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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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William Brennan
Department Commander

Headquarters
3 Weeks Street
Allegan, MI 49010

1. First of all, let me thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Commander once again for the Michigan Department. This ole racehorse is ready to jump the starting gate and take off, and so "Hang onto your kepies boys, because here we go again"!

2. Also elected to Department offices for the 1995/1996 year were:

Senior Vice Commander
Junior Vice Commander
Secretary
Treasurer
Council
Council
Council

Paul Hodges
Don Workman
Richard Lee
James Williams
J. Douglas Park
Scott Twietmeyer
Dale Calder.

3. My appointments to Department offices and committees for the 1995/1996 year are as follows:

Chief of Staff
Camp Organizer
Patriotic Instructor
Chaplain
Counselor
Historian
Guide
Guard
Color Bearer

Keith Harrison
Don Workman
Steve Redinger
Rev. Henry Reinewald
James Pahl
Ronald Bellenger
Bill Costello
Ed Dowd
Howard Streeter

Committee Assignments:

Publications: Richard Williams, Greg Hayes, John Mann
Bylaws: Paul Hodges, James Pahl
Membership: All Junior Vice Commanders in the Department
Legislative: Dick Williams, Doug Colley
Camp Organizations: Don Workman
Veterans Affairs: Herb Gage, Doug Casamer
Commanders Group: Doug Colley
GAR/SV Archival Committee: Ronald Bellenger, Gary Gibson,
Don Workman, Roger Heiple
Graves Registration and Memorials: Gene Taylor, Bill Warren,
Don Workman

4. I would like to extend congratulations to Carol Santini upon her reelection as President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Sister Carol is on her third term as Department President, and she has been doing a super job. Also, I'd like to recognize Sister Lucille (Peaches) Streeter, who is the new President of the Women's Relief Corps. Peaches is a dear good friend and I wish her and her staff the best of luck, as both of these Allied Orders strive to work with us this year as we perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

5. Each year the Michigan Department has authorized an award, known as the "Abraham Lincoln Award". It can go to an individual or entity who, in the judgment of a three member panel appointed by the Department Commander, has through action, word or deed, significantly contributed to the furtherance of the memory of the GAR within the State of Michigan. No more than three recipients shall be selected in any one year. This years winners were awarded certificates of appreciation at the banquet of the Allied Orders on Saturday, June 10, 1995 at the Holiday Inn's Regency/Stripes Room. It gives me great honor and privilege to present this years winners. They are, Brothers J. Douglas Park of Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17, John Mann of Gov. Austin Blair Camp No. 7, and Richard A. Williams of Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17. Congratulations gentlemen, upon getting the highest award given out by the Department of Michigan, SUVCW.

6. I hope that many of our Brothers can attend the National Encampment. This year it will be held in Columbus, Ohio at the Radisson Hotel on August 10 - 13, 1995. Michigan will once again be well represented there, with a good number of Brothers who are holding some very important offices at the National level. They are Brothers Keith G. Harrison, our National Commander-in-Chief; Dave Wallace, National Secretary; James B. Pahl, National Counselor; Gary L. Gibson, National Historian; Terry McKinch, National Color Bearer; Dean Lamphere Jr., National Membership-at-Large Coordinator; Richard A. Williams, National Membership List Coordinator; Vaughn J. Rawson, National Camp/Department Organizer; J. Douglas Park, National Program/Policy Committee; and John Mann, National Graves Registration Committee. These gentlemen have done a super job this past year for our behalf. Congratulations to our Michigan Brothers on your success.

7. Our new Department Senior vice Commander, Paul Hodges, will be reviewing the Michigan Department Bylaws with his committee. Please address any of your concerns or issues to Brother Hodges upon the Bylaws of our Department. Also, for those of you who don't know, Brother Hodges grandfather, Herrick Hodges, served as Michigan's first (Sons of Veterans) Department Commander in 1884. (For more on Herrick Hodges, refer to the Michigan's Messenger, Volume 3, Number 2, page 7.)

8. On Sunday, June 25, 1995, I attended the Cross Roads Village Civil War event in Flint. Our Brothers from Gov. Henry Crapo Camp No. 145 had a recruiting tent there. The Camp had its meeting in the old church at the village on Saturday, where they initiated several new members into the Camp.

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With Brothers from four other Camps on hand, the church was nearly full. This was followed by the annual picnic with the families of Camp No. 145. I was unable to attend as I did last year, due to the fact that the Allegan Civil War event meeting, for which I serve as chairman, fell on the same Saturday. However, I did make it on Sunday, as stated before, and I really enjoyed the fellowship with our Brothers of Camp No. 145.

9. This years Department of Michigan awards to the Camp with the most new members and percentage rate of growth went to two different Camps. Gov. Henry Crapo Camp No. 145 took home the Gov. Austin Blair Award for the greatest number of new members, while the Orlando Valley Award went to Gilluly-Kingsley Camp No. 120 for the greatest rate of growth of membership, percentage wise.

10. The Department wishes Brother Rev. Henry L. Reine-wald of U. S. Grant Camp No. 101, our Department Chaplain, a fast and speedy recovery from the stroke that he suffered this winter. He informs me that progress is being made and he is improving with each day. We thank the Almighty for his improvement.

11. Also, I would like to wish Kay Lyons, wife of Jim Lyons, PDC and member of Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17, a speedy recovery from open heart surgery this past month. Kay has been with Jim at his side through thick and thin in support of him in his busy tasks as the National Secretary for the Order, along with other jobs over the years at the Department level as well.

12. As I mentioned at the Department Encampment as a reminder, we need Department Officers to submit articles pertaining to their offices and a Brother from each Camp to submit a brief summary of what their Camp has been up to, activities wise, for each issue of Michigan's Messenger. The deadline dates for article submission are July 15, October 15, January 15, and April 15. Remember, it is our paper! It's difficult for the editor to depict what to put in, and he shouldn't have to dig for news either. So what do you say we give him something to print that is from your area? Let us know that you are out there! What's going on in your Camp? It is always nice to share our successes and stories of interest with others.

