



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

NINETY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
7 June, 1986

The 97th Annual Encampment of the Michigan Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held on Saturday, 7 June, 1986 at the Doherty Hotel in Clare, Michigan. The Encampment was opened as per Ritual by Department Commander Keith G. Harrison at 10:00 a.m. Department Secretary-Treasurer J. Douglas Park read the roll of the Department's elected and appointed offices:

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| Commander Keith G. Harrison              | - Present |
| Sr. Vice Commander Kevin J. Belert       | - Present |
| Jr. Vice Commander Michael D. Mitchell   | - Present |
| Secretary-Treasurer J. Douglas Park      | - Present |
| Council Chair David S. Rowley            | - Present |
| Council Member James T. Lyons            | - Present |
| Council Member Michael Neuman            | - Absent  |
| Chief of Staff David S. Rowley           | - Present |
| Patriotic Instructor Walter A. Lettimore | - Present |
| Chaplain Everett Pritchard               | - Absent  |
| Counselor James B. Pahl                  | - Present |
| Historian Norman O. Rowley               | - Present |
| Guide Don W. Everett                     | - Absent  |
| Guard Richard D. Rock                    | - Absent  |
| Color Bearer Robert L. McBrien           | - Present |
| Aide to D.C. John Hughes                 | - Absent  |
| Camp Organizer J. Douglas Park           | - Present |
| Camp Organizer James T. Lyons            | - Present |

Commander Harrison introduced Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Gordon R. Bury, II who was present at the Encampment representing the National Organization-S.U.V.C.W.

Reading of the Minutes

Secretary-Treasurer Park indicated that minutes from the 1985 Annual Encampment did not exist.

Credentials Committee Appointments and Report

Commander Harrison appointed Brothers Belert, Mitchell and Adams to the Encampment's Credentials Committee. Brother Belert reported that delegate representation from the following Camps

were present: Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Elijah Rowley Camp #18, Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20 and Wa-Bu-No Camp #53. Brother Belert further reported that all delegate credentials had been reviewed and that all had been found to be in order.

### Encampment Committee Appointments

Commander Harrison appointed the following Encampment Committees:

|                                    |                                     |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Bylaws:                            | Brothers Belert (Chair) and McBrien |
| Resolutions:                       | Brothers Mitchell (Chair) and Park  |
| Grave Registration &<br>Memorials: | Brothers Lyons (Chair) and Pahl     |

### Department Officer's Reports

Reports were received by and presented to the Encampment from the following Department Officers:

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|--|-----------------------------------|
| Commander Harrison                           | Attachment 1                      |
| Sr. Vice Commander Belert                    | Attachment 2                      |
| Jr. Vice Commander Mitchell                  | Attachment 3                      |
| Secretary-Treasurer<br>& Camp Organizer Park | Attachment 4                      |
| Patriotic Instructor Lettimore               | Attachment 5                      |
| Historian Rowley                             | (Verbal Report,<br>No Attachment) |
| Camp Organizer Lyons                         | Attachment 6                      |

### Department Council Report

Department Council Chair Rowley reported that the financial records of the Department had been reviewed by the Council and that they were found to be in order. Brother Rowley further reported that based on this review, the Department Council would recommend that the \$2.00 per capita tax per quarter be retained for the ensuing year. The Council's recommendation was tabled until New Business.

### Communications

Secretary-Treasurer Park indicated that the Department was in receipt of two communications from the Curtenius Guard Camp #17 and one each from Mr. Joe Vera (Attica, Michigan), Brother William Litogot (Ulysses S. Grant Camp #101) and Senior Vice Commander Belert. The first four communications were referred to the appropriate Encampment Committee for disposition. The last communication regarding Brother Belert's pending fatherhood was read before the Encampment.

## Old Business

There was no old business brought before the Encampment.

## Committee Reports

Bylaws Committee -- The proposed Department Bylaws were read by Brother Belert and voted on Article by Article by the Encampment. The proposed Bylaws were passed with Articles 15 and 16 amended. It was indicated by Commander Harrison that the Department approved Bylaws would not become effective until they had been approved by the Commander-in-Chief. Once fully approved, the Bylaws would be distributed to all Brothers within the Michigan Department.

