

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN**

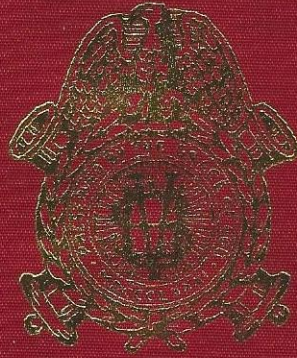


**PROCEEDINGS
132ND ANNUAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT
Great Lakes Christian College
Lansing, Michigan
April 30, 2016**

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ENCAMPMENT

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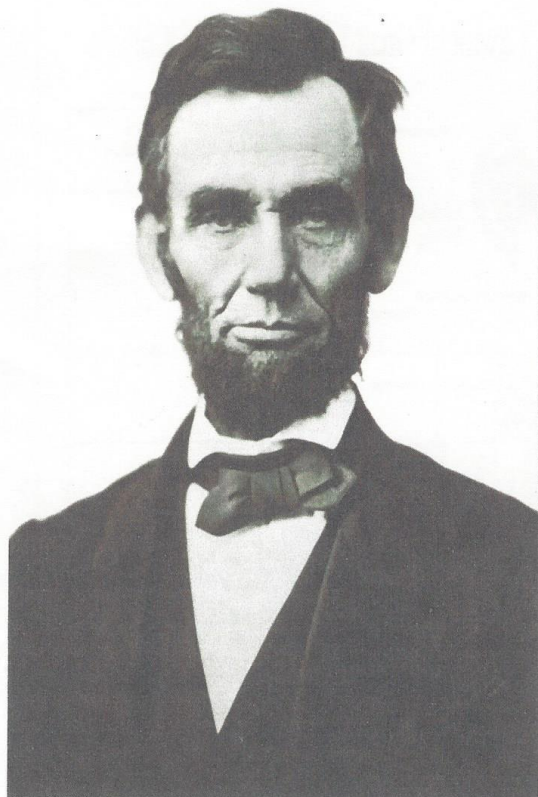
2015-2016
Dale Aurand
DEPARTMENT
COMMANDER

DELEGATE



Dale L. Aurand
Department Commander

ALLIED ORDERS April 29-30, 2016 ENCAMPMENT & CONVENTIONS PROGRAM



Welcome!

Woman's Relief Corps/Auxiliary to GAR
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

to the
13th Annual

Department of Michigan Encampment & Conventions

April 29-30, 2016

Great Lakes Christian College, Lansing Michigan

Headquartered at: Quality Suites, Lansing, Michigan

Hosted by the:

The Allied Orders of the Department of Michigan and their
Allied Orders Encampment and Conventions Committee!

"Thank God for Michigan!"

Inside:

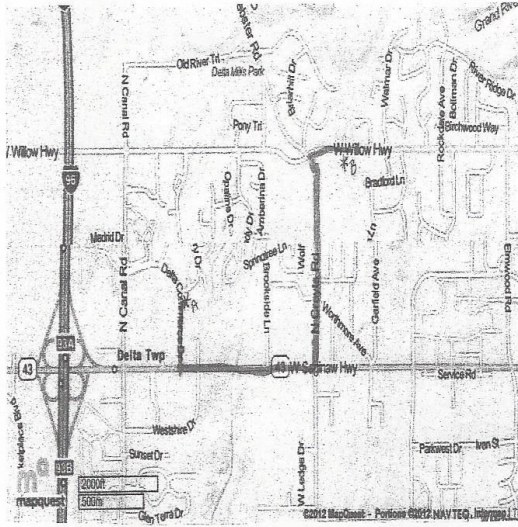
Layout of Hotel and College and Map between the two locations
Allied Orders Schedules of Events
Offerings for Civil War Related Items
Greetings & Well Wishes
Announcements
Upcoming Events

*"Any nation that does not honor
its heroes will not long endure."*

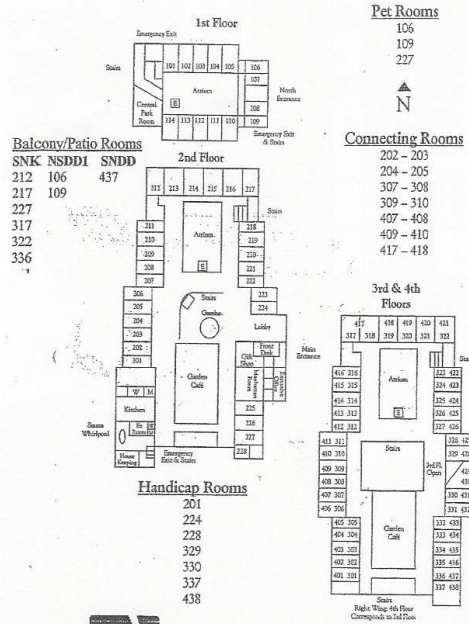
Abraham Lincoln



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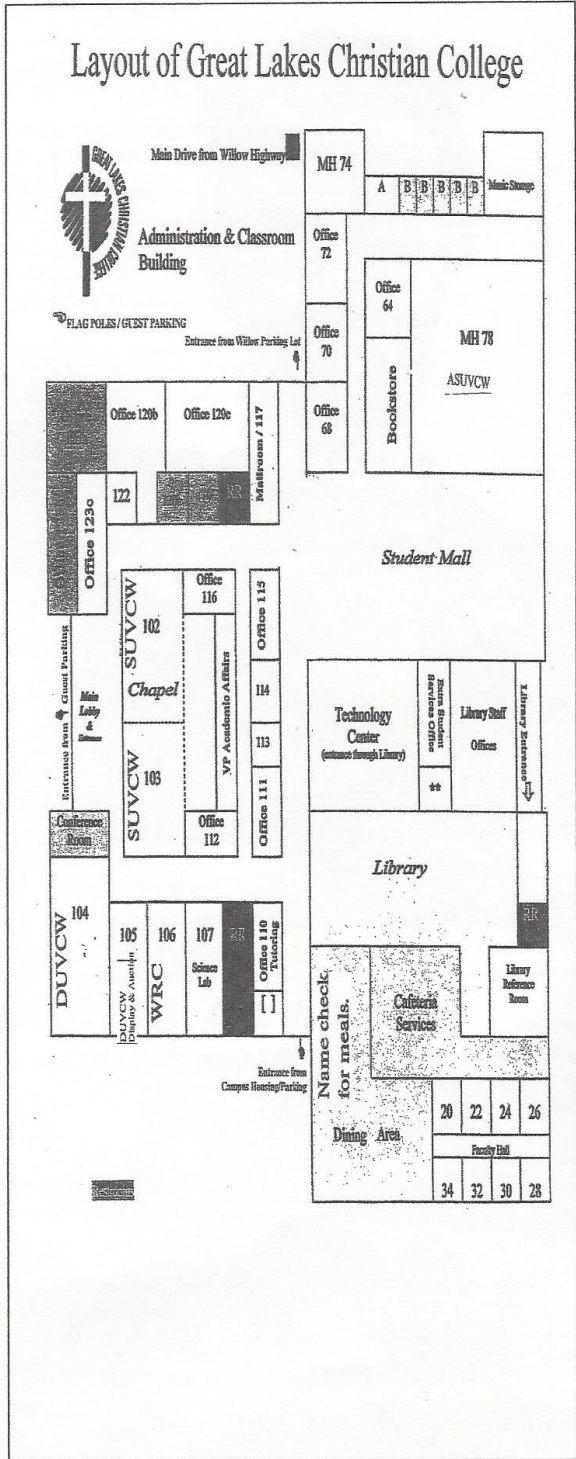


DIRECTIONS TO THE COLLEGE (ABOVE)



SNDD - Nonsmoking Double
NSDD1 - Nonsmoking Double 1st Floor
SNK - Nonsmoking King

LAYOUT OF THE HOTEL (ABOVE)