13. The Michigan Department will contribute \$600.00 toward a historical marker honoring the Iron Brigade and the 24th Michigan Infantry Regiment, to be erected at the eastern end of US 12 in downtown Detroit. A dedication similar to what we did last fall in the western part of the state in Berrien County will occur at a later date, once the project is complete. Brother Kent Armstrong, President of the 24th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Inc., is spearheading the project.

14. We have a new Camp forming in Clinton County, in the City of DeWitt. It will be named George W. Anderson Camp No. 58 after the GAR Post that once met there. They will meet in DeWitt's VFW Post No. 67 (West side of US 127, North of Webb Road, just South of Dill Road). The Camp will meet on the 3rd Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November. The first Camp meeting with election and installation of Camp Officers takes place on July 17, 1995. They will

have 17 men in waiting, ready to become part of the Order. We wish them well as they strive to keep alive the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. Congratulations, gentlemen!

15. Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20 will be at the 3rd Annual Allegan Civil War event. It will be held at the Allegan County Fairgrounds on September 30th and October 1st. If you get a chance, stop in and see our Brothers from Camp No. 120 at the recruiting tent in sutlers row.

16. On Saturday, September 30, 1995 at 10:00 am, the Brothers of Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20 and reenactors of both the blue and gray will make the traditional march over to Gen. Pritchard's home to extend greetings to the family. Our current National Commander, Keith G. Harrison, will be in the parade, as well as Mr. Lincoln (Judge Greig of Allegan), who will recite the Gettysburg Address on the porch of the Pritchard home. Refreshments will be provided at the house along with greetings followed by music by the 7th Michigan Fife and Drum Corps. A volley will be fired in honor of Gen. Pritchard.

17. Brother Don Workman, Department Junior Vice Commander, will serve as the new Membership-at-Large Coordinator for the Russell A. Alger Camp-at-Large No. 462. Don handles all of the incoming members for the Department. Best of luck Don!

18. August 26th and 27th will be the 11th annual Civil War Muster in Jackson at the Cascades Park. It is known as the largest Civil War Reenactment in the Mid-West. Once again our Brothers from Gov. Austin Blair Camp No. 7 will be hosting the recruiting tent there. If you are in the area stop over and say hi! This event is well worth the trip for the Civil War buff or visitor. I hope to see many of you there again this year.

19. Department Headquarters will be at my new address, 3 Weeks Street, Allegan, Michigan 49010. My telephone number remains the same at (616) 673-2229.

By Order of:

William A. Brennan
Department Commander

During the war the State Legislature passed laws authorizing the payment of State bounties to soldiers as follows:

"Men enlisting from March 6th, 1863, to November 10th, 1863 (both inclusive), in any Michigan Regiment, company, or battery, except the 10th and 11th Cavalry, 13th and 14th Batteries, and 1st Colored Infantry, entitled to a \$50 State bounty. Men re-enlisting in their own regiments (after service of two years), from November 11th, 1863, to February 4th, 1864 (both inclusive), entitled to \$50 State bounty. Men enlisting or re-enlisting from February 5th, 1864, to May 14th, 1864 (both inclusive), in any regiment, company, or battery, if applied on 200,000 call, and properly credited to the sub-district in which they resided at the time of enlistment, entitled to \$100 State bounty. Men enlisting from February 4th, 1865, to April 14th, 1865 (both inclusive), properly credited to sub-districts, entitled to \$150 State bounty."

From: Michigan in the War, Jonas Robertson, Lansing, 1882.

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Senior Vice Commander

Opportunities for promoting our Order and its objectives arise in various ways. Recently I was able to contribute through a "Letter to the Editor" of the "South Haven Daily Tribune."

An article in the newspaper told about the history of the local library and the library board. The item mentioned that books could be checked out from the drugstore of Herrick Hodges when he was the Township Clerk/Librarian. The article also explained how, in 1906, the Zach Chandler Post No. 35, Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, and the Women's Relief Corps conveyed a building and property to the library board.

In my letter, I confirmed that Herrick (my grandfather) indeed was the librarian around the turn of the century. His work in the store involved many diverse tasks, even that of pulling teeth of ailing customers.

In regard to the GAR Post, I explained that Herrick was one of its founders and its first Commander. (He had served in the 17th Michigan and was wounded in the Battle of Antietam.) Further, he helped organize and was the first Michigan Commander of the successor to the GAR, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization which is active and growing today.

We can publicize the SUVCW activities of interest to the public, such as memorial services and gravestone placement ceremonies, by having announcements about them in published calendars of events. The "Michigan History Magazine," for example, lists upcoming events when notified three months in advance of publication, depending on space available.

The Michigan Department, SUVCW, continues to progress. Let's employ the media methods available along the way.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Paul D. Hodges
Department Senior Vice Commander

Junior Vice Commander

Since assuming the post of Michigan Department Junior Vice Commander in June 1994, I have become more aware than ever of the importance of recruiting new members into our Order. As Past Department Commander Douglas Park so aptly stated, "We are one generation away from extinction." Recruiting is, indeed, our life blood. Without this infusion of new members, the Order we love so dearly would, like the vanished Grand Army of the Republic, pass into history. We cannot, we must not fail to pass on the traditions of our Order to the next generation. That can only be done through aggressive recruitment of new Brothers. Let it be the responsibility, indeed the duty, of every man within the Michigan Department to educate the public of our existence, to spread the word of our Order, and to actively seek out new members. It is my prayer that I have, in some small way, helped to perpetuate the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War by serving as the Michigan Department Junior Vice Commander.

In the past year, 159 prospective members have been serviced through this office. Over 300 pieces of correspondence have been mailed in performance

of my duties. I have assisted in staffing recruiting tables at four events in an attempt to spread the word of our Order. This office was pleased to assist in the establishment of two new Camps in the Michigan Department, the Phil Kearny Camp No. 67 of Bay City and the Alexander French Camp No. 28 of Big Rapids. These two new Camps will enable us to provide a convenient local organization to those areas that were not previously being serviced by a nearby Camp. This should, of course, lead to an increase in recruitment in these two locations.