Graves Registration & Memorial Committee -- Brother Lyons indicated that his committee had received the correspondence from Mr. Vera and Brother Litogot and felt that since each would entail additional follow-up with the State's Veteran Affairs office, neither could be responded to at this Encampment. He, therefore, moved that both Mr. Vera's and Brother Litogot's requests be referred to the 1986/87 Standing Department Committee for Action; motion passed.

Resolutions Committee -- Brother Mitchell read three resolutions submitted by the Curtenius Guard Camp #17 (Attachment 7) and moved that they be adopted as read; motion passed.

The Encampment was recessed to allow the Order's Greeting Committee to extend greetings to the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Woman's Relief Commission. The Encampment was reconvened at 2:30 p.m. by Commander Harrison. The Department Encampment received greeting committees from our Allied Orders.

## New Business

Brother Howard Gage discussed the programs currently ongoing at Fort Custer and the need for financial support. He also briefly discussed the procedures needed to be followed to have a veteran buried at Fort Custer National Cemetery.

The following motions were made and passed by the Encampment:

1. That the Department invite the National Organization-SUVCW to hold an annual encampment in Michigan,

2. That the Department Commander or his designee annually inventory the Department's property,
3. That the Department's quarterly per capita tax remain at \$2.00 for 1986/87,
4. That the Department support the Curtenius Guard Camp #17 fund raiser for a state history marker at the Sunfield G.A.R. Post,
5. That the Department create the position of Department Liaison to the Sons of Confederate Veteran's Camp in Kalamazoo, Michigan,
6. That the Department establish a Department Library at the Sunfield G.A.R. Hall, and
7. That the Department initiate a determined search of all old Department records and other Department property.

Brother Park indicated that a two volume book listing the Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients would be deposited into the Department's Library.

#### Election of 1986/87 Department Officers

The following Department Officers were elected from the year 1986/87:

|                        |                                 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Commander:             | Keith G. Harrison (Okemos)      |
| Senior Vice Commander: | Michael D. Mitchell (Dimondale) |
| Junior Vice Commander: | Kevin J. Belert (Holland)       |
| Secretary-Treasurer:   | J. Douglas Park (Lansing)       |
| Council:               | Robert McBrien, Jr. (Lansing)   |
|                        | James T. Lyons (Lansing)        |
|                        | Gary Gibson (Kalamazoo)         |

The following Department Staff were appointed for the year 1986/87:

|                                      |                                  |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Chief of Staff:                      | David S. Rowley, PDC (St. Johns) |
| Patriotic Instructor:                | Walter Lettimore (Lansing)       |
| Chaplain:                            | Steven Church (DeWitt)           |
| Counselor:                           | James B. Pahl (Sunfield)         |
| Historian:                           | James T. Lyons (Lansing)         |
| Guide:                               | Don W. Everett (Lansing)         |
| Guard:                               | Richard D. Rock (St. Clair)      |
| Color Bearer:                        | Michael Neuman (Birmingham)      |
| Aide to D.C. &<br>Liaison to S.C.V.: | Robert Adams (Kalamazoo)         |

Organizer: J. Douglas Park (Lansing)  
James T. Lyons (Lansing)

The following Standing and Special Committees were appointed for the year 1986/87:

Standing Committees

Bylaws: Mike Mitchell (chair), Doug Park, Robert McBrien, James Lyons & Gary Gibson

Legislative: Keith Harrison (chair), James Pahl, David Rowley, Mike Neuman & Donald Pennell

Membership: Kevin Belert (chair) plus all Camp Junior Vice Commanders

Graves Registration & Memorial James Lyons (chair), Gary Gibson, Robert Adams, Ralph Albrough & Weldon Petz

Special Committees

Nat'l. Encampment Site Committee James Lyons (chair), Robert McBrien, & Doug Park, *Dave Rowley*

Department Inventory Committee Robert McBrien (chair), Doug Park, Gary Gibson & Ben Edge

Department Awards Committee Don Everett (chair), James Lyons & Steve Church

Installation of Officers

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Gordon R. Bury installed the 1986/87 Michigan Department Officers and Staff as per the Ritual of the Order.

