

NINETY NINTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT - SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

4 June 1988

The 99th Annual Encampment of the Michigan Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (S.U.V.C.W.) was held on 4 June 1988 at the Holiday Inn, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The encampment was opened per ritual by Department Commander Keith Harrison at 9:13 a.m. Department Secretary/Treasurer J. Douglas Park read the roll of officers and staff:

Commander Harrison - present  
SVC Mitchell - present  
JVC Belert - excused  
Secretary/Treasurer Park - present  
Department Council:  
Peebles - absent  
Gibson - present  
Chairman - Lyons - present  
Chief of Staff D. Rowley - present  
Counselor Pahl - present

Credentials Committee Report

Bernard McCarthy reported 16 delegates were in attendance and able to vote.

Resolutions Committee Appointments - Commander Harrison made the following appointments:

Bro. J. Pahl  
Bro. J. Lyons  
Bro. M. Foster  
Bro. G. Gibson  
Bro. D. Rowley

Bylaw Committee

No bylaw amendments submitted, no committee needed.

Approved of Minutes

Bro. Pahl moved; Bro. Jim Lyons 2nd that the 1987 encampment meeting minutes be approved. Bro. Pahl moved we amend ninety-eighty to ninety-eighth. Bro. Gibson moved we add the roster of the Department Council to roll call of officers. The original amended motion was adopted.

Department Officer Reports Received:

Commander Harrison  
SVC Mitchell  
Historian Lyons

Department Council Report

Chairman Lyons reported audit of books shows they are in good order and are approved. Lyons reported council recommends quarterly per capita tax be increased from \$2.00 to \$2.50 to defray costs of postage/ mailing and the increase in the National SUVCW per capita tax. Council went on record protesting National SUVCW increase in per capita tax. Bro. D. Rowley moved to accept report; 2nd by McCarthy; motion approved.

Old Business

Commander Harrison reported death of Bro. Ben Edge, Commander of Finch Camp #14, and draping of camp charters for the month of May. Bro. Dick Williams received camp material at noon from family members for deposition with Department until Finch Camp is reorganized.

Counselor Pahl moved the encampment again endorse a previously accepted 1987 encampment resolution (proposed amendment Article VI re: discipline); D. Rowley 2nd; motion approved.

Commander Harrison said the Banner problems may be addressed later, but no one knows what solutions are in the offing.

Officer Reports - Verbalized and submitted in writing

Historian Lyons reported recent activities (attachment 1)  
JVC Belert (who is working today) will report later (attachment 2)  
Patriotic Instructor Peebles (who is working) will report later  
(attachment 3)

Motion by Bro. Gage; N. Rowley 2nd for officers to speak up, motion approved.

Camp organizer Park reported Central U.P., Marshall, New Baltimore, Niles, and Charlotte are areas where new camps could and should start.  
Secretary/Treasurer Park reported finances (attachment 4)  
SVC Mitchell reported activities (attachment 5)  
Commander Harrison reported Commander activities (attachment 6)  
Chief of Staff D. Rowley reported problem with lack of definition of role of Chief of Staff, but he has represented SUVCW on several occasions e.g., Boys State, Girls State, etc.

D. Rowley suggested Bylaws Committee (attachment 7) define role/position/function of Chief of Staff. To be brought up under new business.

Recess - 10:12 a.m. for Resolutions Committee to consider resolutions and officers reports.

Meeting reconvened 11:05 a.m.

Communications

Secretary/Treasurer Park reported communication from Mrs. Hazel Edge regarding death of Bro. Ben Edge., Cdr, Finch Camp #14, and Grand Rapids.

Committee Reports

Resolutions Committee

Chairman Pahl reported all officers reports are acceptable. Motion by Lyons to accept; 2nd Gibson; motion approved.

Attachment 8 - Chairman Pahl reported resolution #1; re: Past commanders committee, should be adopted; Lyons 2nd, motion approved; Mitchell nay.

Attachment 9 - Chairman Pahl reported resolution #2, re: Badges and decorations, should be adopted; N. Rowley 2nd; motion approved.

Attachment 10 - Chairman Pahl reported resolution #3, re: Unknown soldier badge presentation, should be adopted; Gibson 2nd; motion approved.

Attachment 11 - Chairman Pahl reported Resolution #4, re: National Committee on Digest, should be adopted and sent to National; 2nd Lyons; motion approved.

Chairman Pahl reported Resolution #5, re: Endorsing Jim Lyons for Department Commander. Committee took no action as Pahl indicated merits of candidates for Department office are not within the purview of the committee.

