

**Minutes of The 124th Annual Encampment**  
**Department of Michigan**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War**  
**Saturday, May 4, 2013**  
**Great Lakes Christian College**  
**Lansing, Michigan**

A Joint Opening Ceremony with Ladies of the Allied Orders was conducted prior to the Call To Order of the Encampment. Groups of the Allied Orders introduced their honored guests and Officers. Each Brother and Sister who had passed since the last Encampment was remembered. The Ladies of the Allied Orders then departed the auditorium.

**1. Call To Order:** The 124<sup>th</sup> Department of Michigan Annual Encampment was called to order in the auditorium of Great Lakes Christian College by DC Arnold at 9:29 AM Saturday, May 4, 2013. At the request of DC Arnold, the Guide, assisted by the Color Bearer, determined that all present were entitled to remain.

**2. Roll Call of Officers:** The acting Department Secretary called the Roll of Officers with the following results:

Department Commander:	Paul D. Arnold	Present
Senior Vice Commander:	Paul Davis	Present
Junior Vice Commander:	Dale Aurand	Present
Department Council:	Rick Greene	Absent - Excused
Department Council:	Kevin Lindsey	Present
Department Council:	Tom Jenkins	Present
Secretary:	Dennis Fyke	Absent - Excused
Treasurer:	Bruce Gosling	Absent - Excused
Chief of Staff	Keith Harrison	Present
Counselor:	James B. Pahl	Present
Chaplin:	William B. McAfee	Present
Patriotic Instructor:	Gary Granger	Present
Color Bearer:	Edgar Dowd	Present
Signals Officer	William Morris	Absent - Excused
<i>Michigan Messenger</i> Editor:	Rick Danes	Present
Historian:	Matt Adair	Absent - Excused
Guide:	Bruce Benedict	Present
Guard:	Chris Cox	Present
Graves Registration Officer	Rick Danes	Present
G.A.R. Records Officer	Gary Gibson	Present
C.W. Memorials Officer	Bruce Butgereit	Present
Eagle Scout Coordinator:	Jerry Olson	Present
Camp-At-Large Coordinator	L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.	Present
Aide-de-Camp	Brian Shumway	Present

DC Arnold appointed the following members in attendance to substitute during the duration of the Encampment for excused officers as follows: Chuck Worley for Treasurer Bruce Gosling; George Boller for Secretary Dennis Fyke.

### **3. Opening of The Encampment according to Ritual:**

DC Arnold led the Encampment in reciting the principles of our Order: Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. Chaplin McAfee invoked the Divine Blessing. Color Bearer Dowd presented the colors and DC Arnold led the Encampment in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **4. Declaration of the 124<sup>th</sup> Encampment being open for the conduct of Business**

DC Arnold thereupon declared the Encampment open for the conduct of business. A point of order offered from the floor by Gary Gibson asserted that today's Encampment was actually the 130<sup>th</sup> annual Encampment of the Department, not the 124<sup>th</sup>, and was accompanied by a suggestion for referral of the issue to Counselor James Pahl who in turn suggested referral to the Encampment Resolutions Committee. DC Arnold thereupon ordered the Resolutions Committee to report on the issue during the afternoon session.

### **5. Rules for the Encampment**

DC Arnold stated that except for the Commander's, all reports would be limited to 5 minutes. Each Brother will be allowed to speak twice on a topic. All speakers will identify themselves by name and Camp, and all Brothers will use their voting cards to vote. All discussion is to be conducted in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. DC Arnold reserved the right to institute other manners of voting.

DC Arnold appointed Counselor Pahl as Encampment Parliamentarian.

DC Arnold reminded everyone that smoking was not allowed anywhere on the Campus and asked that all cell phones be turned off. He also announced that the promotional membership brochures which had been ordered in quantity by the Department would be available for purchase by Camps from Bill Haines during the Encampment (\$11.00 per 100).

### **6. Approval of Past Proceedings**

DC Arnold solicited a motion to approve the posted Minutes of the 123<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment. Motion to approve by Keith Harrison, second by Bob Griggs. There being no discussion, the Motion carried by vote of the Encampment.

### **7. Appointment of Committee on Credentials**

DC Arnold appointed L. Dean Lamphere, Jr. as Chairman, Tom Jenkins (Camp No. 14), Jack Frost (Camp No. 67), and Bill Haines (Camp No. 17) as members.

## **8. Recognition and Welcome of Current National Officers**

DC Arnold asked the Guide to escort the Current National Officers in attendance to the Altar after which DC Arnold introduced and welcomed each one individually to the accompaniment of a round of applause from the Encampment:

National Commander-in-Chief: Perley Mellor  
National Council of Administration Member: Donald Shaw  
Assistant National Counselor and past Commander-in-Chief: James Pahl  
MOLLUS Liaison and past Commander-in-Chief: Keith Harrison  
Department of Michigan Commander of MOLLUS: Bruce Butgereit  
Second National Treasurer: Max Newman  
Assistant to the National Treasurer: Bruce Gosling (absent - excused)

On behalf of the Department, DC Arnold presented CinC Mellor with a book authored by Mark Hoffman of Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17 and containing the author's personal inscription to the CinC. DC Arnold announced that CinC Mellor will give his remarks after Old Business.

## **9. Recognition of Past National Officers in Attendance**

DC Arnold asked all past National Officers present to stand for recognition and give their tenures in office. In attendance were Keith Harrison, James Pahl, Gary Gibson, William McAfee, Bruce Butgereit, and Max Newman.

## **10. Recognition of Past Department Commanders in Attendance**

DC Arnold asked all past Department Commanders in attendance to stand for recognition and give their tenures in office. In attendance were Brothers Keith Harrison, James Pahl, Don Shaw, Bill Brennan, Gary Gibson, Charles Worley, and Bruce Butgereit.

## **11. Report of Committee on Credentials**

The Committee requested a short delay. DC Arnold deferred the report until the Afternoon session prior to Nomination of Department Officers.

## **12. Appointment of Encampment Committees**

DC Arnold made appointments as follows:

Bylaws:	Paul Davis, Chairman; James Pahl; Bruce Butgereit
Officer Reports:	Gary Gibson, Chairman; Dave Wallace; Max Newman
Resolutions:	Don Shaw, Chairman; Keith Harrison; Neal Breough
Fraternal Relations:	Dave Bankhead, Chairman; Tom Jenkins; Rick Danes

## **13. Reports of Department Officers**

DC Arnold instructed the Guide to pass the gavel to SVC Paul Davis.