The 97th Annual Encampment (102nd year) of the Michigan Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was closed as per Ritual by Department Commander Harrison at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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J. Douglas Park, Secretary-Treasurer  
Michigan Department-SUVCW

ATTACHMENTS

1986 ENCAMPMENT ADDRESS

Keith G. Harrison, Commander  
Michigan Department  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Clare, Michigan  
7 June 1986

Encampment Delegates, Department Officers, Camp Commanders, Brothers and Honored Guests:

I have the distinct privilege and pleasure to provide you with a report of my activities as Commander of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the period 8 June, 1985 to 7 June, 1986. During this past year, I have had the honor to represent the Department, and therefore help to foster the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, at a total of 36 different functions including: Civil War reenactments, parades, ceremonies, presentations, meetings and Camp installations.

Upon assuming the position of Department Commander one year ago, I made a pledge to the Department to initiate a program which would (1) result in the S.U.V.C.W. again becoming a known entity within the State and (2) increase the S.U.V.C.W. membership. I am here before you today to report that I believe that I have made a significant inroad on that pledge.

Beginning with June, 1985, my first two activities as Department Commander were to publicize statewide the names of the new Michigan Department officers and staff and to contact all of the Michigan historical and genealogical organizations, and on the state level, all veterans organizations, letting them know of our continued existence and of our current and varied activities. Accompanying each of these correspondence and subsequent follow-ups was also a flyer developed by this Department which provided information about the S.U.V.C.W. in Michigan and the names and addresses of the Commanders and Secretary-Treasurers for each Camp. This same flyer was also used at several Michigan Civil War Musters and other activities as a handout to the general public.

The furtherance of my goal of state-wide recognition of the Order has been also, and is continuing to be enhanced through our Order's conspicuous representation on the Michigan Sesquicentennial Commission and its Historical Observance Committee. As a consequence of our participation, several suggestions for projects and programs of interest to the S.U.V.C.W. will take place during 1986 and 1987. Included among these will be the dedication of at least one, possibly three, Grand Army of the Republic Halls as State Historical Sites with appropriate marker erection; and designation of two of the larger Michigan Civil War Musters as official State Sesquicentennial celebration functions. The S.U.V.C.W. will also be noticeably involved in a Sesquicentennial state-wide dinner honoring all of Michigan's Congressional Medal of Honor recipients and be represented in a parade to

formally kick-off the Sesquicentennial celebrations.

Other activities of the Department have included participation with the Greater Michigan Foundation in celebration of Michigan Week, participation in the restoration of the 7th Michigan Cavalry Guidon which was flown at Gettysburg, assistance in the development of a Hereditary Society Directory for the State of Michigan and co-sponsorship with the Sons of the Revolution in Michigan of an annual George Washington-Abraham Lincoln birthday celebration dinner.

In addition to increasing the general level of awareness of the S.U.V.C.W. in Michigan, the above activities have also served to increase our membership. Since June 1985, the S.U.V.C.W. membership in Michigan has had a net growth of over 25% to its current level of 104 members. During this same period, the total number of Camps within the Department has also increased from 6 to 8. The two new Camps installed were the Wa-Bu-No Camp #53 in Mt. Pleasant and the Ulysses S. Grant Camp #101 in Detroit. Discussions are also still proceeding for possible Camp formations in the Holland, Marshall, Mt. Clemens, Marquette and Escanaba areas. In summary, I am pleased to report that in a period of only one year, the S.U.V.C.W. in Michigan has regained some of its former strength and is now at the size it was during the Civil War Centennial Years of 1961 - 1965.

Several internal Department changes were also instituted during this past year. Probably one of the most significant was the initiation of state-wide distribution of all Department General and Special Orders. Prior to 1985, Department Orders had been sent to each Camp with a request for it to be brought before the membership. Recognizing that not all Camps can or do meet, it was determined by this Department that the only way to ensure that all the membership be kept informed was to establish a direct membership mailing. Also, and given the current absence of the Banner, the above mailing has also proved very useful in ensuring a wide distribution of all National S.U.V.C.W. General Orders.