Chairman Pahl reported Resolution #6, re: Deleting category of associate membership and creating honorary category of membership should be considered out of order as it conflicts with Michigan Department SUVCW Bylaws, Article XII. Pahl requested Department to rule it out of order and return it to Ben Pritchard Camp #20; so ruled by Commander Harrison.

Chairman Pahl reported communication's, re: D. Rowley endorsed for National JVC from E. Rowley #18. Pahl also reported Keith Harrison had been endorsed by U.S. Grant 101, Ben Pritchard #20, Curtenius Guard #17, and A. Blain #7 for the office of National JVC. Pahl reported both men are well qualified, but Committee took no action on endorsing either. Discussion; N. Rowley discussed at length the merits of D. Rowley's candidacy for National JVC. N. Rowley asked that Committee endorse D. Rowley.

Commander Keith Harrison asked Bro Pahl to read each resolution endorsing individuals for the office of National JVC. Bro Pahl read each resolution presented, i.e. Elijah Rowley Camp #18, U.S. Grant Camp #101, Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Ben Pritchard Camp #20, and A. Blair #7; Attachments #12, 13, 14, and 15; Bernie McCarthy pointed out all camps except E. Rowley #18, and R. Finch #14, supported Keith Harrison. J. Lyons moved Keith Harrison be endorsed for National JVC; 2nd Gage.

Mitchell called the question; 2nd Lyons; 12 aye, 4 nay, (2/3 aye); question called by written ballot. Results, 9 yes, 4 no, 2 abstain, motion approved. The motion was adopted by the Michigan Department that Keith Harrison be endorsed for National JVC.

Recess at 12:12 for lunch.

Reconvened 1:30 p.m.

#### New Business

Bro. Lyons moved per capita tax be increased to \$2.50 per quarter, 2nd Bro. Pahl. Bro. Pahl moved to amend the motion that this is effective, 2nd quarter 1988; Lyons 2nd. Amendment passed, motion passed.

Bro. Pahl moved that role/position of Chief of Staff be referred to Department Bylaws Committee; 2nd McCarthy; motion passed.

Bro. Lyons moved Department go on record protesting National SUVCW increase in per capita tax in view of decreasing National services, e.g., Banner, etc; 2nd McCarthy. Discussion - N. Rowley discussed fact that National SUVCW has financial needs. Motion passed; nays - N. Rowley, Dave Rowley, M. Mitchell.

Bro. McCarthy moved we observe a moment of silence for those MIAs in Vietnam; Bill Warren 2nd; N. Rowley moved to amend motion to include all MIAs serving in Korea, WW II, WW I as well as Vietnam; Mitchell 2nd. Pahl moved to amend that Department observe moment of silence at each encampment for all those who have sacrificed their lives in all wars; McCarthy 2nd; amendment passed; amendment passed; motion passed.

Bro. Williams moved that active duty members in military branches of the armed services not be assessed dues for year in which they're on active duty; Gibson 2nd. Commander Harrison ruled motion out of order since its a camp matter and, therefore, not department jurisdiction.

#### Election of Department Officers

Commander - U.S. Grant 101 nominated Jim Lyons for Department Commander. There were no other nominations. Motion approved; N. Rowley nay. Dave Rowley moved those candidates without opposition be declared the officer by acclamation; 2nd N. Rowley; motion approved.

SVC - Mitchell nominated Gary Gibson; Pahl moved nominations be closed. Williams 2nd; acclamation.

JVC - Mitchell nominated Jim Pahl; Adams moved nominations be closed, Hodges 2nd; motion passed; acclamation.

Secretary/Treasurer - Gibson nominated Park; Pahl moved nominations be closed; McCarthy 2nd; motion passed; acclamation.

Department Council - The following were nominated for the three member Department Council: Dave Rowley, Bernie McCarthy and Don Everett; acclamation.

National Delegates - In addition to the Department Commander and Past Department Commanders who have standing credentials, the following were elected delegates to the 1988 National SUVCW Encampment in Lansing:

Delegates

Mike Mitchell  
Bernie McCarthy  
Jim Pahl  
Milt Foster  
Gary Gibson

Alternate Delegates

Harold Blount  
Dick Williams  
Doug Park  
Herb Gage  
Don Everett

Appointments - Commander-elect Lyons made the following appointments:

Chief of Staff - Keith Harrison  
Counselor - Jim Pahl  
Pat. Instr. - Bill Peebles  
Chaplain - Ben McCarthy  
Historian - Paul Hodges  
Asst. Historian - John Braden  
Guide - Milt Foster  
Guard - Floyd Hindbaugh  
Color Bearer - Ralph Albrough  
Aide to Cdr. - Dave Rowley  
Camp Organizer - Keith Harrison

The installation of officers was conducted per ritual by Harrison, PDC. All above elected and appointed department officers were installed per ritual except Don Everett, B. Peebles, J. Braden and R. Albrough who were absent. PDC Harrison presented the charter, ritual and gavel to Cdr Lyons as emblems of authority for office of Department Commander. A hearty ovation was given PDC Harrison for his outstanding leadership over last three years.