PROPERTY LAYOUT



COMMANDER DALE AURAND
SUVCW DEPARTMENT MICHIGAN

Commander -	<u>Dale Aurand, PCC</u>
<i>Senior Vice Commander -</i>	<u>L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., CC</u>
<i>Junior Vice Commander -</i>	<u>Dave Smith, CC</u>
<i>Members of the Council -</i>	<u>Charles Worley, PDC</u>
	<u>Kevin Lindsey, PCC</u>
	<u>Robert Griggs, PCC</u>
<i>Secretary -</i>	<u>Gerald L. Jacobs</u>
<i>Treasurer -</i>	<u>Bruce S.A. Gosling</u>
<i>Chief of Staff -</i>	<u>Donald Shaw, PDC</u>
<i>Counselor -</i>	<u>James B. Pahl, PC-in-C</u>
<i>Chaplain -</i>	<u>Charles Buckhahn</u>
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<i>Color Bearer -</i>	<u>Edgar Dowd, PCC</u>
<i>Signals Officer -</i>	<u>Christopher Skillman</u>
<i>Editor, "Michigan's Messenger" -</i>	<u>Rick Danes, PCC</u>
<i>Historian -</i>	<u>Christopher Cox</u>
<i>Guide -</i>	<u>Robert Paine</u>
<i>Guard -</i>	<u>Ronald Shull</u>
<i>Graves Registration Officer-</i>	<u>Richard E. Danes, PCC</u>
<i>GAR Records Officer-</i>	<u>Gary Gibson, PDC</u>
<i>Civil War Memorials Officer-</i>	<u>Dennis Fyke</u>
<i>Eagle Scout Coordinator -</i>	<u>Dewey Jones</u>
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<i>Aid de Camp -</i>	<u>Keith Harrison, PC-in-C</u>

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

Friday, April 29, 2016

7:30 – 9:30 p.m.	Welcome Hospitality Room Quality Suites Headquarters Hotel 901 Delta Commerce Drive, Lansing, Michigan
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Saturday, April 30, 2016

Great Lakes Christian College 6211 West Willow Highway Lansing, Michigan	
8:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m.	Encampment Convenes
11:45 a.m.	Recess for Lunch
12:00 p.m. Luncheon	(Noon) Allied Orders
1:45 p.m.	Session Resumes
5:00 p.m.	Encampment Adjourns
6:00 p.m.	Allied Orders Banquet



PRESIDENT LUCILLE STREETER

**Woman's Relief Corps
Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic
Department of Michigan Convention**

Friday, April 29, 2016

7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Welcome Hospitality Room
Quality Suites Headquarters Hotel
901 Delta Commerce Drive,
Lansing, Michigan

OFFICERS

President Lucille Streeter
Treasurer Mary Harris
Chaplain Marcia Butgereit

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chairman Janice Lankard
Co-Secretary Diane Fales
 Gracanne Smith
Inspector Erma Lee Belcher
Field Officer Kimberly Kolean
Patriotic Instructor Phylis Russell
Press Correspondent Vicky Streeter
Convention Co-Chairs Lucille Streeter
 Gracanne Smith

Registration Lucille Streeter

Scholarship Mary Harris

Auditing 3 Past Presidents

Bylaws Janice Lankard
 Vicky Streeter

National Representative Gracanne Smith

Battle Creek Representative

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Great Lakes Christian College
6211 West Willow Highway
Lansing, Michigan

8:30 a.m. Registration
9:00 a.m. Convention Convenes
9:30 a.m. Opening Session
 Memorial Service
 Business Meeting
 Installation of Officers
11:45 a.m. Recess for Lunch
12:00 p.m. (Noon) Allied Orders Luncheon
1:45 p.m. Session Resumes
 Council Meeting
5:00 p.m. Encampment Adjourns
6:00 p.m. Allied Orders Banquet



PRESIDENT BETHANY HOOVER
DUVCW
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

OFFICERS

President	Bethany Hoover
Sr. Vice-President	Carol Santini
Jr. Vice-President	Sally Redinger
Council 1	Rolene Robinson
Council 2	Judith Anderson
Counselor	Nancy Newman
Secretary	Cynthia VanAntwerp
Treasurer	Patricia Piselli
Patriotic Instructor	Nancy Piggush
Chaplain	Patricia Galloway
Press Correspondent	Wenda Fore
Chief of Staff	Sharon Patton
Guide	Diane Hager
Guard	Shelly Hager
Historian	Cynthia VanAntwerp
Webmaster	Susan Norder
Musician	Katherine Cook

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 Department of Michigan Convention

Friday, April 29, 2016

- 12:30 p.m. Hotel Available for Check-in
4:00 p.m. DUVCW Council Meeting #1
Manhattan Room (Hotel)
5:00 p.m. Dinner on Your Own or
5:30 p.m. Setup can begin at the college (or earlier)
6:00 p.m. Cheeseburgers in Paradise Buffet (Hotel)
7:30 – 9:30 Welcome Hospitality Room
Quality Suites Headquarters Hotel
901 Delta Commerce Drive,
Lansing, Michigan

Saturday, April 30, 2016

- Great Lakes Christian College
6211 West Willow Highway
Lansing, Michigan
- 6:00 – 8 p.m. Club Breakfast at Quality Suites or on your own
7:00 a.m. College doors open
8 – 10 a.m. Coffee, tea, doughnuts (college cafeteria)
8:00 a.m. Registration opens
9:00 a.m. Allied Orders Joint Opening Ceremony
Memorial Service in Chapel (SUVCW
Meeting Room)
9:30 a.m. Opening of Morning Session
Business Meetings - Reports
11:45 a.m. Recess for Lunch
12:00 p.m. (Noon) Allied Orders Luncheon
12:15 p.m. Announcements
Prayer before Luncheon
Chapel (SUVCW Meeting Room)
1:45 p.m./2 p.m. Afternoon Session Resumes
5:00 p.m. Encampment Adjourns
5:45 p.m. Prayer before Banquet (SUVCW meeting
room)
6:00 p.m. Allied Orders Banquet
7:00 p.m. Entertainment (SUVCW Meeting Room)
Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club



PRESIDENT KAREN HAMANN

OFFICERS

- President Karen Hamann
- Vice-President Jan Davis
- Council 1 Linda Kronberg
- Council 2 Jan Davis
- Council 3 June Lloyd
- Secretary Helen Granger
- Treasurer Vicki Weiss
- Patriotic Instructor Lisa Smith
- Chaplain Elizabeth Lloyd
- Press Correspondent Helen Granger
- Newsletter Editor Helen Granger
- SUVCW Counselor James B. Pahl PCinC
- ASUVCW Counselor Dorothy Lowe PDP

**Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Michigan Convention**

Friday, April 29, 2016

5:00 p.m. Dinner on Your Own or at Quality Suites

7:30 – 9:30 Welcome Hospitality Room
Quality Suites Headquarters Hotel
901 Delta Commerce Drive,
Lansing, Michigan

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Great Lakes Christian College
6211 West Willow Highway
Lansing, Michigan

6:00 – 8 p.m. Club Breakfast at Quality Suites or on your own

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Convention Convenes

9:30 a.m. Opening of Morning Session
Business Meeting - Reports
Nominations of Officers

11:45 a.m. Recess for Lunch

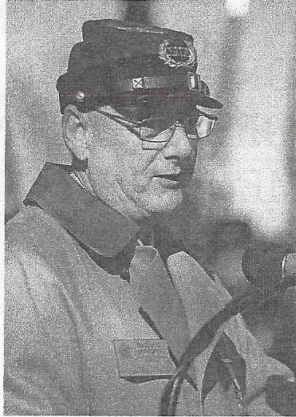
12:00 p.m. (Noon) Allied Orders Luncheon

1:45 p.m. Afternoon Session Resumes
Unfinished Business
Installation of Officers

5:00 p.m. Encampment Adjourns

6:00 p.m. Allied Orders Banquet

Welcome National Officers!



EUGENE MORTORFF
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
National Commander-in-Chief



SALLY REDINGER
Daughters of Union Veterans
of the Civil War 1861-1865
National President



LINDA KRONBERG
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War
National President

CONGRATULATIONS !!!

Michigan's First-Ever

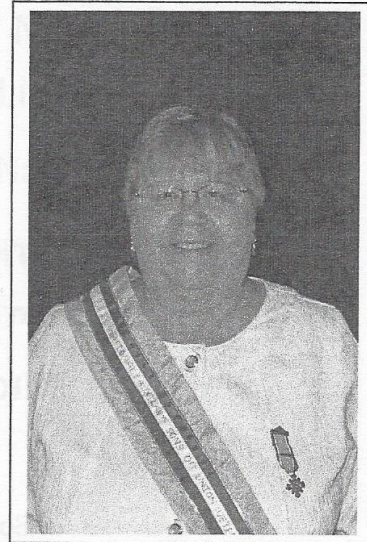
ASUVCW National President

Sister Linda Kronberg

Elected August 2015 in Richmond, Va.

You Earned it!

The ASUVCW Sisters of the Department of Michigan are very proud of our Dear Sister Linda! She has been a part of this Department since its re-establishment and her leadership has helped to create a Department that takes its work seriously while providing a fun atmosphere. Sister Linda has put the time in ... working her way up through the ranks of not one but two Auxiliaries and then spending an additional six years in service at the National Level. She is a natural organizer, leading by example.



- 1996 joined and helped establish the Nash-Hodges Auxiliary #43 (Blissfield, MI) who received its Charter in 1997. Held offices of Secretary (1yr), Treasurer (1yr), Chaplain (2yrs), Patriotic Instructor (2yrs), Vice President (5yrs) and Auxiliary President (6yrs).
- 2006 She became a dual member of Austin Blair Auxiliary #7 (2006, Jackson, MI) and held the office of Chaplain (1yr), Patriotic Instructor (2yrs), Vice President (2yrs), and Auxiliary President (3yrs).
- 2004, she took an active role in re-establishing our ASUVCW Department of Michigan. Michigan had not been a Department for more than 40 years.
- 2004 Sister Linda became ASUVCW President and served until 2011.
- 2006 Helped establish the Department of Michigan Allied Orders Encampment and Conventions Committee. She has served as its President since then.
- 2007 Attended her first National Encampment (2007) where she received and signed the new Department of Michigan Charter
- In 2011 she received the 2011 Michigan Bridget Award
- 2014 she received the Dr. Mary Walker Award from the Department of Michigan SUVCW. This is the highest honor a woman can receive from the Department of Michigan SUVCW for her service to the SUVCW and all Allied Orders.
- 2009 Her National service began serving as Inside Guard
- 2010 National Chaplain
- 2011 National Patriotic Instructor
- 2012 National Council Member
- 2013 Served on several committees
- 2014 Elected Vice-President
- 2015 Elected National President

The ASUVCW Department of Michigan is very proud of
Sister National President Linda!

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
MINUTES OF THE 132ND DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT
CAMPUS OF GREAT LAKES CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, LANSING, MICHIGAN
APRIL 30, 2016

The Department of Michigan Allied Order's Joint Opening Ceremony was hosted in the SUVCW meeting room. Introduced was the National President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, Sally Redinger, National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Linda Kronberg and SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Eugene Mortroff. Past National Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief were also introduced.

The Allied Orders then conducted a Memorial Service for departed Sisters and Brothers over the past year.

MARY WALKER AWARD- DALE AURAND presented the Department Mary Walker Award to Sister Jan Davis of the ASUVCW.

The Order's then adjourned to their various meeting rooms for their business meetings.

The 132nd Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was called to Order by Department Commander Dale Aurand per Ritual.

**Officers and Staff of the Department of Michigan
2015-2016**

Department Commander
Senior Vice Commander
Junior Vice Commander
Members of the Council

Dale Aurand
L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.
David Smith
Charles Worley, PDC
Kevin Lindsey
Bob Griggs
Jerry Jacobs
Bruce Gosling

Secretary
Treasurer

Chief of Staff
Counselor
Chaplin
Patriotic Instructor
Color Bearer
Signals Officer
Editor "Michigan Messenger"
Historian
Guide
Guard

Don Shaw, PDC
Jim Pahl, PCinC
Charles Buckhan
Gary Granger
Ed Dowd
Chris Skillman (absent)
Rick Danes
Chris Cox
Rob Payne
Ron Shull

Graves Registration Officer
GAR Records Officer
Civil War Memorials Officers
Eagle Scout Coordinator
Camp-At-Large Coordinator
Aid de Camp

Rick Danes
Gary Gibson, PDC
Dennis Fyke
Dewey Jones (absent)
Dennis Zank (absent)
Keith Harrison, PCinC

RULES OF ENCAMPMENT – Announced by DALE AURAND:

- a) Other than the Commanders Report, officer reports will be limited to 5 minutes.
- b) Brothers will be able to speak twice on a given topic.
- c) When speaking identify yourself by name and camp.
- d) All debate will be done in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.
- e) All voting will be done by use of the voting card issued to delegates upon arrival.
- f) The Dept. Commander reserves the right to institute other methods of voting as the circumstances dictate.
- g) No Smoking anywhere on the college grounds.
- h) At this time, Please Turn off or silence your cell phones.
- i) Lunch will be at 12:30pm, the Banquet will be held at 5:30pm
Luncheon and Banquet tickets must have been pre-purchased. Following the Banquet, there will be entertainment. TBA

James B. Pahl, PCinC was appointed as Encampment Parliamentarian.

Don Shaw, PDC was appointed as Acting Encampment Counselor.

MINUTES: Motion and Second to approve the minutes of the 131st Department Encampment. Amendments were offered by and accepted. Motion as amended - carried.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: The DALE AURAND appointed the Encampment Committee on Credentials, being Dean Lamphere (Chair), Joe Frost, Rob Payne, and Ron Shull.

ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES APPOINTED:

Bylaws – Dean Lamphere (Chair)
Resolutions – Paul Davis (Chair)

Officers Reports – Don Shaw (Chair)
Fraternal Relations – Keith Harrison (Chair)

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

DALE AURAND passed the gavel to the Senior Vice Department Commander Lamphere and then presented his report to the Encampment.

Motion and second to refer this report and all subsequent officers' reports be referred to the Encampment Committee on Officer's Reports. Motion carried. SVDC returned the gavel to the MDC.

Senior Vice Department Commander - Dean Lamphere

Junior Vice Department Commander - David Smith

Department Secretary - Jerry Jacobs

Department Treasurer - Bruce Gosling

Department Chaplain – Charles Buckhan

Department Counselor – Jim Pahl

Department Patriotic Instructor – Gary Granger

Department Color Bearer – Ed Dowd

Department Chief of Staff – Don Shaw

Signal's Officer – Due to recent resignation, Dave Wallace presented a report

Michigan's Messenger Editor – Rick Danes

Department Graves Registration Officer – Rick Danes

Department Historian – Chris Cox

Department Guide – Rob Payne

Department Guard – Ron Shull

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE PRELIMINARY REPORT – Dean Lamphere reported 60 brothers present and entitled to vote.

OFFICER'S REPORTS CONTINUED:

GAR Records Officer – Gary Gibson

Civil War Monuments Officer – Dennis Fyke

DEPARTMENT COUNCIL: Report of the Department Council was then presented by Chuck Worley.

1. Council approved funds to Michigan's GAR Museum, the repository of our Department Records, to assist the Museum in digitizing Department Records.
2. Council approved funds to purchase a Michigan Department GAR flag to be presented to the State of Michigan.
3. The Council reviewed the records of the Department Treasurer and found them to be in order.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

102nd COLORED TROOPS MONUMENT COMMITTEE. Bob May reported on the Committee to place a memorial to the 102nd Colored Troops near the State Capital. Approval from State of Michigan being sought to place monument at this time. State officials and Representatives are supporting this effort. A monument company has been located to actually make the monument. The costs will be in the \$16,000.00 to \$20,000.00 range. Fund raising efforts are underway, including photo mats and pledge cards. The target date of September 30, 2017 to dedicate the monument has been set, as this is the anniversary date of the muster out date of the 102nd USCT (and also a Saturday). Crapo Camp is holding funds at this time raised from the sale of photo mats. A grant application will also be made to the National Organization. Extra funds from sales of photo mats will go to other monument projects. Right now, only pledges are being sought, but once the approval is given by the State of Michigan, those pledging will be contacted to actually make the donations.

Monument will be 3'x3'x5'. On front will be "102nd USCT", on the rear will be "Placed by Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War". On one side will be description of the regiment and the other side will have a listing of all battles and engagements the regiment was engaged in.

Motion made and seconded to consider recommendations of Committees at the sound of the gavel unless objection is voiced – motion carried.

Recommendation by Committee to appoint committee another year approved.