A second program instituted by the Department has been the active promotion of the S.U.V.C.W. among non-S.U.V.C.W. Civil War reenactors. While the program has been subtle, the results have been dramatic and account partially for the formation of at least one of the new S.U.V.C.W. Camps in Michigan. The primary vehicle for the promotion of the Order has been the use of S.U.V.C.W. informational booths at the larger Civil War Musters and purposefully manned by non-reenactor S.U.V.C.W. members. The focus of the information booths has been to promote the S.U.V.C.W. as a fraternal, educational, patriotic and charitable organization and to dispel the notion held by most mid-western Civil War reenactment organizations that it is comprised of individuals interested only in reenacting. In general, and based on feedback from Civil War reenactors, the program has been successful and a much improved relationship between the Michigan S.U.V.C.W. and the Civil War reenactment organizations are slowly becoming more and more evident.

Overall, I believe that great strides have been made within Michigan in



terms of S.U.V.C.W. publicity, membership and intra and inter organizational relations; however, this can only represent the beginning. There still remains a lot of work before us. In order to not allow this newly found growth and interest to stagnate, I would encourage all Brothers during this new year to actively promote our Order and to recruit more and more members. In addition, I would also encourage all Camps to actively meet whenever possible and to take on programs and projects within their local areas which will help to keep the Order in the public's eye and help to further the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. Finally, I would encourage all members, both old and young, to work with and to learn from each other and together continue the Order's growth within Michigan.

In closing, I wish to sincerely thank the membership for affording me the opportunity to be a part of a very exciting and rewarding period in the history of our Order. It has been my privilege to serve you in fraternity, charity and loyalty.

Keith G. Harrison  
Department Commander

ACTIVITIES OF THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, S.U.V.C.W. DURING 1985 - 1986.

1985

15-16 June..... Civil War Reenactment.....Rockville, Indiana  
 29-30 June..... Civil War Reenactment &  
                   Recruitment.....Grand Ledge, Michigan  
 5- 7 July..... Reenactment.....Lexington, Michigan  
 13 July..... Parade.....Maple Rapids, Michigan  
 30 July..... SUVCW Camp Meeting.....Sunfield, Michigan  
 10 August..... School Memorial.....St. Johns, Michigan  
 24 August..... Parade & Civil War  
                   Reenactment.....Hasting, Michigan  
 31 August..... Civil War Reenactment.....Bucannon, Michigan  
 5 September..... Meeting (MI Sesquicentennial).Lansing, Michigan  
 7 September..... Recruitment Program.....Marshall, Michigan  
 13-15 September..... Civil War Reenactment,  
                   School Presentation &  
                   Recruitment Program.....Jackson, Michigan  
 5 October..... Parade.....Grand Rapids, Michigan  
 29 October..... SUVCW Camp Meeting.....Sunfield, Michigan  
 11 November..... Veterans Day Parade.....Lansing, Michigan  
 16 November..... Remembrance Day Ceremony.....Sunfield, Michigan  
 30 November..... Camp Installation.....Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

1986

5 January..... Recruitment Program.....Lansing, Michigan  
 11 January..... Meeting (MI Sesquicentennial).Lansing, Michigan  
 28 January..... SUVCW Camp Meeting.....Sunfield, Michigan  
 22 February..... SUVCW - SOR Dinner.....Lansing, Michigan  
 23 February..... SUVCW ByLaws Meeting.....Sunfield, Michigan  
 8 March..... Meeting (MI Sesquicentennial).Detroit, Michigan  
 22 March..... Camp Installation.....Detroit, Michigan  
 16 April..... Presentation (Michigan  
                   Historical Society.....Lansing, Michigan  
 19-20 April..... Recruitment Program.....Lansing, Michigan  
 26 April..... Reenactment.....Newark, Ohio  
 29 April..... SUVCW Camp Meeting.....Sunfield, Michigan  
 3- 4 May..... Reenactment.....Detroit, Michigan  
 10 May..... Meeting (MI Sesquicentennial).Lansing, Michigan  
 10 May..... Recruitment Program.....Lansing, Michigan  
 26 May..... Memorial Day Parade.....Bancroft, Michigan  
 26 May..... Memorial Day Ceremony.....Lansing, Michigan  
 30 May..... Memorial Day Ceremony.....Sunfield, Michigan  
 30-31 May..... Reenactment.....Hale Farm, Ohio  
 7 June..... Annual SUVCW Encampment.....Clare, Michigan

OFFICERS REPORT  
for  
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

JUNE 1985 -- JUNE 1986

KEVIN J. BELERT  
SR. VICE COMMANDER  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
S.U.V.C.W.