**13A) Commander's Report:** DC Arnold began his Report by expressing his appreciation for having had the opportunity to serve. The Report included status of the Department Camps, mention of National Awards received by the Department, Legislative issues, the promotional brochure project, the Department training video project, the Website Training Aid project, and various other projects. The Commander mentioned various events which he had attended and in which the Department participated. He offered recommendations for increasing our membership and training as more fully set forth below. The Report concluded by noting the solid financial state of the Department and the hope that continued progress would be made in achieving Department goals and promoting the works of our Order. The complete Report was thereafter filed with the Secretary.

The following recommendations of the Commander address the issues of how to better increase Department membership and reverse the "graying" of our membership base.

1A) A comprehensive program should be developed, expanding on the *Department of Michigan - Membership Initiative* as currently posted on the Department website. This program should include ways to encourage Camp Junior Vice Commanders in methods to jump-start *active camp participation* in recruitment for both regular and *younger members*. ("We simply have to do a better job at the camp level getting the face of our Order in front of the general public").

1B) A specific plan also should be developed (with the help of current younger members of the Department), with emphasis on methods of recruiting that would bring younger members into the Department

2) The Department Training Video currently in production should be completed and then promptly made available to Department Camps.

3) The annual Mid-Winter Training Conference should be reinstated to provide ongoing training for Camp elected and appointed Officers.

SVC Davis solicited a Motion to Refer the Commander's Report and all subsequent Officer Reports to the Encampment Committee on Officer Reports, and then returned the gavel to DC Arnold who proceeded with the conduct of Encampment business. The Motion to Refer was made by Keith Harrison, second by Dale Aurand, and carried without discussion.

**13B) Senior Vice Commander's Report:** SVC Paul Davis presented his Report which included his attendance at various events, and matters handled under his responsibility as Chairman of the Bylaws Committee. The Report also discussed efforts at improving public recognition of the Department through various organizations and improving training for the Camps. The Report concluded with thanks to the Camps and Brothers who supported him in the duties of his office during his tenure. The complete Report has been filed with the Secretary.

**13C) Junior Vice Commander's Report:** JVC Dale Aurand reported events which he attended during his tenure and reminded all Brothers of the importance of increasing our numbers and improving training. The complete Report has been filed with the Secretary.

**13D) Secretary's Report:** George Boller presented DS Dennis Fyke's Report in the absence of the latter. The Report expressed Dennis' thanks to all who assisted him during his tenure in office and presented certain statistics related to the Secretary's duties. The complete Report has been filed with the Secretary.

**13E) Treasurer's Report:** Chuck Worley presented DT Bruce Gosling's Report in the absence of the latter. Some of the entries were specifically read. In summary, income of \$6,348.90 and expenses of \$3,254.32 were reported, resulting in a \$3094.58 surplus for the past year and total funds available are \$11,444.46, some of which are in restricted accounts. \$9,861.55 is available for use as may be determined by the Encampment. The following Treasurer's recommendations were presented for consideration by the Encampment.

1) That the \$948.31 in income generated by the Permanent Fund in 2012 be retained as part of the permanently restricted balance of the fund.

2) That the proposed 2013 operating budget for the General Fund, attached to this report, be accepted. DC Arnold announced that the proposed budget will be acted upon under New Business.

3) Because the General Fund continues to generate revenue in excess of that required for the normal operations of the Department, that \$6,000.00 be transferred from the General Fund to the Permanent Fund, leaving sufficient cash to support operations of the Department for a full year's budget. DC Arnold announced that the proposed budget would be taken up later upon under New Business.

4) That the Department continue to advertise our merchandise in the Banner at a cost not to exceed \$200.00, sufficient for four quarterly advertisements.

The Report concluded by Bruce's thanks to Department Members for the trust placed in him by electing him to this office.

Recommendations were referred to the Encampment Committee on Officer Reports. The complete Report has been filed with the Secretary.

**13F) Chaplain's Report:** Bill McAfee presented his Report chronicling events of the past year and expressing his thanks to the many Brothers who had helped him during his 15 years of service as Chaplain. He recommended that the 2013 Encampment continue the "Chaplain's Budget" of \$75.00 for the coming fiscal year. The complete Report, including a list of Brothers called to Final Muster during the past year, has been filed with the Secretary.

**13G) Counselor's Report:** Jim Pahl reported that he had rendered no formal opinions during the past year.

**13H) Patriotic Instructor's Report:** - Gary Granger expressed his appreciation to Camp Pl's and reviewed Patriot Instruction by the Camps, noting that while most had faithfully conducted Patriot Instruction, a few Camps had done so only sporadically or not at all. Gary thanked all

Brothers for promoting the SUVCW in their communities. The complete Report has been filed with the Secretary.

**13I) Color Bearer's Report** - Ed Dowd apologized for his tardiness and failing to bring the printed Report with him. He summarized his participation in ceremonies and events, mentioning major ones where Department Colors had been displayed, and thanked the Department for having had the opportunity to serve. The complete Report has been filed with the Secretary.

**13J) Chief of Staff's Report** - Keith Harrison expressed his appreciation for having been allowed to serve and consult with the Department Commander from time to time on various matters. His Report contains a proposed Department operating guideline for the proper care and transport of the unique and irreplaceable battle streamers which sit atop our Department Flag. DC Arnold referred the proposed guideline to the Bylaws Committee. The complete Report, including the proposed guideline, has been filed with the Secretary.

**13K) Signals Officer's Report** Technology Committee acting Chair Bill Morris was absent and no Report had yet been filed.

**13L) Michigan's Messenger Editor's Report** – Editor Rick Danes noted that some Brothers continue not to receive this publication. He reminded all that it is vital for him to have, for each Camp, a current e-mail address to which the publication should be sent, and that it is the responsibility of each Camp to then distribute the publication to all members either electronically or on paper. The complete Report has been filed with the Secretary.

**13M) Department Graves Registration Officer's Report** - Rick Danes reported that the GR Committee met quarterly with an average attendance of 50% of the Camps. Some Camps have yet to appoint a GR Officer. Updated information is put online by the Signals officer and there has been an increase of over 5000 records during the past year. The complete Report has been filed with the Secretary.