There being no other business to come before the encampment, the encampment was closed per ritual at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



J. Douglas Park  
Department Secretary/Treasurer



Attachment # 2

Attachment # 1

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
KEITH G. HARRISON, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

OFFICE OF: DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN

To: Department Encampment  
4 June 1988

This past year has been extremely busy as the Historian continued to represent the Department on the Military Affairs Subcommittee of the Historical Observance Committee of the Michigan Sesquicentennial Commission. This included participation in several Historical Marker dedications and other ceremonies.

One of the most enjoyable was the Legion of Valor Dinner to honor Michigan Medal of Honor recipients, held in Battle Creek the end of January 1988 as the closing event of the Sesquicentennial activities.

The Historian was also successful in setting the wheel in motion to line up the funding to restore the Michigan monuments at Gettysburg. The work began in March of this year, and the commitment is to have the 3rd, 7th, 24th Regiments and the Michigan Cavalry Brigade monuments completed in time for the reenactment commemorating the 125th anniversary of the Battle. The balance are scheduled to be completed by Remembrance Day.

The Grave Registration project continues. The survey of 194 cemeteries in Clinton, Eaton and Ingham counties has been completed and the final resting place of nearly 3500 Civil War veterans has been recorded. We are in the process of adding information from Sexton's records, vital records and the military record of each man. This, when published, will provide not only a listing of the burials, but also information that will be useful to military historians and genealogists as well.

The Historian wishes to express thanks to all who have assisted on the various projects. Without their assistance, much would still remain to be done.

Respectfully, in F., C., and L.,

*James T. Lyons*  
James T. Lyons  
Department Historian

The following is a report of my activities during my term in office for the past year 1987-1988.

In June I was reelected Jr. Vice Commander at the annual Department Encampment held in Lansing, Michigan. Along with this being appointed to the membership committees on both the Department and National level.

Throughout the year I attended some six (6) Civil War reenactments and programs.

Once again this year I returned to the Harrison and Beaverton schools, to present programs on the Civil War to the history classes. These programs seem to always be well received and appreciated by the students.

Also this year I visited some of the local cemeteries in Ottawa County to make sure that the graves of the Civil War veterans are still being properly cared for and marked. I also investigated one in particular after a report of vandalism. Fortunately the Civil War monument and gravesites located there were not involved.

Memorial Day was spent at home this year. I did however attend a ceremony conducted by the local Veterans organizations.

This concludes my report of activities for the term June 1987-June 1988.

I wish to thank the members of the Michigan Department for nominating and electing me for this past term. I have enjoyed serving the Department these past few years, but I feel at this time I must step down and decline any nomination for another term as a Department Officer. My personal life has been conflicting with serving the Order in any official capacity and will continue to do so indefinitely.

I feel it would be and has been unfair to the Department, that I cannot do justice to the office I have or would possibly hold. It is time for someone who can devote the time and energy to the office that it really deserves, which I cannot give at this time.

I am as always proud to be a member of this organization!

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

*Kevin J. Belert*  
Kevin J. Belert  
Jr. Vice Commander  
Michigan Department S.U.V.C.W.

Attachment #4

YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 2ND Q 1987 - 1ST Q 1988  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT - SUVCW  
4 June 1988

Attachment #5

3 June 1988

BEG. BAL.	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE	END BALANCE	LIABILITY
83 <sup>82</sup>				
<u>RECEIPTS</u>				
	PER CAPITA TAX (1)	294 <sup>00</sup>		
	SUPPLIES (1)	68 <sup>20</sup>		
	MISC (1)	1106 <sup>00</sup>		
	PER CAPITA TAX (3)	212 <sup>00</sup>		
	PER CAPITA TAX (4)	204 <sup>00</sup>		
	PER CAPITA TAX (1)	250 <sup>00</sup>		
	NATL SUVCW - ENCAMPMENT	400 <sup>00</sup>	400.00	
	TOTAL	2474.30		
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>				
	PER CAPITA TAX (2)	115 <sup>00</sup>		
	PATRIOTIC WORK (2)	1059 <sup>87</sup>		
	MISC (2)	12 <sup>00</sup>		
	SUPPLIES (2)	31 <sup>86</sup>		
	PER CAPITA TAX (3)	115 <sup>00</sup>		
	PATRIOTIC WORK (3)	30 <sup>00</sup>		
	MISC (3)	100 <sup>00</sup>		
	POSTAGE (3)	23 <sup>00</sup>		
	SUPPLIES (3)	43 <sup>00</sup>		
	PER CAPITA TAX (4)	127 <sup>00</sup>		
	PATRIOTIC WORK (4)	45 <sup>00</sup>		
	SUPPLIES (4)	34 <sup>00</sup>		
	PER CAPITA TAX (1)	125 <sup>00</sup>		
	SUPPLIES (1)	434		
		1834.67		
	LIABILITY		773.45	400.00