The following is a report of my activities this past year during my term as Sr. Vice Commander, June 1985 - June 1986.

Unfortunately I was unable to attend many of the events and programs due to my employment and other personal commitments. This does not mean that my spirit and enthusiasm was'nt with the Department or the Order.

JUNE 1985: I was elected Sr. Vice Commander for the Department of Michigan at the annual Encampment. I was also appointed to the Department By-Laws Committee in which I resided as chairman.

JULY 1985: I was asked by the Lutheran Mens Club of my former congregation to attend a dinner and give a presentation on the Civil War. This was well received by all those present.

I attended a reenactment and memorial program in Lexington, Michigan during the July 4th holiday.

AUGUST 1985: I was unable to attend any functions this month due to personal commitments.

SEPTEMBER 1985: I attended a Civil War reenactment in Jackson, Michigan.

OCTOBER 1985: This month I worked on revisions to the Department By-Laws with Committee members. This was done by telephone and by mail due to the distance between each member.

NOVEMBER 1985: I was unable to attend any functions this month including the G.A.R. Rememberance Program held in Sunfield, Michigan. However I did work with the Department By-Laws once again.

DECEMBER 1985: This month I had no events to attend. I did work on the Department By-Laws, finalizing the revisions and compiling the recommendations received from the Committee members, before making a draft of said changes.

JANUARY 1986: I attended the January meeting of Curtenius Guard Camp #17, held at the S.M. Grinnell G.A.R. Hall in Sunfield, Michigan.

At that time I was also sworn in as a new member of that Camp.

I prepared a draft of the recommendations that I had received and compiled from the By-Laws Committee members. I then made my report to the Department Commander.

FEBRUARY 1986: This month I called for a meeting of the By-Laws Committee to discuss and review the changes that were made and to examine the rough draft. This being done, a final copy was to be made and be distributed to the various Camps within the Department.

MARCH 1986: This month I spent researching the history of Ottawa County and in particular its contribution during the Civil War. I found a very large number of veterans buried in the many county cemeteries.

Along with this I found some record of the G.A.R. Hall that was located in Holland.

APRIL 1986: This month I worked on plans for establishing a new Camp in the Holland area. The possibility for a large Camp here is very good! This is due to the many familiar surnames as compared to my list of veterans and because the people here are very proud of their heritage.

MAY 1986: I presented a living history program for my nieces' Junior High School class in Harrison, Michigan. This was very well received by the kids.

I also visited some of the area cemeteries, to try and locate gravesites of veterans. While visiting one of these, I discovered a monument dedicated to the veterans of the Civil War. Along with this was a large area around the monument with many used plots.

As yet I have not learned the true owner of the plot, but feel that the G.A.R. is the owner of record.

I also attended Memorial Day activities in both Holland and Gladwin Michigan.

JUNE 1986: At this time I am again working on the formation of a new Camp. I have submitted articles to the newspapers again and I am looking into some weekend living history displays around the area.

This concludes my report of activities for the past year, June 1985-  
June 1986.

I wish to thank the members of the Department and the Order for nominating and electing me Sr. Vice Commander. I have tried to fulfill my duties to the best of my ability. Unfortunately much of my private life has interfered with my attendance at many of the events held.

I have enjoyed serving as Sr. Vice Commander as well as Jr. Vice Commander in the past. I also look forward to serving the Department again in the future.

I am very proud to be a member of the Sons and I am sure my Great Great Grandfather would be happy, knowing that I was keeping his memory as well as his fellow comrades' memory alive by what our organization stands for.

It is also a good feeling to see the Department of Michigan growing as it has in recent years and I hope it will continue to do so. But we have to keep working so that it will keep on growing.

As long as we never lose track of who and what we are representing, our Order will continue to be strong and prosperous.

Yours in F., C., & L.,



Kevin J. Belert  
Sr. Vice Commander  
Department of Michigan  
S.U.V.C.W.