**13N) Department Historian's Report** – At DC Arnold's direction, the acting Secretary read the Report aloud in the absence of Historian Matt Adair. The report asked Camps whose records were not in use to forward them to the Department. An ongoing project has found references to past Encampments in old newspapers, useful to the issue of Encampment numbering raised by Brother Gibson. Various items have been accessioned into the Department's permanent archive during the past year. Donors are Dale Aurand, Wanda Fore, Donald Shaw and Keith Harrison. The complete Report has been filed with the Secretary.

**13O) Department Guide's Report** - Bruce Benedict described his duties and expressed his appreciation for having been chosen to serve in this position. The complete Report has been filed with the Secretary.

**13P) Department Guard's Report** - Chris Cox described his duties and his extensive activities in promoting our Department and Order to other groups outside the Order. The complete Report has been filed with the Secretary.

**13Q) GAR Records Officer's Report** - Gary Gibson described the ongoing project of transcription of GAR records and placing them on-line, citing cooperative work with the Kalamazoo Public Library. He gave examples of how irreplaceable records can disappear, such as the case of the Wadsworth GAR Post History. The local historical society has contacted him regarding a time capsule still believed present in a cornerstone of the Dewey Post No. 60 in Leslie. He offered the following recommendations to the Encampment:

1) That the Encampment authorize the GAR Records Officer and Committee to partner with libraries and archival centers in the pursuit of GAR post records, including the use of financial resources.

2) That the Encampment increase the annual budget of the GAR Records Officer and Committee to \$500.00.

A question from Brother Harrison resulted in a clarification about the respective authority of Department Council and of the GAR Records Committee on this issue.

DC Arnold referred the recommendations to the Encampment Committee on Officer Reports.

Jim Pahl presented to Gary Gibson a donation to our Department of certain Michigan GAR Post Records from Brother David Hahn (Dept. of New Jersey). A thank you letter will be sent to the donor.

The complete Report has been filed with the Secretary.

**13R) Civil War Memorials Officer's Report** - Bruce Butgereit recognized the 12 years of service of his predecessor Brother Doug Armstrong. This year's accomplishments include a new handbook of instruction for camp memorials officers, updating of the memorials page on the Department website. How best to place more program databases online is still under discussion. Bruce then thanked Dick and Mary Hutchins for donating a binder showing a number of artillery pieces. He expressed disappointment that no new monument reporting forms were received from any camp during the past year and reminded the Encampment that responsibilities for monuments lies within the jurisdiction of each Camp. He regretted that less progress than the Committee would have liked had been made, and hoped for improvement in the coming year. He offered the following recommendations:

1) That the next Monument's officer and his Committee begin immediate communication with each Camp Commander and Camp Memorials Officer following the Encampment

2) That the next Department Commander communicate his expectations for the Camp Memorials program to each Camp Commander.

The complete Report has been filed with the Secretary.

**13S) Eagle Scout Coordinator's Report**- Jerry Olsen reported that a total of 40 certificates were either awarded at ceremonies or else mailed to the recipients. A display at the Kalamazoo Show resulted in the existence of the award being made known to visitors from Texas. Jerry thanked the Department for allowing him to serve in this office.

The complete Report has been filed with the Secretary.

**13T) Camp-at-Large Coordinator's Report** - Dean Lamphere reported that he is serving in the third year of his term and will continue during the final year at the pleasure of the new Department Commander. He thanked all Brothers for their support. He made the following recommendation:

1) That the Department include a unified calendar of Department and Camp meetings on the Department web site, along with directions to meeting places and a contact number to be accessible to Department and Camp Officers and Brothers, as a way to facilitate Department Officers in conducting their business and encouraging visitations to different Camps.

The complete Report has been filed with the Secretary.

**13U) Aide-de-Camp's Report** - The complete Report has been filed with the Secretary.

The Encampment recessed at 10:45 and reconvened at 11:10.

#### **14. Patriotic Instruction:**

PI Gary Granger read aloud one of President Lincoln's quotations which begins "...we are bound together I trust in Christianity, civilization, and patriotism, and are attached to our country and our whole country.." Lincoln continued by recognizing that while we may have differing political opinions, these things that bind us should serve as a continuing reminder that the United States is one indivisible Union, the cause for which our ancestors sacrificed so much.

#### **15. Reception and Referral of Communications:**

DC Arnold instructed the acting Secretary to read aloud each of the following Communications requiring action by the Encampment whereupon they were read:

1. Letter from the National Organization containing a proposed amendment to the Preamble of the SUVCW Constitution. DC Arnold advised that the Letter had been sent to all Camps 60 days prior to Dept Encampment. After the acting Secretary had read aloud the proposed Amendment, DC Arnold referred the matter to the Bylaws Committee.

2. Letter from Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20 containing two proposed Resolutions regarding Gettysburg Remembrance Day: 1) To Purchase a Wreath to Leave at a Selected Michigan Monument on the Gettysburg Battlefield for Remembrance Day and 2) To Leave the US and Michigan Flags on the Michigan Section Graves until Sunday Morning of Remembrance Day weekend. After the acting Secretary had read them aloud, DC Arnold referred both proposed Resolutions to the Resolutions Committee.

3. Proposal by Keith Harrison, as mentioned in his report as Chief of Staff, for Department Guidelines Change regarding The Transport and Use of the Department Flag Event and Battle Streamers. After the acting Secretary had read it aloud, DC Arnold referred the proposal to the Resolutions Committee.

4. Letter from Gov. Henry Crapo Camp #145 endorsing Paul Davis for Dept Commander, Dale Aurand for Dept Sr Vice Commander, Rick Green for Dept Council Member. DC Arnold referred the Letter to the Nominating Committee.

5. Letter from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Charitable Foundation, thanking Robert May of Gov. Crapo, Camp #145 for his contribution to the Abraham Lincoln



Endowment Fund and recognizing him as a bronze level "Lincoln Fellow." DC Arnold ordered this Letter to be kept in the Encampment Permanent File.

## **16. Awards:**

### **16A) National Awards:**

DC Arnold announced several National Awards which were presented to the Department of Michigan at the 2012 National Encampment held in Los Angeles, California last August.

#### **16A1). Horace Greeley Award** (for best Department Website in the Order)

This award is the result of the hard work of Bill Morris and members of the Technology Committee. The award is on display for viewing, as is an associated Battle Streamer on the Department Flag.

#### **16A2) Meritorious Service Award**

This prestigious award given "In recognition of exceptional service in upholding the mission and objectives of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" was presented to CC Paul Nelson (Albert & James Lyons, Camp #266).

#### **16A3) Chaplain's Tribute Award:**

DC Arnold introduced CinC Mellor to make this presentation to Bill McAfee who is stepping down after 15years of Service as Department Chaplain. CinC Mellor asked Bill to step forward to receive the National Award along with a special one-of-a-kind gift from the National Chaplain. Thereafter DC Arnold presented the Department Tribute Award to Bill. Bill expressed his gratitude for the awards and once again thanked all Brothers.

## **16B) Department Awards**

### **16B1) Abraham Lincoln Award:**

DC Arnold thanked the Awards Committee for its hard work in selecting this year's recipients of the most prestigious award which the Department of Michigan presents and then announced the two recipients.

#### **Sue Donovan**

Sue Donovan was tireless in her efforts on behalf of the *Friends of Potter Cemetery*, from the Monroe, Michigan area to secure enactment of Michigan House Bill 5404 establishing guidelines for granting public access to both public and private land-locked cemeteries within the State of Michigan. Previously, public access to these land-locked cemeteries was unavailable to the general public.

#### **Richard E. Danes**

Brother Rick Danes is a charter member of the Sgt John S. Cosbey, Camp #427, Dearborn and has chaired the Department Graves Registration Committee for nine years. He is largely responsible for the cataloging over 61,655 names and locations of Civil War soldiers buried in the State of Michigan that are open to the general public, as well as 3,442 burial locations of other veterans ranging from the Revolutionary War through the Spanish-American War. He is the editor of the Department newsletter "Michigan's Messenger," a two-time recipient of the National Organization's Horace Greeley Award for

the best newsletter in the Order. He is also the immediate past chair of the Dearborn Historical Commission and is President of the Museum Guild of Dearborn. Brother Danes was asked to step forward and receive the Award. He took the opportunity to thank his family for allowing him time to devote to these tasks and to thank the Department while giving recognition to others who had assisted him in performing the tasks.

**16B2) Austin Blair Award**

DC Arnold presented this Award, established by Department Bylaws, to Sgt. John S. Cosby, Camp #427, Dearborn for being the Camp having the greatest annual numerical increase in new members (6). CC Rick Danes accepted the Award for his Camp.

**16B3) Orlando LeValley Award**

DC Arnold presented this Award, established by Department Bylaws, to Gen. John Logan, Camp #1, Grand Rapids for being the Camp having the greatest annual percentage increase in new members (18.75%). CC Bruce Butgereit accepted the Award for his Camp.

**16B4) Detroit Veterans Day Parade**

DC Arnold recognized the following Camps and organizations for their participation in the 2012 Parade and called a representative of each of the following Camps to come forward to receive a parade participation ribbon. A representative from any Camp inadvertently omitted was also asked to come forward. The Department will arrange to deliver ribbons to Camps and Organizations not having a representative present.

**Camps:**

Camp #1	(John Logan)	Camp #2	(Israel Richardson)
Camp #7,	(Austin Blair)	Camp #14,	(Robert Finch)
Camp #17	(Curtenius Guard)	Camp #22	(Colgrove – Woodruff)
Camp #67	(US Grant)	Camp #135	(March to the Sea)
Camp #139	(Lockwood)	Camp #145	(Crapo)
Camp #180	(Carpenter – Welch)	Camp #427	(John S. Cosby)

**Organizations:**

14th Michigan SVR (Sons of Veterans Reserve)  
Michigan Commandery of the MOLLUS Military Order of Loyal Legion of the United States  
4<sup>th</sup> Michigan Reenactors  
17<sup>th</sup> Michigan Reenactors  
102nd USCT Reenactors

**16B5) Special Tribute Award**

DC Arnold announced Bill Lowe (not present) as the recipient. Bill has researched thousands of Civil War Veterans and Grand Army of the Republic Posts as well as installing and caring for hundreds of Civil War Soldier headstones and conducting associated dedication and rededication ceremonies. DC Arnold asked the announcement to be kept secret until the Banquet at which the award will be presented to Bill. The Encampment gave Bill a round of applause.

## 17. Reports of Standing and Special Committees:

DC Arnold solicited a motion that if any committee recommendation involving other than a Bylaw is unopposed, it be adopted at the sound of the gavel. Motion to approve offered by Keith Harrison, second by Bob Griggs, unanimously approved without discussion.

### Standing Committees

**17A) Legislative Committee:** DC Arnold, in his capacity as Chairman, noted our support of Sue Donovan's efforts mentioned earlier.

### 17B) Bylaws Committee:

#### 17B1) Proposed Change to the Preamble of the SUVCW Constitution:

DC Arnold asked SVC Davis, in his capacity as Committee Chairman, to read aloud the proposed change as follows:

At the 131<sup>st</sup> National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held in Los Angeles, California on August 9-11, 2012, an amendment to the SUVCW Constitution was proposed. There being a quorum present throughout, and the majority of such delegates voted in favor to amend the preamble to the National Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as follows:

FROM:

We, the descendants of soldiers, sailors, or marines who served in the Army or Navy of the United States of America during the Rebellion of 1861 to 1865.

TO:

We, the descendants of soldiers, sailors, or marines who served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America during the Rebellion of 1861 to 1865.

Motion to approve by Keith Harrison, duly seconded, followed by discussion.

Discussion focused on reasons for the proposed changes. CINC Mellor addressed some of the specific changes. Counselor Pahl explained that the new language would provide exact correspondence with the Congressional Legislation establishing the SUVCW. A vote of the Encampment was then taken with the following results reported by the Guide.

Yes - 50

NO - 0

DC Arnold instructed the acting Secretary to arrange for certification of the vote count to the National Organization.

#### 17B2) Lyons Award :

DC Arnold asked Chairman Davis to read aloud the proposed change below, but leave out the preamble which sets forth the background for the proposed change.

## **Article XVIII Awards and Insignia**

### **Proposed Section 4.**

**Section 4.** Authorization for a Department Camp of the Year award is provided. The award shall be known as the James T. Lyons Camp of the Year Award. The award shall be conferred by the Department Commander to the Camp considered to be the Camp of the Year, based upon an objective scoring procedure based upon various criteria to be adopted from time to time by a Special Department Committee and approved by a Department Encampment. Applications for the award shall be submitted on proper form to the Department Commander by March 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. The Recipient of the award shall be publicly announced and a certificate and/or other suitable award presented at the Annual Department of Michigan, SUVCW Encampment. Only one such award may be awarded in any one year.

Motion to approve by Keith Harrison, second by Gary Gibson, followed by a question seeking confirmation of the correct spelling of "Lyons" which was then given by Chairman Davis, whereupon a vote was taken with the following result reported by the Guide.

Yes - 50

NO - 0

### **17B3) Proposed Department Guideline for Transport & Use of Department Flag Event/ Battle Streamers**

DC Arnold asked Chairman Davis to read aloud the proposed change as follows.

**Purpose:** The Department Event/Battle Streamers are irreplaceable. Consequently, the purpose of the policy for use and transportation of the Department Event/Battle Streamers is to ensure that they continued to be displayed as much as possible, but at the same time reasonable care is taken ensured their maintenance for many years.

#### **Procedure:**

##### **Do Not:**

1. Roll the battle streamers up into the flag
2. Wad up the battle streamers
3. Fold the battle streamers
4. Put the battle streamers into any type of case for transport
5. Lay the battle streamers down in the vehicle
6. Put the battle streamers on the flag on if there is a chance of rain/snow/high winds (outside use of the Department flag).

##### **Do:**

1. Hang the metal ring holding the battle streamers on the Department hanger and hang it up in your vehicle when transporting the flag to events. (A)
2. Hang the metal ring holding the battle streamers on the Department hanger and hang it up in a closet when the Department flag is being stored in between events.
3. **Only if needed**, periodically iron wrinkled battle streamers (use a protective cloth over the streamer and use light heat).

The proposal was seconded by Dean Lamphere, and there being no objection, it was adopted at the sound of the gavel.

**17C) Membership Committee:** Chairman Dale Aurand had nothing to add to his Officer Report.

**17D) Graves Registration Committee:** Chairman Rick Danes briefly summarized his Officer Report.

**17E) Civil War Memorials Committee:** Chairman Bruce Butgereit added to his Officer Report by saying that Jerry Grieve has taken the binder received from Brother Hutchins and compiled an index to be placed on the Dept. Website. Jim Pahl suggested the Committee consider putting geographical lists on the Website and requesting the public's help in identifying missing monuments.

**17F) GAR Records Committee: Chairman** Chairman Gary Gibson said that the Committee Report is embodied in the content of his Officer Report. He reminded the Encampment that whenever and wherever CW information is being sought, it is important to also specifically for GAR records. Gary concluded with thanks to the Committee and to Historian Matt Adair.

**17G) Communications & Technology Committee:** No report

**17H) Nominating Committee:** DC Arnold announced that the Report will be given just prior to the nomination of officers.

**17I) Ceremonies & Rituals Committee:** Dale Aurand had no new information to report.

### **Special Committees**

**17K) Training Committee:** - Paul Davis, Chairman

A training program for Camps and Camp Guards is being developed regarding performance of a number of Sons Rituals and the Proper Display and Handling of the National flag and other flags of the Order. A training video will be accomplished in several phases.

Committee members were assigned areas of responsibility at a February 2013 meeting.

DC Arnold is tasked with the responsibility of obtaining funding. A \$750.00 grant from the Michigan Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) has been pledged toward the production costs for Phase One. DC Arnold will continue to obtain the necessary funds for the additional training phases.

Bruce Butgereit is charged with the responsibility for the overall supervision of the video and post production processes.

Keith Harrison is assigned liaison and oversight responsibilities as a Technical Advisor to ensure accurate and correct procedures.

Paul Davis is responsible for script development for the various phases of the training program.

DC Arnold announced that the Department Council has approved funds to match the MOLLUS donation.

The complete Report has been filed with the Secretary.

**17L) Sesquicentennial Committee:** - Keith Harrison, Chairman

The Chairman observed that in addition to Committee members, many individuals and Camps have become involved in various Sesquicentennial activities. He informed the

Encampment that because the State's CW Sesquicentennial Committee has not been funded, responsibility for informing the public of CWS activities has fallen on Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners of which our Department is a member and key component. In cooperation with the State's own CWS Committee, our Department has put forth a number of initiatives. Future events are published on a History Partners Website which is linked on our Department Website. Individual Camps are asked to provide the Department with any events of which they become aware. Planned November events include reopening and dedication of the refurbished GAR Hall in Detroit and Michigan Day at Gettysburg (sponsored by our Department and several outside organizations).

The Report concluded with the following recommendation:

1) That the Department not participate in the Detroit Veterans Day Parade this year because of its close proximity in time to the Detroit GAR Hall reopening and instead encourage local Camps to participate.

The Recommendation was seconded by Brother Griggs, there being no discussion, it was adopted at the sound of the gavel. Rick Danes, Commander of Cosby Camp No. 427, Dearborn, informed the Encampment that his Camp would be participating in the Parade and offered to coordinate with any other Camps wishing to also do so.

The complete Report has been filed with the Secretary.

At DC Arnold's direction, the Encampment then recessed for lunch. Before recessing, the Commander asked that the Committee on Officer Reports convene during the recess.

The Encampment reconvened at 1:45 PM.

## **18) Reports of Encampment Committees**

DC Arnold announced that if there are no objections to a recommendation, it will be adopted at the sound of the gavel.

**18A) Encampment Committee on Officer Reports:** Chairman Gary Gibson thanked the Officers for their well-written reports and complimented them on their presentations.

### **18A1) Commander's Report:**

The Committee concurred in DC Arnold's Recommendations 1A), 1B), and 2). There being no objection by the Encampment to any of them, each was adopted at the sound of the gavel.

The Committee neither concurred in nor objected to DC Arnold's Recommendation 3) leaving it to vote of the Encampment. Motion to approve was made by Brother Harrison, second by Brother McAfee followed by extensive discussion. Brothers who spoke mentioned some past Mid-winter Conferences and their benefits, but expressed various concerns about attendance, location, timing, weather, etc. Possible teleconferencing was mentioned. DC Arnold and Brothers Harrison, Gibson, Breough, and Lamphere gave detailed background and history of the conference. After discussion ended, the Recommendation was adopted by vote of the Encampment.

**18A2) Treasurer's Report:** The Committee concurred in Recommendation

1). There being no objection, it was adopted at the sound of the gavel.

DC Arnold announced that the proposed budget (Recommendation 2) would be taken up under New Business.

The Committee neither concurred in nor objected to Recommendation 3) leaving it to vote of the Encampment during New Business.

The Committee concurred in Recommendation 4). There being no objection, it was adopted at the sound of the gavel.

The Committee concurred in the Sesquicentennial Committee Recommendation adopted earlier.

The Committee concurred in continuance of the "Chaplain's Budget" of \$75.00 for the coming fiscal year. There being no objection, it was adopted at the sound of the gavel.

**18A3) GAR Records Officer's Report:**

The Committee, Chairman Gibson recusing, concurred in Recommendation 1). There being no objection, it was adopted at the sound of the gavel.

The Committee, Chairman Gibson recusing, concurred in Recommendation 2). One question sought clarification of how a decision to purchase is made. Another asked for the amount currently budgeted. Chairman Gibson answered that the decision is made by the Committee and not by any one individual and that the current budget is \$100.00. He gave examples of how the money can be used in partnering with other organizations such as Western Michigan University. There being no objection, the Recommendation was adopted at the sound of the gavel.

**18A4) Camp at Large Coordinator's Report** – The Committee concurred in the Recommendation. There being no objection, the Recommendation was adopted at the sound of the gavel.

**18A5) Chief Of Staff's Report** – The Committee concurred in the Recommendation which had been referred to the Bylaws Committee and which had been adopted during that Committee's Report.

**18B) Encampment Resolutions Committee** Don Shaw – Chairman

**18B1) Proposal To Leave the US and Michigan Flags on the Michigan Section Graves at Gettysburg until Sunday Morning of Remembrance Day weekend.**

DC Arnold asked Chairman Shaw to read the resolution aloud after which the Chairman announced the Committee's concurrence. The recommendation was duly seconded, followed by extensive discussion. Brother Butgereit questioned why adoption was necessary because the purpose of the flags is to honor the soldiers, not to decorate for the benefit of visitors. Brothers Culp and Lamphere answered that they had personally viewed apparent concern by Gettysburg visitors as to why our flags were being removed while others remained. Further discussion focused on responsibility for removing the flags and returning them to the Women's Relief Corps. Brother Frost moved to modify the recommendation by leaving the decision to leave the flags to the discretion of the

Department Commander. A further amendment was offered and seconded to require the Commander to assign responsibility for returning the flags to someone who would be staying until Sunday. As amended, the Proposal was adopted by vote of the Encampment.

**18B2) Proposal To Purchase a Wreath to Leave at a Selected Michigan Monument on the Gettysburg Battlefield on Remembrance Day**

DC Arnold asked Chairman Shaw to read the resolution aloud after which the Chairman announced the Committee's concurrence. This resolution was duly seconded and followed by extensive discussion which was directed at the word "purchase" and the description of materials suitable for the wreath. The issue of compliance with Cemetery regulations was also raised and answered. The Cemetery allows such placement to remain and will eventually remove the wreath on its own. An amendment to change "purchase" to "procure" and describe the wreath materials as "natural" was offered, seconded, and approved by Encampment vote.

**18B3) Proposal regarding numbering of 2013 and 2014 Encampments.**

Chairman Shaw reported the Committee's recommendation to keep the number of the 2013 Encampment at 124 and set that of the 2014 Encampment at 130. This recommendation further required that the proponent Brother Gibson explain for the Department record why the intervening numbers would be missing. The recommendation was duly seconded and followed by extensive discussion. Brother Gibson summarized a history of how the discrepancy occurred. The recommendation was then adopted by vote of the Encampment.

**19) Department Council: Chairman - Kevin Lindsey**

10 items for consideration and decision had been presented to the Council. Decisions were made during electronic meetings as follows:

- 1) considered and approved purchase of 10,000 Department promotional brochures.
- 2) considered funding of purchase of a caisson and cannon, but did not endorse funding.
- 3) considered continued funding for ads in the Michigan Messenger and endorsed,
- 4) considered and approved the purchase of a civilian headstone for 1907 DC Julius Ripley who died in 1935 and is buried in Fenton.
- 5) considered practice of awarding a plaque or certificate of achievement for past Department Commanders, but did not endorse the practice.
- 6) considered publication of the Memorials Handbook, but endorsed publication via Department Website rather than printed copies



7) considered the purchase of new flag finials at Department of Michigan gravesites in Gettysburg, and approved.

8) considered expenditure of \$750 to match MOLLUS contribution toward the training video and approved.

9) considered request to produce an SVR kepi badge, but did not endorse.

10) considered a Department Commander's request for a recognition award not to exceed \$40.00 and endorsed.

The Committee had audited the Treasurer's Report and found no discrepancies. The Audit Report is on file.

Brother Danes noted that as read aloud, reference to the Michigan Messenger should have been to The Banner. The Chairman acknowledged that he misspoke.

## **20) Old Business**

Max Rieske discussed his Camp's project of identifying and honoring Congressional Medal awardees within the Camp's jurisdiction. The project discovered a missing Union soldier who was awarded the Medal but omitted from an existing Memorial to other soldiers who received the award but served in later wars. His Camp corrected that situation by obtaining a new and additional memorial comprising a stone with bronze plaque, each donated by other organizations. He suggested that identifying medal awardees and procuring proper memorials throughout all Michigan counties would be a worthy project but he did not go so far as to offer a resolution. DC Arnold referred the matter to the Monuments Committee for a recommendation.

There being no further Old Business, DC Arnold passed the podium and gavel to CinC Mellor for his remarks.

## **21) Commander-in-Chief's Remarks**

CinC Mellor began by extending greetings from the National Organization and thanking the Encampment for a warm reception. He discussed National's efforts in seeking to secure 501(c)(3) which would include Departments and Camps, telling us about the enormous amount of paperwork required and that we are at the will of the IRS as to when a decision might be made. For now we continue with a 501(c) (4) status.

CinC Mellor noted that the Department of Michigan membership is close to that of the Department of New York and he encouraged us to "have at" surpassing our New York Brothers. Our total membership is approximately 6300 Brothers, and while we gain new members but unfortunately lose some, we are slowly growing. He hopes the final number for this year will approach 7000. He also urged the recruitment of younger members.

CinC Mellor congratulated the Department for the work done by the various Committees including Graves Registration, GAR records, CW monuments, partnering with other organizations, and Eagle Scouts, and discussed upcoming events, including the Gettysburg Peace Light Ceremony in June and the National Encampment to be held in Wisconsin in August.

CinC Mellor was pleased that all five of the Allied Orders were in attendance today, a first in his travels to various Departments, and he then took questions from the Encampment.

Brother Rieske inquired about our numbers in relation to those of the SCV. The CinC explained that we were later than the SVC in our publicity and recruitment programs and that we presently have fewer than they: 6300 vs, 22,000. Brother Harrison was recognized by the CinC and offered some of the history since the early 80's when SUVVCW membership was less than 2000,

Brother Roux asked about the frequency at which our tax status must be renewed and the cost. The CinC replied that different states have differing requirements and different fees. The National Organization is responsible for itself, the Departments, and the Camps.

The CinC concluded by bestowing a Department Commander's award on DC Arnold, and past CinC awards on Brothers Pahl and Harrison.

## **22) Past President of the Women's Relief Corps Presentation**

The Encampment welcomed Past President of the Women's Relief Corps Marcia Butgereit as she entered the auditorium. She distributed brochures about the Michigan Day program to be held at Gettysburg and spoke about grave rededication using soil from the counties of fallen Michigan soldiers buried there. She noted that there are still unsolved mysteries involving unresolved issues of identities and burial locations.

A short recess was then taken

## **23) New Business**

1) DC Arnold reported that the Combined Allied Orders of Michigan consisting of the SUVVCW, DUVCW, ASUVCW, WRC and LGAR had formed an Allied Orders Encampment Committee in the fall of 2012, to work together to discuss and plan future Encampments, both Department and National. At their March 2013 Committee meeting, each Order was instructed to ask their respective members whether the Committee should form a special committee to investigate the possibility of hosting a National Encampment and report each Order's answer. DC Arnold then put the question to the Encampment for discussion.

Brother Butgereit noted that some of our Brothers belong to various other Michigan organizations which have experience in hosting large groups.

Brother Griggs moved to endorse the Committee's investigation of hosting a National Encampment in 2017, second by Brother Gibson. There being no further discussion, the motion was approved by vote of the Encampment.

2) Acting Treasurer Chuck Worley presented the budget report. He read the proposal aloud and acknowledged that the recommended \$6,000.00 transfer to the Permanent Fund was not shown in the proposed budget. Motion by Brother Harrison that the proposal not be adopted, duly seconded, followed by discussion. Brother Frost was concerned about potential expenses not in the proposed budget and the need to keep money handy. Brother Jenkins sought clarification of the Permanent Fund. Restrictions on it were explained. Brother Derr's question about how much money was in the Permanent Fund, was answered by \$35,756.89 with the current interest being rolled in. PCinC Pahl and CinC Mellor commented on their personal experiences with National Encampments. There being no further discussion, a vote on the amendment was taken disapproving the \$6,000.00 transfer, and as amended, the budget was adopted by vote of the Encampment.

Brother Shaw proposed adding \$75.00 for a wreath at Gettysburg. Brother Frost moved to add \$150.00 for two wreaths at Gettysburg, duly seconded, and there being no further discussion, the motion was approved by vote of the Encampment.

3) Motion by Brother Lamphere to amend the annual rotation of Regimental Monuments established in 2011 to include the Michigan Section of the National Cemetery in Gettysburg as this year's Monument, and insert it into the established the order of rotation after the others, second by Brother Harrison. Brother Griggs asked for clarification because of seeming redundancy to our Department's annual visit to Gettysburg. Brother Pahl volunteered clarification. Brother Lamphere also did, explaining that the Michigan Section would become the 11<sup>th</sup> Monument in the order of rotation, hence not being the Monument again until 11 years after this year. There being no further discussion, the motion was approved by vote of the Encampment.

4) Brother Cox proposed that each Camp adopt a Gettysburg Michigan Regiment and be the repository for the Department's compilation of a regimental history. Second by Brother Worley followed by discussion. Brothers speaking to the proposal all considered it a good idea. Brother Frost was reluctant to make this a mandate. Brother Culp spoke about his Camp's and the 13<sup>th</sup> Michigan Memorial Assn's. research work, suggesting that serendipitous information would likely be found by one Camp or individual and could be shared. Brother Derr commented that it might be redundant to other sites. DC Arnold referred the matter to a special committee to be appointed by the new Department Commander, with a report to next year's Encampment.

5) Brother Culp extended an invitation to a monument dedication to the Walter Orr GAR Post on July 20 in Scotts.

## **24) Good of the Order**

Chaplain McAfee announced that Camp No. 180 will host an event on June 8 whose status as a Sesquicentennial Signature event is being sought. The event is a reenactment of the burial of Col. H. H. Jeffords who was killed by sabre in the Wheatfield at Gettysburg and is buried in his hometown Dexter.

DC Arnold discharged the appointed Encampment Committees of their responsibilities and thanked them for their work.

DC Arnold then solicited motion for a letter of thanks to Great Lakes Christian College for the use of their facility. Motion was made by Brother Zank, second by Brother Shaw. There being no discussion, the motion carried by vote of the Encampment.

DC Arnold thanked the other branches of the Allied Orders for the help rendered in planning and organizing events of the present weekend.

DC Arnold then solicited motion for a donation of \$75.00 or more to the College. Motion by Brother McAfee to set an exact amount, followed by a motion made to set the amount at \$100.00. Motion as amended was approved by vote of the Encampment.

DC Arnold next called attention to Mark Hoffman's (Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17) new book: "Among the Enemy, A Michigan's Soldier's Civil War Journal" which Mark has dedicated "To my Brothers in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Michigan, who keep alive the memory of those who served. In Fraternity Charity and Loyalty".

Motion by Brother Culp, second by Brother Griggs, to accept a donation from MOLLUS of \$175.00 toward the Gettysburg Flag Restoration account. There being no discussion, the motion carried by vote of the Encampment

DC Arnold proceeded to remind the Encampment of: 1) National Encampment to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin August 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> 2013; 2) 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Jackson, Civil War Muster at Cascades Falls Park in Jackson on August 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>; 3) The 2013 Central Region Conference tentatively scheduled for Oct 4&5, 2013 in Kentucky; and 4) Gettysburg Remembrance Day Celebration - Weekend of November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

He then asked for any other Announcements from the floor.

Brother Copenhaver (Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17) extended an invitation to a headstone dedication at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Lansing on June 8 for George Randall, 102<sup>nd</sup> C.T.

Brother Goodrich (Finch Camp No. 14) extended an invitation to a grave rededication ceremony for noted historian Bruce Catton In Benzonia on May 25.

Brother Pahl extended thanks from the College to the Department. He also explained that the intent in creating the joint Allied Orders Encampment Committee is to relieve those Orders which have only a limited number of members at this time.

## 25) Credentials Committee Report:

Chairman Dean Lamphere reported the voting strength of each Camp as follows:

Camp #1	(Gen. John Logan) - 6	Camp #2	(Gen. Israel Richardson) - 9
Camp # 3	(Henry Plant) - 4	Camp #7	(Austin Blair) - 18
Camp #14,	(Robert Finch) -17	Camp #17	(Curtenius Guard) - 19
Camp #20	(Gov. Benj. Pritchard)-17	Camp #22	(Colgrove - Woodruff) - 13
Camp #28	(Alexander French) -9	Camp #43	(Nash - Hodges) - 7
Camp #58	(Geo. W. Anderson) -9	Camp #67	(US Grant) - 6
Camp #85	(Fredr.Hackeman) - 7	Camp # 120	(Gilluly-Kingsley) - 11
Camp #135	(March to the Sea) - 5	Camp #139	(Lockwood) - 7
Camp #145	(Gov. Crapo) - 16	Camp #160	(Henry Wallace) - 10
Camp #180	(Carpenter - Welch) - 7	Camp #250	(Wa-Bu-No) - 10
Camp # 255	(LeValley-Heusted) - 6	Camp #266	(Albert & Jas. Lyon) - 7
Camp #427	(John S. Cosby) - 8	Camp # 462	(Russell A. Alger) - 4

**26) Nomination of Officers:**

DC Arnold asked for the report of the Nominations Committee.  
Chairman Danes reported the Committee's nomination of the following slate of candidates for each office.

Commander: Paul Davis  
Sr Vice Commander Dale Aurand  
Jr Vice Commander: Kevin Lindsey  
Secretary: George Boller  
Treasurer: Bruce Gosling  
Members of Council:  
a) Tom Jenkins  
b) Rick Greene  
c) Robert Griggs

Chairman Danes thanked the Signals Officer for placing information about the candidates on the Department Website and added that the Committee will develop a guideline for placing candidate information on the Website and submitting it to the Department Council.

DC Arnold then explained the nomination procedure as follows:

Each office will be taken up in succession to allow additional nominations from the floor. For each office the call to the floor will be repeated thrice. If there are no nominations from the floor for an office, nominations for the office will be closed. Each nominee will be asked if he is willing to serve if elected and if he holds any other elected office within the Order.

DC Arnold asked the Encampment to all stand and give three Huzzahs for absent Brother Rick Greene who is gravely ill. This special recognition is to be placed in the Dept. Record

The stated nomination procedure was then followed for each elective office. There were no additional candidates.

**27) Nomination and Election of Delegates to National Encampment:**

DC Arnold asked any Brother who will be attending the 2013 National Encampment in Milwaukee and lacks standing credentials to stand and give his Name and Camp to the Dept Secretary.

The following Brothers responded:

Dale Aurand, Gary Granger, Gary Copenhaver, Max Newman, Gary Swain, Mike Culp, Bob Griggs, Ron Shull, Dean Lamphere.

Motion by Jim Pahl to nominate and elect all of the above as Delegates, duly seconded, and there being no discussion, the motion was adopted by vote of the Encampment.

Brother Pahl then solicited a motion to fill remaining Delegates in alphabetical order from the Department roster, with the remainder of the roster being alternates. The motion was seconded by Brother Harrison, and there being no discussion, it was adopted by vote of the Encampment. Brother David Smith of Finch Camp No. 14 attended as an alternate and was subsequently appointed a delegate.

**28) Election of Officers:**

DC Arnold asked the acting Secretary to read the Nominee for each office  
With each office having only one nominee DC Arnold, solicited a motion to dispense with voting for each office ballot and acclaim all nominees as elected by a unanimous vote.  
Motion by several, duly seconded, and unanimously adopted without discussion  
Arnold congratulated new and appointed Officers.

**29) Final Awards to Outgoing Department officers.**

Department Senior Vice Commander - Paul Davis  
Department Junior Vice Commander - Dale Aurand  
Department Secretary – George Boller accepted for Brother Fyke  
Department Treasurer - Chuck Worley accepted for Brother Gosling  
Department Council - Tom Jenkins  
Department Council - Brother Derr accepted for Brother Greene  
Department Council - Robert Griggs  
Department Chief of Staff - Keith Harrison  
Department Counselor - Jim Pahl  
Department Chaplain - Bill McAfee  
Department Patriotic Instructor - Gary Granger  
Department Color Bearer - Ed Dowd  
Signals Officer (Technology Committee Chair) - Commander Davis for Brother Morris  
Michigan's Messenger Editor - Rick Danes  
Department Historian - Brother Shaw for Matt Adair  
Department Guide - Bruce Benedict  
Department Guard - Chris Cox  
Department Graves Registration Officer - Rick Danes  
GAR Records Officer - Gary Gibson  
Civil War Monuments Officer - Bruce Butgereit  
Eagle Scout Coordinator- Jerry Olsen  
Camp at Large Coordinator -L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.  
Aide de Camp – Brian Shumway

**30) Installation of Officers according to Ritual:**

The gavel was transferred to CinC Mellor who asked the acting Secretary to read aloud the names of the elected and appointed Officers. The CinC then installed them according to ritual, and after the Guide has escorted them to their respective stations, the CinC declared them legally installed and qualified to enter upon the discharge of their several duties for the term ending at the Department Encampment, 2014, or until their successors are regularly elected, qualified and installed, after which Chaplain Buckhahn offered a blessing.

CinC Mellor placed Commander Davis in command by transferring the Department Charter and the gavel to him and wished him success as the Commander.

Commander Davis chose Don Shaw to pin the Department Commander's Badge on him and then gave brief remarks including thanking his Department Brothers and expressing his expectation for continuing the progress which we have been making, with all Brothers and Camps

to have an open channel of communication to him. Commander Davis also thanked PDC Arnold for his service as Department Commander and gave the Past Department Commander's Badge to Brother Harrison who pinned it on PDC Arnold.

**31) Closing of Encampment according to Ritual:**

There being no further business, DC Davis closed the Encampment according to Ritual by reminding us of our duties and of our unbroken Fraternity, our tender Charity, and our unswerving Loyalty, after which he instructed the Color Bearer to attend to the Altar and Station Banners after Closing.

After the Chaplain had given the Closing Blessing, DC Davis declared the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War duly closed. The next Department Encampment will be held on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted, In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty  
/George Boller/  
Secretary, Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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