Reviewed and Approved 6/4/88  
James J. Ayers Council Chair.  
Barry L. Wilson Council Secretary  
Jeffrey B. Adams pro. Temp.

For the past year I have had the honor of serving as Senior Vice-Commander for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the State of Michigan. Some of my activities have been as follows:

- Jackson Cascades - August, 1987
- Marshall Home Festival - September, 1987
- Eaton Rapids Lions Club - March, 1988
- Fort Custer Memorial Day Ceremony - May, 1988

It has been a pleasure to work with the cadre of officers who are always ready to help the general membership for the good of the Order.

Respectfully submitted

Yours in F., C., and L.,

Michael D. Mitchell  
Senior Vice-Commander



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

KEITH G. HARRISON, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER  
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1988 ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT ADDRESS  
 GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN  
 4 June, 1988

Encampment Delegates, Department Officers, Camp Commanders and Brothers:

I have the high honor 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 7 June, 1987 to 4 June, 1988. During this my third and final year as your Department Commander, I again have had the privilege to represent the Department and therefore help to foster the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic at a total of 50 different functions including, Civil War reenactments, parades, ceremonies, historic programs, meetings, camp installations and recruitment programs,

As you may recall, when I first took office in June, 1985, I made a pledge to the Department to initiate programs which would (1) result in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War again becoming a recognized entity within the State of Michigan and (2) increase the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War membership within the state. With the generous assistance of many Brothers within the Department, I am pleased to report that both pledges were realized.

Publicity programs initiated during my first and second terms in office were refined and continued into my third term. Also continued and in several instances expanded was an increased presence and participation by the Department in other patriotic, veterans', historical and genealogical organization's activities and programs. One significant activity expansion during my third term was the recognition of the Order and the subsequent inclusion of the Department of Michigan onto the Consolidated War Veterans Council of Michigan as the recognized representative of the Grand Army of the Republic within the State of Michigan.

Another program initiated in 1988 and currently ongoing was the Department's project to restore the Civil War monuments commemorating Michigan's presence and contribution during the Battle of Gettysburg. The monuments to be restored include the First, Fourth, Seventh, Sixteenth, and Twenty-fourth Michigan Infantry Regiments and the Michigan Cavalry Brigade (First, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Regiments). The Third Infantry Regiment monument is being restored through the efforts of the reactivated Third Michigan Infantry.

The majority of the monuments were originally dedicated on 12 June, 1889. Since then, both time and the elements have taken their toll. The total cost of the restoration is estimated to be over \$15,000. It is currently planned to have at least three of the monuments (Third, Seventh and Twenty-fourth Infantries) restored in time for the 125th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg (1-3 July, 1988). The remaining monuments are scheduled to be restored prior to Remembrance Day (19 November, 1988).

A third high exposure-type activity, conceptually initiated by the Department in June, 1986 and now one in which the Order is just beginning to receive notoriety is the 107th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its Allied Orders. For over a year, a highly dedicated group of Brothers under the competent leadership of Brother James T. Lyons have been diligently working and are now beginning to finalize the last remaining issues in order to ready the Lansing, Michigan site for the 14-18 August, 1988 National Encampment. Interest and inquiries from other organizations, but especially from the veterans organizations are beginning to be received. I am fully confident that with the continued assistance of the Michigan Brothers, the 107th National Encampment will not only be the best ever but will also serve to generate considerable publicity and interest for our Order within Michigan.

With regards to membership, when I took over command of the Michigan Department in 1985, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War membership stood at 82. Since that time, and as a direct result of numerous programs, initiatives and hours of volunteered time by many of our Brothers, our Order has increased by 63% to its current level of 134. During the same time, the number of Camps within the Department also increased from 6 to 8.

Based on the above, I believe that great strides have been and are continuing to be made in Michigan in terms of notoriety and growth of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; however, it still only represents a beginning. There still remains a lot of work before us. As I have in years past, I would again encourage all Brothers during the years to come to continue to promote our Order and its principles for which it was organized. In addition, I would also encourage all Camps to actively meet whenever possible and to undertake programs and projects within their local areas which will help to keep our Order within the eye of the public, increase its membership and further the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In closing, I wish to sincerely thank the membership for affording me this third opportunity to be a part of a very exciting and rewarding period in the history of our Order in Michigan. It has been my privilege to serve you in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Keith G. Harrison, Commander  
 Department of Michigan  
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



ACTIVITIES OF THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, S.U.V.C.W.  
1987 - 1988

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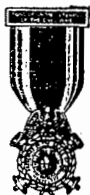
7 June Rose Parade; Jackson, MI  
13-14 June C.W. Reenactment; Rockville, IN  
27-28 June C.W. Reenactment; Grandledge, MI  
3 July Living History Program; Lansing, MI  
4 July Parade; Grass Lake, MI  
4 July July 4th Program; Jackson, MI  
11 July Parade; Mulliken, MI  
28 July Curtenius Gd Camp #17 Meeting; Sunfield, MI  
1- 2 August C.W. Reenactment; Rochester, IN  
8 August Parade; Stanton, MI  
9-13 August 106th Annual National S.U.V.C.W. Encampment;  
Buffalo, NY  
15 August Living History Program; Lansing, MI  
28-30 August C.W. Reenactment; Jackson, MI  
5- 6 September Parade & Recruitment Program; Marshall, MI  
17 September Color Guard, National Gd Dinner, Lansing, MI  
19-20 September C.W. Encampment; Plainwell, MI  
3- 4 October C.W. Reenactment - 125th Anniversary of the  
Battle of Perryville; Perryville, KY  
24 October Historic Ft. Wayne Lantern Tour; Detroit, MI  
27 October Curtenius Gd Camp #17 Meeting; Sunfield, MI  
8 November Veterans Day Ceremony; Detroit, MI  
11 November Veterans Day Parade; Ft Custer National  
Cemetery; Augusta, MI  
11 November Veterans Day Parade; Lansing, MI  
26 November Thanksgiving Day Parade; Detroit, MI  
7 December Camp Installation; Kalamazoo, MI  
29 December Dinner with Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20;  
Richland, MI

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10 January Recruitment Program; Dimondale, MI  
11 January Meeting, Medal of Honor Dinner; Lansing, MI  
17 January Planning Meeting, Nat'l Encamp.; Lansing, MI  
17 January Meeting, Consolidated War Veterans of Mich-  
igan; Lansing, MI  
21 January Program, Junior & High Schools; Jackson, MI  
23 January Color Guard, Medal of Honor Dinner Celebra-  
tion; Battle Creek, MI  
26 January Curtenius Gd Camp #17 Meeting; Sunfield, MI  
30 January Military Ball, Governor Austin Blair Civil  
War Round Table; Lansing, MI  
3 February Radio Program, Michigan State University,  
E. Lansing, MI  
20 February Annual George Washington/Abraham Lincoln  
Birthday Dinner Celebration; Lansing, MI

19 March  
20 March  
26 March  
26-27 March  
16-17 April  
26 April  
30 April-1 May  
7 May  
14 May  
19 May  
21-22 May  
29 May  
30 May  
30 May  
4 June

Meeting, Consolidated War Veterans of Mich-  
igan; Sunfield, MI  
Planning Meeting, Nat'l Encamp.; Lansing, MI  
Meeting, U.S. Grant Camp #101; Detroit, MI  
Living History, Historic Ft Wayne; Detroit, MI  
C.W. Reenactment; Woodland, MI  
Curtenius Gd Camp #17 Meeting; Sunfield, MI  
C.W. Reenactment, Historic Fort Wayne;  
Detroit, MI  
Meeting, Michigan Commandery - M.O.L.L.U.S.;  
Grosse Pointe, MI  
Parade; Laningsburg, MI  
Planning Meeting, Nat'l Encamp.; Lansing, MI  
C.W. Reenactment; Hale Farm, OH  
Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony, Ft. Custer  
National Cemetery; Augusta, MI  
Memorial Day Parade; Dearborn, MI  
Memorial Day Ceremony; Sunfield, MI  
Annual Michigan Department - Sons of Union  
Veterans of the Civil War Encampment;  
Grand Rapids, MI



State Headquarters  
**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
 (Office of the Commanding Officer).

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT, JUNE 4, 1988  
 Grand Rapids.

1. Pursuant to authority of ARTICLE IX, Section 3 of the Michigan Department By-Laws, the Department of Michigan by action of this Encampment shall create a SPECIAL DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE to be known as:  
     MICHIGAN PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION.
2. Said committee shall exist in the form herein described until the 1989 Department Encampment. Said Committee shall have a Chairman and a Secretary.
3. The membership of this committee shall consist of the following:  
     All Past Camp Commanders of Michigan Camps.  
     All Past Michigan Department Commanders.  
     All such members MUST be in good standing within their respective Camp. The sitting Michigan Department Commander shall be an Ex Officio member of this committee.
4. The duties of this committee shall be as follows:
  1. Prepare a set of guidelines whereby this special committee may be established as an organization within the framework of the Michigan Department By-Laws.
  2. Submit the proposed set of guidelines to the Department By-Law Committee and sitting Camp Commanders within sixty (60) days of the 1989 Department Encampment pursuant to ARTICLE XIV, Section 2 of the Department By-Laws.
  3. Serve as an Advisory Board for all sitting Camp Commanders and the Department Commander whereby the sitting Commanders may ask for advice and/or opinions of Past Commanders. Any such comments shall be placed in written form and be similar to an advisory opinion. Any such opinions shall be for information purposes only and have no binding effect.
5. Past Department Commander David S. Rowley shall be given full authority to organize this committee and to call its first session.
6. The Department Historian and/or Department Counselor shall have, at their option, the potential to express views to the committee.

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State Headquarters  
**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
 (Office of the Commanding Officer).

TO: NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SUVCW  
 FROM: MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT, SUVCW

The Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War shall be amended as follows:

CHAPTER V. General Regulations: ARTICLE III. Badges and Decorations:  
 ADD Section 10 to read:

Section 10. A Past Department Commander may, at his discretion, on formal occasions, wear his Past Department Commander insignia suspended from a neck ribbon of the Department Commandery colors.

A Past Department Commander or sitting elected Department Officers may, at their discretion, on formal occasion, wear a three (3) inch sash of the Department Commandery colors, cross chest, right shoulder to left hip, under the formal jacket.

Submitted-MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT, June 4, 1988-Grand Rapids.  
 Past Department Commander David S. Rowley, Sponsor of Resolution.

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The above was adopted by the 1988 Michigan Department Encampment and is respectfully forwarded to the 1988 National Encampment.

*James T. Lyons*  
 James T. Lyons  
 Department Commander.

Attest: *J. Douglas Park*  
 J. Douglas Park  
 Dept. Secy-Treas.



Attachment # 10

State Headquarters  
**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
 (Office of the Commanding Officer)

TO: NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SUVCW  
 FROM: MICHIGAN DEPT. SUVCW

WHEREAS, many thousands of Union veterans who died in defense of the Republic were unknown with regards to name or state, and.

WHEREAS, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D.C. is a Memorial, in part, dedicated to such veterans, and

WHEREAS, the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC as well as other organizations of the Allied Orders have made a presentation of a Special Membership Badge to the Awards of the Unknown Soldier in memory of Unknown Union Soldiers, and

WHEREAS, to the best of this Department's knowledge, the Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has not honored the Unknown Soldier in such a manner,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the National Organization, SUVCW give full authority to the Department of Michigan, SUVCW to investigate all aspects for the implementation of such a ceremony to present a Special Membership Badge to the Unknown Soldier.

The Washington D.C. Representative of the National Organization is encouraged to work with this Department toward the completion of this project.

Submitted - MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT, June 4, 1988-Grand Rapids. Past Department Commander David S. Rowley, Sponsor of Resolution.

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*James T. Lyons*  
 James T. Lyons  
 Department Commander.

*J. Douglas Park*  
 Attest: J. Douglas Park  
 Dept. Secy-Treas.



Attachment # 11

State Headquarters  
**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
 (Office of the Commanding Officer)

TO: NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SUVCW  
 FROM: MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT, SUVCW

1. Pursuaat to authority of CHAPTER III National Organization; ARTICLE VII Committees; Section 2. Special Committees of the Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Encampment, SUVCW shall create a SPECIAL COMMITTEE to be known as:

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON DIGEST.

2. Said committee shall exist in the form herein described until the 1989 National Encampment. Said committee shall have a Chairman and a Secretary.

3. The Chairman of this committee shall be Brother David S. Rowley, Past Department Commander of Michigan. Membership of the committee shall be open to all Brothers of the Order who are interested with this project.

4. The duties of this committee shall be;

1. Research the history of the Sons of Veterans, U.S.A. and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War "Blue Book" officially known as THE DIGEST OF DECISIONS ON THE CONSTITUTION, RULES, AND REGULATIONS.

2. Prepare a plan for the possible re-establishment of such a publication.

3. Report findings at the 1989 SUVCW National Encampment.

5. The committee shall have full authority to request information, including written opinions, from all appropriate officers, committees, and/or parts of the Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

6. The National Organization does request that all Brothers of the Order cooperate fully in the goal and spirit of this committee and project.

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The above was adopted by the 1988 Michigan Department Encampment and is respectfully forwarded to the 1988 National Encampment.

*James T. Lyons*  
 James T. Lyons  
 Department Commander.

*J. Douglas Park*  
 Attest: J. Douglas Park  
 Dept. Secy-Treas.

Submitted-MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT, J... ds.  
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 Past Department Commander David S. Rowley, S...



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

**NOTICE OF ENDORSEMENT**

from the  
 DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, SUVCW

RECALLING that Past Department Commander David S. Rowley has been a full member of this Order since he organized the ELIJAH C. ROWLEY CAMP #18 in 1980, and

RECALLING ALSO, that Past Department Commander Rowley has served the ELIJAH C. ROWLEY CAMP #18 well in a variety of positions with such service geared toward the betterment of the SUVCW, and

RECALLING ALSO that Past Department Commander Rowley has continuously served the DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, SUVCW since his appointment as Department Patriotic Instructor in June, 1981 said service to include three (3) terms as Department Commander, and

RECALLING ALSO that the leadership displayed by Past Department Commander Rowley during each of his three (3) administrations was profound and innovative by keeping the traditions of the past in tune with the activities of the present while planning for the future, and that such leadership caused this Department to experience a new birth of energy, effectiveness, and potential for growth as a solid foundation of Department policy was set for the continuance of this Department, and

RECALLING ALSO that Past Department Commander Rowley has received the attention of the NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, SUVCW by his capable Chairmanship of the 1980 SVR NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, by his effective representation of this Department at several SUVCW NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS, by his appointment to NATIONAL ORGANIZATION Standing Committees, and by his being awarded the NATIONAL ORGANIZATION Certificate of Merit, and

RECALLING ALSO that Past Department Commander Rowley has remained committed to the well-being and workings of the DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN and the ORDER of the SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR by his continued service to the Order in a variety of positions since retiring from the Office of Department Commander in 1985 as such continued service to the Order, as noted in The Ritual, is the final and true test of a Past Department Commander's belief in and gratitude to the ORDER of the SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, SUVCW meeting in annual Encampment this 4th Day of June, 1988, does hereby formally commend and acknowledge the effective and positive activities of Past Department Commander Rowley and realizing the need for continued inter-action with and support of the NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, SUVCW and believing that Past Department Commander Rowley's knowledge of and commitment to the SUVCW as well as his experience in the workings of the Order on a Camp, Department, and

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National level to be a great positive factor and potential benefit to the NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, SUVCW in its continuing work does

**HEREBY ENDORSE AND SHALL PLACE IN NOMINATION** at the 107th SUVCW NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, August, 1988, Lansing, Michigan, for the Office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commander David Scott Rowley.

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Submitted to MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT, June 4, 1988-Grand Rapids by the ELIJAH C. ROWLEY CAMP #18, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, SUVCW, Norman O. Rowley, Camp Commander.

Attachment # 13



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

ULYSSES S. GRANT CAMP #101  
 DETROIT, MICH.

P.O. BOX 530  
 HAZEL PARK MICH  
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J. Douglas Park, Sec.-Trea  
 Department of Michigan  
 404 Kenway  
 Lansing, Michigan 48917

May 30, 1988

Dear Brother Park:

We would request that the enclosed resolution endorsing Department Commander, Keith G. Harrison, for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief (1988/89) be presented at the 1988 Department Encampment to be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan on June 4, 1988.

In F., C., & L,

Bernard McCarthy, Commander  
 Ulysses S. Grant Camp #101



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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

ENDORSEMENT

KEITH G. HARRISON  
FOR  
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

WITNESSETH THAT, WHEREAS, Keith G. Harrison, a Life Member, has served our Order with distinction at the Camp, Department and National levels in such positions as Camp Organizer, Camp Commander, Camp Treasurer, Department Senior Vice Commander, Department Commander, National Committee Member and National Patriotic Instructor, AND

WHEREAS, Brother Harrison will retire at the end of this state Encampment (4 June, 1988) as Department Commander after having served the Michigan Department faithfully for a period of three years, AND

WHEREAS, During Brother Harrison's three years as Department Commander and as a result of his programs and initiatives, the Order within Michigan has experienced an influx of over 70 new members, a net increase of 63% in total state membership and the creation of two new Camps; a feat unsurpassed in recent Michigan Department history, AND

WHEREAS, During Brother Harrison's three years as Department Commander our Order within Michigan has enjoyed a renewed period of both interest and recognition by the public, the state's veterans, historical and genealogical organizations, as well as by numerous public school systems, as a result of its participation in numerous patriotic veterans, historical, and educational programs and ceremonies AND

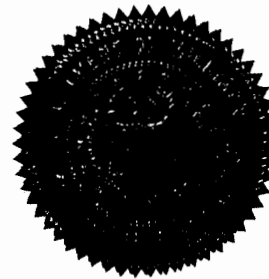
WHEREAS, During Brother Harrison's last term as Department Commander, our Order has also received special recognition as a result of its integral participation in over twenty Michigan Sesquicentennial programs and its arrangement to have the Michigan Civil War Regimental monuments at Gettysburg restored, AND

WHEREAS, During Brother Harrison term as National Patriotic Instructor (1986/87), and as a direct result of his several innovative initiatives, our Order's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund received over \$2,000 in contributions; surpassing the goal set for Brother Harrison by the National Organization,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Michigan Department at its 1988 Annual Encampment in Grand Rapids, Michigan hereby recognizes and commends Brother Keith G. Harrison for his exemplary service to date to our Order, and in recognition of all the foregoing, highly recommends and endorses Brother Keith G. Harrison for nomination and election to the high and honorable office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the Department of Michigan hosted 107th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to be held in August, 1988 in Lansing, AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to all Department and Camps-at-Large Commanders and Secretaries, and to all National Officers with a request from the Michigan Department that all Departments and Camps-at-Large come together in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty to jointly echo support for Michigan's endorsement of Keith G. Harrison for the high and honorable office as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN BY THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT, 4 JUNE 1988.



*James T. Lyons*  
James T. Lyons, Commander  
Michigan Department -SUVCW  
5 June, 1988

ATTEST:  
J. Douglas Park  
Department Secretary-Treasurer



CURTENIUS GUARD CAMP #17  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT

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Office of Camp COMMANDER

30 May 1988

J. Douglas Park  
Department Secretary/Treasurer

Dear Secretary Park:

It gives me great pleasure to report that it is the consensus of our Camp to endorse the recommendation for Keith G. Harrison, Department Commander to be nominated as the National Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

Commander Harrison, founder of the Curtenius Guard Camp, served with great distinction as our Camp Commander from April 1983 to December 1986. He is completing his third term as the Commander of the Michigan Department. During his administration the Camp and the Department have attained unprecedented growth.

Commander Harrison served as National Patriotic Instructor and was the first in several years to exceed the fund raising goal established for this important post. He has served on National Committees and attended National Encampments.

We feel that because of these and other accomplishments, that this Encampment of the Michigan Department should endorse him for nomination at the National Encampment to be held in Lansing, Michigan, 13 - 18 August 1988.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

*James J. Lyons*  
James T. Lyons  
Camp Commander

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GEN. BENJAMIN PRITCHARD CAMP #20  
KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

31 May 1988

Michigan Department Encampment  
% J. Douglas Park, Sec/Treas.

To the Brothers of the Dept. Encampment:

It has come to our attention that there is a movement to send a resolution to the Natl. Encampment supporting nomination of Dept. Commander Keith Harrison for the office of Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief.

After lengthy discussion with members of Pritchard Camp, the general consensus is that of agreement with the aforementioned resolution.

Therefore, it is the official position of Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp # 20 of Kalamazoo, that full support of the Department Encampment should be accorded the resolution.

Attest:

*Frederic M. Barnea*  
Secy & Treas.

In F, C, and L.

*Mary L. Gibson*  
Commander,  
Gen. Benjamin Pritchard  
Camp # 20

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Austin Blair Camp #7  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Jack W. Patch, Sec.-Treas.  
1731 Metzmont Drive  
Jackson, MI 49203

1 June 1988

Mr. J. Douglas Park, Department Secretary  
Michigan Department, SUVCW  
404 Kenway Drive  
Lansing, MI 48917

The Austin Blair Camp #7, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
endorses the following nominations:

Keith G. Harrison for National Junior Vice Commander  
James T. Lyons for Michigan Department Commander

These brothers have shown the leadership ability and the belief  
in the objectives of our association necessary for fulfilling the  
requirements of these high offices.

In F., C. and L.

*J. W. Patch*