The achievements of the past year would not have occurred if it had not been for the untiring efforts of my Brothers in the Michigan Department. It was you, my Brothers, who set up the recruiting events. It was you who forwarded the names of prospective members to this office. It was you who followed up on referrals forwarded to the respective Camps. It was you who joined and staffed the new Camps. And, it was you who provided the privilege and the honor to serve as Junior Vice Commander of the Department of Michigan. I thank you for the opportunity.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Donald H. Workman
Department Junior Vice Commander

Commanders Column

Dear Brothers:

Gen. John A. Logan Camp No. 1 celebrated its Remembrance Day Ceremony on Saturday, April 29, 1995 at the Soldiers Home in Grand Rapids, Michigan. I must say that I was impressed by the fine job that was done in honoring those Civil War Veterans that received 100 new headstones. With over 80 men in Union Blue as an Honor Guard, it was a real sight to be seen. I had the honor of laying a wreath in memory of the Civil War Veterans at the Soldiers Monument in the cemetery. Brothers Terry McKinch of the SVR Color Guard and Kent Armstrong of the 24th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, commanding their respective units, added a real touch of class. Camp Commander Scott Twietmeyer and the Brothers of Gen. John A. Logan Camp No. 1 can really be proud of their efforts and as to how well the program went.

Let us hope that budget constraints won't stop the Veterans Administration from replacing damaged or illegible military headstones (markers), as rumor has it that this could happen. This may call for a letter from the Department as well as the National, to see that this hopefully doesn't occur and that the Boys who wore the Blue won't ever be forgotten for what they did on the battlefields of 1861 - 1865.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

William A. Brennan
Department Commander

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Secretary

Highlights of the Department Encampment.

Two new camps were formed since the last Department Encampment. They are the Alexander French Camp No. 28 in Big Rapids and the General Phil Kearny Camp No. 67 in Bay City.

Reports of regular committee chairs & miscellaneous reports:

• Sons of Veterans Reserve.

There are 38 members in the Department of Michigan. Thirteen attended Remembrance day in Gettysburg, November 19, 1994. The SVR was represented in memorial or dedication services in Flint, Grand Rapids, Lansing and other cities. Brother Terry McKinch is now a Lieutenant in the SVR.

• Publications Committee.

The cost of printing and mailing the Messenger is 31 cents per member. The Messenger is being under utilized. Several Department Officers and Committees could make more use of the Messenger. Camps are not submitting news items. There were no Camp News reports received during the past year from these Camps: General John A. Logan Camp No. 1, Robert Finch Camp No. 14, Colegrove-Woodruff Camp No. 22, Nash-Hodges Camp No. 43, Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 53, General Phil Kearny Camp No. 67 and Ulysses S. Grant Camp No. 101.

• By-Laws Committee.

Proposed changes to the Department By-Laws were submitted to Camps in April as required by the By-Laws. The primary change is to split the position of Secretary-Treasurer into two separate positions. A change in the wording in the SVR area of the By-Laws was requested by the National Counselor to comply with the National Constitution and Regulations. The committee also recommends to the Operating Guidelines the Department's fiscal year end, accounting periods for the Department and National Encampments and the encouragement of the "Juniors" program. The Committee also recommends the Job Descriptions for Camp and Department Officers, as approved by the 1994 National Encampment, be adopted as

part of the Department Operating Guidelines. Brother Wallace moved the changes be adopted. Seconded by Brother Gibson. Motion passed.

• Graves Registration Committee.

A report on the activities of the committee includes: a background of the project, project scope, secondary projects, recording the results, committee structure, resources, some helpful hints and conclusion.

• Resolutions Committee.

Henry E. Plant Camp endorsed urging the US Government to reproduce the Civil War medal using its original die; that the medal be made available for purchase by descendants of Civil War veterans; that no more than \$10.00 be charged for shipping and handling and profit over and above the cost of producing the medal and that the profit be used to decrease the deficit; the medal would be available only through a military related society originally composed of men and women who served in the armed forces, North or South, or who are members by inheritance of said societies. The Committee moved to accept the resolution, seconded by Brother Harrison. Motion passed 16 to 8.

Henry E. Plant Camp endorsed petitioning Congress and the Secretary of Defense to allow on occasion of ceremony all present members of the United States Armed forces to wear their American military Hereditary Society badges and medals. The committee moved to accept the resolution, seconded by Brother Dave Wallace. Motion passed.

Gilluly-Kingsley Camp resolved to create a position of Scout Liaison whose duties will be to work with Boy Scouts of America Councils in recognition of Eagle Scouts and to develop a program related to the Genealogy Merit Badge and selected other badges leading to some form of award. Committee moved to accept, seconded by Brother Harrison. Motion passed.

The Committee proposed the Endorsement of these Brothers for National Officers:

— David R. Medert for Commander-in-Chief.

— Alan R. Loomis for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

— Richard D. Orr for Junior Vice Com-

mander-in-Chief.

— J. Douglas Park for National Council.
— David D. Wallace for National Secretary.

Seconded by Brother Harrison, motion passed.

Alexander French Camp proposed to add their names to the Citizens Flag Alliance Petition and urges the National Organization to encourage Camp membership to sign the petition.

The petition supports adopting a constitutional amendment to prohibit physical desecration of the United States Flag.

A good discussion showed there is a strong feeling within our group to support the concept, and also a strong feel that we must be careful in the definition of what constitutes desecration. Although the Department endorses the principle of the petition, there is a lack of specific language that would allow us to support the petition at this point.

Brother Harrison moved the Department forward the petition to the National Organization indicating the Department endorses the proper use of the United States Flag. Seconded by Brother Dave Wallace. Motion passed.

For the good of the Order

Lincoln Certificates were presented at the Encampment, because recipients will not be attending the dinner following the Encampment. Recipients this year are: John Mann, J. Douglas Park and Richard Williams.

Publications Report was discussed. Encouragement for all Brothers to write articles for the Messenger was presented by Brother Brennan and Brother Richard Williams. This is our means of communications and not only are the Department Officers and Camps requested to submit articles each quarter, but individual members are also encouraged to use this as a means to get information to other Brothers.

A new Camp, George W. Anderson Camp 58, will have its first meeting Monday evening, July 17 at 7:00 pm at the VFW hall on US 127 just East of DeWitt.

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Sons of Veterans Reserve Adjutant

The SVR in Michigan has been very active. The year started out with the Michigan SVR attending the Department of Michigan's Mid-Winter Conference in February and providing opening ceremonies. March brought the 8th Michigan's Winter Muster, a basic training camp, where a number of Company B members learned how to drill and take care of their equipment. In April we attended the Remembrance Day ceremonies in Grand Rapids to help General John A. Logan Camp No. 1 rededicate over 100 new stones in the Veterans Home Cemetery. The month of May was very busy for the Michigan SVR with different ceremonies going on all over the state. We, along with Commander-in-Chief Harrison were invited to present the Colors at the National Society Daughters of the Union 1861 - 1865, Inc. The 30th Michigan was present in Howell with at a Remembrance ceremony as a prelude to Memorial Day. Of course we were all over the state with many Memorial Day ceremonies, the most notable was at the small town near Flint, called Byron.

There was a SVR meeting at the Michigan Department Annual Encampment with about 20 members present. One of the subjects discussed was how to keep members informed. One suggestion was to use the Michigan's Messenger and the Banner. Also discussed was the SVR rank structure and how members are promoted within the regiment. It was noted that reenactors appear to hold most of the ranks. It was also noted that one of the reasons for this was because of their presence at different SVR events. It really does not matter if you are a reenactor or not, it depends on the amount of work and dedication you are willing to put into the organization. As the regulation states, you must have a complete Civil War uniform and a copy of Hardee's Light Infantry Tactics. You must also be proficient in the School of the Soldier and be able to demonstrate the minimum requirements to obtain the next higher rank as per The Revised Regulations of the Army of the United States and the Custom of Service.

The 30th Michigan has grown so

much in the past two years that it has now become two companies with James Pahl being breveted to Lieutenant of Company A. The members of Governor Crapo Camp, Flint and the General Phil Kearny Camp, Bay City have formed Company B, with me being temporary company commander. I would like to see the SVR in Michigan double again in the next two years so we can get more of the SUVCW word out to the public. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to write or phone me. My address is 7432 East Potter Road, Davidson, Michigan 48423. My home phone number is (810) 658-3891 and my work number is (810) 373-4300, extension 38.

Future meetings, events and training camps will be announced in Michigan's Messenger events calendar.



Yours in F., C. and L.,

Terrance (Jerry) McKinch
Adjutant
30th Michigan Volunteer Infantry

Secretary (continued)

M 99 project. A written report was submitted on the efforts accomplished during the last year on designating Michigan highway M 99 as the General John A. Logan Memorial Highway which includes recommendations, pictures and a list of other highways designated as memorial highways. A motion passed to have the Department continue working on this project.

We discussed a letter from Brother Dave Wallace on redeeming GAR cemetery lots in Whitehall. Brother Calder moved the Department purchase the 7 lots at the stated price of \$15.00 each for a total of \$105.00. Seconded by Brother Graves. Motion passed.

In F., C. and L.,

Richard Williams
Past Department Secretary

Treasurer

Receipt of certain records from Brother Richard Williams indicate the books and records of the Department support the following statements:

Department of Michigan - SUVCW Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance as of 30 June, 1995

Assets	
Checking Account	\$ 289.27
Savings Account	4,730.71
Russell Alger Memorial Fund	
Savings Account	510.18
Total Assets	\$ 5,530.16
Liabilities	
Due Camp-at-Large	\$ 128.25
Due SVR	113.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 241.25

Fund Balance	
Restricted Funds	\$ 510.18
Unrestricted Funds	4,778.73
Total Fund Balance	\$ 5,288.91

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 5,530.16
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Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenditures for the Quarter ended 30 June, 1995

Cash Receipts	\$ 3,088.44
Cash Expenditures	(2,740.36)
Excess of Receipts	
Over Expenditures	\$ 348.08
Total Fund Balance	
Beginning of Period	\$ 4,940.83
Total Fund Balance	
End of Period	\$ 5,288.91

Yours in F., C. and L.,

James J. Williams
Treasurer

In February 1996, the State of Michigan Museum will be displaying Civil War flags. Space is limited, so if you want to see a specific flag on display write Mrs. Kerry K. Chartkoff, PO BOX 30036, Lansing, MI 48909-7536 and tell her your preference.

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Graves Registration Chairman

Greetings Brothers! On June 11, 1995, I was honored by being named Chairman of the Department Graves Registration Committee. I have been chairman of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 Graves Registration Committee for two years. I hope to use what I have learned at the Camp level as a foundation for the work we must all do, in order to organize our Department committee, so that it can most efficiently carry out the directive of the National committee. That being to record the location of burial and ensure a proper headstone for every Union Civil War Veteran buried in Michigan.

This will take the efforts of many Brothers, in all Camps, working together with each other and many outside organizations who share an interest in our work. We, in Gov. Crapo Camp, have found that local genealogical and historical societies are very interested and are also a valuable resource, of both information and manpower. The sextons of many cemeteries are also keenly interested and can supply information that is difficult to find from any other resource.

I have spent the first few weeks contacting Department Officers, members of the Department Graves Registration Committee and others, as to where we are now and where we want to be in the future. Past Chairman Lyons sent a letter describing the history of the committee and a list of its members. I will continue to seek input from all interested parties and hope that all feel free to contact our committee with ideas, questions or comments.

As we have no list of Camp Graves Registration Officers, we are asking that all Camps send in the name and address of their officer, so that we may contact one another. For those Camps who do not yet have a Graves Registration Officer, please send in the name of a member who can act for the Camp, until your officer is appointed. My committee will be working on standardized processes and procedures, an organizational chart, committee goals and guidelines. We will strive to provide each Camp with up to date information.

We urge all Brothers to join us in our work. At Gov. Crapo Camp we have a goal to eventually recruit every Brother into our committee! We also urge all committee members to take advantage of the great summer weather to get out and read the headstones in their local cemeteries!

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Gene A. Taylor
Graves Registration Chairman

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Newsletter Editor

When submitting articles for the newsletter, please keep in mind the following:

News items that are of a dated nature should be submitted with the date of the event and the date of publication of the Messenger taken into account. It does no good to publicize an event that is to take place during the month of July and submit it for publication in the August newsletter. Yet, I have received many such articles and items to be printed in the next issue that are outdated by the time it is to be published. To help prevent this, I will include a deadline notice for the next issue on the last page of the Messenger.

So all may plan ahead, here is the deadline and mailing schedule for the Messenger. Mail February 1st (deadline January 15th), mail May 1st (deadline April 15th), mail August 1st (deadline July 15th), mail November 1st (deadline October 15th). If articles are not received by the deadline date, I cannot guarantee they will be printed in that issue, though I will try to squeeze late arrivals in if not received too late.

Department Officers and committee chairmen should review the "Job Descriptions for Camp and Department Officers" booklet put out by the Committee on Program and Policy, National Organization, SUVCW to find out what topics they should be writing articles about. These articles should help guide the Camps and Camp officers in their duties.

Articles for the Camp News section should be limited to no more than 400 words, so that all Camps may be accommodated in this section. Topics can be anything pertaining to what activities your Camp has been or will be doing, election and appointment of Camp officers, invitations to Brothers of other Camps to attend events your Camp will be participating in or putting on (these will also be listed in Upcoming Events). Also of interest is any new Members, Associates or Juniors that join your Camp along with the ancestor they entered under (if a Member or a Junior). I would like to ask that all submissions for the Camp News section be written as you would like them printed. In the past, I have received Camp newsletters and a note asking me to pick out whatever I wanted to be printed. I don't really like doing this, so I am discontinuing this practice.

Ancestor Vignettes are also needed. All that have been submitted have been printed. Please try to limit the article to about 400 words per ancestor.

Other article of interest concerning the Civil War, the GAR, the SUVCW, Allied Orders, etc., are also welcome and will be printed on a space available basis.

Computer generated copy is welcome, provided it is IBM compatible and in ASCII, Microsoft Word or Word Perfect (please give the version and whether it is Windows or dos). For some reason, Macintosh converted to IBM will not import into my desk top publishing program, so don't bother to try and convert Mac to IBM. Please send along a printed copy with the computer disk, just in case the disk gets damaged in the mail. 3.5" or 5.25" disks are okay. Disks will be returned at the winter conference or the Department Encampment.

All submissions should be original articles written by the person submitting the article. Copyrighted material (this includes most everything printed nowadays, including newspapers) cannot be rewritten without the copyright holders written permission.

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John R. Mann
Editor

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Camp News

Camp No. 3 — Henry E. Plant

Fruitport — At our meeting in April we installed a new Member, Donald Ogden III, who traces his ancestry back to Anthony Ogden of Company D, 26th Michigan Infantry.

A current project of our Camp has been the passing and working on the implementation of two petitions. One covers the reissue and sale of Civil War service medals to descendants of Civil War Veterans. The other petition covers the reaffirming and encouraging of the wearing military personnel, of badges of military societies started by veterans of U. S. wars, insurrections, etc. up to the year 1900.

We were encouraged to participate as individuals in the Graves Registration Program by making sure our veteran ancestors' graves are included. Also, the Department of Michigan's Members Civil War Ancestors booklet was promoted. It was done to make sure that these same ancestors are listed.

The Camp decided to present each member with a color membership certificate. This being the first item presented to its membership by the Camp.

Also, it was determined the Camp didn't have enough time for their meetings before the Tri-Cities Historical Museum (the Camp's meeting location in Grand Haven) closed. Starting with our August meeting, we will start all our meetings 1/2 hour earlier, at 1:30 pm instead of 2:00 pm.

Later during the meeting, the Patriotic Instructor having nothing to present, the Camp initiated a new program of having one Member at a time give a brief history of his Civil War ancestors. The first capsule history was given by our newest Member, Donald Ogden.

On Memorial Day, the Camp held a ceremony at the statue of General Phillip Kearny in Muskegon. The reasons we held our ceremony there were two-fold. First, Henry E. Plant Camp was given the original SUVCW Charter of the Gen. Phillip Kearny Camp No. 18. It was given to us by a Muskegon lady who found it while housecleaning and knew we were forming a SUVCW Camp. Second, Kearny's statue was placed by a local GAR Post with money donated by GAR Member Charles Hackley. Also, some local Civil War veterans had served under Gen. Kearny when he commanded the Third Division, Third Corps, of which the 2nd, 3rd and 5th Michigan Infantry Regiments were a part of.

A very impressive ceremony was introduced by Camp Commander Max Rieskie, the master of ceremonies for the evening. This was followed by a well researched and inspiring address entitled "Phil Kearny: His Character" given by our Camp's Patriotic instructor, John Braden. A bouquet was placed by two women reenactors in period dress. A three volley salute was then performed by a squad from the 4th Michigan Infantry reenactors. They were dressed in full uniform and used period muskets.

Following the well attended ceremony, the Camp held a short business meeting. Information on our two petitions (previously mentioned) was presented. We found out that Camp

Commander Rieskie had shown Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison copies of the petitions. C-in-C Harrison decided to take them on as a personal project after his current term of office runs out. Following this, we voted to reaffirm the petitions.

Special upcoming activities of our Camp include a Camp picnic in late August and the filing for a full Camp Charter.

Daniel Grable

Camp No. 7 — Gov. Austin Blair

Jackson — In our efforts "... to preserve the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic" members of our Camp have participated in several community events in the past few months. First came the complete registration of the Hanover Cemetery and the ordering of several replacement headstones. These will be placed when received from the government.

Memorial Day found continual involvement for Camp members. First was the Jackson Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Service in the city's Mount Evergreen Cemetery. This was followed by a special SUVCW ceremony in the Civil War Veterans burial section by the grave of Captain Edward Pomeroy. By the direction of the original Official Record of Edward Pomeroy GAR Post No. 48, the sponsor of Austin Blair Camp, we have an obligation to annually honor Captain Pomeroy on each Memorial Day.

Following the SUVCW ceremony, members of the Camp traveled to Spring Arbor, approximately 15 miles West, to participate in their commemoration service and their Memorial Day Parade. The keynote speaker for the service was a member of our Camp (*Bill Lowe, ed.*) who noted the service and sacrifice of Spring Arbor veterans from the Revolutionary War through the Viet Nam War, with emphasis on the Civil War era.

The Fourth of July weekend continued our activity at Hanover, 11 miles Southwest of Jackson. It was their 125th anniversary celebration of the founding of the town. A brief presentation was made by a Camp member on July 1st, when the town reviewed their history and honored several longtime residents. Since the town was organized shortly after the Civil War ended, veterans played an active part in the early history of Hanover.

Sunday, July 2nd, was a day of gala festivities as prescribed by town president John Adams and Austin Blair Camp members were proud to take part. We placed our newly acquired Camp tent in a prominent place in the park, flanked by Old Glory and the flags of Michigan and our Austin Blair Camp flag. An "A" tent was also on display plus Civil War memorabilia and rosters of local Civil War Veterans and Hanover's GAR Bibbins Post No. 273. Considerable interest was generated among the local residents by these displays and quite a bit of literature was handed out pertaining to the SUVCW and our activities.

Bill Lowe

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Camp News

Camp No. 28 — Alexander French

Big Rapids - A new member was initiated into Camp No. 28 at our May 2nd meeting, Jamie G. Williams of Howard City. Bro. Williams' ancestor was his great grandfather Private John J. White of Company D, 5th Michigan Cavalry. Also John Emmons of Big Rapids has made application for membership. His ancestor was his great grandfather Private Charles E. Emmons, Company H, 6th Michigan Cavalry.

Brother Thomas Mehl was elected to be the new Senior Vice Commander of the Camp. He now wears three hats, that of Senior Vice Commander, Camp Historian and Graves Registration Officer.

The Camp has collected over 150 petition signatures for the Citizens Flag Alliance, Inc. Their goal is to collect 20,000,000 signatures by Flag Day, June 14, 1995. The Citizens Flag Alliance is calling for a constitutional amendment to enact laws prohibiting physical desecration of the United States Flag. We, as members of the SUVCW, are proud to be associated with this group.

Chaplain Dave Waldron received his service bars for WW II, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam to go with his war medal. As a U. S. Navy retiree Bro. Waldron served honorably from December 1943 to January 1971. Bro. Waldron's ancestor was his great grandfather, Hanley A. Waldron of Company I, 10th Michigan Cavalry. It is an honor to have such men as Chaplain Waldron connected with Alexander French Camp.

Camp No. 28 held a recruiting drive at the Big Rapids Civil War Days at Hemlock Park on May 19th, 20th and 21st. The living history program was put on by the 24th Michigan Infantry reenactors. The recruiting tent was supplied by the 24th and manned by our Camp members. Much literature was passed out to the public on activities of the SUVCW.

Alexander French Camp held its first Memorial Day program at the Civil War Veterans Memorial at Highland View Cemetery, Big Rapids, on the traditional Decoration Day, May 30th. The Camp turn out was small but the program was successful. Hopefully, we can build on this service in future years.

John Walker

Camp No. 58 — George W. Anderson

DeWitt - The Department of Michigan's newest Camp was officially opened July 17, 1995, numbering 16 Charter Members and 2 Associates. The Camp is named after DeWitt's original G. A. R. Post No. 58, which was organized in 1882 and disbanded in 1909. (See Page 10 for a history of Post No. 58, Ed.)

Charter Members and their ancestors are:

Douglas R. Armstrong
GGGGF Sgt. John Tait, 24th MI Inf., Co. G
Kent L. Armstrong
GGGF Sgt. John Tait, 24th MI Inf., Co. G
Todd D. Arthur
GGGU Cpl. Jonathon Gidley, 15th OH Inf., Co. C

Donald R. Boak
GGGF Sgt. John Tait, 24th MI Inf., Co. G
Donald R. Boak II
GGGGF Sgt. John Tait, 24th MI Inf., Co. G
Alan L. Couling
GGF Cpl. George L. Packard, 24th MI Inf., Co. D
Russell M. Gidley Jr.
GU Cpl. Jonathon Gidley, 15th OH Inf., Co. C
Warren R. Gidley
GGU Cpl. Jonathon Gidley, 15th OH Inf. Co. C
Dale L. Hilliker
GGF Pvt. Robert L. Hilliker, 22nd MI Inf. Co. C
Richard L. Jackson
GGF Sgt. Benjamin B. Jackson III, 14th OH Inf., Co. G
Erik J. Mann
GGGF Pvt. Robert Mann, 111th OH Inf. Co. F
John R. Mann
GGF Pvt. Robert Mann, 111th OH Inf. Co. F
Eric C. Martens
GGGGF Sgt. Nathaniel Roof, 9th OH Cav., Co. H
Gordon F. McGarey
GGGF Cpl. Samuel Adair, 34th IN Inf., Co. B
Mark L. Pangburn
GGU Ship's Cpl. Theodore F. Clark, USS Monongahela
Paul W. Roof
GGF Sgt. Nathaniel Roof, 9th OH Cav., Co. H

Associates are: Ken Coin and Robert Knowles.

Officers elected at the first meeting are:

Kent Armstrong	Commander
Gordon McGarey	Senior Vice Commander
Warren Gidley	Junior Vice Commander
Mark Pangburn	Secretary/Treasurer
Donald Boak	Council
Richard Jackson	Council
Robert Knowles	Council

Appointments are as follows:

Chaplain	Robert Knowles
Color Bearer	Warren Gidley
Counselor	John Mann
Graves Registration Officer	Ken Coin
Guard	Eric Martens
Guide	Doug Armstrong
Historian	Ken Coin
Patriotic Instructor	Ken Coin

Camp No. 58 will be focusing on G. A. R. Graves Registration in Clinton County cemeteries this summer. Our thanks to the following Department Officers who officiated at the opening of our Camp: Commander Brennan, Senior Vice Commander Paul Hodges, Secretary Richard Lee, Treasurer James Williams and Past Secretary/Treasurer Dick Williams. Also helping with the ceremony were Terry McKinch, Commander of Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 and Jeff Adams, Junior Vice Commander of Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17. Special thanks go out to National Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison for installing the officers of George W. Anderson Camp No. 58. We are proud to carry on in the tradition of DeWitt's G. A. R. Post.

Kent Armstrong

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Camp News

Camp No. 101 — Gen. Ulysses S. Grant

Detroit — The U. S. Grant Camp conducted a Memorial Day service at historic Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit on May 29, 1995. The ceremony included a parade march of a reenactors contingent made up of members of the 3rd, 7th, 16th and 21st Michigan Infantry Regiments, the 6th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment and the 9th and 10th U. S. Cavalry Regiments. Our Camp Chaplain, Reverend Henry Reinewald, invoked the blessing and benediction. Our Camp Secretary, Chancey Miller, spoke on the importance of remembering the sacrifices of our ancestors (Chancey is also the General Manager of Elmwood Cemetery). A new flag was raised at the Civil War soldiers burial section and flowers were placed by the Ladies of the GAR.

Thomas Wightman

Camp No. 120 — Gilluly-Kingsley

Howell — At our April 20th meeting, we initiated a new member, Michael L. Taylor. Welcome to the Camp, Brother Taylor.

At our May 18th meeting, Brother Greg Hayes of Gov. Crapo Camp was initiated into our Camp. Brother Hayes is the editor of the Banner.

On May 27, 1995 the members of our Camp, Gov. Crapo Camp, the 5th Michigan Regimental Band, the DUVCW, the George W. Lee Civil War Round Table and others rededicated the GAR monument in the Lakeview Cemetery. There were, by some counts, upwards of 100 spectators, including a group from the Viet Nam Veterans of America.

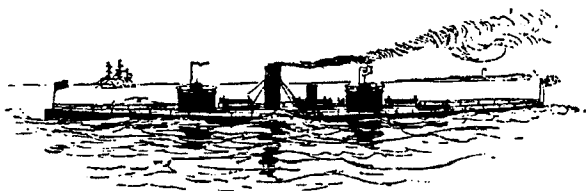
Brothers Hayes and Williams and his son James participated with the Color Guard from Gov. Crapo Camp in the May 29th Memorial Day Parade through Byron and the cemetery ceremonies following the parade.

On June 17th, Brother Gary Ralston represented the Camp at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor at Highland United Methodist Church. Brother Ralston made appropriate remarks and presented a SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate.

Brother Richard Lee, along with Brothers Gary and Sean Ralston, represented the Camp at the Department Encampment. Brothers Lee and Williams from our Camp were elected Department Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

Lt. Terry McKinch, Adjutant of the 30th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Sons of Veteran Reserve attended our June 15, 1995 meeting. He spoke to the Camp about the SVR.

James J. Williams



Upcoming Events

August 10, 11, 12 and 13 SUVCW National Encampment
Radisson Hotel, 4900 Sinclair Road, (Exit 116 I 71 South)
Columbus, Ohio.

August 13 Sons of Veterans Reserve Breakfast
Radisson Hotel, 4900 Sinclair Road, (Exit 116 I 71 South)
Columbus, Ohio

August 27th and 28th Civil War Muster
Cascades Park, Jackson, Michigan. Largest Civil War reenactment in the area. Austin Blair Camp No. 7 will be hosting a SUVCW recruiting tent.

September 9 and 10 Marshall Historical Home Tour
Colegrove-Woodruff Camp No. 22 will host a Civil War display and SUVCW recruiting tent at their meeting place, the GAR Hall, 402 East Michigan Avenue, Marshall, Michigan.

September 23 and 24 Civil War Collectors Show
Buy, sell and trade guns, swords, buttons, images, books, paper, ect. 9 am to 4 pm Saturday and 9 am to 3 pm Sunday.
Oakland Center Building, Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan.

September 30 and October 1 Civil War Event
3rd annual Allegan Civil War reenactment at the Allegan County Fairgrounds, Allegan, Michigan. Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20 will be hosting a SUVCW a recruiting tent.

November 18 Remembrance Day
Ceremony and recitation of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address with a Civil War period Ball following in the evening. Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

February 1996 Michigan's Civil War Flags Display
Selected Regimental flags from the State of Michigan's collection will be on display at the Michigan Library and Historical Museum, 717 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Submissions for Upcoming Events are welcome. If your Camp is planning a special meeting or event and would like to have Brothers from other Camps attend, or if you know of a Civil War related event in your area, please send in the details (event name, date, times and place) so it can be included in the Upcoming Events calendar.

Throughout the war, with the exception of a very short time in 1861, when Capt. E. G. Owen, of Detroit, acted as U. S. Quartermaster, Colonel George W. Lee, then of Howell, and a prominent citizen of the State, served as Chief Quartermaster in Michigan until the close, filling with eminent energy and efficiency that important position, and with scrupulous fidelity disbursing for the Government \$7,144,812, as follows: For 33,050 horses, \$3,667,697; transportation of troops and supplies, \$1,363,812; forage, \$331,697, together with \$1,782,051 for equipment of troops, erection of barracks and hospitals, apprehension of deserters, and other incidental expenses.

From: Michigan in the War, Jonas Robertson, Lansing, 1882.

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George W. Anderson Post No. 58, G. A. R., DeWitt, Michigan

The following is the text of the DeWitt GAR Post's application for Charter:

DeWitt, Clinton County, Mich.
April 10, 1882

To General B. R. Pierce, Dept. Com.
Commanding Department of Michigan

Grand Army of the Republic

Dear Sir:

We the undersigned honorably discharged Soldiers and Sailors of the Army and Navy of the United States, having served between the 12th day of April, 1861 and the 9th day of April, 1865, in the war for the suppression of the Rebellion, and eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic at DeWitt, Clinton County, Michigan to be known as Geo. W. Anderson Post No. ____, Department of Michigan, and request that a Charter and necessary supplies be furnished for the same. Enclosed find Thirteen Dollars, Charter fee.