June 7, 1986  
S.U.V. State Encampment  
Annual Report from the Junior Vice-Commander

Brothers:

This has been an exciting year for the Michigan Sons. We have experienced a period of real growth in our State.

I have had the privilege of participating in the opening of two new camps, the Wa-Bu-No Camp #53 in Mt. Pleasant, and the Ulysses S. Grant Camp #101 in Detroit. There has also been real growth in membership of existing camps.

I was asked to deliver three separate talks on the Civil War in area schools this past year. This gives an opportunity to bring memories of the Civil War alive for today's youth. I also participated in 5 parades in the last year.

This past year, I was a member of the By-Laws Committee. We worked on changes in the State organizations By-Laws. I shared several new ideas to this committee, concerning awards to be given by the Sons.

I also took part in several reenactments and living historys. One of these was a fund raiser for repair to George Armstrong Custer's guidon.

I believe this next year will show continuing growth and expansion of the Sons Of Union Veterans of Michigan. It has been my pleasure to serve as Junior Vice-Commander for the State of Michigan this past year. Thank you all for allowing me this privilege.

Respectfully submitted  
in F., C. & L.

Michael D. Mitchell  
Jr. Vice-Commander



SECRETARY - TREASURER'S REPORT  
 MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT - SUVCW  
 ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

JUNE 7, 1986

- I. The health of an organization can be measured by an active, growing membership. Commander Harrison and other officers have reported on the activities and 25% increase in membership in the last year.

Recruitment Efforts were as follows:

1. A large mail out by Commander Harrison to genealogical/historical associations in the state.
  2. Advertisements in pertinent periodicals and publications.
  3. Continued dialogue with several people in Escanaba and Marquette in an effort to begin a U.P. camp.
  4. Same as #3 in Flint/Bay City area.
  5. Same as #3 in Holland area.
  6. Commander Harrison sent letters to all members at large in Michigan inviting them to join local camps.
  7. Individual recruiting by several individual members.
  8. New camp (Wa-Bu-No #53) installed in Mt. Pleasant on November 30, 1985.
  9. New camp (U.S. Grant #101) installed in Detroit on March 22, 1986.
  10. Recruitment at Marshall Historical Home Tour November, 1985.
  11. Recruitment at reenactment in Jackson on September, 1985 during which 9,000 to 10,000 people were present with approximately 700 reenactors. Twenty-seven men and ten women took applications for either the SUVCW or DUVCW.
- II. The following action's which were taken at National SUVCW Encampment on August 14, 1985 are shared:

Motion's Approved:

Life membership for infant sons  
 Restored separate offices of Secretary and Treasurer  
 Life membership for 75 years of service to Order  
 Retain Star Spangled Banner as National Anthem  
 1987 National Encampment will not be Syracuse, New York  
 1988 " " - Sheraton Inn, Gettysburg  
 1989 " " - Des Moines, Iowa  
 Add bar to war medal for war served - (Mich.Res.#2-1985)  
 Set end date for Viet Nam War

Support "English Language" Amendment  
Not support bilingual teaching  
Budget of \$19,383.00  
30 May - Memorial Day

Motion's Defeated:

Require more genealogical proof

Council of Administration:

Set fee to camps for life members at \$8.00  
Robert Gregory - 1986 Editor of Banner

Current National SUVCW Membership:

2,615 Members  
148 Camps  
19 Departments

Encampment Notice: 1986 Encampment at Lexington, Kentucky

August 10-13, 1986  
Room Rates \$49 - Single  
\$55 - Double  
\$65 - Triple  
\$65 - Quad

III. Department Data:

1. Department membership is 101 members, largest since 1961.
2. Department notes passing of Bro. Tom Waddell, Commander, George Howe camp #9, Port Huron and active NSSA member, a highly visible and dedicated son for over 30 years.

Department also notes passing of John Harrison, Commander Harrison's father and member of Curtenius Guard Camp

3. Department has been included among other Michigan based hereditary organizations in a directory of Michigan organizations. Included are the SUVCW, SOR, SAR, DAR, DUVCW, Order of Founders and Patriots, Society of Mayflower Descendants of Michigan, Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to SUVCW, MOLLUS, Huegonot Society, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and Society of Colonial Wars. The Directory is largely due to the efforts of Bro. Lyons and will be updated annually.
4. Several members participated in the Greater Michigan Foundation sponsored Michigan week. Jim Lyons received a Leadership Award for his efforts on the directory referenced above.
5. The anticipated dedication of the Sunfield G.A.R. Hall as a state historical site will cost approximately \$1,600. (not counting Hall repairs). Contact Jim Pahl if you can donate to this cause.

