

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



138th Annual Michigan Department Encampment

May 14, 2022

DoubleTree by Hilton Airport
Grand Rapids, MI

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Nathan Smith, Department Commander

NATIONAL OFFICERS VISITING



Michael Paquette - Commander-in-Chief



Allison Pollit – National President



Brothers attending the Encampment



DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

138th Annual Department Encampment Grand Rapids, Michigan May 14, 2022

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- 8:00 AM – Registration Opens
- 9:00 AM – Encampment Convenes & Joint Memorial Service
- 12:00 PM – Recess for Lunch
- 12:00 PM – Dept. Chaplains Meeting.
- 1:30 PM – Encampment Reconvenes
- 5:00 PM – Encampment Closes

LUNCH INFORMATION

Buffet-style lunch will be available in the Hotel Restaurant.

**Price is \$15.00 per person +
24 % Service (Gratuity)
Charge = \$18.60**

Menu for Ganders Lunch Buffet

-PASTA BAR-

Caesar Salad
Pasta, Home Made Alfredo
House Marinara Sauce
Sliced Chicken Breast
Bread Sticks
Iced Tea & Lemonade

**Individuals would pay hostess upon entry of Ganders Private Dining Area*

ENCAMPMENT AGENDA & INFORMATION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

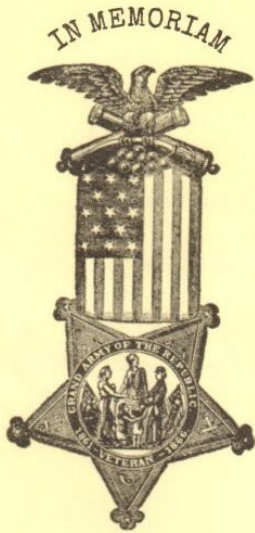
1. Opening of Encampment
2. Introduction of National Officers & Allied Orders in Attendance
3. Joint Memorial Service
4. Roll Call of Officers
5. Report of the Credentials Committee
6. Appointment of Encampment Committees
7. Department Officer's Reports
8. Reception and reference of communications (Bylaws and/or Resolutions)
9. Department Awards
10. Membership Awards
11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
12. Report of the Department Council
13. Old Business
14. New Business
15. Commander-in-Chief's Remarks
16. For the Good of the Order
17. Nomination of Officers
18. Election and Installation of Officers
19. Election of Delegates to the National Encampment
20. Installation of Officers
21. Closing of the Department Encampment

"Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty"

RULES OF THE ENCAMPMENT

- Officer reports shall be as submitted with the exception of the Department Commander, Department Treasurer, Department Secretary, and Department Council.
- Brothers will be able to speak twice on a given topic
- When speaking identify yourself by name and Camp, and come to the microphone
- When making a motion approach the microphone, and remain near the microphone so as to repeat the motion if required
- If a motion is lengthy or complicated, it is expected that the Brother making the motion provide it in writing to the Department Secretary
- All debate will be done in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty
- All voting will be done by use of the voting card issued to delegates upon arrival
- The Department Commander reserves the right to institute other methods of voting as the circumstances dictate.
- Please turn off or silence your cell phones. If you need to take an incoming call please exit the meeting room.
- Past C-in-C James Pahl is appointed Encampment Parliamentarian
- Past C-in-C Don Shaw is appointed Encampment Counselor
- Lunch will be at 12:00 PM or thereabouts.

Encampment Program



138th Annual
Department Encampment

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN



SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE CIVIL WAR

Nathan L. Smith
Department Commander

Grand Rapids, Michigan

138TH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

DELEGATE

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Delegate Voting Card

MINUTES OF THE ENCAMPMENT

Department Commander Nathan Smith Called the Officers and members of the 138th Annual Michigan Department Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to order at 9:01AM. (Hereafter the 138th Annual Michigan Department Encampment will be referred as the Encampment.)

DC Smith introduced the National Officers in attendance:

National Commander-in-Chief Michael A. Paquette.

MOLLUS Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief & MOLLUS Michigan Commandery Commander Paul Davis.

Banner Editor, Assistant National Counselor-Blue Book, Assistant National Secretary, Assistant National Treasurer, and Past Commander-in-Chief James Pahl.

Past Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison. Past

Commander-in-Chief Donald Shaw.

Commander-in-Chief Michael A. Paquette was introduced and he made some initial remarks.

Past Department Commanders were introduced: Terrance

McKinch

David Wallace

Dale Aurand

David Smith

Paul Davis

Donald Shaw

James Pahl

Keith Harrison

Chuck Worley

Past Department Commanders continued:

Bill Brennan

Robert Payne

L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.

The Guide and Color Bearer escorted the Auxiliary Officers to the Altar.

DC Smith introduced National Auxiliary President Allison Pollitt and Department of Michigan Auxiliary President Connie Horning.

National President Pollitt offered a few remarks. Department

President Horning offered a few remarks.

The Department Chaplain and the Auxiliary Chaplain proceeded with the Joint Memorial Service.

The Auxiliary lost one sister: Lanette M. Morley

The Department of Michigan lost:

Richard O. Bower, Sgt. John S. Cosbey Camp No. 427

William McAfee, Carpenter-Welch Camp No. 180

Jentry Farmer, U.S. Grant Camp No. 67

James S. Nedela, Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 250

Robert L. Clark, Robert Finch Camp No. 14

Theodore C. Johnson, Alexander French Camp No. 28

Warren E. Foote, Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 250

Dennis Clark Derr, Sr., Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145

Prayer was offered by the Department Chaplain.

The Sisters were then escorted to the door to conduct the business of the Auxiliary.

DC Smith instructed the Guide along with the Color Bearer and Guard to determine if all present were entitled to remain. The Guide reported that all Brothers were entitled to remain.

De Smith directed the Department Secretary to call the roll of the Officers of the Encampment.

The roll was called and a copy is in Appendix A.

DC Smith proceeded with the opening ceremony, prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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- Past Cine Don Shaw is appointed Encampment Counselor.
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REPORT BY THE Credentials Committee The

report will be given prior to the nomination of Officers.

APPOINTMENT OF ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES

Bylaws: Gary Swain, PCC {Chair}, Dick Denney, PCC, and Paul Davis, PDC. Officer Reports:

Charles Worley, PDC (Chair), Robert Payne, PDC and Dale

Aurand, **PDC**.

Fraternal Relations: Keith Harrison, PCinC (Chair), James Pahl, PCinC, and Cine Michael

A. Paquette (Honorary).

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS REPORTS

DC Smith gave the Department Commander's report . (All Officer's reports are in Appendix B attached.)

SVDC Swain called for a motion to refer this report and all subsequent reports to the Encampment Committee on Officer's Reports. David Smith, PDC so moved and a second was given by Terry McKinch, PDC. Motion was approved.

SVDC Swain, PCC gave his report.

JVDC Kimble, PCC gave his report.

Dept. Secretary Dick Denney, PCC gave his report.

Dept. Treasurer Bruce Gosling, PDC gave his report.

DC Smith stated that the proposed budget and Treasurer's recommendations will be acted upon in New Business.

Department Council: David Smith, PDC gave the Department Council report.

RECEPTION AND REFERENCE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DC Smith asked the Secretary for any communications regarding Bylaws or resolutions. A resolution from the Kalamazoo Lincoln Statue Special Committee was presented. (Resolution is in Appendix D.)

Other communications: A letter was received from Kevin L. Martin, PDC announcing his candidacy for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

A letter was received from Peter J. Hritsko, Jr., Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief announcing his candidacy for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

A letter was received from Robert R. Payne, PDC announcing his candidacy for a seat on the Council of Administration.

James Pahl, PCinC moved that the Encampment acknowledge the receipt of the letters from Brothers Martin and Hritsko and endorse and support Brother Payne for the Council of Administration. Second by Terry McKinch, PDC.

Motion was approved.

(All letters are in Appendix F.)

DC Smith declared a break at 10:20 AM. The Encampment resumed at 10:30 AM.

Department Awards

ABRAHAM LINCOLN AWARD

DC Smith announced the recipients of the Department Abraham Lincoln Award for 2021-2022 as Richard Denney, PCC, Bruce Gosling, PCC, and Charles Worley, **PDC**.

DR. MARY EDWARDS WALKER AWARD

There were no submissions for the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker **Award** this term.

J. RICHARD GREENE AWARD

The J. Richard Greene Award for the best Camp newsletter for the 2021-2022 term was awarded to Robert Finch Camp No. 14. Paul Davis, PDC accepted the award for Camp No. 14 and PDC Davis gave praise to David Smith, PDC for the success of the Camp's newsletter.

AUSTIN BLAIR AWARD

For the greatest member gain (numerical)- Russell A. Alger Camp No. 462.

ORLANDO LEVALLEY AWARD

For the greatest percentage gain- Russell A. Alger Camp No. 462.

REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

DC Smith asked for a motion that if any committee recommendation other than Bylaw's is unopposed, that be adopted at the sound of the gavel. Terry McKinch, PDC so moved and second from Rob Payne, PDC. Motion approved.

Bylaws Committee: SVDC Gary Swain, PCC

(The text of the proposed Bylaw changes and all Committee reports are in Appendix C.)

SVDC Swain, PCC read the proposed change No. 1 for the J. Richard Greene Award.

Discussion ensued. DC Smith called for the vote. Motion failed.

SVDC Swain, PCC read proposal No.2 concerning Article II, Sections 1 & 2. Discussion ensued.

James Pahl, PCinC, moved a substitute motion (Appendix C). Second by David Grimes. Discussion ensued.

The motion was subsequently tabled.

Proposal No. 2 concerning Article II was referred back to the Bylaws Committee. Graves

Registration Committee: Rick Danes, PCC. (Appendix C.)

Civil War Memorials: John McGill, CC. (Appendix C.)

GAR Records Committee: Gary Gibson, PDC. (Appendix C.)

Communications and Technology Committee: Robert Payne, PDC, (Appendix C)

Recommendations were Approved.

Committee Reports Con't.

Credentials Committee Report: L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., PDC (Appendix C)

Kalamazoo Lincoln Project Special Committee: Charles Worley, PDC

Report is in Appendix C. A resolution from the committee requesting additional funds from the Department for \$2500.00. Discussion ensued. James Pahl, PCinC, moved that any excess income from the National Encampment Committee after bills are reconciled be supplied for the Lincoln Statue project for up to \$5000.00. Second by Nathan Tingley, CC. Motion approved.

National Encampment Committee: James Pahl, PCinC. Verbal report given. DC Smith Called for the lunch break at 11:55 AM.

Encampment resumed at 1:42 PM.

Reports of Encampment Committees

Encampment Committee on Officer's Reports: Charles Worley, PDC, Chair. Commander's report: (Appendix B.) two recommendations.

1. Committee Concurs. Recommendation was approved.
2. Committee concurs. James Pahl moved to have "required concurrence of the "to

consultation of 2nd by Terrance McKinch, PDC. Motion approved.
Recommendation was approved.

Chief of Staff Report: (Appendix B.) three recommendations.

1. Committee concurs. Recommendation was approved.
2. Committee concurs. Recommendation was approved.
3. Committee Concurs. Discussion ensued. Matter was referred to the Communications and Technology Committee.

Signals Officer Report: (Appendix B.) Three recommendations.

1. Committee concurs. Recommendation was approved.
2. Committee concurs. Recommendation was approved.
3. Committee concurs. Recommendation was approved.

GAR Records Officer's Report: (Appendix B.) one recommendation.

1. Committee Concurs. The request to raise the budget by \$200.00 was approved.

Civil War Memorials Officer Report: (Appendix B.) three recommendations.

1. Committee had no opinion. DC Smith ruled the recommendation out of order.
2. Committee had no opinion. DC Smith ruled the recommendation out of order. Request should be made to Signals Officer.
3. Committee had no opinion. DC Smith ruled the recommendation out of order.

DC Smith declared a break at 2:15 PM. The

Encampment resumed at 2:27 PM.

Report of the Department Council

Department Council Report: David Smith, PDC (Appendix B.)

Department Council Audit Report: David Smith, PDC. The audit meets approval.

OLD BUSINESS

DC Smith asked if there was any old business? There being none the Encampment moved on to New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Brother Max Riekse proposed a motion about mailing information, Orders, etc. instead of utilizing email. Second by Brother Grable. Discussion ensued.

Motion failed. (Motion in its entirety is in Appendix E.)

DC Smith: At this time, **we will** address the Department Treasurer's recommendations and proposed budget. (Appendix B.)

1. The proposed General Fund budget plus the \$200.00 addition be approved. The Committee on Officer's reports concurs. Recommendation was approved.
2. That no General Funds be transferred to the Permanent fund this year. The committee concurs. Recommendation was approved.
3. Adopt the following: "the annual Unrestricted Balance of the Permanent
4. Fund be used to reimburse the General Fund for any shortfall of revenues over expenses of the annual Department Encampment". The Committee concurs. Recommendation was approved.

There was no further New Business. DC

Smith declared a break at 3:50 PM. The

Encampment resumed at 4:09 PM.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF REMARKS

Commander-in-Chief Michael A. Paquette was invited to make further remarks.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

DC Smith discharged the Encampment Committees from their duties. He thanked the Brothers for their work.

DC Smith thanked the Double-Tree by Hilton for their hospitality. DC Smith thanked everyone who made this Encampment possible.

DC Smith reminded everyone that the National Encampment will be here in Grand Rapids at this location from August 11-14, 2022. Please visit the Department website for more information.

DC Smith announced that the Gettysburg Remembrance Day will be held the weekend of November 19, 2022.

Charles Worley, PDC read a message about the "Save the Flags Adoption Program". (Appendix H.)

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Chairman of the Credentials Committee L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., PDC reported on the voting strength. 40 delegates are eligible to vote.

