projects were not expensed during the year for varied reasons: \$415 designated for the "Rally Round the Flags" fund, \$2,000 approved for the strategic plan project, "Charge Bayonets!", and \$300 for Charter Preservation. In addition, amounts awaiting transfer to Permanent Fund have been sequestered pending approval of procedures for that fund.
3. A "Sales Page" was developed by Brother Adair during the year and added to the Department web site. That increased exposure has resulted in improved sales during the membership year, yielding gross sales of \$1,745 and net of \$627, achieving our budgeted net income of \$600.
4. Planned income earned through interest was on target at \$636.
5. An initial article promoting planned giving was included in the autumn messenger. A more aggressive campaign will be needed to inculcate in members a habit of considering planned giving.

*Organized 1881 – Legal Heir to and Representing the Grand Army of the Republic.*

6. The campaign to fund Strategic Plan goals was announced during the year through Department Order #3, paragraph 8 and named the "Charge Bayonets" Project.

**I offer these recommendations for consideration by the Encampment for the coming year:**

1. The Treasury is sound and I recommend no increase in department per capita tax.
2. I have recommended a *continuation budget* to Department Council, i.e. one that allows expenditures similar to what has been the basis for the present year budget.
3. That the policy for Permanent Fund management be adopted in order to best maintain a corpus for the security of department finances(see attachment).
4. I recommend that cash amounts remaining at the close of MY2007-2008 be assigned to the Certificate of Deposit balance as Permanent Fund.
5. That \$2,000 of that amount be continued to fund projects designed to move the Strategic Plan Fund adopted by the 117<sup>th</sup> Encampment forward, those projects to be overseen by the Department Commander or his designee. Further effort to develop understanding and acceptance of the project should be undertaken during this year.
6. That additional exposure of the "Charge Bayonets" project be undertaken to increase understanding of the project and to develop proposals.

I appreciate the trust placed in me by the Department during the past year and a half. I am grateful for the consideration and faith Commander Derr has accorded me during his command. I have submitted my name for consideration by the Encampment as Department Treasurer in the coming year. I have enjoyed serving the Department and would wish to continue the projects initiated during the past administration should such be the decision of delegates of the 119<sup>th</sup> Encampment.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Brian J. Shumway, Treasurer  
Department of Michigan, SUVCW

LETTERHEAD

April 10, 2008

Dennis C. Derr, PCC, DC  
Department of Michigan  
4033 Horizon Drive  
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Greetings Commander Derr,

Please accept the attached as a final report for the year 2007-2008 of activities from the Department of Michigan Graves Registration Committee.

The achievements of Committee during the past year although significant, did not meet the stated goals from the 2007 Report. We were not able to recover all records held in the Camps, and although we have encouraged the Camps were not able to contact an active Graves Registration Officer (GRO) for each Camp, nor an active program throughout the Department.

The significance of our work year can be recognized with the deletion of 2700 incomplete entries and an additional 817 records entered into the Department database reflecting a total of 55,472 records.

The committee met for 34th consecutive time in March of this year, as we achieved a core attendance of approximately 50% of the Camps. Like the 2006-2007 year, these meetings achieved meaningful dialog that is useful to the Camp GROs and allows them a forum to express ideas, concerns, and spend time learning more about the resources available to them. We have created a living list of abbreviations, sources, and resources, a handbook designed to aid each GRO in keeping consistency in our work. This handbook will be revised in 2008-2009 to reflect changes in our methods of doing business. Each Camp attending a GRO Committee Meeting receives an updated CD containing the most current Department db for their use at no cost to the Department.

I have mentioned at the last 7 Department Encampments the lack of participation from some camps, and although that fact has not changed, certain proactive members and friends outside of the Order continue to overcome the hurdle by working outside their normal areas.

In 2006 I was appointed to the National Graves Registration Committee, and since that time, have submitted over 3500 entries, raising the total number of Department of Michigan records to over 41,000. The National Database contains over 500,000 records.

Under your leadership and support, the Department of Michigan Graves Registration Program and its members continue to provide a program that is second to none.

I appreciate the opportunity that I have been given, and hope that future Commanders allow me to remain as Chairman of this Committee with the goal of completing the task at hand. I remain,

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/

Richard E. Danes,  
Department of Michigan  
Graves Registration Officer

CC: Robert C. Grove, Department SVC  
Kevin Lindsey, Department Secretary



## LETTERHEAD

April 10, 2008

Dennis C. Derr, PCC, DC  
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Greetings Commander Derr,

Please accept the attached as a final report for the year 2007-2008 of activities from the Editor of *Michigan's Messenger*, the official Newsletter of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Currently, *Michigan's Messenger* is sent electronically to all 25 Camps in the Department of Michigan. Each Camp contact then emails the Messenger to their Camp e-mail list, and arranges for copies to be delivered to those who do not have e-mail. Many Brothers prefer to read the news on the Department Website at home, and some Brothers who do not have e-mail of their own stop by a local library and use their e-mail service rather than getting a paper copy of their own. *Michigan's Messenger* is also e-mailed to all Department Officers that I have a current address for, and the Commander-in-Chief. All issues that have been forwarded to this editor have been expeditiously and professionally resolved.

The challenges for the coming year are minor and few, and concern the linchpin of the continued success for *Michigan's Messenger*. Camp contacts and Officers will need to keep sending news articles in on time, and Camp contacts will need to continue to provide this Editor with a current e-mail address to ensure prompt delivery and communication, so their Members get the "news" on time.

Under your leadership and support, the Department of Michigan Official Newsletter, *Michigan's Messenger* has continued to be a quality publication provided to our members at no cost.

I appreciate the opportunity that I have been given, and hope to be able to continue to serve the membership of this Department. I remain,

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/S/

Richard E. Danes,  
Department of Michigan  
Editor, *Michigan's Messenger*

CC: Robert C. Grove, Department SVC  
Kevin Lindsey, Department Secretary

# **CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE REPORT**

## **DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN – S.U.V.C.W.**

### **ENCAMPMENT OF APRIL 26, 2008**

Douglas R. Armstrong, Chair  
Bruce Butgereit      Fred L. Knoodle      Richard A. Williams  
Chris P. Czopek

We are again proud to report continued progress by our Department's Camps, in support of the Civil War Memorials Assessment Project. Though we have received only moderate participation from most Camps we have had an increase with individual Brothers taking on the locating of Civil War Memorials and the submitting of memorial assessment forms. We would like to acknowledge Brothers John Keith, Art Bonnell, Bruce Gosling, Rick Danes, Fred Knoodle, Bruce Butgereit, Matt Adair, and Chris Czopek for their efforts and assistance with this project. We would encourage all Brothers and Camps to participate in locating and assessing the condition of monuments and memorials in their area.

With the efforts of our Department's Webmaster and the Memorials web page we have seen an increase of visitor inquiries about the assessment project. A Wayne County woman working on a guidebook entitled "The Civil War and Southeast Michigan", requested assistance from this committee. She also shared some photos of monuments she has located near Monroe and Grosse Ile. Another from a gentleman regarding the monument located in Lake Forest Cemetery in Grand Haven. Camp 3 has taken on his request for its restoration. Thank you Brother Adair.

This past year we have received assessments for monuments and memorials from the counties of Alpena, Calhoun, Eaton, Ingham, Kalamazoo, Livingston, Monroe, St. Joseph, Washtenaw, Van Buren and Wayne. As a result we have seen some increased growth to the Department's Civil War Memorials Database. The entering of this information into our database is ongoing. To date we have registered 240 monuments and memorials located within 37 counties across the State. This is an increase of 30 memorials since last year. A photo of each monument is included within the database along with the condition assessment information. We request that each assessment form be completed as thoroughly as possible. A photo of each side of the monument should be included. Digital photos can be sent to this office through an email attachment. We would also request that a hard copy or printed version of each photo be sent along with the assessment form for the Department Record. With the assistance of the Department Webmaster, we will soon be continuing to add photos of monuments from the submitted assessment forms.

This committee would like to again acknowledge the accomplishments of those Camps who have continued to honor the Boys in Blue by restoring and rededicating the monuments erected in their honor. Thank you to the Brothers of Camps 1, 3, 7, 14, 17, 20, and 58 for their completed or ongoing projects of 2007. These include the monument and soldiers plot located in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Lansing; the 30 pdr Parrott rifle memorial on the grounds of the Ingham County Courthouse in Mason; and the Confederate cannon project in Petoskey. Our efforts will ensure that future generations will not forget the sacrifices that our ancestors endured in saving the Union. Any Camp with a current or past restoration project is encouraged to draft a complete record of the project for their Camp records as well as reporting the project's details to this office so a permanent record can be created for the Department Archives.

The Department's Cannon Inquiry Project is still ongoing. This office is continuing to contact those communities in which Civil War era cannon are located. A history of the cannon and the important significance of these pieces as a symbol of their community's historical heritage are shared. Several have replied favorably to our inquiries with appreciation for the shared information. Some examples of recent correspondence include a request for information from Hampton Roads Naval Museum in Norfolk, VA regarding the cannon that was located at Oak Hill Cemetery in Battle Creek before it's being scrapped during WWII. The Department of Pennsylvania requested information about two cannon that they were restoring. The Lowell Historical Society forwarded an inquiry about the cannon located in their cemetery. I was also able to assist the Executive Board of the Historic Fort Wayne Coalition with their efforts to restore two cannon located at Fort Wayne. A history of the cannon as well as proper restoration techniques was shared.

The efforts of this committee have not gone unnoticed. In January of 2007, then Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charlie Kuhn requested that I serve as National Civil War Memorials Officer during his administration upon the recommendation of outgoing Memorials Officer Todd Shillington. With my increased commitments at work and home as well as my great interest with Michigan's Civil War Monuments, I respectfully declined the appointment.

It is the recommendation of this committee that each Camp Commander review their Camp's Memorials Program that was issued to each of the Department's Camps and forward the current contact information for their Camp's Civil War Memorials Officer to this office. It is our hope that we will see an increased participation from each Camp in 2008.

In closing, let me recognize the achievements of a single Brother with a certificate of appreciation from the Department's Civil War Memorials Committee. (See Certificate)

Respectfully submitted in  
Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Douglas Armstrong, Chairman  
Civil War Memorials Committee  
Department of Michigan, S.U.V.C.W.

DEPARTMENT of MICHIGAN  
SONS of UNION VETERANS  
of the CIVIL WAR  
DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN'S  
2007-2008 ANNUAL REPORT

April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Sir:

This past year has been an average one for the Department of Michigan office of the Historian.

I have received items from Bro. Neil Breaugh, a compact disc concerning information on the Robert Finch Camp 14.

As stated in the Michigan Messenger that all brothers can send items to me relating to their Department Office or items from their Camps and I will add them to our archives of our Department.

I have received some newspaper clippings from Department Brothers and a few pension files, which is greatly appreciated. I hope I receive more!

I have used any of the monies allotted to Historian from this past years department budget.

As of this date this is what I have concerning the year 2007-2008 for Office of the Department of Michigan Historian!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty:

John R. Keith

Commander  
Gen. Benj. Pritchard Camp 20  
Department Historian  
Department of Michigan  
SUVCW



**Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**



**Report of the Department Signals Officer  
119th Encampment, April 26th, 2008**

Brothers,

I have to honor to submit the following report concerning the activities of the Department Signals Officer for the 2007-2008 year:

During the past year, the Department website has mostly been in “maintenance mode.” No major features or content has been added to calendars, Camp pages, etc.

Currently, a significant update to the website is being worked on. This update will move the site from static pages to a template based, content management system. New features being explored are:

- Greatly improved picture album
- The ability to search and display original documents, such as GAR rosters, memorial books, etc.
- Improvements to the current GAR Records and Graves Registration Databases.

I continue to investigate methods to backup the Department’s electronic data. No satisfactory method has been found. Hopefully a system can be found or developed to ensure the integrity of our critical data.

The web hosting account currently costs \$6.95 a month, payable in two year increments, which works out to \$166.80 every two years. Our current account will need payment again in June of 2009. In addition, the yearly cost of the domain name ([www.suvcwmi.org](http://www.suvcwmi.org)), which will also expire in June 2008, is currently \$35 year, with discounts for ordering multiple years. It is my sincere hope that we will continue to fund the website in a way that will bring honor and praise to our Department.

The lack of current information submitted by individual camps continues to be a problem. **VERY FEW CAMPS** in this Department have submitted updated information. To reiterate what has been said in the past, our website is the online, public face of our camps and department, we need to make sure that the information presented is as current and accurate as possible. The internet age has been upon us for a number of years. More and more people used the internet to obtain information. We cannot grow as an organization if the public cannot contact us, or we do not present a reputable image.

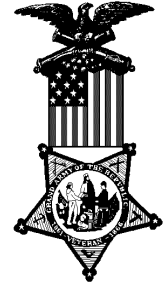
I appreciate the trust conferred upon me, and hope that I will be given the opportunity to serve again.

Respectfully submitted,  
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Matthew L. Adair  
Department of Michigan  
Signals Officer



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**REPORT of the DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN**  
April 26, 2008

Commander Derr:

1. Listed below are all of the death dates and names of departed brothers, as they were reported to the Department Chaplain since our last Department Encampment:

2007:

4/25 Basil McKenzic, Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 250, Shepherd/Mt. Pleasant.

4/29 John Porterfield, Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 250, Shepherd/Mt. Pleasant.

7/27 Dale K. Gubbe, Nash-Hodges Camp No. 43, Blissfield.

8/23 John H. Peck, William A. Kent Camp No. 83, Greenville.

2. During this fiscal year I have attended and/or participated in the following activities related to my position as Department Chaplain:
  - The dedication of the Camp Blair marker in Jackson on July 22.
  - National Encampment in St. Louis, MO August 9-12, 2007.
  - Annual Civil War Muster in Jackson August 24 & 25, 2006. Performed a wedding re-enactment/renewal of vows for a couple from Camp #7.
3. I submitted appropriate reports of the deaths of Michigan brothers to Department and National officers, as required.

It has been my honor to have been appointed to this office. I appreciate having been able to serve our Order and to have done what I was able in order to perpetuate its ideals and promote its agendae.

Respectively submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

William B. M<sup>c</sup>Afee

*"Serve the Lord with gladness."*

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
**Department of Michigan**  
**May 2007- April 2008**

Report of the Patriotic Instructor  
Charles L. Worley

Brothers, it has been a pleasure to serve as the Department of Michigan's Patriotic Instructor in this administration. I accepted this appointment from the Department Commander with the hope of better understanding the work of the Department. But I have found that in this office there is much to learn and that the task has a wide scope. My home Camp Patriotic Instructor taught me more than I could impart. The measure of success in past year would be better measured by the efforts of the Camp level Patriotic Instructors and their lessons.

In a short review of this past year, this is what I participated in. The National Encampment of August 2007 decided that the annual report of the Patriotic Instructor would no longer be required of the Camp or Department levels. I contributed one article to the Michigan Messenger. I was able to attend a meeting of the Graves Registration Committee at the State Library in Lansing.

It is my hope that the tradition of Patriotic Instruction in our Camps not only holds it esteemed place, but that the imagination and innovation of Patriotic Instructors make this a pleasurable portion of our regular meetings. The sources for ideas are numerous and the technology is becoming affordable so that presentations can take on new approaches. And still, a favorite approach of many Camps is an informal sharing of a brother's experience or story. I also recommend referring to the Patriotic Instructor's Handbook found at this URL address, [http://suvvw.org/education/docs/Patriotic%20Instructor%](http://suvvw.org/education/docs/Patriotic%20Instructor%20), on the National SUVCW website. It offers a lot of good ideas for any brother called upon for the office.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Charles L. Worley*

Charles L. Worley

April 26, 2008