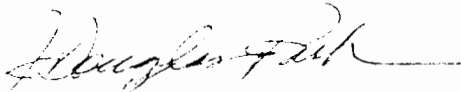


6. The Historical Observance Committee of the Sesquicentennial Commission plans a state-wide dinner honoring Michigan recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor.
7. Reenactment events throughout the Sesquicentennial expect to draw large crowds.
8. The accelerated Banner mailing schedule planned by National SUVCW to bring the publication current to winter '86 was shared.
9. The computer listing and mailing labels of department members was shared.
10. The Michigan Department donated \$25 toward restoration of the 7th Michigan Brigade Flag which flew in Custer's Regiment when Custer turned back Pickett's charge at Gettysburg.
11. The \$283 loan from former Secretary/Treasurer Norm Rowley was paid in full during fiscal '85-'86. There are no other outstanding bills.
12. Treasurer's books audited and approved by department council on June 7, 1986. Department Treasurer's report will be in the next department orders pursuant to bylaws.
13. Department Secretary wishes to point out lack of certain department properties, record of previous encampment proceedings and minutes and desires these be forwarded to his office.
14. Recommend annual inventory of department properties by department commander/designee.
15. Recommend continuance of \$2 per quarter per capita tax payment pursuant to bylaws.

#### IV. Miscellaneous

1. DUVCW obtained their Congressional Charter on December 9, 1985.
2. Recommend resolution commending National SUVCW on separating offices of Secretary and Treasurer and vastly improving services.

Yours in F. C. and L.,



J. Douglas Park  
Secretary/Treasurer

FISCAL YEAR END REPORT  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT - SUVCW

30 June, 1986

| Account              | Balance | Receipts     | Disbursements | Balance |
|----------------------|---------|--------------|---------------|---------|
| Balance 6/25/85      | \$52.93 |              |               |         |
| <u>Receipts</u>      |         |              |               |         |
| Per Capita Tax       |         | \$684.00     |               |         |
| Charter Fees         |         | 50.00        |               |         |
| Donations            |         | 83.00        |               |         |
| Transfer             |         | 30.00        |               |         |
| Patriotic Work       |         |              |               |         |
| Miscellaneous        |         | 25.00        |               |         |
| Encampment Fees      |         | <u>20.00</u> |               |         |
| Total                |         | \$892.00     |               |         |
| <u>Disbursements</u> |         |              |               |         |
| Per Capita Tax       |         |              | \$341.00      |         |
| Loan Payment         |         |              | 283.00        |         |
| Printing             |         |              | 84.15         |         |
| Postage              |         |              | 67.38         |         |
| Central Reg. Dues    |         |              | 5.00          |         |
| Charter Fees         |         |              | 35.00         |         |
| Patriotic Work       |         |              | 58.00         |         |
| Transfer             |         |              | 20.00         |         |
| Refunds              |         |              | 8.00          |         |
| Donations            |         |              | <u>22.18</u>  |         |
| Total                |         |              | \$923.71      |         |
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| Balance on Hand      |         |              |               |         |
| 6/30/86              |         |              |               | \$21.22 |

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE STATE PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

WE HAVE BEEN BUSY IN GOING TO AREA SCHOOLS  
WE ALSO MEET WITH BOY SCOUTS AND GIRL SCOUTS  
WE ALSO HAVE GOTTEN MAJOR INDUSTRY TO ~~BE~~ REPLACE  
NATIONAL FLAG.

WE HAVE BEEN PRESENT IN THE OPENING OF TWO CAMPS.  
WE HAVE BEEN PRESENT AT MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES.