Recommendation by Committee the Department to pledge \$500.00 towards the monument project – after much discussion and questions, the recommendation was amended by motion and second to change the amount to \$1,000.00. Motion to amend did not pass. Motion to pledge \$500.00 – motion carried.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE – two changes submitted:

Add section 4 to article 18 – Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award – Motion carried.

ARTICLE XVIII

Awards and Insignia

Section 4. Authorization for a Department Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Appreciation Award is provided. The Department Commander may confer the award which is presented to Sisters of the Allied Orders in recognition of outstanding, sustained and conspicuous service to the Department of Michigan of the SUVCW in furtherance of its mission and goals. The medal and certificate would be presented to a recipient with a red ribbon to denote it was presented by a Department. The Department Commander may present up to 3 awards per administration upon recommendation of any Past Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commander or current Camp, Department or National elected officer.

Add section 5 under Article 22 – Proceedings. Creates a Department Proceedings modeled on the National and appoint an Assistant Department Secretary-Proceedings Editor. After some discussion – Motion carried.

Article XXII

Proceedings

Section 5. The Department Commander may appoint an Assistant Department Secretary - Proceedings, to help the Department Secretary compile the official record of each Department Encampment. The Department Proceedings shall include the minutes of the business meeting, each officer's report and other such items so as to make a complete record of the Encampment. The proceedings of each Encampment, when approved by the outgoing and incoming Department Commander, when published, become the official record of that Encampment. The official record of that Encampment shall be published to the Brothers of the Department in an electronic format.

CEREMONIES AND RITUALS COMMITTEE – no recommendations

2017 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE – 2017 National Encampment will be in Lansing, Michigan in August of 2017. Committees are formed and fund raising efforts are underway. The Department has set aside some \$19,000.00 for this purpose.

Recommendation – Committee continue with current membership. Motion carried.

Recommendation - Encampment in the coming year to allow the Committee to begin spending up to \$10,000.00 from Department funds set aside for this purpose and the Department Treasurer begin paying the bills associated with hosting this Encampment. National Chief of Staff Michael A. Paquette addressed the Encampment concerning things about hosting a National Encampment. Motion carried.

ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE – none presented and Encampment Committee discharged.

ENCAMPMENT OFFICERS REPORTS COMMITTEE

Department Commander recommended an editorial page in the Michigan Messenger, referred to Editor of Messenger for consideration – carried.

SVDC recommended review and updates to bylaws as to Art 9, sec 12 and Art 22, Sec 1, referred to Department Bylaws Committee to report back to next Encampment. Other recommendation modification as to memorial services, referred to incoming Dept Commander.

Treasurer recommended income from permanent fund be channeled into principal. Carried. Second recommendation was funds designated for the observances of the Civil War Sesquicentennial are returned to the General Fund. Carried.

Secretary recommended Art 18, Sec 2 be reviewed as to membership awards. Referred to bylaws committee for review and report back next year.

JVDC had 4 recommendations

a. Memorial national memberships for additional ancestors with onetime payment. Referred to bylaws committee for study.

b. Use single membership application form 3. Referred to National Committee on Program and Policy.

c. Contact all Dept JVDC across the Order to learn what is successful and not successful in recruitment and retention. Referred to the National Committee on Membership, which is chaired by the Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief and the membership of that committee is all Department Junior Vice Commanders.

d. Update new member recruitment and retention form. Referred to incoming SVDC and Bylaws committee.

OLD BUSINESS – none presented.

NEW BUSINESS –

SVDC moved the Department recommend to the National Organization, the Dr. Mary Edward Walker award be amended to include the Daughters of the Union, (a separate organization and not an Allied Order). After discussion, motion failed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Encampment Committees were discharged with thanks of the Department Commander, except the Nominating Committee.

Motion to endorse brother Don Shaw for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the 2016 National Encampment and send endorsement to the National Organization. Motion carried.

Motion to endorse brother Paul Davis for the office of National Council member at the 2016 National Encampment and send endorsement to the National Organization. Motion carried.

National Encampment is August 11 to 14 in Springfield, IL and the Department Commander encouraged a full delegation.

Remembrance Day in November in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

July 9, 2016 is the delivery of the G.A.R. Department Flag to the State of Michigan as part of the 150th Anniversary of the Return of the Michigan Battle flags.

Motion was made to make a donation to Great Lakes Christian College in thanks for allowing the use of their facility in the amount of \$100.00. Motion to amend to \$200.00. Motion to amend carried. Motion as amended was not voted upon.

AWARDS

Abraham Lincoln Award: Robert May of Camp 145, Dick Williams of Camp 58 and Ed Houghtaling (non- member) for Graves Registration work.

Austin Blair Award - for the greatest gain (numerical) - Robert Finch Camp 14

Orlando LeValley Award - for the greatest percentage gain – Henry Wallace Camp 160

Certificates of Appreciation were given to Jan Northrup, Ann Davis and Jean Rose. These people were nominated for the Abraham Lincoln Award. Jan and Ann are members of the Daughters of the Revolution who are working with Camp 135 in graves registration work. Also a Certificate of Appreciation was given to Keith Harrison.

Certificates were provided to the Department elected and appointed officers.

BUDGET

The Department Treasurer made a presentation concerning the 2016-2017 budget. At the beginning of the Encampment, there were budgeted revenues of \$6,100.00 and expenses of \$5,980.00 with surplus of \$210.00. Then the Encampment pledged \$500 to the 102nd fund, creating a deficit budget of \$-290.00. Motion to approve the budget, seconded and carried.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

The committee recommends the following names be placed into nomination (without any endorsement) for the elected offices of the Department:

Commander :	Dean Lamphere
Sr. Vice Commander:	David Smith
Jr. Vice Commander:	Robert Griggs
	Rob Payne
Secretary:	Gerald Jacobs
Treasurer:	Bruce Gosling
Members of Council	Chuck Worley
	Kevin Lindsey
	Michael Maillard

As there were two qualified candidates for Department Junior Vice Commander, it was recommended each be given five minutes to address the Encampment.

Motion that if at the close of nominations for any particular office, if there is only one candidate, the secretary cast a unanimous ballot and declares that person elected. Motion carried.

NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Nominations were called for from the floor. For each nominee, they were asked if they were willing to serve and if they held any other elected office in the Order. After nominations from the floor for each position was announced, nominations were closed.

Commander – no other nominations received, Dean Lamphere stands elected.

Senior Vice Commander – no other nominations received, David Smith stands elected.

Junior Vice Commander – no other nominations received, but with two nominees from the Nominating Committee, each was allowed five minutes to address the Encampment.

Secretary – no other nominations received, Gerald Jacobs stands elected.

Treasurer – no other nominations received, Bruce Gosling stands elected.

Member of the Council #1 – Robert Griggs was nominated, but declined, Chuck Worley stands elected.

Member of the Council #2 – no other nominations and Kevin Lindsey stands elected.

Member of the Council #3 – no other nominations received, Michael Maillard stands elected.

Delegates for National Encampment – nominations received for Dave Smith, Gary Granger, Bruce Gosling, Bob May and Ron Shull. Motion these brothers be elected, the remainder of the delegation be taken from the roster of the Department, alphabetically from those not having standing credentials and then the remainder of the Department Roster be elected as Alternate Delegates. Motion carried.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of Delegates by Camp was received, with the voting strength of each Camp detailed.

ELECTION

The Department Commander, by roll call of the Camps, received the votes for the office of Department Junior Vice Commander. After the voting was completed, Robert Griggs received 34 votes and Robert Payne received 21 votes, Robert Griggs was elected.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief Eugene Mortroff received the gavel as the Installing Officer and installed the 2016-2017 officers per ritual. Dale Aurand received his Past Department Commander badge from the Commander-in-Chief.

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Senior Vice Commander:	David S. Smith
Junior Vice Commander	Robert Griggs
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Aide de Camp

Dennis Fyke
Nathan Tingley
William Morris
Keith Harrison, PCinC

After installation, Lloyd Lamphere, Sr. pinned the Department Commander's Badge upon his son's jacket.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S ADDRESS

Eugene Mortroff had a few appropriate remarks for the Encampment.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

L. Dean Lamphere, Jr. had a few appropriate remarks.

CLOSING

Department Commander L. Dean Lamphere, Jr. closed the Encampment per Ritual.

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity and loyalty,
James B. Pahl, PCinC
Assistant Department Secretary-Proceedings Editor

APPENDIX A

OFFICER'S and COMMITTEE REPORTS

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Dale. L. Aurand

Officers and Brothers of the Department of Michigan. It is my honor to report issues and events of the Department of Michigan for the past year. Membership in the Department remains stable. The major concern when I visited various camps is recruiting and retaining younger members.

Finances: I am pleased to report the overall fiscal condition of the Department is sound. Communications and Technology committee continues the difficult task of upgrading the Department website. As always, keeping open communications is important for the "good of the order".

Members of the Department continue to be supportive of the GAR Memorial Hall and Museum in Eaton Rapids with time and material donations. Many improvements have been made. A replica of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic flag will be presented for permanent placement in the State Capital on July 9th At 1:00 PM. Brothers and friends of the order are encouraged to attend.

In the past there were numerous counties in the Department that received little or no coverage. Actions taken during this administration has corrected this shortcoming. All counties within the Department are now tended by one of the 23 camps.

I have one recommendation: The Department consider having an Editorial page in the Michigan Messenger which may help brothers with ideas and meet challenges in the future.

The 2017 National Encampment will be held in Lansing, at the Radisson Hotel. Committees have been working on the various aspects of hosting such an event. Please be willing to help if approached for ideas or assistance.

In closing I would like to thank the officers and staff of the Department that supported me this past administrative year with their good work

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.

Department Commander Aurand,

Sir through you to the assembled Brothers of the Department of Michigan at the Encampment, I offer the following report.

I would like to thank the Brothers of the Department of Michigan for allowing me to serve them as the Senior Vice Department Commander during the 2015-2016 Term. I have published in

detail the services that I attended and participated in during my term, in an effort to be brief, I'll not list those again here.

The additions that I would make to that report would be attending at the Lincoln Tomb Service in Springfield, Illinois and the Dr. Benjamin Stephenson Memorial Service in Petersburg, Illinois on April 16, 2016.

I would like to make the below listed recommendations on behalf of my office:

Recommendations for the incoming Dept. Senior Vice Commander and Bylaws Committee:

- 1) Review and if necessary update Article IX – Section 12 to be more in line with how the Department desires to operate.
- 2) Review and if necessary update Article XXII – Section 1 to reflect that those entitled to vote but in subsequent sections are waived the registration fee are yet also able to vote. Addressing the line “Only paid registrants shall be entitled to vote at the Department’s Annual Encampment.”.

Recommendations for modifications to the Gettysburg Remembrance Day Memorial Services:

Current programs:

- Placing of the flags (1 US National Flag, 1 Michigan State Flag) on each Michigan Veterans grave in the Michigan Section National Cemetery, including the those Veterans in the U.S. Regulars Section.
- Placing of a wreath in memory of their service on behalf of the Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
- Brief service at the Michigan Section of the National Cemetery.
- Placing of a wreath and flags (1 US National Flag, 1 Michigan State Flag) at one of the Michigan Monuments on a rotating schedule, including the National Cemetery (schedule previously defined).
- Brief service at the Monument.

Future programs (changes in bold):

- Placing of the flags (1 US National Flag, 1 Michigan State Flag) on each Michigan Veterans grave in the Michigan Section National Cemetery, including the those Veterans in the U.S. Regulars Section.
- Placing of a wreath in memory of their service on behalf of the Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
- **Adding defined content to the brief service. Reading the names of veterans buried in a row on a rotating schedule starting from the front working to the back and including the Veterans buried in the U.S. Regulars Section.**

o **Rotating Schedule**

_ **Row K (row closest to the marker “Michigan 173 Bodies”) 1st year**

_ **Row J**

_ **Row I**

_ **Row H**

_ **Row G**

_ **Row F**

_ **Row E**

_ **Row D**

_ **Row C**

_ **Row B**

_ **Row A**

_ **U.S. Regulars Section**

· Placing of a wreath and flags (1 US National Flag, 1 Michigan State Flag) at one of the Michigan Monuments on a rotating schedule, including the National Cemetery (schedule previously defined).

· **Adding defined content to the brief service. Reading the names of the veterans from the Regiment whose Monument that we are honoring who fell in service to the Regiment at the Battle of Gettysburg.**

· **Reaching out to the members of the other Allied Orders to see if they would be interested in sharing in a piece of these programs on a more routine basis. Brief list as example listed below:**

o **Caring and preparing the flags each year.**

o **Researching the names of the veterans who died in service to Regiments we are honoring.**

o **Reading of the names of those veterans who paid the ultimate price in their service.**

o **Leading the service in prayer.**

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.

Senior Vice Department Commander

Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

David S. Smith

Report of the Department Junior Vice Commander for 2015-2016

This report will include an overview of activities & projects performed by this office during the 2015 2016 year, as well as several recommendations. The format of this report will be "bulleted" for ease of the reader.

Activities & Projects

Generated the New Member Recruitment and Retention Report (located at:

<http://www.suvcwmi.org/hq/Dept%20of%20Michigan%20Member%20Recruitment%20&%20Retention.pdf>)

Installed Officers of Albert & James Lyon Camp No. 266 in the Upper Peninsula

Attended the Gov. Henry Crapo Camp No. 145 Grave Dedication for M. Fisher event in Swartz Creek

Participated in Memorial Day Services in Traverse City

Participated in Veterans Day Services in Traverse City

Attended Loomis Cannon Rededication at the State Capitol Grounds in Lansing

Attended Loomis Artillery Competition at Camp Grayling

Served as a Delegate at the National Encampment in Richmond, VA

- Attended ASUVCW National President Linda Kornberg's Testimonial in Lansing
- Answered membership inquiries from the public on behalf of the Department
- Coordinated new membership applications to the correct Camp Junior Vice Commander sent from the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Recommendations

- Recommendation 1:** (to the National) Memorial National Memberships for the Deceased – Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles, and Grand-Uncles. This could be a one-time payment to the National, allowing Brothers to honor their immediate ancestors that are the descendants of Union Veterans. A suggested one-time payment would be in the range of \$50 - \$100.
- Recommendation 2:** (to the National) Utilize a single Membership Application – Form 3 (<http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Form-3.pdf>), and eliminate the National Online Membership Application Form 60 (<http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Form-60-Fill-in.pdf>). The Form 60 is superfluous and confusing with the existence of the most commonly used Form 3. There appears to be no reason to have Form 60 at this time with any necessary differences being added to Form 3.
- Recommendation 3:** (to the Department of Michigan) Contact all Department Junior Vice Commanders across the Order to learn what is successful for new member recruitment & member retention, as well as what is not successful in said recruitment and retention. This should be documented as a supplemental or additional report on new member recruitment and member retention.
- Recommendation 4:** (to the Department of Michigan) Update the New Member Recruitment and Retention Report in an on-going basis with lessons learned.

Respectfully Submitted,
David S. Smith, LM, CC, DJVC

TREASURER
Bruce Gosling

Report of the Department Treasurer

Commander Aurand, Officers and Brothers of the Department of Michigan

The Department of Michigan has concluded the financial business of the Membership Year and our finances continue to be positive. We posted revenues and expenditures during 2015 of \$5,854.60 and \$1,189.78 respectively to General Fund. This resulted in an excess of revenues of \$4,664.82 for the year. Total funds available amounted to \$20,187.31 as of December 31, 2015. Of total, \$757.50 is the Sesquicentennial restricted account, \$86.60 is restricted Gettysburg flag replacement and \$182.50 remains in the Greenville Monument restricted account. A total of \$19,160.71 represents unassigned cash that may be disposed of by this Encampment.

Additionally, the Department of Michigan Permanent Fund reflects a total of \$38,908.38, which consists of a permanently restricted balance of \$37,849.02 and a temporarily restricted income accumulation of \$1,059.36.

I wish to report:

1. All permanent fund assets have been invested in government-backed securities through an Edward Jones account. Interest rates on investments are between 2.5% and 3.875% with a net yield of 2.80% on our investments for the year.
2. That actual expenses incurred for the year were \$4,160.22 under budgeted amount for the year.

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

1. That the \$1,059.36 in income generated by the Permanent Fund in 2015 be retained as part of the permanently restricted balance of the fund.
2. In that the Sesquicentennial has ended, that the remaining restricted balance of \$757.50 designated for the observance of the Sesquicentennial be transferred to the restricted balance of the Permanent Fund.

3. That the proposed 2016 operating budget for the General Fund, attached to this report, be accepted as presented.

I appreciate the trust placed in me by the Brothers of this Department in electing me to the position of Treasurer for this past term of office. I have submitted my name for consideration by the Encampment as Department Treasurer in the coming year. It has been an honor to serve the Department, and continue to be proud to be able to offer my professional skills in this position.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. S. A. Gosling', written in a cursive style.

Bruce S. A. Gosling, Treasurer
Department of Michigan, SUVCW

**Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Financial Report-General Fund
For the Year ended December 31, 2015**

Balance Sheet

Assets	
Cash in bank	20,187.31
Receivable-MOLLUS (Gettysburg Flags)	0.00
Total Assets	<u>20,187.31</u>
Liabilities	
	0.00
Fund Equity	
Unrestricted Balance	19,160.71
Restricted Balances	
Rally Round the Flag	86.60
Sesquicentennial	757.50
Greenville	182.50
Total Fund Equity	<u>20,187.31</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>20,187.31</u>

Statement of Revenues and Expenses

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2015
Revenues	
Per-capita	3,792.00
Departmental Sales	1,527.00
Dept. Encampment Registration	405.00
Dept. Encampment Meals	0.00
Donations	86.60
Brochure Sales	44.00
Total Revenues	<u>5,854.60</u>
Expenses	
Cost of Goods Sold	284.99
Advertising - Banner	0.00
Shipping Costs	36.24
Office Expenses & Postage	0.00
Department Encampment Costs	294.94
Insurance	90.00
Department Flag (second flag)	-95.00
Department Records Project	0.00
GAR Records Project	100.00
Website Costs	263.76
Donations	200.00
Gettysburg Flags	0.00
Officer & Committee Expenses per Guidelines	7.85
Past Dept. Commander Jewel	7.00
Total Expenses	<u>1,189.78</u>
Net Revenue (Expense)	<u>4,664.82</u>

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Financial Report-Permanent Fund
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015**

Assets

Edward Jones Money Market Fund	4,156.20
TVA Power Bond	5,269.01
Farm Credit Bank Bond	7,103.65
Farm Credit Bank Bond	6,207.20
FHLMA Note	6,241.23
Federal Home Loan Bank Bond	9,931.09
Accrued Interest Purchased	0.00
Total Assets	<u><u>38,908.38</u></u>

Fund Equity

Restricted Balance	37,849.02
Temporarily Restricted Balance	1,059.36
Total Fund Equity	<u><u>38,908.38</u></u>

Statement of Revenues and Expenses

For the Year Ended
December 31, 2015

Revenues

Interest Income	1,059.36
Donations	0.00
Gain (Loss) on Matured Investments	0.00
Total Revenues	<u>1,059.36</u>

Expenses

Total Expenses	<u><u>0.00</u></u>
Net Revenue (Expense)	<u><u>1,059.36</u></u>

OPERATING BUDGET PERFORMANCE

REVENUES	Approved	Department of Michigan SUVCW 2015				Total	Difference
		1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter		
Department Per Capita	3,900	230.25	3,561.75	-	-	3,792.00	(108.00)
Sales	1,700	160.00	677.00	225.00	465.00	1,527.00	(173.00)
Brochure Sales	100		44.00			44.00	(56.00)
Donations	50			86.60		86.60	36.60
Encampment Receipts	390	405.00				405.00	15.00
Total Revenues	\$ 6,140	\$ 795.25	\$ 4,282.75	\$ 311.60	\$ 465.00	\$ 5,854.60	\$ (285.40)

EXPENSES

Cost of Goods Sold	900.00			284.99		284.99	(615.01)
Advertising	200.00					-	(200.00)
Officer Expenses	2,075.00			7.85		7.85	(2,067.15)
Insurance	90.00		90.00			90.00	-
Past C-in-C Gift	50.00					-	(50.00)
Website	225.00			263.76		263.76	38.76
Department Archives Project	500.00					-	(500.00)
Project GAR Records	500.00	100.00				100.00	(400.00)
Postage	80.00			36.24		36.24	(43.76)
Dept. Encampment Expense	390.00	294.94				294.94	(95.06)
Communication & Technology	-					-	-
Supplies & Other Expenses	40.00					-	(40.00)
Dept. Training Video						-	-
Department Flag			(95.00)			(95.00)	(95.00)
PDC Jewell		7.00				7.00	7.00
Donations	200.00		200.00			200.00	-
Memorial Donations	100.00					-	(100.00)
Total Expenses	\$ 5,350.00	\$ 401.94	\$ 195.00	\$ 592.84	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,189.78	\$ (4,160.22)

Excess Revenues (Expenses) \$ 790.00 \$ 393.31 \$ 4,087.75 \$ (281.24) 465.00 3,874.82

REMARKS: PDC Jewell cost is for engraving of badge purchased in 2014 for the 2015 encampment

**Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Proposed Budget
Year ending December 31, 2016**

	Actual December 31, 2015	Proposed 2016 Budget
Revenues		
Per-capita	3,792.00	3,900.00
Departmental Sales	1,527.00	1,700.00
Dept. Encampment Registration	405.00	400.00
Dept. Encampment Meals	0.00	0.00
Donations	86.60	50.00
Brochure Sales	44.00	50.00
Total Revenues	<u>5,854.60</u>	<u>6,100.00</u>
Expenses		
Cost of Goods Sold	284.99	2,100.00
Advertising	0.00	200.00
Postage & Shipping	36.24	80.00
GAR Records	100.00	100.00
Department Archives Project	0.00	100.00
Sesquicentennial Committee	0.00	0.00
Department Encampment Costs	294.94	390.00
Insurance	90.00	90.00
Department Training Video	0.00	0.00
Website Costs	263.76	275.00
Donations	200.00	200.00
Memorial Donations	0.00	100.00
Officer & Committee Expenses (Per guidelines)	7.85	2,075.00
Department Flag	-95.00	0.00
Office Expenses & Supplies	31.84	40.00
Past C-in-C Gift	0.00	50.00
PDC Badge	7.00	90.00
Total Expenses	<u>1,221.62</u>	<u>5,890.00</u>
Net Revenue (Expense)	<u>4,632.98</u>	<u>210.00</u>

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT CHIEF OF STAFF

Donald W. Shaw, PDC

During the previous year, my activities in the Office of Chief of Staff have been largely confined to giving advice, when sought by the Department Commander or any other officer within the administration, either appointed or elected. On those occasions when advice has been sought, I did my best to offer what I considered to be sound advice based on my understanding of the realities within the Department and in light of our Department By-Laws and the current National C & R.

I was able to assist the Commander as an installing officer for officer installation of one of the camps. I thank those with whom I have worked for a most satisfying experience and look forward to serving in whatever capacity I can in the future. I have no recommendations for this encampment.

DEPARTMENT COUNCIL

Robert Griggs, Kevin Lindsey, Charles Worley

Commander, Brothers, and Distinguished Guests of the Order; The brothers of the Department Council are pleased to offer our report to today's Encampment. The 131st Encampment delegated two items to our care. The first item, we approved the transfer of \$200.00 from the GAR Documents Fund for the immediate use of the GAR Memorial Hall and Museum to digitize documents that are in the Museum possession.

The second item, the Council approved the use of funds to purchase a GAR Flag to present and place in the State Capital in Lansing. The GAR Flag is in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic. In order to maintain uniformity with the other Service Flags, there was a \$20.00 increase above the original quote. The council approved the request.

Worthy of note, the Council reviewed the Department Treasurer's financial sheets on a quarterly basis. We found our revenues and expenditures to be usual and customary for our Order. The Department Permanent Fund continues to earn interest from our bond instruments.

GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

Richard E. Danes

This will serve as the final report for the year 2015-2016 of the activities of the Department Graves Registration Committee.

Reiterating my report from past years, the achievements of the Committee, although significant, did not meet the stated goals of previous years Committee Reports - we were not able to recover all graves related records from all camps, and although we encouraged all camps to appoint an active Graves Registration Officer (CGRO), some camps still fail to do so. I will be happy to share the Camps that do not participate at a later time.

The Committee met quarterly, realizing our 6th meeting in March of this year, as we achieved an average attendance of 50% of the total camps in the Department at each meeting these meetings created meaningful dialog that is useful to Camp Graves Registration Officers and allowed them a forum to express ideas, concerns, and to spend time teaming about the resources available to them.

We use a handbook developed by the committee that standardizes abbreviations, sources, and report content. Each CGRO that attends a quarterly meeting receives an updated copy of the complete department database which is used in their research and in sharing information with the public. Every quarter the updated information is put on-line by our Department Signals Officer. That database has reached 68,300 records of hero's buried in Michigan and outstate location.

Under the Department Commanders leadership, the Department of Michigan Graves Registration Program continues to flourish, and remains a program second to none in the National Organization.

GAR RECORDS OFFICER

Gary L. Gibson, PDC

It has been a pleasure to serve in this office this year. I received several inquiries from individuals across the country searching for information on their Michigan Civil War ancestor. It is rewarding to be able to assist them. The work of the GAR Records Officer and committee continues. Even though progress is being made, I constantly have to remind myself that this is not a sprint, it is a marathon.

First of all, there have been no expenses incurred by this office this year.

The work of this office has been to not only locate the records of the several posts of the Department of Michigan, GAR, but to assist in their preservation in any way possible. Leads as to the possible locations of GAR records can come from several sources: libraries, archives, individual knowledge, and from old newspapers.

Incorporated into the mission of the GAR Records Committee has also been to seek out information on the meeting places of the posts of the Grand Army. Many posts in Michigan built their own buildings, while others met in halls occupied by the Masonic Orders, or even the Odd Fellows. My predecessor, Brother Jim Lyons, always said that you can learn quite a lot about a post by their meeting place. One of the avenues of preserving the records of the GAR in Michigan has been to collect photographs of Michigan GAR halls, including both those that are still standing, and those that no longer survive. It is my hope that when possible, the GAR Records page on the Department website can be updated, and we will add photographs of the several post halls that have been collected. To date, 15 halls are known to still stand in Michigan.

Brother Tom Bruce of Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20 of Kalamazoo, in his capacity of Graves Registration Officer, has also been on the lookout for surviving GAR Halls and meeting places, and he has been successful in Van Buren County. He located the meeting places of the Edwin Cowell Post No. 23 of Bloomingdale, which met in a brick building at 102 East Spring Street. This building is currently being used by the local Masonic lodge. Colvin Post No. 59 of Gobles met in several places, and the last was the Post Commander's home, which still stands at 202 North State Street.

Bro. John Keith, Commander of Camp 20, was able to locate old photographs of the building that the Willard G. Eaton Post No. 34 of Otsego in Allegan County met in. That building was used as a hotel on the stage lines in the 1800's. Unfortunately, it no longer stands. Copies of these photos are now in our files.

During this fiscal year, this office, and as it turns out, several others, were contacted by the United States Postal Service. Four documents, including two pertaining to Ruddock Post No. 224 of Cheboygan, and two pertaining to the Civil War Centennial of 1961 – 1965, were found undeliverable by the postal service. Their inquiry solicited possible options for delivery. This office suggested that as Post 224 had closed many years ago, and the Sons of Union Veterans were the legal heir and official representative of the GAR, that placement of these documents in our archives would be desirable. As of this writing, repeated inquiries to the US Postal Service as to the disposition of these documents have gone unanswered. Fortunately, scans of these documents had been forwarded to this office and are now part of the records of the Department of Michigan. (On a personal note, my great-great grandfather was a charter member of Ruddock Post No. 224.)

The records of this office are housed at the James B. Brainerd Post No. 111, GAR Memorial Hall and Museum in Eaton Rapids. A recent cursory check of these records has found them to be in excellent condition, owing to the wonderful care by the excellent staff of this outstanding museum.

My only recommendation is to continue the funding for this office at the current level.

HISTORIAN

Chris Cox

This past year I have been working as your Department Historian. After the Encampment last year I have been in the process of working on a project of how the camps can send information to Department Historian for records of the camp newsletters and other projects going on in the camps areas. I would like to thank all of the camps who have been sending information to me. As part of the encampment last year, our number are dwindling down and I have thought of a way to that could help us with hopefully get new member. A documentary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and how we as an organization are here to keep green the memory of the boys in blue. I am looking for any G.A.R. halls, dedications of head stones, any civil war presentations that the members of this department are giving on the Civil War or any camp that would like me to record their camp meeting for the documentary. Please let me know. Let me thank everyone for being your department historian this past year.

GAR MEMORIALS OFFICER

Dennis Fyke

Thank you for letting me serve as the Department Civil War Memorials Officer for the last half of 2015 and I'm looking forward to my first full year of carrying on Brother Butgereit's efforts of maintaining our memorials records.

My first task after taking over was to try to organize our existing records in a way that I felt could best meet my needs and to make it a little easier to update them as new information becomes available. This included renaming hundreds of files and arranging them into individual camp folders. After digitizing all the information that I previously had in my possession and everything that my predecessor turned over to me, I sent Brother Walt Busch, the National Memorials Officer, a USB containing all the files arranged by individual camps, along with an index and summary of our department's status.

Brother Busch was kind enough to review our information and identified several memorials which require additional work. I've contacted the camp's memorial officers and offered to provide the means to review the status of memorials in their respective areas of responsibility. To date, there has been little response from any camp to do so. I'd like to take this opportunity to once again offer my help to any memorial officer in reviewing his camp's status in this area.

To view the images and forms we currently have on file, you may go to this link and click on your camp name: <https://app.box.com/s/6ug2aj6bzfsd1w12zla4>.

Maintaining our memorial records is a task that will never end and will never be considered complete but it's also an ongoing task that should never stop. In this age of everyone having a camera in their phone, I would hope that if you happen to be near a memorial that you take pictures of its condition and surroundings and email them to me. I will gladly add them to our files. Feel free to take pictures even if you are out of your camp's area of responsibility. I will pass them along to the appropriate camp's memorial officer.

To all Memorial Officers I ask that you make a special effort this year to revisit your memorials, complete form CWM61 for their current conditions, and take plenty of pictures. Send them to me either digitally or put them in a box and mail them.

Attached is the 2015 end-of-the-year status for each camp. Please take a look and see if your records agree.

(unable to reproduce chart in these Proceedings)

MESENTER EDITOR
Richard E. Danes

This will serve as the final report for the year 2015-2016 of the activities of 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 Camps within the Department. In addition, Michigan's Messenger is sent to all Department Officers and to the Commander-in-Chief.

Each of the quarterly editions were completed and released on time, and at the 2011 National

Encampment, the Messenger was awarded its third Marshall Hope Award for the best Department Newsletter in the Nation.

A re-occurring problem is that current e-mail addresses are not always on file with the Department Secretary or with this Editor. Each Camp contact should then e-mail copies of the newsletter to their Camp, or arrange for copies to be made available to those who do not have e-mail. This Editor continually receives communications from Brothers who do not receive Michigan's Messenger in any format, therefore depriving them of the opportunity of participating in Department News and Events.

As Officers and Camps continue to submit articles that they want to share with the Department, and as Camps continue to supply me with current e-mail addresses, Michigan's Messenger will continue to be the nationally recognized publication that it is today, and will be provided to the Membership at no cost.

Under the Department Commander's leadership, Michigan's Messenger continues to flourish, and remains a publication second to none in the National Organization.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Gary A. Granger

(due to the format of the report, the editor was not able to include the report in this Proceedings)

ABRAHAM LINCOLN CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AWARD COMMITTEE

David F. Wallace, PDC, Chair

As your appointed chairman, I have the honor to present the following report on behalf the Abraham Lincoln Certificate of Appreciation Award committee as appointed along with Brothers Charles Worley, PDC and Paul Arnold, PDC under your Department Orders No. 5, Series 2015-16. Your Department Orders also provided direction to the Brothers of the Department with regard to the criteria and time frame for the submission of nominations for the Abraham Lincoln Certificate of Appreciation Award.

Your committee received the following letters of nomination for the seven (7) individuals listed below in compliance with the nominating criteria and deadline:

- Brother Dick Williams, nomination submitted by Rick Danes, Department Graves Registration Officer, for Brother William's dedicated efforts in the area of graves registration over many years.
- Ed Houghtaling, nomination submitted by Rick Danes, Department Graves Registration Officer, for Mr. Houghtaling's dedicated efforts in the area of graves registration over many years.
- Brother Keith G. Harrison, nomination submitted by Gary L. Gibson, Past Department Commander, for Brother Harrison's tireless efforts in keeping green the memory of the Grand

Army of the Republic through his work at Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum, and through other venues.

☐ Brother Robert W. May, nomination submitted by Donald W. Shaw, Past Department Commander, for Brother May's efforts in fostering civic and other veteran and fraternal group participation in ceremonies, memorial services, dedications and fellowship throughout Genesee and Lapeer counties, and for providing Civil War ancestor research at no charge to those who request such assistance.

☐ Jeanne Rose, nomination submitted by Brother Gary C. White, Graves Registration Officer, Albert and James Lyon Camp No. 266, for Ms. Rose' dedicated efforts in the area of graves registration in Escanaba County.

☐ Anne Davis, nomination submitted by Brother Russell Gordon, March to the Sea Camp No. 135, for Ms. Davis' dedicated efforts in the area of graves registration in St. Joseph County.

☐ Jan Northrup, nomination submitted by Brother Russell Gordon, March to the Sea Camp No. 135, for Ms. Northrups' dedicated efforts in the area of graves registration in St. Joseph County.

Your committee gave thoughtful consideration to the activities and contributions of each nominee with regard to their demonstration "through their actions, words and deeds" of a significant contribution to the "furtherance of keeping green the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic within the State of Michigan." Based upon this review, your committee recommends the following actions:

1. It is the recommendation of your committee that you confer the Abraham Lincoln Certificate of Appreciation Award upon the following three (3) individuals: Brother Dick Williams, Brother Robert May and Mr. Ed Houghtaling.

2. Your committee further recommends that you confer a Certificate of Appreciation from the Department of Michigan recognizing the following four (4) individuals: Jeanne Rose, Anne Davis, Jan Northrup and Brother Keith Harrison.

3. That your committee, having fulfilled its responsibilities as directed under your Department Orders No. 5, Series 2015-16, be discharged.

In expressing my appreciation on behalf of the other members of your committee for having been appointed to assist you with this responsibility.

DR. MARY EDWARDS WALKER AWARD COMMITTEE

David F. Wallace, PDC, Chair

As your appointed chairman, I have the honor to present the following report on behalf the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award committee as appointed along with Brothers Charles Worley, PDC and Paul Arnold, PDC under your Department Orders No. 5, Series 2015-16. Your Department Orders also provided direction to the Brothers of the Department with regard to the criteria and time frame for the submission of nominations for the Abraham Lincoln Certificate of Appreciation Award.

Your committee received the following letter of nomination for the individual listed below in compliance with the nominating criteria and deadline:

□ Sister Jan Davis, nomination submitted by Brother David S. Smith, Department Junior Vice Commander, for Sister Davis' exemplary record of dedication and service to the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, including service to the Auxiliary to the sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at both the Department and National levels.

Your committee gave thoughtful consideration to the activities and contributions of each nominee with regard to their demonstration of a significant contribution to the keeping green the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic within the Department of Michigan. Based upon this review, your committee recommends the following actions:

1. It is the recommendation of your committee that you confer the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award upon Sister Davis.
2. That your committee, having fulfilled its responsibilities as directed under your Department Orders No. 5, Series 2015-16, be discharged.

In expressing my appreciation on behalf of the other members of your committee for having been appointed to assist you with this responsibility.

APPENDEX B

DELEGATES



Mortorff, Eugene	- National Organization
Butgereit, Bruce	1Gen. John Logan
Grieves, Gerald	1Gen. John Logan
Kolean, Tim	1Gen. John Logan
Truss, William E.	1Gen. John Logan
Lindsey, Kevin	2Gen. Israel B. Richardson
Riekse, Max	3Henry Plant
Cox, Christopher	7Austin Blair
Griggs, Robert D.	7Austin Blair
Lloyd, Howard B.	7Austin Blair
Kimble, David	7Austin Blair
Maillard, Michael	7Austin Blair
Aurand, Dale L.	14Robert Finch
Bryant, Harold	14Robert Finch
Mattis, Ted	14Robert Finch
Smith, David S.	14Robert Finch
Smith, Horace G.	14Robert Finch
Arnold, Paul D.	17Curtenius Guard
Czopek, Chris	17Curtenius Guard
Harrison, Keith G	17Curtenius Guard
Holcomb, Harold E.	17Curtenius Guard
Pahl, Jim	17Curtenius Guard
Payne, Robert	17Curtenius Guard
Rehkopf, David	17Curtenius Guard
Shull, Ronald G.	17Curtenius Guard
Shumway, Brain	17Curtenius Guard
Brennan, Bill	20Gen. Benjamin Pritchard
Gibson, Gary L.	20Gen. Benjamin Pritchard
Keith, John R.	20Gen. Benjamin Pritchard
Streeter, Howard	22Colegrove - Woodruff
Valentine, Blaine C.	22Colegrove - Woodruff
Naugle, Gary E.	43Nash - Hodges
Felton, Dennis G.	58George W. Anderson
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Worley, Charles	135March to the Sea
Derr I, Dennis C.	145Gov. Henry Crapo

Derr II, Dennis C	145Gov. Henry Crapo
Dowd, Ed	145Gov. Henry Crapo
Lamphere Sr, Lloyd D	145Gov. Henry Crapo
Lamphere Jr, L. Dean	145Gov. Henry Crapo
May, Robert W.	145Gov. Henry Crapo
Minor, John H.	145Gov. Henry Crapo
Schmidt, Kenneth	145Gov. Henry Crapo
Shaw, Donald W.	145Gov. Henry Crapo
Wallace, David F.	145Gov. Henry Crapo
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McAfee, Bill	180Carpenter - Welch
Speer, David W.	180Carpenter - Welch
Van wasshnova, Michael E.	180Carpenter - Welch
Wilkening, David	180Carpenter - Welch
Boller, George L.	427Sgt. John Cosby
Bower, Richard O.	427Sgt. John Cosby
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APPENDIX C

CAMP MEMBERS - DELEGATES

No.	Camp Name	Membership Counts				Differences				
		2015 Form 22	2015 Form 27	2016 Form 22 Roster	2016 Form 27	2016 Form 27 less Jr & Jr Assoc	Absolute from Form 22	Absolute from Form 27	Percent from Form 22	Percent from Form 27
1	Logan	15	13	15	14	14	0	1	0.0	7.7
2	Richardson	23	23	22	24	24	1	1	4.3	4.3
3	Plant	15	12	13	12	12	2		13.3	
7	Blair	28	28	29	29	26	1	1	3.6	3.6
14	Finch	46	45	53	52	52	7	7	15.2	15.6
17	Curtenius Guard	51	44	44	44	44	7	0	13.7	0.0
20	Pritchard	41	40	NR	40	38	0	0		0.0
22	Colegrove-Woodruff	NR	14	14	14	14	0	0		0.0
28	French	9	6	NR	6	6	0	0		0.0
43	Nash-Hodges	12	12	12	13	13	0	1	0.0	8.3
58	Anderson	9	9	NR	9	9	0	0		0.0
67	Grant	17	19	NR	19	19	0	0		0.0
85	Hackman	9	9	8	9	9	1	0		0.0
120	Gilluly-Kingsley	21	17	21	18	18	0	1	0.0	5.9
135	March to the Sea	15	15	14	14	14	1	1	6.7	6.7
139	Lockwood	9	9	NR	8	8	0	1		11.1
145	Crapo	34	33	34	33	33	0	0	0.0	0.0
160	Wallace	9	8	NR	10	9	2	2	25.0	25.0
180	Carpenter-Welch	9	9	10	10	10	1	1	11.1	11.1
250	Wa-Bu-No	23	24	26	22	19	3	2	13.0	8.3
255	LeValley-Heusted	12	12	12	12	12	0	0	0.0	0.0
266	Lyon	25	24	24	25	25	1	1	4.0	4.2
427	Cosbey	44	38	39	39	39	5	1	11.4	2.6
462	Alger		11		19			8		72.7
			474		495					

 = largest absolute increase
 = largest percent increase