Nathan Tingley, CC of the Nominations Committee handed the report to the Department Secretary, who read the findings of the Committee. (Appendix C.)

David Kimble, PCC moved that if there is only one candidate, the Department Secretary cast a unanimous ballot and declares that person as elected.

Second by Terrence McKinch, PDC. Motion approved. DC

Smith handed the gavel to SVDC Swain.

Brother Nathan Smith, PCC was asked if elected to the office of Department Commander are you willing to serve? The response was yes. Do you hold any other elected offices in the Order? Department Commander and Camp Secretary of LeValley-Heusted Camp **No. 255**. Three times a call for further nominations was made and no nominations were forthcoming. A unanimous ballot was cast and Brother Nathan Smith, PCC was declared elected.

SVDC Swain returned the gavel to DC Smith.

Brother Gary Swain, PCC was asked if elected to the office of Senior Vice Department Commander are you willing to serve? The response was yes. Do you hold any other elected office in the Order? Senior Vice Department Commander. Three times a call for further nominations was made and no nominations were forthcoming. A unanimous ballot was cast and Brother Gary Swain, PCC was declared the elected.

Brother Steve Martin, PCC was asked if elected to the office of Junior Vice Department Commander are you willing to serve? The response was yes. Do you hold any other elected office in the Order? Department Council. Three times a call for further nominations was made and no nominations were forthcoming.

A unanimous ballot was cast and Brother Steven Martin, PCC was declared the elected.

Brother Dick Denney, PCC was asked if elected to the office of Department Secretary are you willing to serve? The response was yes. Do you hold any other elected office in the Order? Department Secretary, Junior Vice Camp Commander of March to the Sea Camp No. 135, and Camp Council of General Orlando M. Poe Camp No. 444. Three times a call for further nominations was made and no nominations were forthcoming. A unanimous ballot was cast and brother Dick Denney, PCC was declared elected.

Brother Bruce Gosling, PCC was asked if elected to the office of Department Treasurer are you willing to serve? The response was yes. Do you hold any other elected offices in the Order? Department Treasurer and Camp Secretary/Treasurer of March to the Sea Camp No. 135. Three times a call for further nominations was made and no nominations were forthcoming. A unanimous ballot was cast and Brother Bruce Gosling, PCC was elected.

Brother David Smith, PDC was asked if elected to Department Council No. 1 are you willing to serve? The response was yes. Do you hold any other elected offices in the Order? Department Council, and Camp Commander of General Orlando M. Poe Camp No. 444. Three times a call for further nominations were made and no nominations were forthcoming. A unanimous ballot was cast and Brother David Smith, PDC was elected.

Brother Robert Payne, PDC was asked if elected to Department Council No. 2 are you willing to serve? The response was yes. Do you hold any other elected offices in the Order? Department Council, Camp Commander of Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17, and Camp Council of Gov. Henry Crapo Camp No. 145. Three times a call for further nominations was made and no nominations were forthcoming. A unanimous ballot was cast and Brother Robert Payne, PDC was elected.

Brother David Kimble, PCC was asked if elected to Department Council No. 3 are you willing to serve? The response was yes. Do you hold any other elected offices in the Order? Junior Vice Department Commander. Three times a call for further nominations was made and no nominations were forthcoming. A unanimous ballot was cast and Brother David Kimble, PCC was elected.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

DC Smith called for any Brothers who know with a certainty that they will be attending the 2022 National Encampment to please stand and give your name and Camp to the Department Secretary.

Secretary announced that 23 Brothers were listed. The Department was allowed 17 delegates. In the ensuing discussion six Brothers withdrew.

James Pahl, PCinC moved that the six Brothers that withdrew as delegates be listed as alternates one thru six and be the first to be delegates in case of absence of elected delegates. The rest of the Michigan Department roster as Brothers in good standing be listed as alternates. Second by PCinC Keith Harrison. Motion approved. (List of delegates are in Appendix I.)

Any Brother planning to attend the 2022 National Encampment, please let the Department Secretary know by July 6, 2022, so an alternate credential card can be supplied.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in -Chief Michael A. Paquette proceeded to install the Department of Michigan Officers for 2022-2023 by ritual.

After the installation of Officers, DC Smith proceeded to close the Annual Michigan Department Encampment by ritual.

The Encampment was closed at 4:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Richard Denney, Secretary, Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

APPENDIX A

ROLL CALL OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Office	Name	Present	Absent
Department Commander	Nathan L. Smith, PCC	x	
Department Senior Vice Commander	Gary Swain, PCC	x	
Department Junior Vice Commander	David Kimble, PCC	x	
Member of Council	David Smith, PDC	x	
Member of Council	Steve Martin, PDC	x	
Member of Council	Robert Payne, PDC	x	
Secretary	Richard Denney, PCC	x	
Treasurer	Bruce Gosling, PDC	x	
Chief of Staff	David Smith, PDC	x	
Counselor	Paul Davis, PDC	x	
Chaplain	Rev. Charles Buckhahn, PCC	x	
Patriotic Instructor	Nathan Tingley, CC	x	
Color Bearer	Edgar Dowd, PCC	x	
Signals Officer	Robert Payne, PDC	x	
Editor "Michigan Messenger"	Richard Danes, PCC		x
Historian	Keith Harrison, PCinC	x	
Guide	Alex Tingley	x	
Guard	Lloyd Lamphere, Sr., PCC	x	
Graves Registration Officer	Richard Danes, PCC		x
GAR Records Officer	Gary Gibson, PDC		x
Civil War Memorials Officer	John McGill, CC		x
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Nathan Tingley, CC	x	
Camp-at-Large Coordinator	L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., PDC	x	
Camp Organizer	James Pahl, PCinC	x	
Military Affairs Officer	Edgar Dowd, PCC	x	
Aide-de-Camp	L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., PDC	x	

APPENDIX B
DEPARTMENT OFFICERS REPORTS



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

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



NATHAN L. SMITH, DC, PCC
+ HEADQUARTERS +
2620 S. DECKER RD MARLETTE, MICHIGAN 48453

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S REPORT
SERIES: 2021-2022

DATE: 14 May 2022

Brothers of the Department of Michigan,

It has been a pleasure serving as the Department Commander for the 2021-2022 term. I can genuinely say that we as an organization would not have had a successful year without the involvement of each and every one of you. If I have learned anything throughout the last year is what great Brothers we have involved within our Department. The level of dedication is unprecedented and gives me hope that our organization will live on for many generations despite drops in memberships amongst most fraternal organizations. In the past year, we have started to see an increase in activity within our Order after being restricted due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This has been a nice change. The Department of Michigan currently has 23 Camps and has a membership strength of 436 as compared to last year's number of 443 members. The past year has seen the creation of a new Camp within the Department, and I welcome General Orlando M. Poe Camp 444 of Cadillac. With the creation of General Orlando M. Poe Camp 444, there was a need to adjust Camp Geographical Boundaries. Thus Department Order No. 10 was issued to define boundaries for Camp Graves Registration and Civil War Memorials duties. This process is outlined in the Graves Registration Program Policy on Sharing Graves Registration Information, approved by the Graves Registration Committee on December 2, 2000.

I have two recommendations for our Order as we look to the next term:

1. That the Special Outreach Committee, as appointed under Department Order No. 08 for the 2021-2022 term, be continued into the 2022-2023 term. The Special Outreach Committee, as chaired by SVDC Gary Swain, has been instrumental in compiling and examining various outreach programs relating to the Civil War, which may help drive more significant interest in membership within our Order as well as provide historical insight into the war.
2. That the Graves Registration Officer and the Civil War Memorials Office work with the Bylaws Committee to review and update the Department of Michigan Graves Registration Program Policy on Sharing Graves Registration Information. This Policy should be added to the Department of Michigan Bylaws. Additionally, this Policy should be updated to include the process for assignment of Geographical Boundaries by the Department Commander with the required concurrence of the Department Council. Boundaries should apply to Graves Registration, and Civil War Memorials work.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Nathan L. Smith, PCC
Commander, Department of Michigan

Organized 1881 – heir to and representing the Grand Army of the Republic



**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Michigan
General Benjamin Pritchard, Camp 20**

Gary L. Swain, DSVC, PCC
697 Wynding Oaks
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

April 8, 2022

Department Senior Vice Commander
Department of Michigan
Annual Report

Department of Michigan Officers and Brothers of the Order:

Please allow me to express my gratitude for the confidence that you have placed in me by appointing me to the position of Senior Vice Commander-Department of Michigan. I am most appreciative of the opportunity to assist the Department in striving to achieve our objectives.

In 2021 Department Commander Nathan Smith issued Department Order No. 8 establishing a Special Outreach Committee with the expressed mission of forging relationship with outside organizations that share a common interest with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The establishment or strengthening of existing relationships has the potential to assist our efforts in keeping the memory green of the Boys in Blue, increasing awareness of the SUVCW and enhancing our efforts in retaining membership and recruiting new members. Department Commander Smith asked me to chair that committee and with the able assistance of DJVC David Kimble and Brother Mike Cox of Camp 17 we initially targeted Civil War Round Tables, Genealogical Societies and local Historical Societies. In addition to encouraging all camps and brothers within the Department of Michigan to actively participate in these local organizations, we have now reached out to these groups with offers of assistance in programing. Many brothers of the SUVCW in the Department of Michigan have volunteered their expertise in a wide variety of appropriate topics including, many aspects of the Civil War, military genealogical research and Michigan history. Further, they have existing formal programs that are available for presentation today. We have compiled a list of these brothers, their contact information and available programs and organized these into individual SUVCW Speaker Bureaus. These were then disseminated to the targeted organizations in the first quarter of 2022. Many of the speaker volunteers are now receiving invitations to address these organizations as they prepare to a return to live meetings. Copies of the available programs by organizational types are attached to this report.

It has also been my pleasure to serve on a special PR committee for the 2022 National Encampment. The work of this committee includes initiating contacts with state and local government leaders soliciting endorsements and welcomes to the delegates of the August national Encampment in Grand Rapids. We are also preparing press releases to be sent to all relevant media prior to the Encampment seeking coverage and publicity for this important event.

It has also been my honor to serve on the SUVCW Dept. of Michigan Special Committee on the Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Statue. This committee, under the chairmanship of Brother Chuck Worley PDC, has successfully raised important funds for the completion of the statue.

Pursuant to the request from Department Chief of Staff David S. Smith neither I or my committees are in possession of any Department property.

I look forward to the continuing opportunity to play a meaningful role in the coming year in the achievement of the Department of Michigan's objectives.

Respectfully Submitted

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Gary L. Swain, PCC
Department Senior Vice Commander
Department of Michigan, SUVCW

SUVCW Speakers Bureau

Civil War Round Table Programs

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Michigan

Name		Camp		Contact Info.	Program	Comments
Name	Location	#		Contact Info.	Program	Comments
Brown, Cameron	Kalamazoo	135		Phone 269 625-0275 or cameronbrown@frontier.com	Lincoln's Winning Smile	
Brown, Cameron	Kalamazoo	135		Phone 269 625-0275 or cameronbrown@frontier.com	The Relevance of Abraham Lincoln	
Cox, Michael	Charlotte	17		Phone 517 449-7639 or mikecox954@gmail.com	First Person Impresion of senator Zachariah Chandler	
Davis, Paul	Traverse City	14		Phone 989 392-2004 or pdmarmcomm@aol.com	I Rode with Custer: The Diary of Charles Safford, 5th Michigan Cavalry	Available April-October
Davis, Paul	Traverse City	14		Phone 989 392-2004 or pdmarmcomm@aol.com	The Case of Dr. Samuel A. Mudd, Trial and Lincoln Assination	Available April-October
Davis, Paul	Traverse City	14		Phone 989 392-2004 or pdmarmcomm@aol.com	Allegan to Andersonville: The Diary of George Bailey, 3rd Michigan Infantry	Available April-October
Davis, Paul	Traverse City	14		Phone 989 392-2004 or pdmarmcomm@aol.com	The Guardian of the Great Lakes, USS Michigan	Available April-October
Davis, Paul	Traverse City	14		Phone 989 392-2004 or pdmarmcomm@aol.com	The Other Civil War: The Navy Perspective	Available April-October
Davis, Paul	Traverse City	14		Phone 989 392-2004 or pdmarmcomm@aol.com	Artifacts/Badges/Medals/Weapon s Civil War Show and Tell	Available April-October
Davis, Paul	Traverse City	14		Phone 989 392-2004 or pdmarmcomm@aol.com	4th Michigan Cavalry: Capture of Jefferson Davis/Benjamin Pritchard/Minty/Robert Burns/Kalamazoo	Available April-October
Davis, Paul	Traverse City	14		Phone 989 392-2004 or pdmarmcomm@aol.com	Civil War Trivia Quiz with Audience Participation	Available April-October
Davis, Paul	Traverse City	14		Phone 989 392-2004 or pdmarmcomm@aol.com	Kalamazoo County and the Civil War	Available April-October
Gibson, Gary	Kalamazoo	20		Phone 269 345-3827 or gigsuvcw@aol.com	Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) America's First National Veterans Organization	
Gibson, Gary	Kalamazoo	20		Phone 269 345-3827 or gigsuvcw@aol.com		

SUVCW Speakers Bureau

Civil War Round Table Programs

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Holmes, Gary	Blissfield	43	Phone 517 673-0535 or gholmes@blissfieldschools.us	The 18th Michigan and the Sultana Disaster "The Forgotten Custer" Gen. George A. Custer's Life through the Civil War	
Ingall, David	Temperance	43	Phone 734 847-9527 or ddicw@yahoo.com	Michigan's Civil War Sites and Stories	
Ingall, David	Temperance	43	Phone 734 847-9527 or ddicw@yahoo.com	Detroit's Civil War Sites and Stories	
Ingall, David	Temperance	43	Phone 734 847-9527 or ddicw@yahoo.com	Monroe County Michigan in the Civil War	
Ingall, David	Temperance	43	Phone 734 847-9527 or ddicw@yahoo.com	Battle of the Little Big Horn "The Real Story"	
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	Phone 269 288-1655 or jjacks01@yahoo.com	The Irish Brigade in the Civil War	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	Phone 269 288-1655 or jjacks01@yahoo.com	Company K of the First Michigan Sharpshooters	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	Phone 269 288-1655 or jjacks01@yahoo.com	The 1st Michigan Colored Troops of the Civil War	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html
Swain, Gary	Kalamazoo	20	Phone 305 606-5699 or garyswain@aol.com	Michigan in the Civil War	Available April-October

SUVCW Speakers Bureau

Genealogical Society Programs

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Michigan

Name	Location	Camp #	Contact Info.	Program	Comments
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	269 288-1655 or jin@michlist.com	Tracing Your Civil War Ancestors	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	269 288-1655 or jin@michlist.com	Fold3-Discover Your Family's Military Past	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	269 288-1655 or jin@michlist.com	Census Research	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	269 288-1655 or jin@michlist.com	Beyond the Federal Population Schedule	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	269 288-1655 or jin@michlist.com	Putting it all Together	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	269 288-1655 or jin@michlist.com	Getting Around the Brick-wall	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html
Swain, Gary	Kalamazoo	20	Phone 305 606-5699 or garyswain@aol.com	Genealogy in the Cemetery-Learning and Preserving Your Family History	Available April-October Lecture and/or Cemetery Workshop-
Swain, Gary	Kalamazoo	20	Phone 305 606-5699 or garyswain@aol.com	Gravestone & Monument Cleaning and Repair	Available April-October

SUVCW Speakers Bureau

Historical Society Programs

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Michigan

Name	Location	Camp #	Contact Info.	Program	Comments
Brown, Cameron	Kalamazoo	135	Phone 269 625-0275 or cameronsbrown@frontier.com	Lincoln's Winning Smile	
Brown, Cameron	Kalamazoo	135	Phone 269 625-0275 or cameronsbrown@frontier.com	The Relevance of Abraham Lincoln	
Cox, Michael	Charlotte	17	Phone 517 449-7639 or mikecox954@gmail.com	First Person Impresion of Senator Zachariah Chandler	
Gibson, Gary	Kalamazoo	20	Phone 269 345-3827 or glgsuvcw@aol.com	Kalamazoo County and the Civil War	
Gibson, Gary	Kalamazoo	20	Phone 269 345-3827 or glgsuvcw@aol.com	Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) America's First National Veterans Organization	
Holmes, Gary	Blissfield	43	Phone 517 673-0535 or gholmes@blissfieldschools.us	The 18th Michigan and the Sultana Disaster	
Ingall, David	Temperance	43	Phone 734 847-9527 or dcicw@yahoo.com	"The Forgotten Custer" Gen. George A. Custer's Life through the Civil War	
Ingall, David	Temperance	43	Phone 734 847-9527 or dcicw@yahoo.com	Michigan's Civil War Sites and Stories	
Ingall, David	Temperance	43	Phone 734 847-9527 or dcicw@yahoo.com	Detroit's Civil War Sites and Stories	
Ingall, David	Temperance		Phone 734 847-9527 or dcicw@yahoo.com	Monroe County Michigan in the Civil War	
Ingall, David	Temperance	43	Phone 734 847-9527 or dcicw@yahoo.com	"The Forgotten Custer" Gen. George A. Custer's Life through the Civil War	
Ingall, David	Temperance	43	Phone 734 847-9527 or dcicw@yahoo.com	Battle of the Little Bif Horn "The Real Story"	
Ingall, David	Temperance	43	Phone 734 847-9527 or dcicw@yahoo.com	Monroe's Historic Woodland Cemetary	

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Ingall, David	Temperance	43	Phone 734 847-9527 or dcicw@yahoo.com	Monroe & Lenawee Counties' Underground Railroad and Black Civil War Troops	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	269 288-1655 or jjacks01@yahoo.com	The Irish Brigade in the Civil War Company K of the First Michigan Sharpshooters	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	269 288-1655 or jjacks01@yahoo.com	The 1st Michigan Colored Troops of the Civil War	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	269 288-1655 or jjacks01@yahoo.com	The War of 1812-The Only War Partially Fought on Michigan Soil	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	269 288-1655 or jjacks01@yahoo.com	The Haskell Home Orphanage Tragedy	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html
Jackson, James N.	Battle Creek	22	269 288-1655 or jjacks01@yahoo.com	Historic Oak Hill Cemetery (Battle Creek)	For further info view website at michlist.com/lect.html
Swain, Gary	Kalamazoo	20	Phone 305 606-5699 or garyswain@aol.com	Michigan in the Civil War	Available April-October
Swain, Gary	Kalamazoo	20	Phone 305 606-5699 or garyswain@aol.com	Saving our Outdoor Museums Cemetery and Gravestone Preservation	Available April-October
Swain, Gary	Kalamazoo	20	Phone 305 606-5699 or garyswain@aol.com	Gravestone & Monument Cleaning and Repair	Lecture and/or Cemetery Workshop- Available April-October

First let me say thank you for your confidence in me to be the Department Junior Vice Commander for the Department of Michigan for this past year. It was a trying year for me, having to go through four different surgical procedures. During this past ye...

David Kimble <david.kimble@suvchwmi.org>

Sun 5/1/2022 6:29 PM

To: Secretary@suvchwmi.org <Secretary@suvchwmi.org>

First let me say thank you for your confidence in me to be the Department Junior Vice Commander for the Department of Michigan for this past year. It was a trying year for me, having to go through four different surgical procedures. During this past year I was contacted three times from prospective members, I took their information and forwarded it to the respective camps nearest to them. As of this time I am not running again for the DJVC position, but I do recommend Brother Steve Martin for the position. Once again I thank you all for giving me the opportunity to represent the Department of Michigan and the SUVCW, an organization that I have grown to love.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty
David W. Kimble PCC, DJVC
Department of Michigan
SUVCW

Department Council Report
Department of Michigan
May 4, 2022

Department Commander and Delegates:

It has been a pleasure to work on the Department Council this past year. It has been a very quiet year for the Council and we have had the following items to attend to in the performance of our duties:

1. We have reviewed the Department Treasurer's Quarterly Financial Reports.
2. We have reviewed the Proposed 2022 Budget.
3. After consulting the 135th Department Encampment Proceedings, we approved the transferring of funds generated from the proceeds of the Permanent Fund to the General Fund for \$636.55, to cover revenue shortfall of the 136th Department Encampment. This was APPROVED by the Council on 07 April 2022.

This Council has UNANIMOUSLY endorsed Robert R Payne, PDC, for the Office of National Council of Administration.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

David Smith, PDC

Robert R Payne, PDC

Steven Martin, PCC



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



**Office of the Department Secretary
Report to the 138th Annual Department of Michigan Encampment**

14 May 2022

To Commander in Chief Paquette, Department Commander Smith, and Brothers of the 138th Annual Department of Michigan Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I would like to thank the 138th Encampment for allowing me to serve as Department Secretary for the 2021-2022 term.

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

Also, I wish to thank Brother Jim Pahl, PCinC for his valuable assistance in the publishing of the 137th Department Proceedings.

This term all reports, forms, and necessary documents have been submitted to the National Headquarters well before their required deadlines.

I encourage anyone, who has questions about the preparation and processing of forms or the processes involved with their duties as Camp Secretary, please do not hesitate to contact me. A new General Order listing new forms is to be published shortly, please review them.

A reminder, please report the passing of a Brother to me with the appropriate Form 30 and the Department Chaplain as soon as possible. This information is critical for the National Headquarters for the cancellation of the deceased's BANNER so it does not arrive and cause the family an additional reminder of their loss.

I have decided to stand for election for another three-year term and hope to continue the work as Secretary of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I would appreciate your support.

Thank you and best regards,

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

**Richard (Dick) Denney, PCC
Secretary, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the civil War**



**DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

May 1, 2022

Report of the Department Treasurer

Commander Smith, Officers and Brothers of the Department of Michigan

The Department of Michigan has concluded the financial business of the 2021 Membership Year and our finances continue to be positive. We posted revenues and expenditures from normal operations of the General Fund during 2021 of \$4,031.25 and \$6,393.52 respectively to the General Fund. This resulted in a deficit of revenues of \$2,380.27 for the year. This deficit was due to donations approved by the 2021 Department Encampment of \$500 to the Stephenson Monument and \$2,500 for the Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Institute. Without which the Department would have had a surplus of \$619.73. As such, I do not see the deficit as a cause of concern.

Total Net Assets available amounted to \$23,574.27 as of December 31, 2021. Of that total, \$65.42 is restricted for Gettysburg flag replacement. A total of \$11,601.27 represents unassigned cash that may be disposed of by this Encampment, \$10,000.00 is a receivable from the 2022 National Encampment Fund, \$200.00 is a site deposit for the 2022 Department Encampment and \$1,773.00 is inventory of Department merchandise available for sale.

The Department of Michigan Permanent Fund reflects a total of \$55,425.30, which consists of a permanently restricted balance of \$53,217.25 and a temporarily restricted income accumulation of \$2,208.05.

As directed at the 2020 Department Encampment a separate fund was created with a loan from the General Fund in the amount of \$10,000 for the purpose of providing initial funding for the 2022 National Encampment to be held in Grand Rapids. As of 12/31/21 the Fund has received a contribution from the National Organization SUVCW of \$3,500 and incurred miscellaneous administrative costs leaving total assets of \$13,395.81.

I wish to report:

1. All permanent fund assets have been invested in government-backed securities, mutual funds invested in government backed securities or insured certificates of deposit through an Edward Jones account. A net

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yield of 1.74% on our investment for the year after amortization of bond premiums reflecting the low interest environment.

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

1. That the proposed 2022 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.
3. That, after discussions with PDC Payne and the Department Council, the recommendation of the Dept. Commander as approved and as recorded in the proceedings of the 135th Department Encampment as "The proceeds from the permanent fund go into a Michigan Annual Encampment Fund to assist in the funding of the Encampment (\$1194.27)" does not clearly state the intent of the recommendation. It is recommended that the aforementioned recommendation be restated and adopted as follows: "The annual Unrestricted Balance of the Permanent Fund be used to reimburse the General Fund for any shortfall of revenues over expenses of the annual Departmental Encampment". Any excess unrestricted balance will be transferred to the Restricted Balance of the Permanent Fund.

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. 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
Financial Report-General Fund
For the Year ended December 31, 2021**

Balance Sheet

Assets	
Cash in bank	11,601.27
Site Deposit for 2022 Dept. Encampment	200.00
Due from National Encampment Fund	10,000.00
Merchandise Inventory - Badges & Blazer Patches	1,773.00
Total Assets	<u>23,574.27</u>
Liabilities	
	0.00
Fund Equity	
Unrestricted Balance	23,508.85
Restricted Balances	
Rally Round the Flag	65.42
Total Fund Equity	<u>23,574.27</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>23,574.27</u>

Statement of Revenues and Expenses

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2021
Revenues	
Per-capita	2,936.25
Departmental Sales	755.00
Dept. Encampment Registration	45.00
Dept. Encampment Meals	177.00
Perm Fund Support-Encampment Costs	0.00
Donations	100.00
Total Revenues	<u>4,013.25</u>
Expenses	
Cost of Goods Sold	220.00
Advertising - Banner & National Encampment	192.00
Shipping Costs	0.00
Department Encampment Costs	858.55
Insurance	90.00
Bank Fees	25.00
Donation to GAR Hall	200.00
Technology Costs	686.17
Graves Registration Project	1,039.74
Stephenson Memorial Donation	500.00
Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Project Donation	2,500.00
Gettysburg Wreaths	57.21
Officer & Committee Expenses per Guidelines	24.85
Past Dept. Commander Jewel	0.00
Total Expenses	<u>6,393.52</u>
Net Revenue (Expense)	<u>-2,380.27</u>

OPERATING BUDGET PERFORMANCE

Department of Michigan SUVCW 2021

	Proposed Budget	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	Difference
REVENUES							
Department Per Capita	2,800	8.00	2,849.50	20.00	58.75	2,936.25	136.25
Sales	750	145.00	160.00	205.00	245.00	755.00	5.00
Brochure Sales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	50	-	100.00	-	-	100.00	50.00
Gettysburg Book Sales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Perm Fund Costs Support	550	-	45.00	-	-	45.00	(550.00)
Encampment Registration	400	-	177.00	-	-	177.00	(355.00)
Encampment Meals	325	-	-	-	-	-	(148.00)
Total Revenues	\$ 4,875	\$ 153.00	\$ 3,331.50	\$ 225.00	\$ 303.75	\$ 4,013.25	\$ (861.75)
EXPENSES							
Cost of Goods Sold	500.00	70.00	40.00	50.00	60.00	220.00	(280.00)
Advertising	192.00	192.00	-	-	-	192.00	-
Officer & Committee Expenses	2,200.00	-	24.85	-	-	24.85	(2,175.15)
Officer Expenses not Claimed	(1,700.00)	-	-	-	-	-	1,700.00
Insurance	90.00	-	90.00	-	-	90.00	-
Technology Costs	1,420.00	-	1,039.74	686.17	-	1,725.91	305.91
Department Archives Project	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	(100.00)
Project GAR Records	300.00	-	-	-	-	-	(300.00)
Postage & Shipping	120.00	-	-	-	-	-	(120.00)
Dept. Encampment Exp.	1,300.00	-	858.55	-	-	858.55	(441.45)
Visiting Nat'l Officer Expense	250.00	-	-	-	-	-	(250.00)
Software	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies & Other Expenses	-	-	-	19.00	6.00	25.00	25.00
Void New Camp Fee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Past C in C Gift	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	(100.00)
102 USCT Monument Pledge	500.00	-	-	-	-	-	(500.00)
PDC Jewell	124.00	-	-	-	-	-	(124.00)
Donations Approved at Encprmt	3,200.00	-	3,000.00	200.00	-	3,200.00	-
Gettysburg Wreaths	-	-	-	-	57.21	57.21	57.21
Total Expenses	\$ 8,696.00	\$ 262.00	\$ 5,053.14	\$ 955.17	123.21	\$ 6,393.52	\$ (2,302.48)
Excess Revenues (Expenses)	\$ (3,821.00)	\$ (109.00)	\$ (1,721.64)	\$ (730.17)	180.54	(2,380.27)	1,440.73

REMARKS: I noted that I failed to send the donation to the GAR Hall when I was doing the books, it was sent 7/12/21

**Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Financial Report-2022 Nat'l Encampment Fund
For the Period Ending December 31, 2021**

Assets	
Cash in Bank	12,895.81
Facility Deposit - Hilton	500.00
Total Assets	<u>13,395.81</u>
Liabilities	
Due to General Fund	10,000.00
Fund Equity	
Net Assets	3,395.81
Total Fund Equity	<u>13,395.81</u>

Statement of Revenues and Expenses

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2021
Revenues	
SUVCW Contribution	3,500.00
	0.00
	0.00
Total Revenues	<u>3,500.00</u>
Expenses	
Bank Charges	35.00
Total Expenses	<u>35.00</u>
Net Revenue (Expense)	<u>3,465.00</u>

**Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Proposed Budget
Year ending December 31, 2022**

	Actual December 31, 2021	Proposed 2022 Budget
Revenues		
Per-capita	2,936.25	2,950.00
Departmental Sales	755.00	1,250.00
Dept. Encampment Registration	45.00	400.00
Dept. Encampment Meals	177.00	325.00
Donations	100.00	50.00
Permanent Fund Encampment Support 2021 *	0.00	636.25
Permanent Fund Encampment Support 2022	0.00	575.00
Total Revenues	4,013.25	6,186.25
Expenses		
Cost of Goods Sold	220.00	500.00
Advertising	192.00	192.00
Postage & Shipping	0.00	120.00
GAR Records (500 less GAR Donation below)	0.00	300.00
Department Archives Project	0.00	100.00
Department Encampment Costs	858.55	1,300.00
Bank Fees	25.00	0.00
Insurance	90.00	90.00
102 USCT Monument Pledge	0.00	500.00
Technology Costs	686.17	1,000.00
Graves Registration Project	1,039.74	0.00
Donations-Kalamazoo Lincoln Project	2,500.00	0.00
Donations-Eaton Rapids GAR Hall	200.00	200.00
Donations-Stephenson Monument	500.00	0.00
Gettysburg Wreaths	57.21	0.00
Officer & Committee Expenses (Per guidelines)	24.85	2,200.00
Expected Officer Expense Shortfall in Requests	0.00	(1,900.00)
Past C-in-C Gift	0.00	100.00
PDC Badge	0.00	120.00
Total Expenses	6,393.52	4,822.00
Net Revenue (Expense)	-2,380.27	1,364.25

* This transfer was not made during the 2021 fiscal year. Subsequent transfer has been made during 2022 with the approval of the Department Council



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2021-2022 CHIEF OF STAFF ANNUAL REPORT – DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

Department Commander Smith, Secretary Denney, and the Brothers of the Department of Michigan,

It has been my honor and privilege to serve for the 2021-2022 administrative term of the Department of Michigan. During the 2021-2022 administrative term an increase in overall activity among the Camps has commenced, which has been a wonderful sign towards a return to normalcy during these past few challenging years. A cursory overview of the tasks assigned and performed during this term includes:

- Assisted and consulted with the Department Commander on various questions and tasks as requested.
- Tracked the Department Commander's official Department business schedule.
- Oversaw scheduling and tracking of the Installation of Camp Officers by the Department Commander or his representative. Provided aid and options to various Camps for installations as needed.
- Assisted various Brothers from around the Department as requested.
- Sent communications as required, including the Department Officer and Committee Annual Report Reminder.

DEPARTMENT PROPERTY: during this administrative term, I have had no Department property in my possession.

RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION 1: The Department of Michigan should revisit and review the 5-Year Strategic Direction created and submitted in 2018 to assess where the Department is in relation to the goals and directions set forth in the document. It is further recommended that the Special Outreach Committee (if this special committee continues in the 2022-2023 administrative term – if not, this activity would be left to the Department Commander's discretion) be assigned this review due to the inherent commonality of the goals of the committee and the 5-Year Strategic Direction.

RECOMMENDATION 2: The Department of Michigan should make the special committee of Military and Veteran Affairs a standing committee, adding this within the Department of Michigan Bylaws in: ARTICLE IX – Committees, Section 1. Additionally, a description of the Military and Veteran Affairs standing committee should be added as: "ARTICLE IX – Committees, Section 14. The Military and Veteran Affairs Committee shall advise the Department and Camps of items of interest or that concern Veterans and current members of the U.S. Armed Forces. The committee may seek opportunities and recommend actions in which the Department can aid Veterans and current members of the U.S. Armed Forces. The committee shall consist of the Military and Veteran Affairs Officer as Chair, with no fewer than four additional Brothers (preferably Veterans or current members of the U.S. Armed Forces when possible) of the Department appointed by the Commander."

RECOMMENDATION 3: The Department of Michigan should explore usage of social media outlets for marketing communications, activity highlights, history spotlights, and event notifications. Such outlets to explore include the Department utilizing a public Facebook page (in addition to the private group currently used), Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, etc. Due to the nature that social media may provide as public outreach, this exploration should be conducted for feasibility and recommendation by the Special Outreach Committee (if this special committee continues in the 2022-2023 administrative term – if not, this activity would be left to the Department Commander's discretion) to the Department Commander and Communications and Technology Committee for final review and any implementation.



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Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/

David S. Smith, LM, PDC
Chief of Staff – Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR

During the 2021-2022 Term, SUVCW Department of Michigan, the Department Counselor was contacted on several occasions seeking advice, interpretation, and guidance concerning a variety of items regarding the National and Department Bylaws and the Department Operating Guidelines and other questions concerning procedural matters not clearly defined in any of the written documents regarding the operation of the Department.

Inquiries were received from individual Brothers as well as Camps.

Many of these inquiries concerned inquiries addressed to the Bylaws Committee, of which the Department Counselor is a member.

Inquiries that came before the Department Counselor included:

1. Procedures regarding assignment of Camp geographical boundaries.
2. Procedures concerning the Authority and Process for selecting the Annual Department Of Michigan Encampment.
3. Status of Dual Members and Credentials.
4. Judging Criteria and procedures for a Department Award.
5. Formation of a Camp Guard and who can serve on a Camp Guard.
6. Authority of Camp Guards and the Sons of Veterans Reserve.
7. Personal and Camp Liability Insurance and Certificate of same.
8. Authority and responsibility of a Camp Council.

Respectfully Submitted In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Paul Davis
Department Counselor

Department Chaplain's Report
Department of Michigan Encampment
May, 2022

At the last Department Encampment, newly elected Department Commander Nathan Smith appointed me as Department Chaplain, ending my short one year hiatus from this position. One brother approached me after the Encampment to say, with all sincerity, that he thought that I was back were I was meant to be. I greatly appreciated that affirmation of my service to the Sons.

To help the Department Chaplain in his duties, I urge the various Camp Secretaries to inform the Chaplain of any serious health problems of any Brother and of any death within their Camp. It is the policy of the Chaplain to send get-well cards to the sick, and to inform the Department of the passing of a Brother and to send a sympathy card to the family. During the past year, eight of our brothers passed away. There are:

Richard O. Bower, Sgt. John O. Bower Camp 427, March 6, 2021;
William Blaine McAfee (past Department Chaplain and past National Chaplain), Carpenter-Welch Camp 180, May 11, 2021;
Dennis Clark Derr, Gov. Crapo Camp 145, May 14, 2021;
James S. Nedela, Wa-Bu-No Camp 250, September 30, 2021;
Robert L. Clark, Robert Finch Camp 14, October 14, 2021;
John R. Keith (Camp Commander), Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20, November 2, 2021;
Theodore Starks Johnson, Alexander French Camp 28, November 3, 2021; and
Laurence Eugene Foot, Wa-Bu-No Camp 250, March 25, 2021.

During the past year, I was appointed by the Department Commander as chairman of the J. Richard Greene Award Committee and of the Abraham Lincoln Award Committee. The results of the Committees' work will be announced during the Encampment. The J. Richard Greene Committee recommends to the Department Commander that the criteria used to determine the winning Camp Newsletter be used by all future Greene Award Committees.

It was my honor to attend and to participate in the funeral of our past Department Chaplain, Brother Bill McAfee, on May 19, 2021. I thank the Brothers of Carpenter-Welch Camp 180 for their warm welcome to me and their request that I help in the Camp's part of Bill's funeral service.

At the invitation of Gov. Crapo Camp 145, I participated in both the Memorial Day and Veterans Day Observances at the Soldier's and Sailor's Monument in the City of Flushing Cemetery.

Finally, last I checked, I submitted two articles to the Department Newsletter. As the Encampment takes place during the Christian Church Season of Easter, I do pray a most joyous Easter Season to all the Brothers of the Department of Michigan and their families. Our Captain in the well-fought fight is risen! He is risen indeed, hallelujah!

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Chaplain Charles F. Buckhahn, PCC
Department Chaplain, Department of Michigan, SUVCW



DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR ANNUAL REPORT

Annual report
Report Deadline June 1, 2022

Department Name: Department of Michigan

Department Patriotic Instructor Signature:



Department Commander Signature:

INSTRUCTIONS: Reporting period is 1 January through 31 December. Complete form and send to National Patriotic Instructor. Report numbers, hours volunteered and money spent. Hours are calculated by multiplying the number of hours for an event by the number of Brothers participating. (e.g. 10 hours x 3 Brothers = 30 hours reported) 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?			53	190	1883.00
2	How many Civil War history education events conducted via living history or other venues?			20	132	3200.00
3	How many flags given or sent to military troops?			0	0	0
4	Armed Forces Day participation?	Y		1	23	20.00
5	Memorial Day participation?	Y		28	46	151.00
6	Flag Day participation?	Y		3	7	10.00
7	July 4 participation?	Y		4	N/A	N/A
8	Remembrance Day participation?	Y		11	79	800.00

9	Veterans Day participation?	Y		16	24	23.00
10	How many community events involving Patriotic Holidays?			10	11	0
11	How many Patriotic / Americanism Essay Contest participation?			2	2	10.00
11a	Number of schools participating?			0	0	0
11b	Number of Youth Groups participating?			3	8	0
11c	Number of students involved?			12	N/A	0
11d	Scholarships awarded if any?			0	0	0
12	How did you promote the SUVCW in your Department? (continue on page 4 if necessary)					
13	Did SUVCW members wear and display member Badges?	Y				
14	How many Flag Etiquette programs did you provide to the community, businesses, and schools?			53	102	20.00
15	Did you actively promote Patriotic Holidays participation in your Department?	Y		9		
16	Did you actively support the Eagle Scout Award program?	Y		1		
17	Did you actively support the JROTC/ROTC Cadet program?	Y		1	N/A	

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>Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Memorial Day Parades, Gettysburg Remembrance Day</p>					
19	Did your Department include our Sisters from the Allied Orders?	Y				
20	How many events were the Sisters of the Allied Orders included?	Y	11			
21	Was a Patriotic Instructor appointed?	Y				
22	Department Patriotic Instructor provided patriotic and/or educational presentations at Department Meetings?		N			
23	<p>As Department Patriotic Instructor; what forms of communication did you use? (continue on page 4 if necessary)</p>					
24	<p>Suggestions for the Patriotic Instructor positions (continue on page 4 if necessary):</p>					

25	How many Camps within your Department?			23		
26	How many Camp Patriotic Instructors within your Department?			20		

No.	Narrative Continuation



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



Color Bearer, Department of Michigan

May 14, 2022

To all my Brothers here assembled.

I bring this report as Color Bearer for the past year 2021-2022.

The "Colors" are still just as important today as they have ever been. They stand tall through many different occasions. These may include Memorials, Parades, Headstone dedications and as a focal point of our National, Department, and Camp meetings. In a few weeks we will celebrate Memorial Day, when we remember those who fell in defense of those "Colors". Other dates will follow where we will have our "Colors" on full display. This next line may be "preaching to the choir", but be proud of the heritage those "Colors" represent.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

**Edgar Dowd, PCC
Color Bearer
Department of Michigan**

April 10, 2022

Brothers,

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Signals Officer for the Department of Michigan for 2021-22. We have face a few challenges this year that we would normally not face. These include the deprecation of code which runs our website and the creation of the 2022 National Encampment Site. Both challenges have been met and one will take some time to overcome.

1. The 2022 National Encampment Site is up and providing the Order with the necessary information for attendance at the 2022 National Encampment. As we draw closer to the Encampment, further updates will become need to happen.
2. The deprecation of code on our website is most concerning. We are just one iteration of code from our whole site being near inoperable. This has led to many long discussions with Brother David Wallace, PDC as to our course of action.
 1. In consultation with Tech Soup, a technology adviser and assistance group, available to the Department, we have been advised to update our entire site. If we were to continue to utilize the same coding process we have used since its' inception, this could run the Department upwards of \$10,000.
 2. Based on Discussions and recommendations of technology professionals that deal with non-profit organizations, our most reasonable alternative is to begin the conversion of our site to the Wordpress.org platform. This may or may not be a slow process, but it is one we can do at a much lower cost as it is included, in art, in our hosting company's cost (Bluehost), and it will preserve our website's integrity and continued operation. This will also enable future website maintenance without increased technical knowledge of web programming protocols PHP and HTML, and the reliance on programming contractors. The Communications and Technology Committee report will address the proposed costs which may be incurred with this project.
3. I also propose the Department purchase the license for work on the website through Tech-Soup, these programs will be outlined in the Communications and Technologies Committee Report.
4. In the process of preparing the site for this Department Encampment, I was forwarded the letters of intent from the Nominating Committee. In order to properly post these to the Website, I was forced to reconstruct them in a format which would be more presentable on the internet. In the future, I propose that all letters of intent be submitted as a PDF. This will enable the letters to be easily posted to the website.
5. I propose the Department allocate \$1000 for our Communications and Technology Committee to provide for the ongoing maintenance of the site and additional programs for the use of the Department Signals Officer on the website.

I also have in my possession the Department portable hard drive, which has been used to backup the department website.

Fraternally,

Robert R Payne, PDC
Signals Officer
Department of Michigan, SUVCW



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVILWAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN



Office of the Editor –*Michigan's Messenger*

May 13, 2022

To Department Commander Nathan L. Smith, PCC and
Attendees of the 138th Department of Michigan Encampment

Greetings,

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, as defined in the Department website, 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 fifth 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-mail copies of the newsletter to their Camp, or arrange for paper copies to be made available to those who do not have e-mail. In this manner, all Brothers can have 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



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May 6, 2022

Richard (Dick) Denney, PCC
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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. Highlighted items are in the process of being re-inventoried. 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 3.69 Gigabytes 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

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Report of the G.A.R. Records Officer & Committee
May 14, 2022

Nathan Smith, Commander
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Dear Commander Smith, Officers and Brothers,

Once again it has been my pleasure to serve as the G.A.R. Records Officer for the Department of Michigan.

It has been a successful year in as much that a Post charter and some Post records have been located and secured.

By chance, the charter of the William Parrott Post No. 22 of Buchanan, Michigan, showed up on the doorstep of Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall & Museum. A Brother of the Order from Joliet, Illinois, drove up to the museum to deliver it. He stated that he had the charter in his possession for several years and has wanted to find a good home for it for some time. As soon as he heard about the museum, he decided that he found that home. The charter is now in the process of conservation.

This past winter, many of the records of the Bradley Post No. 221 of Harrison, Michigan, showed up on EBay. Each record book was posted separately as a "Buy it Now". The Minute Book dated 1894 to 1902, a group of Quartermaster Reports and Adjutant Reports, and two receipt books, for a total of four groupings. After discussions with Commander Smith and Past Department Commander David Smith, Brother David took it upon himself to purchase the Minute Book and the Quartermaster and Adjutant reports out of his own pocket, as these would contain the most important information. The originals will be in the custody of the O.M. Poe Camp No. 444, and copies will be supplied to the Department G.A.R. Records Committee files located at Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall & Museum.

It is becoming painfully clear that as time passes, Grand Army Post Records and Post Charters are and will be, from time to time, showing up on EBay and other auction sites and dealer websites. In order to secure and preserve these items, and as distasteful it is, we may have to resort to dealing with this type of situation financially. A case in point is a few years ago, the records of the Walter Orr Post No. 312 of Scotts, Michigan, located in Kalamazoo County, went up for auction on EBay. Several attempts were made by this office to persuade the seller to turn these records over to a local archival repository because of their historical value. These records were sold to an unknown bidder from an unknown location. The seller was from - Scotts, Michigan.

In light of that, I would respectfully make the following recommendation:

That the budget of the G.A.R. Records Officer be increased from the current \$300.00 per year to \$500.00 per year. Currently, \$200.00 of the original \$500.00 allocated to this office now goes to

Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall & Museum for rent of space for the committee's files.

In no way do I anticipate expending the total amount on an annual basis, but, to have it available if needed would go a long way to obtaining and preserving any records that my come to our attention. All efforts would be taken by this office to keep the Order's name out of the transaction, because if word got out that we were in the practice of purchasing said records, the prices would no doubt double. In fact, there is a Post charter from Michigan currently for sale by a dealer.

Additionally, obtaining scans and / or copies of records residing in other historical societies and libraries being desirous, at times depending on the amount of material, the cost could exceed the current budget.

I ask that you give this recommendation serious consideration.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Gary L. Gibson, PDC
G.A.R. Records Officer

Report of the Civil War Memorials Officer for the 138th Annual Department of Michigan
Encampment, Saturday, May 14th, 2022

I would like to report that the catalog of the Michigan Memorials and Monuments erected to the veterans of the Civil War is still in my possession and in good order.

For the year ahead, I plan on reviewing the records that I have in my possession as well as electric files.

Events from 2021:

- 1) Corporal Crittenden Plaque Dedication on Sunday, May 23rd, at the Macon Cemetery, in Clinton, Michigan. Mr. Gary Naugle hosted a program with several speakers, including a State Representative and State Senator presented proclamations.
- 2) Speeding car crashes into statue of Alpheus Starkey Williams on Belle Isle, and catches fire.



DETROIT – A man died Wednesday, December 29th, after crashing a vehicle into a statue on Belle Isle.

DNR conservation officers saw the man driving on the island at a high rate of speed and without headlights. The driver, a 56-year-old man from Eastpointe, reportedly crashed into the Alpheus Starkey Williams statue in the intersection of Central and Inselruhe avenues. The car caught fire following the crash, but the DNR officers were able to get the driver, who was unresponsive, out of the vehicle before it caught on fire, police said.

Officers conducted CPR on the man until emergency services arrived, police said. The Eastpointe man was taken to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead. It should be noted that the statue of Alpheus Starkey Williams has survived the wreck and was not damaged.

Recommendations:

- Maintain that all records are up to date and secure.
- Update contact information for reporting: Johnsuvwmj427@gmail.com
- Continue with any ongoing enhancement of Departments/Camp's ability to catalog Graves, GAR Posts and Memorials/Monuments as well as other databases.

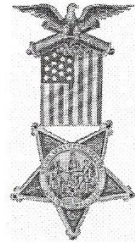
It has been an honor serving this organization in this capacity, and I looking forward to continually working as the Memorials and Monuments Officer for the year ahead.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

John McGill
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Subject: Annual Report of the Department Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, 2021-2022 term

Commander Smith, 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 4 certificate applications have been reported and processed from this office from many SUVCW Camps in the Department.

/s/

Nathan K. Tingley

Nathan K. Tingley, CC
Department Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator
Department of Michigan
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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

REPORT OF THE CAMP ORGANIZER
TO THE
138th ANNUAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

Brothers:

Since the last Department Encampment, the General Orlando M. Poe Camp #444 was organized and began operations in the Cadillac, Michigan area. This office was never contacted and therefore, did not render any assistance to the formation of this new Camp.

I was contacted by a brother who recently moved into a retirement community in Grand Rapids. He was hoping to organize the other men in the development and begin a Camp in Grand Rapids. Rather than an organizing meeting, he planned his presentation during a coffee gathering. The gathering was fairly well attended, but no interest developed.

To the best of my knowledge, there are not any other efforts to begin a new Camp in Michigan at this time. I do not have any Department property in my possession.

In fraternity, charity and loyalty,

James B. Pahl

James B. Pahl, PCinC
Camp Organizer
Department of Michigan

APPENDIX C
DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE REPORTS



David S. Smith, LM, PDC
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01 February 2022

Sr. Vice Dept. Commander Gary Swain, PCC
Department Bylaws Committee Chairman
Department of Michigan – SUVCW

RE: RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND THE DEPARTMENT BYLAWS – J. RICHARD GREENE AWARD

Brother Swain and Brothers of the Department Bylaws Committee,

Please see below for a recommendation to amend the DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN BYLAWS, ARTICLE XIX – Awards and Insignia, Section 5.

Problem Statement:

As a member and chair of the 2020-2021 J. Richard Greene Award Committee, standing in for the traditional committee chair Richard Danes for that year, I had the unique opportunity to see where there were potential and standing complications in judging Camp newsletters submitted to the Department for the award. Several of the largest potential and standing issues were:

1. Conflict of Interest – Brothers on the Committee were faced with having to evaluate and vote on Camp newsletter submissions that were from their own Camp, and even more complicated some committee members having to evaluate and vote upon Camp newsletters that they themselves were the editor of said newsletters. Thus, committee members were confronted with having to recuse themselves from voting, or removing newsletters from consideration due to the defined conflicts – neither avenue provided a level of fairness to the submissions.
2. Need for Professional Knowledge & Expertise – Most Brothers do not have professional experience and/or education in publishing, writing, or graphical arts to give the best overall evaluation of the newsletters submitted. To better evaluate newsletters for their content, appearance, and impact, it would be advantageous to rely on the citizens that have the professional background and knowledge as stated.
3. Committee Size – The current committee only has three members. With any conflicts of interest as had occurred in 2020-2021, this could leave the committee with an even number or even zero committee members able to evaluate a newsletter(s) due to conflicts of interest.

Problem Solution:

The issues outlined in the Problem Statement can be directly addressed by the following measures being taken:

1. Eliminate Potential Conflicts of Interest – This can be improved by adding committee members that are not members of the SUVCW, and are well respected community members without direct ties to a specific Camp or Camps.



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2. Add Committee Members with Professional Knowledge & Expertise – To allow for enhanced review, improved evaluation, and meaningful critique based on the merits of the newsletters content, appearance, and impact it is recommended that the committee be comprised mostly of citizens with professional experience and/or education in history, publishing, writing, journalism, and/or graphical arts. Additionally, providing defined metrics for evaluation that align with the described professionals experience and background would be advantageous.
3. Increase Committee Size – In an effort to provide more evaluation, viewpoints, and feedback it is recommended that the committee size be increased. Additionally, this will provide further committee resources for evaluation of the submitted newsletters in the case that a committee member needs to recuse themselves due to an unforeseen conflict of interest or other issue.

Please find below the Current Language of the section in question, along with the Proposed Language for your review.

Current Language:

Section 5. Authorization for a Department J. Richard Greene Award is provided. A three-member panel consisting of the Department Secretary, Department Newsletter Editor, and Department Chaplain shall decide the most outstanding Camp newsletter based on review of Camp newsletters voluntarily sent to them over the course of a year, Encampment to Encampment, with a majority decision made 30 days prior to the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. A certificate shall be awarded with the winning Camp's name and the newsletter editor listed.

Proposed Language:

Section 5. Authorization for a Department J. Richard Greene Award is provided. A five-member committee shall consist of the Department Newsletter Editor serving as committee chair, and four non-Allied Orders of the GAR members. The four non-Allied Orders of the GAR members shall be selected by the Department Commander or his designee, with all non-Allied Orders of the GAR members being selected from citizens that have extensive experience in one or more of the following areas: history, publishing, writing, graphic arts, and/or journalism. The committee shall evaluate the Camp newsletters with the following metrics of (1 to 10 scoring scale, 10 being highest): original historical content/interest, appearance/design, writing talent, and unique features (exclusive articles, Camp activities, images, unusual/rare information, etc.). The committee shall decide the most outstanding Camp newsletter based on review of Camp newsletters voluntarily sent to the Department over the course of a year, Encampment to Encampment, with a majority decision made 30 days prior to the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. A certificate shall be awarded with the winning Camp's name and the newsletter editor listed.

It is believe that the recommended change will allow for better assessment of the newsletter submissions, and provide more fairness for each entry by greatly reducing if not eliminating potential conflicts of interest that can currently occur.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/

David S. Smith, LM, PDC

Section 5. Authorization for a Department J. Richard Greene Award is provided. A five-member committee shall consist of the Department Newsletter Editor serving as Committee Chair, and four additional members who are not members of any of the Allied Orders, specifically the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the LGAR, the WRC, the Auxiliary and Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865. The four non-Allied Orders members shall be selected by the Department Commander or his designee(s), from honorable and unbiased citizens that have extensive experience in one or more of the following disciplines: history, publishing, writing, graphic design, and journalism.

The committee shall evaluate the Camp newsletters with the following metrics of (1 to 10 scoring scale, 10 being highest) for each Category as listed below:

Category 1: Editorial Content: Original topics of an historical nature, Camp activities and items of general interest pertaining to the Civil War including biographies and current interest topics. Unique, exclusive, unusual and rare stories and information.

Category 2: Graphic Design and Layout: Visual appearance and graphic design. Use of illustrations, graphics and photos in an adequate resolution to ensure sharp and in focus pictures, diagrams and illustration. The committee shall decide the most outstanding Camp newsletter based on review of Camp newsletters voluntarily sent to the Department over the course of a year, Encampment to Encampment, with a majority decision made 30 days prior to the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. A certificate shall be awarded with the winning Camp's name and the newsletter editor's name also listed.

Category 3: Page Count: Each Newsletter entry must be a minimum of 12 pages 8-1/2 inch by 11 inch pages. Additional pages may be eligible for 2 Bonus Points for each 2 pages greater than 12.

Category 4: Frequency: To be eligible for the Award, the Camp Newsletter must be published and distributed quarterly at a minimum. Editions greater in frequency than quarterly may be eligible for 2 Bonus Points for each edition greater than 4.

In the event of a tie, the Committee Chair will make the decision as to whom the Award winner will be.

Additional Information, Deadlines:

All submissions will be submitted electronically in PDF format to the Committee Chair 30 days prior to the Annual Department Encampment.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DEPARTMENT BYLAWS:

PROPOSED CHANGE NO. 1 ARTICLE XIX: Awards and Insignia, Section 5 – J. Richard Greene Award

Current Language:

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Proposed Language:

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PROPOSED CHANGE NO. 2 ARTICLE II: Meetings, Sections 1 & 2

Current Language:

Section 1. The Annual Michigan Department Encampment shall be held on a day between the first day of January and the first day of July. The Department Commander will appoint the appropriate number of Brothers, being no less than three, to serve on the Annual Michigan Department Site Committee. The Annual Michigan Department Encampment Committee shall select the time and place for the Annual Michigan Department Encampment and report their findings to the Department Commander before February 1st in any year.

Section 2. In the event of the failure to fix the time and place of the Annual Michigan Department Encampment before February 1, the Department Commander shall appoint a committee of three Brothers to provide a recommendation by March 15th in any year for three dates and three locations to the Department Commander for his decision as to selecting the time and location of the Annual Michigan Department Encampment.

Proposed Language:

Section 1. The Annual Michigan Department Encampment shall be held on a day between the first day of January and the first day of July in any given year. The outgoing Department Commander shall not, even if he is still the seated Commander, appoint a Department Site Selection Committee for the year following his term of office, except if and when that Department Commander serves more than one consecutive term. The newly elected then as current Department Commander for the year following the year of the previous Department Encampment, will appoint the appropriate number of Brothers, being no less than three, to serve on the Annual Michigan Department Site Selection Committee. The Annual Michigan Department Encampment Committee shall select the time and place for the Annual Michigan Department Encampment and report their findings to the Department Commander before February 1st in any year.

The Site Selection Committee with the approval of the Department Commander shall obtain a copy of the contract for review and approval of the Department Commander.

In the event the Department Commander does not feel qualified to sign the contract, he may seek the advice from his Counselor or any Brother of the Order who is an Attorney or a Brother who has experience in managing such contracts, to render an opinion as to the terms and conditions of the Contract.

Any funds that may be required for securing or as a condition of the contract, shall be brought before the Department Council for approval before disbursement of funds and along with the approval of the Department Commander.

Section 2. In the event of the failure of the first Site Selection Committee to fix the time and place of the Annual Michigan Department Encampment before February 1 in the year in which the then seated Department Commander serves, the Department Commander shall appoint a committee of three Brothers to provide a recommendation by March 15th of that then current year for three dates and three locations to the Department Commander for his decision as to selecting the time and location of the Annual Michigan Department Encampment and further follow all of the procedures regarding approvals and disbursement of funds as outline above in Section 1.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION
ARTICLE II - Meetings

Section 1. The Annual Michigan Department Encampment shall be held on a day between the first day of January and the first day of July. The Department Commander will appoint the appropriate number of Brothers, being no less than three, to serve on the Annual Michigan Department Site Committee **for the Encampment over which that Commander shall preside.** The Annual Michigan Department Encampment Committee shall ~~select~~ **recommend** the time and place for the Annual Michigan Department Encampment and report their findings to the Department Commander before February 1st in any year. **The Department Commander shall sign all contracts relating to the Encampment he will preside over, authorizing the Treasurer to pay the host facility any down payment required by that contract.**

Section 2. In the event of the failure to fix the time and place of the Annual Michigan Department Encampment before February 1, the Department Commander shall **discharge the Department Site Selection Committee and** appoint a **new** committee of three Brothers to provide a recommendation by March 15th. ~~in any year for three dates and three locations to the Department Commander for his decision as to selecting the time and location of the Annual Michigan Department Encampment.~~

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PROPOSED CHANGE NO. 2 ARTICLE II: Meetings, Sections 1 & 2

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Section 2. In the event of the failure to fix the time and place of the Annual Michigan Department Encampment before February 1, the Department Commander shall appoint a committee of three Brothers to provide a recommendation by March 15th in any year for three dates and three locations to the Department Commander for his decision as to selecting the time and location of the Annual Michigan Department Encampment.

Proposed Language:

Section 1. The Annual Michigan Department Encampment shall be held on a day between the first day of January and the first day of July in any given year. The outgoing Department Commander shall not, even if he is still the seated Commander, appoint a Department Site Selection Committee for the year following his term of office, except if and when that Department Commander serves more than one consecutive term. The newly elected then as current Department Commander for the year following the year of the previous Department Encampment, will appoint the appropriate number of Brothers, being no less than three, to serve on the Annual Michigan Department Site Selection Committee. The Annual Michigan Department Encampment Committee shall select the time and place for the Annual Michigan Department Encampment and report their findings to the Department Commander before February 1st in any year.

The Site Selection Committee with the approval of the Department Commander shall obtain a copy of the contract for review and approval of the Department Commander.

In the event the Department Commander does not feel qualified to sign the contract, he may seek the advice from his Counselor or any Brother of the Order who is an Attorney or a Brother who has experience in managing such contracts, to render an opinion as to the terms and conditions of the Contract.

Any funds that may be required for securing or as a condition of the contract, shall be brought before the Department Council for approval before disbursement of funds and along with the approval of the Department Commander.

Section 2. In the event of the failure of the first Site Selection Committee to fix the time and place of the Annual Michigan Department Encampment before February 1 in the year in which the then seated Department Commander serves, the Department Commander shall appoint a committee of three Brothers to provide a recommendation by March 15th of that then current year for three dates and three locations to the Department Commander for his decision as to selecting the time and location of the Annual Michigan Department Encampment and further follow all of the procedures regarding approvals and disbursement of funds as outline above in Section 1.



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



**OFFICE OF THE GRAVES REGISTRATION
OFFICER**

To Department Commander Nathan L. Smith, PCC and
Attendees of the 138th Department of Michigan Encampment

May 13, 2022

Greetings,

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 motivate all Camps to collect and share graves related records, and although we encouraged all camps to appoint an active Camp Graves Registration Officer (CGRO), some camps still failed to do so.

The Committee attempted to meet every quarter, (the June and September meetings were cancelled because of the pandemic closures) a Zoom Meeting was scheduled for December and an in-person meeting was held in March, 2022. These meetings create meaningful dialog that is useful to Camp Graves Registration Officers (CGRO) and allowed them a forum to express ideas, concerns, and interfacing about the resources available to them.

The website was under construction during 2021-2022 by our Department Signals Committee and a contractor. This effort will allow the public and CGROs to access the data on-line, rather than by the use of a cd. The database will be controlled by the DGRO.

That database has reached 76,000+ records.

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, PCC
Graves Registration Officer Department of
Michigan, and Member
National Graves Registration Committee Sons of
Union Veterans of the Civil War

Report of the Civil War Memorials Officer for the 138th Annual Department of Michigan
Encampment, Saturday, May 14th, 2022

I would like to report that the catalog of the Michigan Memorials and Monuments erected to the veterans of the Civil War is still in my possession and in good order.

For the year ahead, I plan on reviewing the records that I have in my possession as well as electric files.

Events from 2021:

- 1) Corporal Crittenden Plaque Dedication on Sunday, May 23rd, at the Macon Cemetery, in Clinton, Michigan. Mr. Gary Naugle hosted a program with several speakers, including a State Representative and State Senator presented proclamations.
- 2) Speeding car crashes into statue of Alpheus Starkey Williams on Belle Isle, and catches fire.



DETROIT – A man died Wednesday, December 29th, after crashing a vehicle into a statue on Belle Isle.

DNR conservation officers saw the man driving on the island at a high rate of speed and without headlights. The driver, a 56-year-old man from Eastpointe, reportedly crashed into the Alpheus Starkey Williams statue in the intersection of Central and Inselruhe avenues. The car caught fire following the crash, but the DNR officers were able to get the driver, who was unresponsive, out of the vehicle before it caught on fire, police said.

Officers conducted CPR on the man until emergency services arrived, police said. The Eastpointe man was taken to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead. It should be noted that the statue of Alpheus Starkey Williams has survived the wreck and was not damaged.

Recommendations:

- Maintain that all records are up to date and secure.
- Update contact information for reporting: Johnsuvcwmi427@gmail.com
- Continue with any ongoing enhancement of Departments/Camp's ability to catalog Graves, GAR Posts and Memorials/Monuments as well as other databases.

It has been an honor serving this organization in this capacity, and I looking forward to continually working as the Memorials and Monuments Officer for the year ahead.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

John McGill
Memorials and Monuments Officer, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Johnsuvcwmi427@gmail.com
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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Michigan
Communications & Technology Committee
www.suvcwmi.org



May 14, 2022

The Communications and Technology Committee has focused on completing several projects during this administrative year:

- The Graves Registration database and website upgrade has been completed and is now live after having been reviewed by the Department Graves Registration Officer.
- The Department has been approved as a member of TechSoup, which is a nonprofit network of organizations that provides technical resources, tools, and support at a discounted rate to approved nonprofit organizations, and acts as a clearing house for the verification of nonprofit status.
- The Department has been approved for a “no cost” Google Workspace account using our 501(c)3 status. This is used primarily for our email. As of this writing, the committee is working through BlueHost, our hosting environment, to correct a discovered misconfiguration within our email routing system known as “open relay,” and should be completed shortly.
- The Committee has provided technology support for the planning of the 2022 National Encampment which is being hosted in Grand Rapids this coming August.
- After consultation with a technology expert, the Committee has been advised that consideration should be given to undertaking an examination of our current website structure based on the age of the coding on a large portion of the website. Over the next year we will be exploring the options and potential costs to determine the best approach to this issue.

The Communications and Technology Committee is recommending consideration of the following items:

- The Committee recommends the upgrade of our Box subscription to a nonprofit “Business” level subscription which would allow unlimited storage (currently 100 GB), and 3 administrative users (currently 1 user). Taking advantage of our 501(c)3 status, the discounted cost would be \$360 annually.
- The Committee recommends maintaining our current technology hosting environment through BlueHost. This provides administrative support, maintenance of domain name certificates and renewals, plus privacy and security protections.
- Consideration should be given to obtaining a PayPal “confirmed charity” status to receive a nonprofit account and access to discounted rates. This would give access to “PayPal.Me” to collect payments/donations, and a “Donate” button, which would allow the acceptance of major credit cards, debit cards, and PayPal.Me, and include the ability to allow donations to a specific program.

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

David F. Wallace

David F. Wallace, PDC
Member of the Committee



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

Office of the Nominating Committee



April 2, 2022

To: Department Commander Nathan L. Smith, PCC and
Attendees of the 138th Department of Michigan Encampment

Greetings,

This being my 9th 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.

For the 2022 - 2023 year, Brothers Donald Shaw, PDC, Gary Naugle, PCC, Dale Aurand, PDC, Nathan Tingley, PCC, and Richard Danes, PCC as chair were appointed as committee members.

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

Brothers who placed their name in consideration were:

Department Commander -	Nathan L. Smith, PDC PCC
Department Senior Vice Commander -	Gary L. Swain, PCC
Department Junior Vice Commander -	Steven S. Martin, SVC
Department Secretary -	Richard Denney, PCC
Department Treasurer -	Bruce S. A. Gosling, PCC PDC
Department Council -	Robert R. Payne, PDC
	David W. Kimble, PCC
	David S. Smith, PDC

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, 2022 - 2023 Nomination Committee
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE TO THE 138th
DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

Brothers,

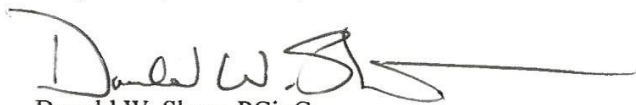
At the 137th Department Encampment the incoming Department Commander was directed to appoint a special committee to explore the feasibility and costs involved in providing an insurance policy to cover departmental and camp events so as to protect this organization from potentially destructive judgments and associated legal costs which may arise in the event that a lawsuit is filed against us. In compliance with that directive, Commander Smith appointed a committee consisting of Brothers Donald Shaw, PCinC, Bruce Gosling, PDC, and David Smith, PDC. Also agreeing to serve as an aide to the committee was Brother James B. Pahl, PCinC, who presented the motion which prompted formation of the committee.

Your committee has monitored activity that has taken place at the national level of our Order that touches on this subject. That activity has resulted in an insurance policy procured at the national level which provides the coverage contemplated in the motion that gave rise to this departmental committee. Said coverage is available through communication with the National Treasurer and is of largely no additional cost to members of the department.

Attached to this report is a communication from the National Treasurer discussing the insurance policy and how to work to be sure our events are covered.

In light of this development, it is the recommendation of your committee that all brothers needing insurance for an event utilize the policy maintained by the national SUVCW. It is further recommended that the availability of this insurance be announced to the camps and brothers of this department using all practical means and that the brothers be encouraged to use this service. Finally, that this special committee stand dissolved as the questions it was to address have been otherwise dealt with.

Respectfully Submitted,



Donald W. Shaw, PCinC
Committee Chair

Fwd: Updates from the National Treasurer

From: Donald Shaw (p31713@aol.com)

To: kalford08@yahoo.com

Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 09:16 AM EDT

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael <Mikesuvcw13@verizon.net>

To: Department of Oklahoma Sec <wjandrews662@gmail.com>; Department of Alabama <howardpoarch@gmail.com>; Department of Nebraska <gagestermenskycivilwar@gmail.com>; Department of Vermont Sec <memphre@gmx.com>; Department of Rhode Island Sec <hdviking@aol.com>; Department of New Jersey <dmartin@peddie.org>; Department of Alabama <jamespoarch6@gmail.com>; Department of Kansas Secretary <alanruss2825@gmail.com>; Department of Connecticut Secretary <brimotola@aol.com>; Department of Ohio <jdavissuvcw@aol.com>; Department Of Indiana Secretary <adamswr949@gmail.com>; Department of North Carolina <wiewalt35@yahoo.com>; Department of Wisconsin Treas <agh@tds.net>; Department of Florida Secretary <larry.oppenheimer@gmail.com>; Department of Connecticut Treas <Henrycu@cox.net>; Department of Michigan Secretary <secretary@suvcwmi.org>; Department of New Hampshire Sec <the27thmaine@gmail.com>; Department of Southwest <dale_enlow@hotmail.com>; Department of Florida Treas <young22@aol.com>; Department of Missouri <edjk77@gmail.com>; Department of New York Treas <jalb@frontiernet.net>; Department of Wisconsin Sec <bpeterssuvcw@gmail.com>; Department of Rhode Island Treas <poppahazmat@gmail.com>; Department of Iowa <iowasignals@gmail.com>; Department of Texas <d_gates@verizon.net>; Department of CA & Pacific <secretary@suvpac.org>; Department of Tennessee <gwmoore4@gmail.com>; Department of Kentucky <bfortin59@gmail.com>; Department of Illinois Treas <bwelch.suvcwil@gmail.com>; Department of Illinois Secretary <lfranklin1864@gmail.com>; Department of CO & WY Sec <refoals1@msn.com>; Department of Michigan Treas <bgosling123@gmail.com>; Department of Maine <ejboothroyd@gmail.com>; Department of Pennsylvania <rkoenigsberg3@gmail.com>; Department of the Columbia <toneal52@yahoo.com>; Department of Massachusetts <D_LMurray@yahoo.com>; Department of CO WY Treas <barker944@msn.com>; Department of Chesapeake <deptchsec@gmail.com>; Department of Vermont Treas <Pvtfowen@yahoo.com>; Department of New Hampshire Treas <dhwheeler@mcttelecom.com>; Department of Oklahoma Treas <jmchugh5@cox.net>; Department of Kansas Treas <lubrdink@gmail.com>; Department of GA & SC <markhale101@msn.com>; Department of Indiana Treas <gibyyoung@comcast.net>

Cc: Don Shaw <p31713@aol.com>; Jim Pahl <jbpahl0824@yahoo.com>; Michael Paquette <paquettemichaela@aol.com>; Mike Beard <treasurer@suvcw.org>; David Demmy <execdir@suvcw.org>; Bruce Frail <poppahazmat@yahoo.com>

Sent: Mon, Dec 6, 2021 4:33 pm

Subject: Updates from the National Treasurer

Greetings Department Secretaries and Treasurers,

Some Updates from the Treasurer:

I have moved to Florida. My mailing address is 8510 Flip Flop Court, Panama City Beach, FL 32413.

501(c)(3) As of today, the IRS has yet to correct their PUB 78 and list us as a 501(c)(3) charity. Since the IRS still does not list us on PUB 78, I have written on behalf of several camps and departments to entities wishing proof that contributions to us are tax deductible. If you need such a letter, send me an email at (treasurer@suvcw.org). Our 501(c)(3) Determination letter is on the National website on the governance page.

I am attaching a sample SS4 IRS Form for new camps and SVR units to use when applying for an EIN — best to mail this form in as the website does not allow you to fill in the information about the subgroup membership. Send me a copy of the EIN letter when you get it from the IRS — I will then write the IRS to confirm the new camp is a member of the group. I will update the Treasurer's Handbook in the near future.

INSURANCE. All members of the SUVCW are covered by National's general liability policy. If your camp or SVR unit needs an insurance certificate for your events — just send me the request. Please let me know who the named insured will be (usually the venue location). Again, the National Insurance policy covers all members (including associates & juniors) of the SUVCW — so this does mean you have general liability insurance when conducting the business of the Order. Also, firing blanks from black powder weapons is covered — so you can fire a volley at ceremonies — this does NOT cover reenactments — only ceremonies the SUVCW conducts, and only firing by members of the SUVCW (note — this covers members of the SVR since they are members of the SUVCW).

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty.

D. Michael Beard, PDC
Treasurer
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Form SS4 EIN Application.pdf
92.4kB

2021/2022

**Summary Report of the SUVCW-Dept. of Michigan
Kalamazoo Lincoln Statue Special Committee**

Upon his confirmation as the SUVCW-Department of Michigan Commander, Brother Nathan Smith extended the authorization of the Kalamazoo Lincoln Statue Special Committee for an additional year. During this period, the special committee made effective use of its time. The committee, consisting of Chairman Charles Worley (PDC), department officers Senior Vice Commander Gary Swain (PCC), Department Treasurer Bruce S. A. Gosling ((PDC), and Brothers Terry McKinch (PDC), and Cameron S. Brown met three times via teleconference to organize activities for the year: March 1, 2021, November 23, 2021 and March 26, 2022.

Following the submission and receipt of \$1,000 grant funding from the SUVCW Charitable Foundation as noted in last year's summary report, the committee subsequently received a \$2,000 grant award from the SUVCW Monuments and Grant Committee. In response to solicitations sent to each SUVCW-Dept. of Michigan camp, the committee received a positive response from the following camps: Gen. Orlando M. Poe Camp No. 444, Colgrove Woodruff Camp No. 22, Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17, Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20, March to the Sea Camp No. 135, Fredrick H. Hackeman Camp No.85, Albert and James Lyon Camp No. 266, Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145. Support was also received from the Gov. Crapo Corps No. 23-Women's Relief Corps. Cornelia Stockbridge Shelton Tent No. 58, DUVCW-Dept. of MI also responded favorably in a prior year.

The committee designed and produced an attractive award ribbon printed with Abraham Lincoln's image and with the date of his August 1856 visit to Michigan. Each camp, tent and Relief Corps was issued this special award ribbon. Any camp or related SUVCW group will receive this ribbon upon receipt of a donation.

The committee was pleased to have the Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Institute's promotional statue flyer printed on the back cover sheet of the fall issue of the "Banner." The committee appreciated this kind promotion.

The committee decided to respectfully request the Department Commander for the upcoming year to extend the authorization of the committee for an additional year to cover the time period in which the Institute plans to install and dedicate the statue. In as much as the Sons have been active in supporting this commemorative effort to celebrate Mr. Lincoln's Michigan visit, the committee would like to help coordinate any SUVCW-Dept. of MI involvement in the dedication ceremony. The committee has also decided to make an additional monetary request of the department to support the statue project. Both requests have been prepared in a resolution to be presented at the department's 2022 Encampment in Grand Rapids.

Regarding the 2022 Dept. of MI Encampment, the committee has requested an exhibit table and plans to also exhibit at the 2022 National Encampment.

APPENDIX D
RESOLUTIONS

Draft Resolution for SUVCW-Dept. of Michigan 2022 Encampment

WHEREAS, Past Department of Michigan Commander Terry McKinch established a special Kalamazoo Lincoln Statue Committee to coordinate support for the Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Institute's commendable efforts to place a privately funded bronze statue of Abraham Lincoln in Kalamazoo's Bronson Park where Mr. Lincoln spoke in August of 1856, which was recognized by promotion on the back cover page of last fall's "Banner," and

WHEREAS, current Department of Michigan Commander Nathan Smith has extended the authorization of this special committee another year, and

WHEREAS, the committee consists of department officers Senior Vice Commander Gary Swain (PCC), Department Treasurer Bruce S. A. Gosling ((PDC), and Brothers Terry McKinch (PDC), Charles L. Worley (PDC) and Cameron S. Brown, and

WHEREAS, the committee's performance has resulted in the receipt of funds from SUVCW's Charitable Foundation, SUVCW's National Monument Fund, SUVCW-Department of Michigan and from eight Department of Michigan Camps, one Tent and one Women's Relief Corps. with each participating unit receiving a special committee-designed award ribbon in recognition of financial giving, and

WHEREAS, the Institute's plans call for installation of the statue by the summer of 2023, the special committee respectfully requests that its authorization status be extended one more year to coincide with the 2023 statue installation date, which would allow time for the Department's remaining camps to participate, and given the Department of Michigan's significant involvement to date, allow the special committee to help coordinate any and all SUVCW-Department of MI involvement with the Institute's statue dedication plans, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Michigan's 2021 Encampment left open the door for additional funding of the Kalamazoo Lincoln statue project in 2022, the special committee respectfully requests additional funding as outlined in the following resolve;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in as much as the Kalamazoo Lincoln Statue Special Committee's authorization has been extended into 2022, and given the unusual and unexpected compatibility of the proposed Lincoln statue project to all things dear and sacred to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and furthermore, mindful of the demands on the department's fund balances, yet in harmony with the 2021 Encampment's openness to consider a renewed donation to the Kalamazoo statue effort at this year's 2022 Encampment, that should the Department of Michigan's hosting of the 2022 National Encampment show a profit of \$2,500 or more with all expenses paid, the sum of \$2,500 be donated to the Kalamazoo Lincoln statue project with such funds drawn from the Department of Michigan's General Fund or Permanent Fund or combination thereof as deemed appropriate.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special committee, by the respectfully requested consent and order of the Department's incoming Commander, be authorized for an additional year extending into 2023 to align with the anticipated placement of the Kalamazoo Bronson Park Lincoln statue by late summer of 2023. This resolution is respectfully submitted on this ___ day of April 2022 and presented to the 2022 Department of Michigan Encampment in the full spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

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As part of the committee's outreach to Dept. of Michigan camps, committee member Brother Cameron S. Brown will present his program "Lincoln's Winning Smile" at the GAR Memorial Hall and Museum in Eaton Rapids on May 17, 2022.

Submitted April 28, 2022

Chuck Worley (PDC), Committee Chair

Terry McKinch (PDC), Member

Gary Swain, (Dept. of MI Senior Vice Commander, PCC), Member

Bruce Gosling (Dept. of MI Treasurer, PDC), Member

Cameron Brown, Member

APPENDIX E
MOTIONS

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Motion of Brother Max Riekse

- That the Department of Michigan make a onetime mailing to announce date, time, address and etc. of the August 2022 National Encampment in Grand Rapids Mi.
- Also, to list lunch information of the August National Encampment.
- Reports of the Department Commander and other Officers of the Department.
- One SUVCW brochure.
- Finally, include two or three phone numbers, if any Brothers have questions.

Second by Brother Dan Grable. Discussion ensued.

Motion failed.

APPENDIX F
CORRESPONDENCE



Kevin L. Martin for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

I trace my Civil War lineage to my 3x great-grandfather, Captain Adam Benjamin Martin of the 6th Maryland Volunteer Infantry, Company H.

In 1998 I joined the SUVCW's Antietam Camp #3 in what is now the Department of the Chesapeake. More recently, I have attended eleven consecutive National Encampments and eleven Encampments of the Department of the Chesapeake. In addition, I am a dual member of the Pittenger Camp 21, Department of California and Pacific. I have been a Life Member since 2011.

In each of the offices that I served, I created a detailed guide for my successors to understand what is expected and required as well as provided inventories, schedules, and contact information. For the majority of these, I also created software for automating rosters, letters, envelopes, forms, and reports.

ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW)

- Council of Administration (2019-present)
- Chair, National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund (2021-present)
- Chair, National Fraternal Relations Committee (2016-2019)
- Chair, Lincoln Memorial Centennial Committee (2021-2022)
- National Aide-de-Camp (2017-2018)
- Cornelius F. Whitehouse National Brother of the Year Award Recipient (2015)
- National Chief of Staff (2014-2015)
- Abraham Lincoln Endowment, Lincoln Fellow - Gold Sentinel level
- Department Council, Department of the Chesapeake (2016-2019)
- Department Host Committee member for the 2011 and 2015 National Encampments (Reston and Richmond)
- Past Department Commander, Department of the Chesapeake (2015-2016)
- Department Senior Vice Commander, Department of the Chesapeake (2014-2015)
- Department Junior Vice Commander, Department of the Chesapeake (2013-2014)
- Department Secretary/Treasurer, Department of the Chesapeake (2011-2013)
- Recipient of the Department of Chesapeake Schlenker Award (2020)
- Awarded (x4) the Department Andrew Johnson award for Distinguished Department service
- Past Camp Commander, Antietam Camp #3, Department of the Chesapeake (2007-2009)
- Camp Senior Vice Commander, Antietam Camp #3, Department of the Chesapeake (2005-2007)
- Camp Junior Vice Commander, Antietam Camp #3, Department of the Chesapeake (2003-2005)

Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR)

- Major, District Commander, Second Military District (2021 – present)
- First Lieutenant, District Adjutant, Second Military District (2016-2021)
- Private, Gettysburg Blues (2010-2019)

Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS)

- Chaplain-in-Chief, Fraternal Relations Committee member (2017-2019)
- Past Commandery Commander, District of Columbia Commandery (2015-2017)
- Life Member

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW)

- Counselor, Department of the Chesapeake (2018-2020); President's Award (2019)
- Counselor, Antietam Auxiliary (2015-present); Benjamin F. Stephenson Award Recipient, Antietam Auxiliary (2016)

Other Organizations

- Member, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) since 1998
- Member, Descendants of the Mexican War Veterans (DMWV) since 2008

Associations

- President, Consistory (2018-2019), Christ Reformed United Church of Christ (UCC), Middletown, Maryland
- Elder, one three-year term; Deacon, two three-year terms, Christ Reformed UCC, Middletown, Maryland
- Private Pilot - Member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) since 1983

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- IT professional, 42+ years with 24 years as a contractor for the Department of Defense (DoD) Defense Health Agency (DHA)
- Technical Manager, Lead Customer Liaison, 15+ years, often supervising over three dozen employees.

EDUCATION

- B.A. degree in Information and Computer Science, Hood College, Frederick, Maryland

PERSONAL

- Marriage of 34+ years to Rosemary Martin, Past President, Department of the Chesapeake, ASUVCW
- Son, Tyler, also a member of Antietam Camp #3, Department of the Chesapeake

Resume for Peter J. Hritsko Jr.

My announcement of Candidacy for the Office of National SUVCW ~~Jr.~~ Vice Commander-in-Chief SR.

SUVCW National Office Held

- Current National SUVCW Council of Administration for the past three years
- Current Chairman National SUVCW Memorial Monument Grant Funds Committee for the past two years
- 2013 to present as Grand Army Republic Highway Officer
- Serving as National and Dept. of Ohio GAR Highway Officer, I have been successful for having GAR Highway signs placed throughout US Route 6 in Ohio and other states as well. Also, the signs have been placed at Historic Civil War museums, monuments, and GAR Hall, for education and promotion of our SUVCW history.
- 2016-2017 - Served as Dept. of Ohio Commander, Sr Vice, Jr Vice, Council three years
- 2009 – Present - Serving as Grand Army Republic Highway Officer
- 2012, 2014 and 2015 - Camp Commander James A. Garfield Camp #142
- Served as Senior and Junior Vice Commander along with other committees of my current James A Garfield Camp. Currently on Camp Council.
- 2010 to Present as SVR Ohio Naval Brigade Petty Officer

SUVCW, SVR and Community Activities

- Joined the SUVCW in 2006 as a regular member and remain actively involved today.
- Regularly performed Memorial and Dedication ceremonies with both SVR and Garfield Camp # 142
- Regularly attended the Lincoln's Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Ill
- Regularly attend Remembrance Day in Gettysburg Pa
- Regularly attend National Encampments
- Serve on the 2019 Cleveland National Encampment Executive Host Committee
- Member of the Sons Veterans Reserve, Ohio Naval Brigade
- Current National MOLLUS Council-in-Chief
- Past Commander, MOLLUS, Ohio Commandery served two years, served five years as Senior Vice Commander.
- Current member of the MOLLUS, Michigan Commandery
- Serve as National and Dept. of Ohio GAR Highway Officer working to place GAR Highway signs along US Route 6.
- Organized the SVR to participate with the SAR as honor guards in a Headstone dedication for the LaGrange Ohio Historical Society.
- Organized the SVR and SUVCW, local Veterans post from La Grange OH doing the 21gun salute, 2 buglers and a bag piper to participate as honor guards in a Headstone dedication for the LaGrange Ohio Historical Society.
- Organized the SVR to participate in the Block House dedication ceremony in the War of 1812 for the Columbia Station, Ohio Historical Society at the Lorain County Metro Park.
- Served in many other events for the SVR and in parades along with the SUVCW in all the Sesquicentennial Events for the James A. Garfield Camp #142 and the National Park Service at the James A. Garfield Home in Mentor, Ohio and the Veterans Home in Sandusky Ohio Civil War Encampment August 23, 2014.

- I wrote the Lorain County Recorder Office 3 letters of recommendation for giving our Garfield Camp records of all Lorain County Civil War Veterans and their burial location. The 2 other letters were to the President and Vice President of the LaGrange Historical Society for using \$15,000 of the money they received from Lorain County Waste Program to place head stones for 3 different cemeteries. These soldiers never had a tombstone, especially the 7 Civil War Veterans buried in Lorain County LaGrange, Ohio.
- 2011 - 2016 serve as the Lorain County Genealogical Society President for six years and one year as Vice President, member since 2006. As President in 2013 I introduced the Civil War Society to make 4 different lineage groups. I used some of the rules that the SUVCW incorporate in their member application. I brought the SUVCW to the attention of Lorain County Community and incorporated a speaker to tell the history of the Grand Army of the Republic. As Vice President, I set up speakers for our monthly Chapter meetings.
- Member of the Lorain Historical Society and Lorain County Geological Society.
- LIFE Member of the Huron County Ohio Genealogical Society.
- Devoted and church going family man that is active in the community.
- I ask that you give me the opportunity to serve as your National SUVCW Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief. This opportunity would allow me to continue my involvement and growth in an Order that means so much to me. My Great-Great Grandfather may have lost his life in the Civil war but his interest to serve his country and perseverance is something I share. If you would allow me to assume this new responsibility, I will work my best for the interest of the Order as I always have.
- Third generation steel worker, that 40 years at US Steel, USS/Kobe Steel Co, Republic Steel Co which has been the same location with different names through the years in Lorain, Ohio. I work in the Mechanical Maintenance Dept. Now working with Arcelor Mittal Cleveland Ohio.

Thank you for your consideration.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Brother Peter J. Hritsko, Jr., PDC

Robert R Payne, PDC



Letter of Intent for Council of Administration For Brother Robert R Payne. PDC

Brothers,

After many discussions and deliberations with my wife and Brothers of the Order, I have decided to place my name in consideration for the Council of Administration. I have not arrived at this decision lightly, as with each position I have held in the Order and outside the Order, the well being and direction of the organization is a top priority for me.

As long as I can remember, I have sought information about the Civil War, it wasn't until after my first visit to Gettysburg in 2010, that I discovered my ancestral link to the "Boys in Blue". I then sought out The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for membership. I joined Curtenius Guard Camp #17 in September 2010 and became a Life Member in 2020. Now that I have finished my career as an Electric Lineman, I now have more time to devote to the Order.

I hope you will give me due consideration in my endeavor to assist the Order at the National Level. I know each brother in every Camp and Department strives to preserve and protect the valiant history of our ancestor who fought so bravely, that our country would survive. My desire is to be allowed to serve the National Organization with a servants' heart and the same dedication I serve the Department of Michigan

As you attend the National Encampment, I sincerely ask for your vote and support for Council of Administration.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert R Payne".

Robert R Payne, PDC

Resume for Brother Robert R Payne, PDC

I became a Life Member in 2020.

Department of Michigan Positions held:

- Department Commander 2018-2020
- Department Junior Vice-Commander 2017-2018
- Department Council 2021-2022
- Credentials Committee Chair 2017
- Department Signals Officer 2017-2018, 2020-2022
- Department Webmaster 2016-2022
 - Currently running the 2022 National Encampment site

Curtenius Guard Camp #17 Positions Held:

- Camp Commander 2015-2018, 2020-2022
- Camp Chaplain 2013-2015
- Color Bearer 2011-2013

Gov. Crapo Camp #145 (dual member) positions held:

- Camp Council 2020-2022

Sons of Veterans Reserve:

- Co. A, 14th Mich. Vol. Inf., SVR (Irish Rifle)
 - 2LT 2016-2022
 - Pvt 2010-2016

Other Organizations:

- Recording Secretary, Local 123, UWUA
- Church Leadership Team 2015-2016, 2019-2022

Background and Education:

- Bachelor of Science, Computer Science, 1985
- Field Artillery Officer, United States Army, 1985-1988
- Field Artillery Officer, Michigan National Guard, 1988-1991
- Utility Worker, Consumers Energy, 1989-2022
 - Journeyman Lineworker 1997-2022
 - Crew Leader 2004-2022

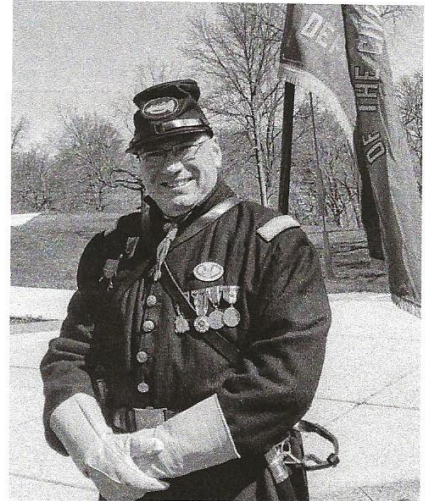
I have attended Remembrance Day each year since 2014 and Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies since 2015. I have attended each National Encampment since 2017.

I truly appreciate your consideration for a position on The Council of Administration.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



Robert R Payne, PDC



APPENDIX G
CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Credentials Committee Report

Registrant's name	Check into Encp	Present	Camp No.	Camp Name
Paquette, Michael	yes	1	0	Headquarters
Baldus, John	yes	1	3	Henry Plant
Grable, Dan	yes	1	3	Henry Plant
Rieske, Max	yes	1	3	Henry Plant
Kimbel, David	yes	1	7	Austin Blair
Tingley, Alexander	yes	1	7	Austin Blair
Tingley, Nathan	yes	1	7	Austin Blair
Davis, Paul	yes	1	14	Robert Finch
Grimes, David	yes	1	17	Curtenius Guard
Harrison, Keith	yes	1	17	Curtenius Guard
Holcomb, Harold	yes	1	17	Curtenius Guard
Kolean, Timothy	yes	1	17	Curtenius Guard
Martin, Steven	yes	1	17	Curtenius Guard
Pahl, James	yes	1	17	Curtenius Guard
Payne, Robert	yes	1	17	Curtenius Guard
Shull, Ronald	yes	1	17	Curtenius Guard
Dickinson, Aaron	yes	1	17	Curtenius Guard
Hanes, Marvin	yes	1	17	Curtenius Guard
Sheaffer, Leonard, Jr.	yes	1	20	Gen. Benjamin Prichard
Swain, Gary	yes	1	20	Gen. Benjamin Prichard
Brennan, Bill	yes	1	20	Gen. Benjamin Prichard
Valentine, Blaine	yes	1	22	Colegrove-Woodruff
Cordill, Todd	yes	1	58	George W. Anderson
Buckhahn, Charles	yes	1	67	U. S. Grant
Brown, Cameron	yes	1	135	March to the Sea
Denney, Dick	yes	1	135	March to the Sea
Gosling, Bruce	yes	1	135	March to the Sea
Worley, Charles	yes	1	135	March to the Sea
Dowd, Ed	yes	1	145	Gov. Henry Crapo
Lamphere, Sr., Lloyd	yes	1	145	Gov. Henry Crapo
Lamphere, Jr., L. Dean	yes	1	145	Gov. Henry Crapo
McCormicj, Jacob	yes	1	145	Gov. Henry Crapo
McKinch, Terrance	yes	1	145	Gov. Henry Crapo
Minor, John	yes	1	145	Gov. Henry Crapo
Shaw, Donald	yes	1	145	Gov. Henry Crapo
Taylor, Gene	yes	1	145	Gov. Henry Crapo
Wallace, David, F	yes	1	145	Gov. Henry Crapo
Zabicki, Neal	yes	1	145	Gov. Henry Crapo
Smith, Nathan	yes	1	255	LeValley-Heusted
Schroader, Aaron	yes	1	427	Stg. John Cosby
Walker, Jeffrey	yes	1	444	Gen. Orlando M. Poe
Aurand, Dale	yes	1	444	Gen. Orlando M. Poe

Credentials Committee Report

Smith, David S.	yes	1	444	Gen. Orlando M. Poe
Willet, Dale	yes	1	462	Russell A Alger

APPENDIX H
GOOD OF THE ORDER

SAVE THE FLAGS ADOPTION PROGRAM

One of the greatest successes of Save The Flags has been its "adoption" program. For a donation of \$1,000 individuals, organizations, schools, families and communities can help with the preservation, research and display of the flags by "adopting" flags in the collection. To date, almost 150 flags--mostly from the Civil War--have been adopted, providing the project with much-needed funds.

Adoptions also help preserve history by commemorating particular regiments and individuals. Adoptions are often made in the name of the original regiment which carried that flag into battle, or a flag may be adopted in the name of a veteran by his descendants.

Those adopting flags are honored by a special ceremony, a photograph of the flag they have adopted, a legislative tribute signed by the governor and members of the state legislature and a plaque honoring the adoption on the "Roll of Honor" displayed at the state historical museum, where the flags are housed and displayed.

The money raised benefits the entire collection. Humidity, light, handling and dirt must be controlled, and the flags must not come into contact with plastic, wood, or paper. Custom designed (and very expensive) acid-free stainless steel and anodized aluminum storage and display units have been designed--partially funded by Save The Flags--and the flags installed. By doing so, the ongoing deterioration of the flags has been stopped.

In another phase of the project, individual flags so fragmentary and fragile that they cannot be safely viewed or studied are being sent one at a time--as funds allow--to America's top battle flag conservators at the Henry Ford in Dearborn, Michigan and also by Textile Preservation Associates. There, the conservators carefully enclose the brittle silken fragments between layers of a sheer acid-free material which allows the flag to be safely viewed and studied. This meticulous work is done entirely by hand, sewing around--not through--the actual flag to anchor each tiny scrap. The results are spectacular, but the process is very expensive: depending on the size and condition of the flag, such treatment can cost thousands of dollars per flag and sometimes much more!

Fortunately, many of Michigan's flags do not require this treatment. Even so, the money needed to fully stabilize all the flags in the collection will ultimately amount to several hundred thousand dollars. A more specific cost is not possible because every flag is different, and the cost depends on the size and condition of each flag. Our approach: take one flag at a time!

One of the most important benefits of the project has been the opportunity for people all over Michigan (indeed from all over the country) to participate in saving these fragile links to the past—and to learn from them. No other artifact of the Civil War evokes more awe than the very battle flags Michigan men carried and fought under. We often point out that we are not just saving artifacts, no matter how interesting and beautiful, but history itself.

Today, Save The Flags is one of the most successful grass roots historic preservation projects in the country and a model for flag preservation projects everywhere. If you are considering “adopting” a flag and would like to learn more please feel free to contact:

Matt Van Acker
Save The Flags, Co-Chair
517/373-5157 or email at mvanacker@legislature.mi.gov

APPENDIX I

LIST OF DEPARTMENT DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES

The following, all in good standing in their respective Camps, were duly elected to represent this Department as DELEGATES to the next annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (attach additional sheet, if necessary). *Do not include living PDCs in the section.*

Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code	Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code
Richard Denney	Colon	MI	49040	Gene Taylor	Burton	MI	48529
Cameron Brown	Sturgis	MI	49091				
David Ingall	Temperance	MI	48812				
Gary Naugle	Tecumseh	MI	49286				
John Bennett	Mendon	MI	49072				
Ed Dowd	Pontiac	MI	48867				
Gary Swain	Kalamazoo	MI	49006				
Blaine Valentine	Belleville	MI	49111				
Ron Shull	Clare	MI	48617				
Jeffery Walker	Mt. Pleasant	MI	48858				
Lloyd Lamphere, Sr.	Durand	MI	48429				
Max Riekse	Fruitport	MI	49415				
Daniel Grable	Spring Lake	MI	49456				
John Baldus	Grand Haven	MI	49417				
Steve Martin	Leslie	MI	49251				
Neal Zabicki	Flint	MI	48503				