THIS ~~ENDS~~ <sup>END</sup> THE REPORT OF THE PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

*Walter A. Lettimore Jr.*  
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STATE PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

7 JUNE, 1986



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

KEITH G. HARRISON, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

OFFICE OF: CAMP ORGANIZER

To: Department Commander

Subject: Annual Report

Date: 6 June, 1986

Since the last Encampment of the Michigan Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, two Provisional Camps have been established in the State of Michigan. They are;

1. Wa-Bu-No Camp #53 at Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, Ralph C. Beaudoin, Commander. Nov. 30, 1985. Five members.
2. Ulysses S. Grant Camp #101 at Detroit, Michigan, Donald J. Pennell, Commander. 8 March, 1986. Nine members.

We continue to work on other new Camp prospects in Holland, Flint, Mt. Clemens, Fowlerville and Marshall.

Respectfully submitted,

James T. Lyons  
Camp Organizer (Lower Peninsula)



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1986 ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
 MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT - S.U.V.C.W.  
 CLARE, MICHIGAN  
 RESOLUTION NUMBER 1

WITNESSETH THAT: WHEREAS, Michigan Department Commander Keith G. Harrison has now had experience in the offices of Camp Commander, Department Senior Vice Commander and Department Commander; AND,

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Camp Commander Harrison, membership within the Curtenius Guard Camp #17 of Lansing, Michigan has grown from 5 to 33 members in a period of only three years; AND,

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Department Commander Harrison, membership within the Michigan Department has grown by over 25% in a period of only one year; AND,

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Department Commander Harrison, the number of Camps within the Department has grown from 6 to 8, also in only one year; AND,

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Department Commander Harrison, public awareness of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War within the State of Michigan has been greatly enhanced as a result of state-wide publicity and participation of S.U.V.C.W. members on key historic and patriotic state-wide committees; AND,

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Department Commander Harrison, public awareness of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War by the State's genealogical, hereditary, historical and patriotic organizations has been greatly enhanced through cooperative programs and projects; AND,

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Department Commander Harrison, a more positive attitude towards the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War by non-S.U.V.C.W. Civil War reenactors has begun to develop; AND,

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Department Commander Harrison, internal Department communications have been enhanced to ensure that Michigan Brothers are kept apprised of National and Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Orders and activities; AND,

WHEREAS, Department Commander Harrison's interest and dedication to the Order has been more than adequately demonstrated by his procurement of Life Membership status within the Order, his personal recruitment of 18 members since June, 1985 and by his participation in 36 different functions to further the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Michigan Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in its 102nd year of existance hereby highly endorses and recommends Brother Keith G. Harrison for a position within the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War which will utilize his leadership, organizational and recruitment skills to their fullest and to the betterment of the Order within the United States.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED IN CLARE, MICHIGAN ON 7 JUNE, 1986 AT THE ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR.



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

1986 ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT - S.U.V.C.W.  
CLARE, MICHIGAN  
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2

WITNESSETH THAT: WHEREAS, The Michigan Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has in past years expressed concern regarding the timely receipt of supplies and response to correspondence from the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; AND,

WHEREAS, The Michigan Department, S.U.V.C.W. has experienced during this last year, in particular, a significant improvement in such services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Michigan Department, S.U.V.C.W. hereby acknowledges and commends the National Organization, S.U.V.C.W. for its wisdom in dividing the heretofore overloaded National Secretary-Treasurer office into two separate national offices; AND,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Michigan Department, S.U.V.C.W. hereby commends Brother Frank M. Heacock, PC-in-C, National Secretary and Brother Chester S. Shriver, PC-in-C, National Treasurer for the excellent support and service that they have rendered to the Michigan Department, S.U.V.C.W. during this past year.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 3

WITNESSETH THAT: WHEREAS, The year 1986 represents the 125th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War; AND,

WHEREAS, In recognition of said anniversary, it would be both fitting and proper to use the occasion to begin the formal process of healing any and all wounds that may still exist; AND,

WHEREAS, The Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War did formally establish liaison with the Sergeant Foley Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans of Kalamazoo, Michigan as of 7 June, 1986;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Michigan Department, S.U.V.C.W. hereby strongly encourages the National Organization, S.U.V.C.W. to follow its lead by formally establishing liaison with the National Organization, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

BOTH ABOVE RESOLUTIONS WERE UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED IN CLARE, MICHIGAN ON 7 JUNE, 1986 AT THE ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR.