

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department of Michigan

Proceedings



136th Annual Michigan Department Encampment

Interactive Video-Virtual Meeting

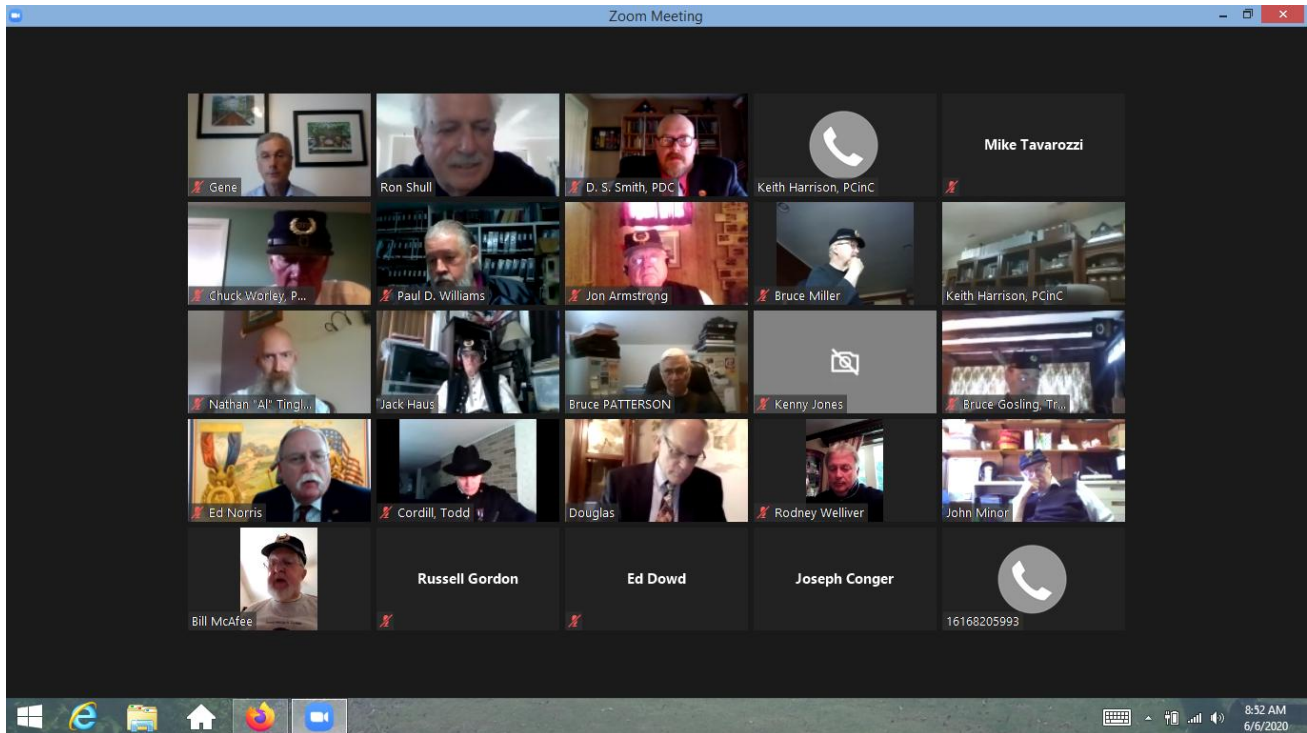
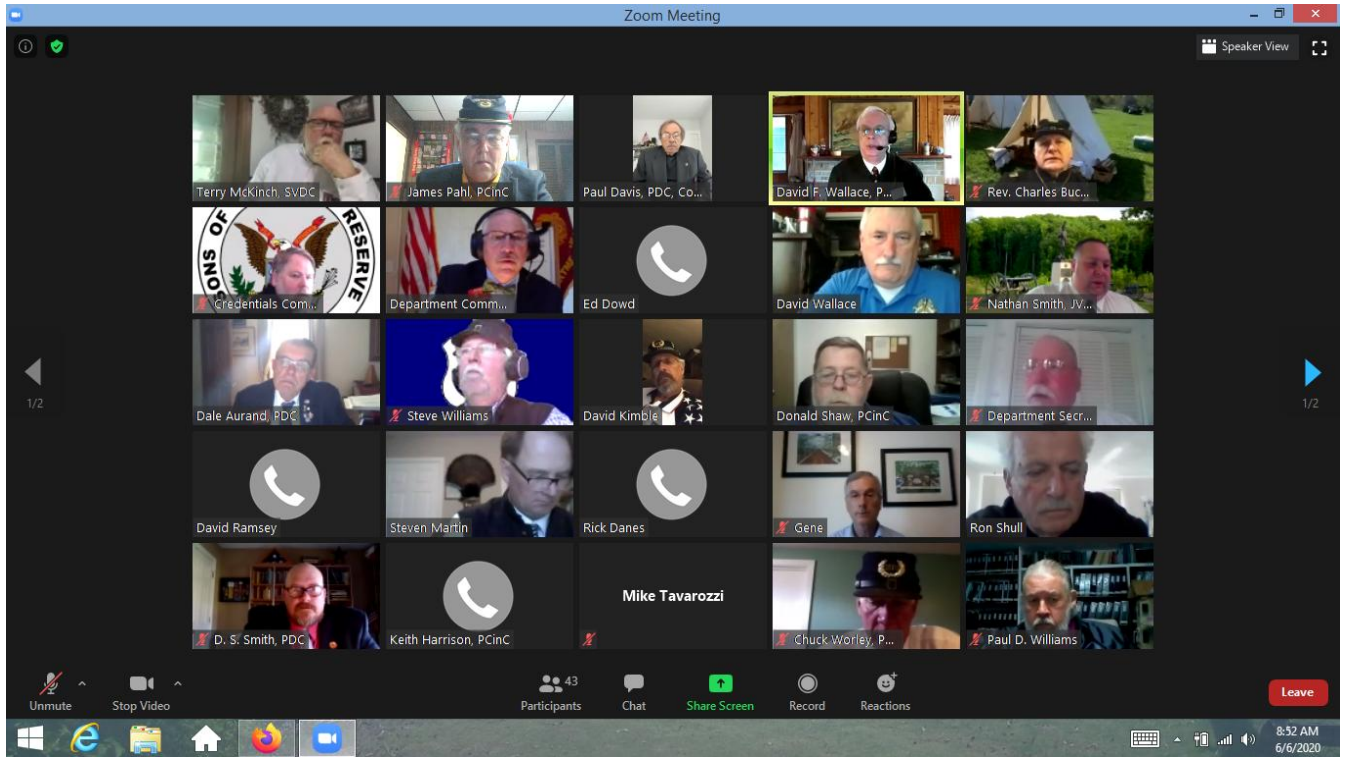
June 6, 2020

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Robert R. Payne
Department Commander



The 136th Annual Michigan Department Encampment was called to order by Department Commander Robert R. Payne at 8:56 AM.

(Due to Covid-19 pandemic and the State of Emergency declared by the Governor, the meeting was held by interactive video technology. Hereafter the 136th Annual Michigan Department Encampment will be referred to as The Encampment).

Commander Payne asked Department Secretary to call the Roll of Department Officers.

Commander Payne proceeded with the opening ritual.

Rules of the Encampment.

- **Officer Reports shall be as submitted. (Appendix A).**
Exceptions:
Commander
Treasurer
2022 National Encampment Chair
- **When speaking identify yourself by name and camp.**
- **All debate will be done in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.**
- **All voting will be done by voice (only voice vote is allowed, per General Order 2019-2020 #17).**
- **The Department Commander reserves the right to institute other methods of voting as circumstances dictate.**
- **At this time, if you are not using your phone to attend the Encampment, please turn off or silence your cell phones.**
- **Insure that you are muted, unless you are speaking.**
- **All comments are limited to 2 minutes.**

The Encampment proceeded with the Memorial Service as led by Department Chaplain the Rev. Charles Buckhahn.

The following Brothers passed during the 2019-2020 Term.

- **Clifford E. Owen, Henry Plant Camp No. 3, March 5, 2019.**
- **Gerald L. Wright, Austin Blair Camp No. 7, June 23, 2019.**

- **Joe Orbeck, General Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20, July 27, 2019.**
- **Henry J. Bastion, Henry Wallace Camp No. 160, August 20, 2019**
- **Philip N. Parks, PCC, Albert and James Lyon Camp No. 266, September 17, 2019.**
- **Gary C. White, Albert and James Lyon Camp No. 266, October 10, 2019.**
- **Daniel F. Eldridge, Gilluly-Kingsley Camp No. 120, November 10, 2019.**
- **William O'Donnell, Sergeant John Cosby Camp No. 427, November 29, 2019.**
- **John F. Emmons, Alexander French Camp No. 28, January 13, 2020.**
- **James Alva Tipton, Nash-Hodges Camp No. 43, January 19, 2020.**
- **William Hanusik, U.S. Grant Camp No. 67, 14th Mi. Co. A, SVR, March 29, 2020.**

The Department Chaplain gave a benediction for the deceased Brothers.

The Department Commander appointed James Pahl as PCinC as the Encampment Parliamentarian.

The Department Commander appointed Paul Davis, PDC as the acting Encampment Counselor.

The Department Commander appointed Dean Lamphere, PDC and Nathan Smith, DJVC to the Credentials Committee.

Commander Payne recognized and welcomed Commander in Chief Ed Norris.

Commander Payne introduced the following National Officers:

- Past Commander in Chief Don Shaw
- Past Commander in Chief, Assistant Counselor to Blue Book and Banner Editor Jim Pahl
- Past Commander in Chief and MOLLUS Liaison Keith Harrison
- Past Department Commander and Michigan Commander of the Michigan Commandery MOLLUS Paul Davis

Commander Payne invited Commander in Chief Norris to make some remarks.

Credential Committee Dean Lamphere, PDC gave a report on the name and number of the Brothers attending the Encampment. (Appendix C)

Commander Payne appointed the following committees:

- Bylaws Committee: Chair Terry McKinch, SVDC, Paul Davis, PDC, and Department Secretary Dick Denney.
- Officer Reports and Resolutions: Chair David Smith, PDC, J. Douglas Parks, PDC and Don Shaw, PCinC.

The Encampment recessed at 9:21 AM.

The Encampment resumed at 9:30AM.

Commander Payne announced that Department Officer Reports are on the Department Web Page and will also be included in the Encampment Proceedings.

Commander Payne asked Department Patriotic Instructor David Kimble if he had any instruction for us. He did not, but reported that his office had received three more reports than for the previous year.

We had one special Committee on the Boy Scouts and the matter was handled at the last National Encampment.

It was moved by Paul Davis, PDC, Robert Finch Camp No. 14 to table the Bylaws update and refer it to the incoming Bylaws Committee. Second by Jon Armstrong, Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17.

Motion was approved.

Commander Payne announced that no communication or correspondence had been received for the Encampment.

Commander Payne asked Jim Pahl, PCinC, for the report of the 2022 National Encampment Committee. (Appendix C).

Commander Payne announced the following Awards:

- The Austin Blair Award goes to the Camp who initiates the most Brothers in a 12-month preceding, goes to Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145.
- The Orlando LeValley Award goes to the Camp who has the largest percentage growth during the 12 months preceding, goes to Carpenter-Welch Camp No. 180.

- The J. Richard Greene Award is awarded to the Camp with the most outstanding newsletter of the preceding 12 months, as determined by the committee appointed under Department Order No. 6, Series 2018-2019. This year's recipient is Robert Finch Camp No. 14.
- The Abraham Lincoln Award Certificate of Appreciation is conferred by the Department Commander to any individual or entity by the judgement three-member panel appointed by the Department Commander. The three recipients are as follows:

Gary Swain of General Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20.

Bruce Miller of General Israel B. Richardson Camp No.2

Matt Van Acker of Save the Flags, Mich.

Commander Payne asked David Smith, PDC, Chair of the Resolution and Department Officers Reports to provide the recommendations offered by the above said officers. (Appendix C).

Commander Payne brought the recommendations before the Encampment for decision.

- Recommendation One: Are there any objections to providing a \$10,000 loan from the Department of Michigan to the 2022 National Encampment Committee? No objections, the Recommendation is passed.
- Recommendation Two: Will be discussed later.
- Recommendation Three: We will discuss the operating budget later.
- Recommendation Four: Was not to transfer any funds to the permanent fund this year? No objections, the Recommendation is passed.
- Recommendation Five, Seven, and Eight: To send the aforementioned recommendations to the incoming Bylaws Committee.
- Recommendation Six: From Department Counselor Paul Davis, PDC, addresses Department procedures for the Mary Walker Award. It recommended the incoming Department Counselor discuss this with the National Counselor. No objection. The recommendation is passed.
- Recommendation Nine: Will be tabled, Commander in Chief Norris relates that several Departments are petitioning the National Encampment on this matter.

- Recommendation Ten: It is recommended by the Department Signals Officer to continue to update the Department website on a per project basis to be reviewed by the Department Council. No objections, the Recommendation is passed.
- Recommendation Eleven: It is proposed by Department Signals Officer David F. Wallace, PDC, recommended that during the upcoming term, the Department maintain a single license ZOOM “Pro” level plan for facilitating improved communications among the Department Officers and Staff, with an estimated cost of \$150.00. This will be discussed during the Department Treasurer segment on the budget.
- Recommendation Twelve: We have already addressed this with the loan.
- Recommendation Thirteen will be referred to the incoming Bylaws Committee.
- Further Officer report Comments/ Suggestions.

The Department Chaplain hopes his successor will restart the annual meeting of the Camp Chaplains at the Department Encampment.

The Eagle Scout Coordinator encourages Camps to maintain an inventory of 10 Eagle Scout Certificates on hand.

The Department Graves Registration Officer raised the issue that 8 of 21 Camps did not attend Committee meetings last year and 3 Camps have not Rendered reports or contributed in the last 3 years. Commander Payne Hopes the use of the Zoom program may well led to further involvement of the Camps unable to travel.

New Business:

Department Commander Payne asked Department Treasurer Bruce Gosling to present the 2020-2021 Michigan Department Budget. Brother Gosling proceeded to explain in detail the proposed budget.

Paul Davis, PDC, moved to accept the Budget and to include a caveat that the Treasurer use his fiduciary responsibilities to take the \$10,000 loan from the funds he feels necessary to help support the loan for the 2022 National Encampment. Seconded by Dick Denney.

Discussion: James Pahl, PCinC and Chair for the 2022 National Encampment Committee stated that Department Treasurer Gosling is the treasurer of the National Encampment Committee and it will not be necessary for him to transfer monies as the bills will come to him. Treasurer Gosling would like to set up a separate account for the National Encampment for the sake of accounting.

The Treasurer asked if we would retain the same signatories on that account as on the regular account being Department Treasurer Gosling, PDC, Department Secretary Denney, and Department Council Member Worley, PDC? No reason was stated to change that situation.

As to the motion on the \$10,000 loan. No objections. Motion was passed.

Paul Davis, PDC moved the we approve and accept the revised and updated budget as Presented by the Department Treasurer. Seconded by Terry McKinch.

No objections. Budget is approved.

The Department Council has a question about the Council's review of the Department books, Council member Worley will meet with Department Treasurer Gosling to review the books and report to Council Members Martin and Smith.¹

Commander Payne asked if there was any other new business. There being none, we moved to a recess at 10:21 AM.

The Encampment resumed at 10:30 AM.

Good of the Order

1. The Commander discharges the Encampment Committees of their responsibilities and thanks them for their work.
2. During the 135th Annual Department Encampment I established a special Committee on the Boy Scouts. They have completed their duties and the committee is hereby discharged.
3. April 17, 2021, Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Springfield, Illinois.

¹ Subsequent to the Department Encampment, the Department Council met with the Department Treasurer reviewed, questioned and approved the Treasurer's financial records for 2019. This was communicated to the Department Secretary by email on June 17,2020.

4. August 13th-15th, 2020 The National Encampment will be held in Atlanta, Ga.
5. Weekend of November 21st -Gettysburg Remembrance Day Celebration.

The Commander called for other items for the Good of the Order. There being none. The Encampment proceeded to Nominations of Officers.

Nomination of Officers.

Commander Payne called for the Credentials Committee Chairman Dean Lamphere for the number of Brothers eligible to vote. The number stated was 44.

The Nomination Committee Brought forth Terrance McKinch, DSVC as Department Commander.

Commander Payne called for any additional nominations for Department Commander, there being none. The Commander asked if Brother McKinch was willing to serve? Brother McKinch answered in the affirmative.

Commander Payne asked what other offices do you hold within the Order? Brother McKinch answered that he was Senior Vice Commander of Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 and Department Senior Vice Commander of Michigan.

It was move by James Pahl that nominations for Department Commander be closed and when any nomination closes and there is only a single candidate the that the secretary be directed to cast a single ballot for election. Motion seconded by David F. Wallace, Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145. A call was made for objections. There being none the motion was approved.

The Secretary was directed to cast a single vote for Terrance McKinch, DSVC.

Department Secretary: One yes ballot is cast.

The Department Commander offered congratulations to the newly elected Department Commander elect.

The nomination Committee brought forth Nathan Smith, DJVC, as Department Senior Vice Commander. Commander Payne called for any additional nominations, there being none. The Commander asked if Brother Smith was willing to serve? Brother Smith answered in the affirmative.

Commander Payne asked what other offices do you hold within the Order?
Brother Smith answered that he is Camp Commander of U. S. Grant Camp No. 67, Camp Secretary of LeValley Heusted Camp No. 255 and Department Junior Vice Commander of the Department of Michigan.

The Department Secretary was directed to cast a single vote for Nathan Smith, JDVC.

Department Secretary: one ballot is yes ballot is cast

The Department Commander offered congratulations to the newly elected Department Senior Vice Commander.

The Nominations Committee brought forth the name of David Ramsey, CSVC, for Department Junior Vice Commander. Commander Payne called for any additional nominations; there being none. Commander Payne asked Brother Ramsey if he was willing to serve. Brother Ramsey answered in the affirmative.

Commander Payne asked what other offices do you hold within the Order?
Brother Ramsey answered that he was Senior Vice Commander in Robert Finch Camp No. 14.

The Department Secretary was directed to cast one vote for Brother Ramsey, CSVC.

Department Secretary: one yes ballot is cast.

The Department Commander offered congratulations to the newly elected Department Junior Vice Commander.

The Nominations Committee brought forth the name of Charles Worley, PDC for Department Council Member no. 1. Commander Payne called for any other nominations, there being none; Commander Payne asked Brother Worley if he was willing to serve? Brother Worley answered in the affirmative.

Commander Payne asked what other offices do you hold within the Order?

Brother Worley answered that he was Department Council Member No.1 and Camp Commander of March to the Sea Camp No. 135.

The Nominations Committee brought forth the name of Steven Martin, CC, for Department Council member no. 2. Commander Payne called for any other

nominations, there being none. Commander Payne asked Brother Martin if was willing to serve? Brother Martin answered in the affirmative.

Commander Payne asked what other offices do you hold within the Order?

Brother Martin answered that he is Camp Commander of Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17 and Council Member No. 2 and Guard of the Department of Michigan.

The nominations Committee brought for the Name of David S. Smith, PDC, for Department Council Member no. 3. Commander Payne asked for any other nominations, there being none; Commander Payne asked Brother Smith if he was willing to serve? Brother Smith answered in the affirmative.

Commander Payne asked Brother Smith what other offices he holds within the Order? Brother Smith answered that he is Secretary of Robert Finch Camp No. 14.

Commander Payne noting there was no opposition for the three Council seats, he directed the Department Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for the three Council positions.

Department Secretary: one unanimous ballot for the three positions is cast.

The Department Commander offered Congratulations to the newly elected Department Council members.

Commander Payne announced the elections as being completed and duly closed.

Election of Delegates.

Commander Payne asked for nominations of Delegates to the 2020 National Encampment in Atlanta, Ga. The names nominated were Richard Denney, PCC, Edgar Dowd, PCC, Lloyd Lamphere, Sr., PCC, and Ronald Shull, PCC.

James Pahl, PCinC, moved to elect the named Brothers be elected as Delegates of the Department of Michigan to the 2020 National Encampment and that the rest of the delegation be taken alphabetically from the Department roster and that the remainder of the Department roster be elected as Alternate Delegates. David F. Wallace, Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 seconded the motion.

Commander Payne called for any opposition to the motion; there being none, the motion was approved.

Commander Payne took the opportunity to thank the elected and appointed offices for their assistance in the past year.

Installation of Department Officers.

Commander in Chief Edward J. Norton proceeded to install the 2020-2021 Department of Michigan Officers by Ritual.

Commander McKinch had his badge pinned on by Linda McKinch and he proceeded to make some remarks.

Past Department Commander Robert Payne made some additional remarks.

Dean Lamphere, PDC shared a picture of the Past Department Commander's badge with the Encampment.

Commander in Chief Norris asked if there were any question from the Brother of the Encampment. A few questions were raised and answered by Commander in Chief Norris.

Department Commander McKinch proceeded with the closing ritual and the Encampment adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

Richard Denney

Secretary, Department of Michigan

APPENDIX A



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

Department Commander's Report
Robert R Payne, Commanding
May 20, 2020



Well Brothers, this year has finally come to an end, and what an end it has been. We started the year with great expectations and enthusiasm, we are, unfortunately, ending under a cloud of quarantine and disease. This second year as your Commander has been fun and yet, I have encountered things that I never would have anticipated. But, as a Department, we have come through in magnificent form. Enthusiasm for our cause is great and we continue to look for ways to accomplish our mission, outside traditional thinking and with Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. Thank you, Brothers.

This year, under the guidance of PCinC Jim Pahl, we applied for and were granted the opportunity to host the 2022 National Convention of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The site selection committee is currently reviewing sites and will render their decision as soon as this health crisis has subsided. I call on the Department to provide \$10,000 to the 2022 National Encampment Host Committee as seed money to assist in the funding and preparations for this upcoming event. I recommend this be extended with the same guidelines established for the 2017 National Encampment held in Lansing.

The Communication and Technology Committee has been working tirelessly on updating and restoring the Department Website. To that end, I am recommending an increased budget for that committee as requested by the Signal Officer., PDC David Wallace. Thanks to his efforts, the Graves Database and the GAR Post database are, once again, up and running, with enhancements to assist our Department in keeping it up to date.

I was able to attend many events this past year, here is a partial list.

1. Memorial Day events with Curtenius Guard Camp 17.
2. Memorial Day Parade and Re-dedication of the Civil War Monument in Blissfield with Nash-Hodges Camp 43.
3. Participated in the Memorial Day Service at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Saginaw, with the Department Chaplain, Charles Buckhahn.
4. The Last Soldier Memorial in Marcellus with Frederick H. Hackeman Camp 85.
5. Emory Paraday Park Dedication in Nashville with Curtenius Guard Camp 17.
6. Grave Dedications in Allegan and Constantine with General Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20, and Ypsilanti with Carpenter-Welch Camp 180.
7. Attended the National Encampment in Cleveland, Ohio
8. Attended Remembrance Day Ceremonies in Gettysburg.
9. Assisted in laying a wreath at Arlington
10. Assisted laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Civil War Soldiers.
11. Celebrated Christmas with Gov. Crapo Camp 145, at their Annual Christmas Dinner.
12. I officiated at many Camp Officer Installations.

This second year of command has been fun. I have, again, traveled the state, met with many brothers, and enjoyed myself. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



Robert R Payne
Department Commander
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



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Camp Senior Vice Commanders
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

May 18, 2020

Dear Brothers,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support at the 2020 Annual Department of Michigan Encampment and offer my support to you and your camp. The 2020 – 2021 year has its challenges and we at the Department of Michigan want your camp to be assured that as the year moves on, that we will face and conquer all challenges. The National requirements are still very important for legal reasons and to move forward with the IRS requirements for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Please support our Department by supplying all SUVCW forms to the Department Secretary in a timely manner. It is important to be computer versed and I can assist those Brother that have challenges.

I hope that the 2020 – 2021 year will be a prosperous one for your camp and please remember to contact me if you have any questions, comments or need assistance in any way.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty
Terry McKinch, Senior Vice-Commander



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

**Office of
Junior Vice Department Commander
Nathan L. Smith, CC**



JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S REPORT

DATE: 27 Apr 2020
SERIES: 2019-2020

Department Commander Robert Payne, fellow brothers, and honored guests,

It has been my pleasure to serve the 2019-2020 term as the Junior Vice Department Commander and I would like to thank all of the brothers for the opportunity to do so.

During the 2019-2020 term I interacted with numerous individuals interested in becoming members of the SUVCW. I also during this term processed over a half dozen applications and forwarded them to the appropriate Camps to start the membership process. In November 2019 I had the pleasure of Installing the Officers of General I.B. Richardson Camp #2.

Respectfully Submitted

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Nathan L. Smith, CC
Junior Department Vice Commander
Department of Michigan, SUVCW

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2020 Department Council Annual Report
For the 136th Encampment of the Department of Michigan, SUVCW
June 6, 2020

Commander, Brothers, and Distinguished Guests of the Order; The brothers of the Department Council are pleased to offer our report to today's Encampment.

Allow us to say that the items brought before us this past year included several requests of sponsorship that we declined. It is our hope that we acted responsibly and prudently with the Department of Michigan, SUVCW resources on behalf of all the Brothers of the Order. We will continue to approve funds for Camps and the Department where the sponsorship is verifiable and promotes the work of the Order.

For the administrative year of 2019-2020, your Department Council approved several items for the benefit of the Department of Michigan operations. The first of these was to approve the donation of 10 copies of Michigan at Gettysburg to the GAR Hall and Museum.

In October 2019, we declined the request for a donation that didn't fit the Order's objectives.

In support of the Department Treasurer and the Department's license to market SUV Kepi Badges, the Council authorized the Treasurer to accept a quote for a new vendor, Coins for Anything, and purchase an inventory of the badges. This is a vendor that currently provides pins and badges for the SUV Foundation.

We discussed by email the prospects of several venues for future Department Encampments. Locations in Gaylord and Grand Rapids were considered. Resources and expenses for our needs and Allied Orders joining us were discussed. For the overall value, the decision to return to the Okemos Conference Center in 2021 was affirmed.

The Department Council was also asked to approve an expense for the suvcwmi.org web pages of \$700.00. The upgrade to the Graves Registry Database and ability to input data should provide some needed efficiencies.

The Department Treasurer's 4th quarter/Year to Date balance sheets and proposed budget for 2020 have been reviewed and appear to be in good order. The cancellation of the 2020 in-person Department Encampment has shifted the preparation and hosting of the Encampment responsibilities. We stand by the Commander and Department Staff in their effort to host this virtual Encampment.

Respectfully submitted.
Department Council members

Steven Martin, CC,
David Ramsey,
Charles Worley, PDC



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



**Office of the Department Secretary
Report to the 136th Annual Department of Michigan Encampment**

To Commander Payne and the 136th Annual Department of Michigan Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the civil War.

I thank the 136th Encampment for the trust in allowing me to serve as their Department Secretary for 2019-2020 term.

I wish to thank Commander Payne, the Department Officers, and the Camp Officers for their aid in conducting the operation of my office.

I also wish to thank PCinC Jim Pahl for his valuable and excellent work in assembling the Encampment Proceedings after I have transcribed them.

This term all reports and necessary documentation has been submitted to the National Headquarters well before their required deadline.

I encourage anyone who has questions about the preparation and the processing of forms or the processes involved with their duties as camp secretary, do not hesitate to contact me. I am here to assist you.

I will endeavor to have the Annual Department Proceedings published in timely manner.

As a final note from the Executive Director David Demmy, he has asked that the reporting of deceased members be accomplished as soon as possible so the National and Department Chaplains have the information and also for the cancellation of the deceased's Banner so it does not arrive and cause the family another reminder of the loss.

Thank you and best regards,

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Richard (Dick) Denney
Secretary, Department of Michigan

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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

June 6, 2020

Report of the Department Treasurer

Commander Payne, Officers and Brothers of the Department of Michigan

The Department of Michigan has concluded the financial business of the 2019 Membership Year and our finances continue to be positive. We posted revenues and expenditures from normal operations during 2019 of \$6,360.36 and \$4,840.33 respectively to the General Fund. This resulted in an excess of revenues of \$1,520.03 for the year.

Total funds available amounted to \$24,653.68 as of December 31, 2019. Of that total, \$65.42 is restricted for Gettysburg flag replacement. A total of \$24,588.26 represents unassigned cash that may be disposed of by this Encampment.

The Department of Michigan Permanent Fund reflects a total of \$53,155.11, which consists of a permanently restricted balance of \$51,849.75 and a temporarily restricted income accumulation of \$1,305.36.

I wish to report:

1. All permanent fund assets have been invested in government-backed securities or insured certificates of deposit through an Edward Jones account. Stated interest rates on investments are between 2.0% and 3.875% with a net yield of 2.46% on our investment for the year after amortization of bond premiums.
2. That the actual expenses incurred for the year were \$1,342.67 under the budgeted amount for the year. This is largely due to officers not submitting requests for expense reimbursements under the Department Guidelines and the pledge of \$500.00 to the 102 USCT Monument not being disbursed. An alternate source for our brass kepi badges has been secured which will substantially reduce the cost of our merchandise.

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

1. That the proposed 2019 operating budget for the General Fund, attached to this report, be accepted as presented.
2. That, in light of the approval for the Department of Michigan to host the 2022 National Encampment, no General Funds should be transferred to the Permanent Fund in the current year.

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 am beginning my second year of a three year term as Department Treasurer so have not submitted a letter of intent. 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,

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

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**Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Proposed Budget
Year ending December 31, 2020**

	Actual December 31, 2019	Proposed 2020 Budget
Revenues		
Per-capita	3,003.25	3,100.00
Departmental Sales	1,328.50	1,000.00
Dept. Encampment Registration	325.00	400.00
Dept. Encampment Meals	314.50	325.00
Donations	4.70	50.00
Sales of 2017 Nat'l Encampment Badges	0.00	0.00
Permanent Fund Encampment Support	716.07	550.00
Total Revenues	<u>5,692.02</u>	<u>5,425.00</u>
Expenses		
Cost of Goods Sold	684.39	500.00
Advertising	192.00	200.00
Postage & Shipping	38.70	50.00
GAR Records (500 less GAR Donation below)	0.00	300.00
Department Archives Project	0.00	100.00
Department Encampment Costs	1,346.51	1,300.00
Visiting National Officer Expense	0.00	250.00
Insurance	90.00	90.00
102 USCT Monument Pledge	0.00	500.00
Website Costs	635.65	200.00
Supplies	26.49	0.00
Donations-Eaton Rapids GAR Hall	200.00	200.00
Software (approved by 2018 Encampment)	168.54	0.00
New Camp Fee	25.00	0.00
Officer & Committee Expenses (Per guidelines)	539.71	2,200.00
Expected Officer Expense Shortfall in Requests	0.00	(1,500.00)
Past C-in-C Gift	105.00	100.00
PDC Badge	120.00	124.00
Total Expenses	<u>4,171.99</u>	<u>4,614.00</u>
Net Revenue (Expense)	<u>1,520.03</u>	<u>811.00</u>

**Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Financial Report-Permanent Fund
For the Year Ending December 31, 2019**

Assets

Edward Jones Money Market Fund	5,011.41
TVA Power Bond	5,035.12
Farm Credit Bank Bond	7,053.79
Farm Credit Bank Bond	6,024.28
Glens Falls NY Pub Impr GO	10,059.13
Federal Home Loan Bank Bond	9,931.09
Wells Fargo Bank CD	6,000.00
Discover Bank CD	4,040.29
Accrued Interest Purchased	0.00
 Total Assets	 <u><u>53,155.11</u></u>

Fund Equity

Restricted Balance	51,849.75
Temporarily Restricted Balance	<u>1,305.36</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u><u>53,155.11</u></u>

Statement of Revenues and Expenses

For the Year Ended
December 31, 2019

Revenues

Interest Income	1,390.32
Amortization of Bond Premiums	-84.96
Transfer from General Fund	<u>212.08</u>
Total Revenues	<u>1,517.44</u>

Expenses

Transfer to General Fund - Encampment Expenses	716.07
 Total Expenses	 <u>716.07</u>
 Net Revenue (Expense)	 <u><u>801.37</u></u>

**Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Financial Report-General Fund
For the Year ended December 31, 2019**

Balance Sheet

Assets	
Cash in bank	24,653.68
Site Deposit for 2020 Dept. Encampment	250.00
Merchandise Inventory - Kepi Badges	668.00
Total Assets	<u>25,571.68</u>
Liabilities	
	0.00
Fund Equity	
Unrestricted Balance	25,506.26
Restricted Balances	
Rally Round the Flag	65.42
Total Fund Equity	<u>25,571.68</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>25,571.68</u>

Statement of Revenues and Expenses

For the Year Ended
December 31, 2019

Revenues	
Per-capita	3,003.25
Departmental Sales	765.00
Gettysburg Book Sales	563.50
Dept. Encampment Registration	325.00
Dept. Encampment Meals	314.50
Perm Fund Support-Encampment Costs	716.07
C-in-C Shaw Fund Raiser	668.34
Donations	4.70
Total Revenues	<u>6,360.36</u>
Expenses	
Cost of Goods Sold	684.39
Advertising - Banner & National Encampment	192.00
Shipping Costs	38.70
Department Encampment Costs	1,346.51
Insurance	90.00
Supplies	26.49
Donation to GAR Hall	200.00
Website Costs	635.65
Software Approved by Encampment	168.54
New Camp Fee	25.00
C-in-C Shaw Support	668.34
Past C-in-C Gift	105.00
Officer & Committee Expenses per Guidelines	539.71
Past Dept. Commander Jewel	120.00
Total Expenses	<u>4,840.33</u>
Net Revenue (Expense)	<u>1,520.03</u>

OPERATING BUDGET PERFORMANCE		Department of Michigan SUVCW 2019					Total	Difference
REVENUES	Budget	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter			
Department Per Capita	3,500	105.00	2,870.25	22.00	6.00	3,003.25	(496.75)	
Sales	1,000	50.00	415.00	185.00	115.00	765.00	(235.00)	
Brochure Sales	20	-	-	-	-	-	(20.00)	
Donations	50	-	-	4.70	-	4.70	(45.30)	
Gettysburg Book Sales	-	-	208.34	323.50	240.00	563.50	563.50	
Don Shaw Dinner & Donations	-	460.00	-	-	-	668.34	668.34	
Perm Fund Costs Support	-	-	-	716.07 #	-	716.07	716.07	
Encampment Receipts	400	240.50	399.00	-	-	639.50	239.50	
Total Revenues	\$ 4,970	\$ 855.50	\$ 3,892.59	\$ 1,251.27	\$ 361.00	\$ 6,360.36	\$ 1,390.36	
EXPENSES								
Cost of Goods Sold	500.00	-	520.39	82.00	82.00	684.39	184.39	
Advertising	200.00	192.00	-	-	-	192.00	(8.00)	
Officer Expenses	2,200.00	-	81.94	360.00	97.77	539.71	(1,660.29)	
Insurance	90.00	-	90.00	-	-	90.00	-	
New Camp Fee	-	25.00	-	635.65 *	-	25.00	25.00	
Website & LLS Certificate	230.00	-	-	-	-	405.65	405.65	
Department Archives Project	100.00	-	-	-	-	(100.00)	(100.00)	
Project GAR Records	300.00	-	-	-	-	(300.00)	(300.00)	
Postage & Shipping	80.00	27.70	-	11.00	(9.06)	38.70	(41.30)	
Dept. Encampment Exp.	1,200.00	-	1,355.57	-	-	1,346.51	146.51	
Visiting Nat'l Officer Expense	250.00	-	-	-	-	(250.00)	(250.00)	
PDF Software for Secretary	159.00	-	168.54	-	-	168.54	9.54	
Supplies & Other Expenses	50.00	-	-	26.49	-	26.49	(23.51)	
C in C Expense Support	-	-	-	668.34	-	668.34	668.34	
Past C in C Gift	-	-	-	105.00 X	-	105.00	105.00	
102 USCT Monument Pledge	500.00	-	-	-	-	-	(500.00)	
PDC Jewell	124.00	120.00	-	-	-	120.00	(4.00)	
Donations Eaton Rpd's GAR	200.00	-	200.00	-	-	200.00	-	
Memorial Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Expenses	\$ 6,183.00	\$ 364.70	\$ 2,416.44	\$ 1,888.48	\$ 170.71	\$ 4,840.33	\$ (1,342.67)	
Excess Revenues (Expenses)	\$ (1,213.00)	\$ 490.80	\$ 1,476.15	\$ (637.21)	\$ 190.29	\$ 1,520.03	\$ 2,733.03	

REMARKS: # Perminant Fund transfer to offset Department Encampment costs approved by 2019 Dept. Encampment
 X Expense approved by Administrative Council
 * Website hosting fees paid for two years, only one was budgeted @ 250, plus domain name, gravesite registrations not budgeted



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Counselor • Department of Michigan

Annual Report of the Department Counselor: May 20, 2020

The Department Counselor thanks the Department for his appointment as the Department Counselor and all Brothers who have sought counsel during the past term 2019-2020.

During this past year, the Counselor has researched and answered a variety of procedural questions at the request of the Department Commander. Advice and counsel have been provided on other matters as well.

1. Foremost in procedural matters, are the review of the Department Bylaws which is to be conducted annually by the Bylaws Committee and recommendations provided to the Commander so as to ensure any recommended Bylaws changes are circulated to the members in the proper allotted time prior to the Annual Department Encampment so they may be reviewed by the Encampment as a body.

2. There was one recommended change this year and that concerned the criteria for which the Department Lincoln Award was to be made. A draft was presented within the proper allotted time for review by all Camps so that it could be voted upon at the 2020 Department Encampment. As this is not an urgent matter, and if it is not acted upon during the 2020 Department Encampment, it should be brought forward again for consideration at the 2021 Department Encampment.

In the past few recent weeks, and well beyond the required deadline for bringing changes to the Bylaws to the Department for consideration, a number of issues concerning our Bylaws and Operating Guidelines have arisen. It is recommended that the following items should be brought to the Bylaws Committee for evaluation in the 2021 term.

3. A second item relating to the Awards is the procedure for the Mary Walker Award. Currently our procedures are in conflict with the Rituals and Ceremonies. Frankly it is the opinion of the Department Counselor that the Department of Michigan's Procedures are far more responsible and equitable. We may wish to address this with the National Counselor to evaluate whether or not we would be required to change our Bylaws.

4. Another matter that required research and an opinion was the use of certain language relating to various deities mentioned in the various rituals of the Order. After extensive research, the conclusion and recommendation of the Counselor to the Commander was to provide the guidance described in Paragraph 19, Page 4 of the Rituals and Ceremonies, 2015 Edition, which states:

“Modification of Prayers & Ceremonies” Prayers, memorial ceremonies and services contained in the Ritual and Ceremonials book may be modified as needed in deference to religious faiths of persons and/or groups.”

Further guidance is supplied in **ARTICLE IV. Religion and Politics**

The Order being strictly non-sectarian and non-partisan, the introduction or discussion of sectarian or partisan topics is strictly prohibited. (3) Footnote 3: This language does not prohibit the Legislative Affairs officer or committee from reporting on a wide variety of pending legislative issues that impact the Order, such as access to landlocked cemeteries by easements, protection of grave markers, etc. CinC Mellor, 132nd, 311 (General Order 13)

5. In the past several weeks and partially due to the unusual circumstances we are currently dealing with, we have been faced with a number of additional issues of possible concern.

One being the language in our Department Bylaws that has been dictated to us by the National Organization concerning the interaction and responsibilities in dealing with Junior members. This language mentions specifically the Boy Scouts. During the next business year, 2020-2021 we should monitor this requirement and be prepared to address it both with National as well as within our Department so as to not be considered in any way as approving of policies and procedures concerning the interaction with minors as the situation has resulted in many lawsuits now being filed.

6. The next review of the Bylaws by the Bylaws Committee should be directed to consider the following:

ARTICLE IX – Committees

Section 12. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five Brothers who are NOT currently elected to an office of the Department. The committee's purpose shall be to prepare a slate of officers, listing one or more Brothers for each elected office of the Department, for the presentation at the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. Nominations from the floor will continue to be accepted at the Annual Michigan Department Encampment.

Recommend the following changes for consideration:

Section 12. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Department Commander and shall consist of five Brothers who are NOT currently elected to an office of the Department. A Nominating Committee Chair shall be appointed by the Department Commander. The Chair shall not vote except when there is a tie vote of the Nominating Committee for any given candidate. There shall not be more than one Brother from any one Camp within the Department appointed to the Nominating Committee. The committee's purpose shall be to prepare a slate of officers, listing one or more Brothers for each elected office of the Department, for the presentation at the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. The Brothers so nominated must be qualified to be elected by virtue of their having served as a past Camp Commander or currently seated Camp Commander. In addition the nominated candidate shall have demonstrated his ability to responsibly and capably serve in any office to which he has been nominated. The Nominating Committee shall exercise due diligence to ascertain via peer review, investigation, or other methodologies, that the candidate so selected by the Nominating Committee has demonstrated his competency and abilities for good service and leadership.

Further any Brother who is a member of the Nominating Committee shall in the event a candidate who is a member of his Camp is selected for nomination, he shall as a member of the Nominating Committee recuse himself for voting for that candidate so nominated.

Nominations from the floor will continue to be accepted at the Annual Michigan Department Encampment.

It is also to be noted that any Committee of the Department shall not have more than one Brother from any one Camp serving on any one Committee. It is suggested that the incoming Counselor in concert with the Bylaws Committee review the Bylaws, Operating Guidelines and Committee Requirements and make like recommendations for such Committees.

7. Although there is nothing actionable at this time, the current situation concerning State and Federal mandates regarding meetings and gatherings as a result of the COVID Virus has caused a great deal of discussion as to hosting remote/virtual Camp and Department meetings and especially exactly what types of business and actions can be determined via remote/virtual meetings.

Items such as Registration and the voting processes, election of officers, financial reconciliation by Councils are among topics to be discussed and guidelines determined.

In addition, the various Camps and Departments are wrestling with the various software packages and the

requirements necessary to hold remote/virtual meetings, including not just the hosting process but also what equipment is required to host as well as what technology equipment is needed by attendees such as video and audio or audio only computer capability, cell phones, tablets and land line telephones.

Currently there has been no definitive communication or guidelines provided by the National SUVCW to address these items and the processes for conducting a remote/virtual meeting. Nor has there been an adequate explanation of the definition of "In Attendance" versus "Present." Robert's Rules of Order, 11th Edition, under Types Of Business Meetings, actually addresses procedures and requirements for Electronic Meetings.

The opportunity to host a remote/virtual meeting per General Order 17, while optional, has generated concern from our members. Some of the more tech savvy Brothers are OK with it but do not want to be responsible for hosting. Older Brothers don't embrace the technology and many do not use or have the necessary devices to participate. It is strongly recommended that the Department urge the National SUVCW to develop definitive rules and procedures for all aspects concerning the conducting of remote/virtual meetings.

Failing that, the Department should develop its own processes and procedures using Robert's Rules of Order as a guideline until such time as the National SUVCW answers these issues with finite directions.

For those Brothers who do not have the ability or desire to meet virtually, they will become disenfranchised and the few more technical savvy Brothers will carry the day as a minority without allowing those less able to participate in a balanced and equitable process.

In conversation with the National Counselor, some topics such as requesting a postponement of Department Encampments beyond the July 1 deadline, while having been raised in conversations, have not been addressed fully. Until the current State and Federal mandates are lifted, there will probably not be anything forthcoming from the National SUVCW until a later date.

At that time we can re-visit our Bylaws again as well as our Operating Guidelines to see what if anything may be required to be in compliance with the National Constitution and Bylaws.

Respectfully in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Paul Davis
Department Counselor
Department of Michigan, SUVCW.

Department Chaplain's Report
Department of Michigan Encampment
June, 2020

I begin my report with a thank you to all who signed the "Get Well Card" sent to me after last year's Department Encampment. As you recall, I could not attend due to a severe sinus infection. Your card did uplift my spirit, and so I thank you all very much!

As of June 30, 2019, I have retired from the active ministry of my Church, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. On Sunday June 16, 2019, Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church, Saginaw, held a Retirement celebration for me and my wife Etta. Several representatives of the Department of Michigan, SUVCW were in attendance. I thank them for their presence, their support, and their love for a fellow Brother in the Sons.

The plans my wife and I have for our future have been severely effected by the pandemic. Plans to sell our home and move south to the western part of South Carolina so to be closer to our children's families are on hold. Of course stay at home orders have also prevented trips to see 5 year old granddaughter Hannah or to see 11 month old grandson Victor Charles Buckhahn. However, I still plan to step down as Department Chaplain at this year's Department Encampment. In the coming months Etta and I will be making decisions that, hopefully, will enable us to be a bigger part in our children's families.

During lunch at the last Encampment, several of the Camp Chaplains attending the Encampment met together to share their experiences and concerns as Camp Chaplains. I had hoped that this meeting could happen this year, however the restrictions place upon the Department Encampment due to the current pandemic has prevented this from happening. I hope that my successor will restart this annual meeting of Camp Chaplains during the Department Encampment.

During the past year, nine of our brothers passed away. There are:
Clifford E. Owen, Henry E. Plant Camp #3, March 5, 2019;
Gerald Lee Wright, Austin Blair Camp #7, June 23, 2019;
Joe Orbeck, General Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20, July 27 2019;
Henry J. Bastion, Henry Wallace Camp #160, August 20, 2019;
Philip Parks, Albert and James Lyon Camp #266, September 17, 2019;
Daniel F. Eldridge, Gilluly-Kingsley Camp #120, November 10, 2019;
William O'Donnell, Sergeant John Cosby Camp #427, November 29, 2019;
John F. Emmons, Alexander French Camp # 28, January 13, 2020;
William Hanusik, U.S. Grant Camp #67, March 29, 2020.

During the past year, I have also read many a Camp Newsletters, as part of the Greene Award Committee. The results of that Committee's work will be announced during the Encampment.

I end my report with another thank you; a thank you to all of my brothers of the Department. Your love to and respect for me over the past eight years as your Department Chaplain has been a great source of joy for me. Please know that you and your families have been in my daily, personal prayers. They will continue to be so in the years ahead.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Chaplain Charles F. Buckhahn, PCC



DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR ANNUAL REPORT

Annual report
Report Deadline June 1, 2020

Department Name: MICHIGAN

Department Patriotic Instructor Signature:

David W. Kinski

Department Commander Signature:

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete form and send to National Patriotic Instructor. Report numbers, hours volunteered and money spent. Fill in box or write narrative as applicable. Do not fill in shaded boxes.

KEY:

Y = Yes. N = No. # = Number. Hrs = Hours. Amt = Dollar amount spent.

		Y	N	#	Hrs	Amt
1	How Many Civil War History Education events conducted to include Patriotism, Americanism, and Civic responsibility?			38	145	657. ⁰⁰
2	How many Civil War History Education conducted via living history or other venues?			46	481	32. ⁰⁰
3	How many Flags given or sent to military troops?					
4	Armed Forces Day Participation?	3	10	5	7	9. ⁰⁰
5	Memorial Day Participation?	13		99	169	140. ⁰⁰
6	Flag Day Participation?	3	10	5	6	10. ⁰⁰
7	July 4 Participation?	6	7	18	46	30. ⁰⁰
8	Remembrance Day Participation?	7	6	25	271	N/A

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Mail - Dick Denney - Outlook

5/14/2020

https://outlook.live.com/mail/0/inbox/id/AQQkADAwATYwMAITmE5Y11Zm12LTAwAIDwMAoARgAAA8FIP... 1/2

9	Veterans Day Participation?	7	5			
10	How many Community Events involving Patriotic Holidays?					
11	How many Patriotic/Americanism Essay Contest Participation?					
11a	Number of Schools Participating?					
11b	Number of Youth Groups Participating?					
11c	Number of Students Involved?					
11d	Scholarships Awarded if any?					
12	How did you promote the SUVCW in your Department? (continue on page 4 if necessary) <i>ASKING ALL CAMPS TO GET OUT AND EDUCATE ON THE CIVIL WAR.</i>					
13	Did Members wear and display member Badges at events?	11	2			
14	How many Flag Etiquette programs did you provide to the Community, businesses, and Schools?					
15	Did you promote Patriotic Holidays participation in your Department?	12	1	44		
16	Did you support the Boy Scouts Eagle Scout Awards Program?	6	7	15		
17	Did you support the JROTC/ROTC Cadet Program?	4	9	16		

18	<p>What events or functions did your Department participate in by showing how important Patriotism/Americanism is to our organization, community, state, and nation? (continue on page 4 if necessary)</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY FESTIVITIES 4th OF JULY AT GAR HALL EATON PARKS NUMEROUS HEADSTONE DEDICATIONS REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND AT GETTYSBURG NATIONAL CEMETERY & 4th MARCH MONUMENT / PARADE</p>						
19	<p>Did your Department include our Sisters from the Allied Orders?</p>	7	5				
20	<p>How many events were the Sisters of the Allied Orders included?</p>	8	3				
21	<p>Was a Patriotic Instructor appointed?</p>	12					
22	<p>Department Patriotic Instructor provided patriotic and/or educational presentations at Department Meetings?</p>	11	1				
23	<p>As Department Patriotic Instructor, what forms of communication did you use? (continue on page 4 if necessary)</p> <p>E-MAIL</p>						
24	<p>Suggestions for the Patriotic Instructor positions (continue on page 4 if necessary):</p> <p>I FEEL THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INTO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO EDUCATE THE YOUTH ON THE WAR.</p>						

25	How many Camps within your Department?		21		
26	How many Camp Patriotic Instructors within your Department?		20		

No.	Narrative Continuation

Officer Report

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Fri 5/8/2020 4:07 PM

To: cwsonvet@hotmail.com <cwsonvet@hotmail.com>

Brother Dick,

Well, I did it! Missed the deadline for my reports. Sorry!
I was sort of hoping for a "face-to-face" encampment but
heard last Wednesday that we will be having a virtual meeting
instead.

So here they are in lieu of in person :

Past Commander Shaw, Commander Payne, Staff and Brothers here "assembled"

I bring this report as Color Bearer for the year, 2019 - 2020, Department of
Michigan, SUVCW.

It has been my high honor to once again care for the "Colors" of the Department.
They have and will continue to fly high in honor of our Country.

The "Colors" traveled to several places. Springfield, IL. to honor President Lincoln,
Petersburg, IL. to honor Dr. Stephenson, the founder of the GAR, our forerunner.
Memorial Day Observances in my home community, July 4th Holiday, Patriot's
Day in September and then to Gettysburg for Remembrance Day ceremonies.

I will continue to endeavor to give advice on respect of our Flag, proper display
and when necessary, seeing that Flags in disrepair are removed, replaced and
then disposed of in the prescribed respectful manner.

I would encourage all Brothers to fly high the Flag of our country, which seems
rather a "preaching to the choir" statement as I know that all do just that!

As I close, let me once again thank the Department and Brothers for their allowing
me this, as I stated earlier, high honor to care for the "Colors".

Respectfully Submitted In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Edgar Dowd, PCC
Color Bearer
Department of Michigan
SUVCW

Military Affairs,

I have no report but do have this as an addition to last year.

I have found, as I'm sure others have, that some of the other
Organizations, such as American Legion, VFW as well as others
sometimes seem hesitant to give ideas as to how we might assist
their respective organizations. Most of the time, I was told to "just
keep doing" what we had been doing, supporting their ceremonies,
parades and such.

We can strive to support them when we can. We could adopt deployed
servicemen and women. There are many avenues available to us to
help support these groups.

Any suggestions for these endeavors would be greatly appreciated.



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24 May 2020

Signals Officer Report on Behalf of the Communications and Technology Committee

Brothers of the 136th Department of Michigan Encampment,

In presenting this report on behalf of the committee, I am pleased to report that we have overcome some serious challenges that we have wrestled with for several terms. The graves registration database has been a primary challenge that was compounded earlier this year by a Structured Query Language (SQL) issue that impacted all the Department websites' SQL databases. An attempt was made to find a resolution through the personnel resources within the Department or through known outside SQL database contacts on a "gratis" basis. As this did not prove possible, outside expertise on a contractual basis was sought. I am pleased to report that the SQL issue has been successfully resolved and that the graves registration database is functioning properly and has been updated to the most current iteration provided by the Graves Registration Officer and his committee. In addition, security measures have been implemented around all SQL databases within the Department's website. Discussions have continued with the contractor around areas of improvement identified from within the Communications and Technology Committee and by the contractor.

In addition, the circumstances surrounding the current pandemic have presented the necessity of conducting a "virtual" encampment under the provisions of General Order No. 17 Series 2019-20. After testing different options, a decision was made to use the Zoom conferencing solution.

Based on the website work completed this term, and the "virtual" conferencing challenge presented for this encampment, your committee would purpose that:

1. Bids be sought for continued website updating on a per project basis to be reviewed and approved by the Department Council as was done during this term; and
2. During the upcoming term, that the Department maintain a single license Zoom "Pro" level plan for facilitating improved communications among the Department's officers and staff, with an estimated annual cost of \$150.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee,

David F. Wallace, PDC
Signals Officer
Chair, Communications and Technology Committee

Organized 1881 - Legal Heir of and Representing the Grand Army of the Republic.



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVILWAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

Office of the Editor –*Michigan's Messenger*



June 6, 2020

To Department Commander Robert R. Payne, PCC and
Attendees of the 136th Department of Michigan Encampment

Greetings,

This being my 15th year as editor of our exceptional Department newsletter, I submit:

This will serve as a report for the recent activities of the Editor of Michigan's Messenger.

Currently, Michigan's Messenger is sent electronically to all Camps within the Department on a quarterly basis. 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.

This is the third year that a Department e-mail address was established exclusively for the editor, so that when a new Michigan's Messenger is sent, each Camp contact will receive a copy and can then e-mails copies of the newsletter to their Camp, or arrange for copies to be made available to those who do not have e-mail. In this manner, all Brothers can take the opportunity of participating in Department Events.

As Officers and Camps continue to submit articles that they want to share with the Department, 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.

I remain your faithful servant in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Richard E. Danes, PCC
Editor Michigan's Messenger
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Who Will Tell the Story When the Boys In Blue Are Gone?



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May 1, 2020

Richard (Dick) Denney, PCC
Secretary, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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Subject: Michigan Department Historian Report and Report
Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum Report

Dear Brother Denney:

Attached is the most recent inventory of Michigan Department- SUVCW, National Organization - SUVCW, and Allied Orders of the G.A.R. non-electronic holdings at Michigan's G.A.R. In addition to this, the G.A.R. Museum recently acquired access to the Department electronic files on *Box.com* and, therefore, now maintains as a back up the electronic holdings of the Michigan Department SUVCW, which amounts to 3.28 Gigabytes (2,483 Files in 443 Folders) of information. These electronic files are maintained in a separate file folder in the G.A.R. Museum's electronic holdings and are backed up by two computers, 2 separate hard drives, one memory stick and in the Google Cloud.

Keith G. Harrison

Board President

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Subject: Annual Report of the Department Guide, 2019-2020 term

Commander Payne, Officers and Men of the Department of Michigan,

The official responsibilities as prescribed by the Job Descriptions of the Order for the Department Guide are limited to the Department Encampment. As a result, there has been no activity to date to report.

/s/

Nathan K. Tingley

Nathan K. Tingley, CC
Department Guide
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**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVILWAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN**

**OFFICE OF THE GRAVES REGISTRATION
OFFICER**



June 6, 2020

To Department Commander Robert R. Payne, PCC and
Attendees of the 136th Department of Michigan Encampment

Greetings,

This being my 20th year as Graves Registration Officer for the Department, I submit:

This will serve as a report for the recent activities of the Department Graves Registration Committee.

The achievements of the Committee, although significant, did not meet the stated goals of previous period's 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. The Camps that did not attend meetings during the past year are: 3, 43, 85, 160, 180, 255, 250, and 266. Camps 3, 85, and 250 have not made a report or otherwise contributed in the past few years.

The Committee meets every quarter, realizing our 76th meeting in December of 2019 (the March meeting was cancelled because of the pandemic closures), as we achieved an average attendance of over 50% of the total camps in the Department at each meeting. These meetings created meaningful dialog that is useful to Camp Graves Registration Officers (CGRO) and allowed them a forum to express ideas, concerns, and 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 Committee. That database has reached 75,363 records (an increase of over 300 in the past year) of heroes buried both in Michigan and in outstate locations. In addition, we have updated over 9,300 records for changes.

Because of the efforts of Department Signals Officer David Wallace and his Committee, the Graves Database has been reformatted and is current on line. This effort will allow the CGROs to access the data on-line, rather than by the use of a cd. The database will be controlled by the DGRO.

In addition, the Committee continues its work on the "Last Soldier" project, created by Committee member Jim Petrimoulx from Camp 67. This list will be a part of the Graves Registration section of the Department Website, with Camps reporting changes to the Department Officer.

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

I remain your faithful servant in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Richard E. Danes, CC
Graves Registration Officer Department of
Michigan, and Member
National Graves Registration Committee Sons of
Union Veterans of the Civil War

Keeping Green the Memory

Report of the G.A.R. Records Officer / Committee
May, 2020

Commander Payne, Officers and Brothers,

Another year has come and gone, and the work of the committee continues. Requests for information on individual veterans and posts continue to be received, from as close as Stockbridge, Michigan to Otisville, New York.

Several leads on the locations of post records and charters have been received and are being followed upon. The records of the Billy Cruson Post No 347, located in Breckenridge, Michigan, are held in the Clarke Historical Library in Mount Pleasant, Michigan. The records include membership records, receipt books, reports and correspondence, from 1892 - 1919. With the post records are records pertaining to the Billy Cruson Corps No. 95, W.R.C., also of Breckenridge.

Also in the Clarke are the family papers of Amasa B. Watson of Grand Rapids. Included in these are correspondence related to the Amasa B. Watson Post No. 395, which was located in Grand Rapids.

A few leads on post charters have been received and these, too, are being followed up on. It is hoped that within the next few months, some positive outcomes will be realized in this endeavor.

It is an honor to serve the department in this capacity, and is quite rewarding as progress is made. I look forward to continuing the work of this office.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Gary L. Gibson, PDC
G.A.R. Records Officer
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Subject: Annual Report of the Department Camp-at-Large Coordinator, 2019-2020 term

Commander Payne, Officers and Men of the Department of Michigan,

Last summer I was asked by Commander Payne to take on the position of Department Camp-at-Large Coordinator from Brother Boller. Russell A. Alger Camp 462 had an increase of 1 member, Brother Christopher Momany by transfer this past year. The Camp currently has 14 Members, 4 of those Members are Life Members in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The Camp Annual report for 2020 was filed on time with some minor mistakes on my part that was cleared up with the help of Brother Denny and all monies collected for 2020 dues were forwarded the Department Treasurer.

/s/

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Subject: Annual Report of the Department Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, 2019-2020 term

Commander Payne, Officers and Men of the Department of Michigan,

It has been an honor this past year to serve as the Department Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator for the State of Michigan. A total of 7 certificate applications have been reported and processed from this office from many SUVCW Camps in the Department. Currently this office holds in care for the Department of Michigan 12 Eagle Scout Certificates. I would encourage all Camps to keep 10 certificates on hand at any given time so that they are able to process any applications they would receive without delay of mail.

/s/

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Department Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator
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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

REPORT OF THE CAMP ORGANIZER

Brothers:

There were contacts from a former brother of the Order in the Grand Rapids area about forming a new Camp. It was learned this former brother had left the Order and was issued a Discharge for the Good of the Order, for non-payment of dues to the Russell A. Alger Camp #462, Michigan's Camp at Large. As such, it will take the approval of a Department Encampment to allow this former Brother to rejoin the Order. (See National Regulations, Chapter I, Article II, Section 3a). It appears at this time, he is not interested in pursuing this any further.

No other information has been received concerning any new Camps in this Department.

I do note that the National Committee on Program and Policy is engaged in the final stages of modifying Form 50, (Instructions for Forming a Camp), to make the process smoother and easier to understand.

In fraternity, charity and loyalty,

James B. Pahl, PCinC
Camp Organizer
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

REPORT OF THE 2022 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT HOST COMMITTEE

Brothers:

Plans are well underway for Michigan to host the 2022 National Encampment. The National Site Selection Committee has narrowed down the host hotel to two facilities in Grand Rapids, the Crowne Plaza and the Double Tree. Both are near the Grand Rapids airport.

A bid was obtained from the Amway Grand Plaza but their costs were much higher and the National Site Selection Committee has rejected this bid. Once travel bans are lifted, the National Site Selection Committee will conduct on site visits and make the final selection.

With the recent General Order from our Commander-in-Chief, the host committee has been attached to the National Site Selection Committee, allowing us to fall under the IRS 501c3 status of the National Organization. This will certainly help with fundraising.

The Encampment Badge and the Special Badge will feature Gen. Alpheus Williams. There is a pre-Encampment fund raising badge anticipated. We also have a sister of the Auxiliary who is a graphic artist working on a logo for advertising and the polo shirts.

RECOMMENDATION: The Department Encampment authorize a loan to the 2022 National Encampment Host Committee in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be used to pay the costs necessary to host a National Encampment.

I note this is the same amount requested by the 2017 Host Committee received. They were able to repay the loan in full and returned to the Department over \$6,000.00 in excess income.

The next step is to find brother (or sisters of the Auxiliary) to chair the various committees needed to make this happen. A few have already been appointed and the committees beginning to come together.

In fraternity, charity and loyalty,

James B. Pahl, PCinC
Chair
2022 National Encampment Host Committee

APPENDIX B

Recommendations



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



**Office of the Department Secretary
2020 136th Annual Department of Michigan Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Recommendations**

Department Commander: Provide \$10,000.00 to the 2022 National Encampment Host Committee as seed money to assist in the funding and preparations for this upcoming event. He recommends this be extended with the same guidelines established for the 2017 National Encampment held in Lansing, MI.

**Department Treasurer: 1. That the proposed 2019 operating budget for the General Fund, attached to the Treasurer's report, be accepted as presented.
2. That, in light of the approval for the Department of Michigan to host the 2022 National Encampment, no General Funds should be transferred to the Permanent Fund in the current year.**

**Signals Officer: 1. Bids be sought for continued website updating on a per project basis to be reviewed and approved by the Department Council as was done during this term.
2. During the upcoming term, that the Department maintain a single license Zoom "pro" level plan for facilitating improved communications among the Department's officers and staff, with the estimated cost of \$150.**

National Encampment Host Committee Chair Jim Pahl: The Department Encampment authorize a loan to the 2022 National Encampment Host Committee of \$10,000.00 to be used to pay the costs necessary to host a National Encampment.

Organized in 1881 – Legal heir of and representing the Grand Army of the Republic.

APPENDIX C

Committee Reports



**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVILWAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN**

2020 J. Richard Greene Award



June 6, 2020

*To Department Commander Robert R. Payne, PCC and
Attendees of the 136th Department of Michigan Encampment*

Greetings,

This being my 2nd year as the J. Richard Greene Award Committee Chairman, I submit:

This will serve as a final report for the Committee.

A committee of three Brothers: Reverend Charles Buckhahn, PCC, Brother Dick Denny, JVC, and Chair Richard Danes, Sr, PCC were appointed by Commander Payne to review submitted Camp Newsletters and choose one that represents the best in the Department. A total of 30 entries from 5 Camps, namely Camps 2, 14, 20, 5, and 135 were considered based on such attributes as readability, content, appearance, distribution, and regularity of issue.

This year's competition was fierce, and the top three Camps were within one point of each other as far as scoring. However, according to our Department Bylaws, there can only be one recipient of this award each year, but I must say that there are 5 "winners" this year.

Because one of the three continues to excel in content and appearance year after year, I am proud to announce that the 2020 J. Richard Greene Award for the most Outstanding Newsletter in the Department of Michigan is bestowed on Robert Finch Camp Number 14, and the "Sharpshooter".

I encourage all Camps to submit their newsletters for consideration in 2020. The competition will begin just after June 6, and will continue until 30 days before the 2021 Department Encampment.

I remain your faithful servant in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

*Richard E. Danes, PCC
Chairman, J. Richard Greene Award
Committee.
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Who Will Tell the Story When the Boys In Blue Are Gone?



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

Office of the Nominating Committee



June 6, 2020

To: Department Commander Robert R. Payne and
Attendees of the 136th Department of Michigan Encampment

Greetings,

This being my 8th year as Department Officers Nominations Chairman, I submit:

This will serve as a report for the recent activities of the Officers Nominations Committee.

Each year the Department Commander appoints a Committee Chair and 4 Brothers to present a list of at least one good man for each of the annual Department Officers' positions for the Department Encampment's consideration.

In the 2019-2020 year, Brothers L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., PDC, Ed Dowd, PCC, David S. Smith, PDC, David Kimble, PCC, and Richard Danes, PCC as chair were appointed as committee members.

All committee members work as a team and achieved the desired goal.

Brothers who placed their name in consideration were:

Department Commander –	Terrence L. McKinch, PCC
Department Senior Vice Commander –	Nathan L. Smith, CC
Department Junior Vice Commander -	David V. Ramsey, SVC
Department Council –	Charles L. Worley, PDC
	Steven S. Martin, CC
	David S. Smith, PDC

The positions of Department Secretary and Department Treasurer are elected for two year terms, which expire in 2021.

A webpage containing information about Brothers who seek office is used, due to the excellent work of our Signals Committee. This feature enables the members to read about and see who is seeking office before the Department Encampment.

On behalf of the Committee members, thank you for the opportunity to serve.

I remain your faithful servant in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Richard E. Danes, PCC
Chairman, 2019 – 2020 Nomination Committee
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



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



**Annual Michigan Department
Encampment**

June 6th, 2020

Report of the Eagle Scout Question Referral Special
Committee

Nathan Tingley, CC, Chair
Hon. James B Pahl, PCinC
Roy Richard

Commander Payne, Officers and Men of the Department of Michigan,

The scope of this committee as outlined in Department Commander Robert Payne's General Order #3, Series 2018-2019 is to examine all Articles and Sections in the C&R where references are made to the Boy Scouts of America, and Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator. In doing so we are also charged with making a recommendation to the 136th Annual Michigan Department Encampment on whether these should be changed or not.

Since action was taken by the 138th National Encampment held at Independence, Ohio on August 8 through 11, 2019 that changed the Regulations at the National, Department and Camp levels permitting the issuance of an Eagle Scout Certificate to both boys and girls who apply for it. This Committee has no recommendations to the 136th Annual Michigan Department Encampment. I respectfully ask that Department Commander Payne dissolve this Committee.

/s/

Nathan K. Tingley

Nathan K. Tingley, CC, Chair
Eagle Scout Question Referral Committee
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

APPEXDIX D
FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

<i>Registrant's Name</i>	<i>Checked Into Encampment (Yes/No)</i>	<i>Present counter</i>	<i>Camp#</i>	<i>Camp Name</i>	<i>Location</i>
Norris, Ed	Yes	1	0	Headquarters	National Organization
Haus, Jack W.	Yes	1	2	Gen. Israel B. Richardson	Oakland County
Miller, Bruce W.	Yes	1	2	Gen. Israel B. Richardson	Oakland County
Grable, Dan	Yes	1	3	Henry Plant	Grand Haven
Kimble, David	Yes	1	7	Austin Blair	Jackson
Tingley, Nathan	Yes	1	7	Austin Blair	Jackson
Aurand, Dale L.	Yes	1	14	Robert Finch	Traverse City
Conger, Joseph C.	Yes	1	14	Robert Finch	Traverse City
Davis, Paul	Yes	1	14	Robert Finch	Traverse City
Jones, Kenny L	Yes	1	14	Robert Finch	Traverse City
Mattis, Ted	yES	1	14	Robert Finch	Traverse City
Ramsey, David V	Yes	1	14	Robert Finch	Traverse City
Sawyer, John	Yes	1	14	Robert Finch	Traverse City
Smith, David S.	Yes	1	14	Robert Finch	Traverse City
Welliver, Rodney	Yes	1	14	Robert Finch	Traverse City
Armstrong, Jon	Yes	1	17	Curtenius Guard	Lansing-Sunfield
Harrison, Keith G	Yes	1	17	Curtenius Guard	Lansing-Sunfield
Martin, Steven	Yes	1	17	Curtenius Guard	Lansing-Sunfield
Pahl, Jim	Yes	1	17	Curtenius Guard	Lansing-Sunfield
Park, J. Douglas	Yes	1	17	Curtenius Guard	Lansing-Sunfield
Payne, Robert	Yes	1	17	Curtenius Guard	Lansing-Sunfield
Shull, Ronald G.	Yes	1	17	Curtenius Guard	Lansing-Sunfield
Buckhahn, Charles	Yes	1	67	U.S. Grant	Saginaw, Bay City, Midland
Williams, Steven	Yes	1	85	Frederick H. Hackeman	Bridgman
Denney, Dick	Yes	1	135	March to the Sea	Centerville
Gordon, Russell	Yes	1	135	March to the Sea	Centerville
Gosling, Bruce	yes	1	135	March to the Sea	Centerville
Worley, Charles	Yes	1	135	March to the Sea	Centerville
Derr I, Dennis C.	Yes	1	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Flint
Derr II, Dennis C.	Yes	1	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Flint
Dowd, Ed	Yes	1	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Flint
Lamphere Sr, Lloyd D	Yes	1	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Flint

Lamphere Jr, L. Dean	Yes	1	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Flint
McKinch, Terrance	Yes	1	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Flint
Minor, John H.	Yes	1	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Flint
Patterson, Bruce D	yes	1	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Flint
Shaw, Donald W.	Yes	1	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Flint
Taylor, Gene	Yes	1	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Flint
Wallace, David F.	Yes	1	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Flint
Wallace, David T.	Yes	1	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Flint
Williams, Paul	Yes	1	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Flint
McAfee, Bill	Yes	1	180	Carpenter - Welch	Ann Arbor - Ypsilanti
Tavarozzi, Michael L	Yes	1	180	Carpenter - Welch	Ann Arbor - Ypsilanti
Smith, Nathan	Yes	1	255	LeValley - Heusted	Mayville
Danes Sr., Richard E.	Yes	1	427	Sgt. John Cosbey	Dearborn
Cordill, Todd	Yes	1	462	Russell A. Alger	Michigan Camp-at-Large