Name	Co.	Regiment
N. J. Stewart	C	157th N. Y. S. Vol. Inf.
E. H. Bedell	E	23rd Mich. Infy.
Marion Case	E	6th Mich. Cavalry
Nathaniel Black	I	24th Mich. Infy.
Jacob Guisenhofer	G	16th Mich. Infy.
Theodore Steinhart	(?)Q	16th Mich. Infy.
Silas Newman	H	2nd Mich. Cavalry
Edward Hewitt	E	3rd Mich. Cavalry
John Morgan		14th Mich. Infy.
Albert Lott	H	27th Mich. Infy.
James Ledyard		
Charles O. Cowen		
Henry Moots		
Wm. W. Shay	J	7th New Jersey Infy.
Peter Blood	E	8th Mich. Infy.
Charles W. Walker	H	20th New York Cavalry
George Howe		
James Hath	D	6th Mich. Cavalry
Joseph Bushery		
James A. Newman		
Joseph Norris	H	111th N. Y. Infy.
Orleans Smith	H	11th Mich. Infy.
Wm. Emery	A	25th Mich. Infy.
Chas. Stickle	H	24th Mich. Infy.

The DeWitt Post was organized on April 25, 1882. It was dedicated to a local man, George W. Anderson. He had enlisted for three years at the age of 29 in Company E, 23rd Michigan Infantry on August 11, 1862 at Saginaw. He was taken prisoner at Cumberland Gap, Tennessee in December of 1863. He was held at Andersonville Prison in Georgia where he died of starvation on June 27th, 1864. He was buried at the National Cemetery there, grave No. 2546. His former home in DeWitt was at the Northeast corner of Madison and Franklin Streets.

At the charter meeting of the Post, the following members were present to become Charter Members (April 25, 1882): N. J. Stewart, E. H. Bedell, Marion Case, Nathaniel Black, Jacob Guisenhofer, Charles W. Walker, Jerome Heath, James Hath, Theodore Steinhart, Edward Hewitt, Albert Lott, W. W. Shay, Albert Blood, Phinias Freeman and Milo Hewitt.

During the first year the Post met at the Clinton House, but in 1883 they acquired the hall where they would continue to meet for their remaining years. This hall, currently "Tommies Pizza", is located at 121 West Main Street. Besides the regular meetings which were held every alternate Saturday night, the hall also housed the Women's Relief Corps and the Sons of Veterans, two auxiliary groups of the GAR. Unfortunately, the records from neither of these groups could be located for research.

The roster of the Post Commanders includes: N. J. Stewart, 1882; J. H. Spring, 1884; Allen Dryer, 1885; N. J. Stewart, 1886; Edward H. Bedell, 1887; Edward Case, 1888; Edmond Hewitt, 1889; John Brink, 1890; James Cortright, 1892; Allen Dryer, 1893; James Cortright, 1894; Edward Bedell, 1895; Edward Case, 1896; Hiram Howell, 1897; Henry P. Clark, 1898; George W. Stimpson, 1899; Allen Dryer, 1900; James Cortright, 1901; George W. Stimpson, 1902; and J. W. Baldwin, 1904.

Throughout its history there were over ninety members of Post No. 58 and during its peak year of 1897, it had fifty-five active members. Although the Post was centered in DeWitt, the majority of members were from surrounding farms in the townships of DeWitt, Olive, Riley, Watertown, Bath and Victor. Considering this, plus the requirement for membership, it is easy to understand why the DeWitt Post came to an early demise: its members simply became too old and lived too far away to continue active membership. Two letters survive concerning the final days of the George W. Anderson Post No. 58.

DeWitt, Mich. Dec., 1908

To Comrade Fayette Wyckoff

Dear Sir,

I send to you by bearer \$1.75 per capita tax on 14 members for term ending Dec. 31, 1908. I also send charter &c. as at our last meeting held Dec. 26th, we as a post by unanimous vote decided to disband. Comrade R. Brink will explain the situation to you.

Yours in F. C. & L.

L. W. Baldwin, ex. Commander

The text of the second letter dated February 1, 1909 from Reuben Brink to Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General is as follows:

Yours of the 29th at hand. In reply would say we have not disbanded yet. We have had one meeting since I saw you, but not enough members out to do anything. Every member was then notified by postal to meet on the 30th of January, and come to a decision on the matter. The weather was such that no one came out. Our next meeting will be held February 13, no preventing Providence.

Will let you know the result of next meeting as soon as convenient.

It spanned only a little over twenty-five years and yet, while in existence, the George W. Anderson Post flourished as DeWitt's most visible symbol of American pride and unity during an era of yet unequalled patriotism.

Ken Coin

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Camp Meeting Times, Dates and Places

- Gen. John A. Logan Camp No. 1** **Grand Rapids**
Meets at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, January through December at the Michigan Veteran's Facility, 3000 Monroe NE, Grand Rapids.
- Henry E. Plant Camp No. 3** **Fruitport**
Meets at 1:30 pm on January 15th, April 23, August 20th and November 20th, 1995 at the Tri-Cities Museum, 1 North Harbor Ave., Grand Haven.
- Gov. Austin Blair Camp No. 7** **Jackson**
Meets at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November at the American Legion Hall, 3200 Lansing Ave., Jackson.
- George W. Howe Camp No. 9** **Port Huron**
Meetings held once quarterly. Contact Commander Jack Lavis, P. O. Box 302, Marysville, MI 48040, (810) 364-9691 for time, date and place of meetings.
- Robert Finch Camp No. 14** **Traverse City**
Meetings held once quarterly. Contact Commander Allen A. Pifer, 815 Westminster Woods, Traverse City, MI 49684, (616) 947-9533 for time, date and place of meetings.
- Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17** **Lansing/Sunfield**
Meetings at 7:00 pm on the last Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Grand Army of the Republic Hall, Main St., Sunfield.
- Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20** **Kalamazoo**
Meetings at 7:00 pm on the last Tuesday of the month, with the exception of June, July and August at the American Legion Hall, 431 E. South St., Kalamazoo.
- Colegrove-Woodruff Camp No. 22** **Marshall**
Meetings at 7:30 pm on the 1st Thursday of each month, with the exception of July and August at the Grand Army of the Republic Hall, 402 E. Michigan Ave., Marshall.
- Alexander French Camp No. 28** **Big Rapids**
Meetings at 7:30 pm on the 1st Tuesday of January, April, July and October at the Free Methodist Church, Big Rapids.
- Nash-Hodges Camp No. 43** **Blissfield**
Meetings at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November at the American Legion Hall, 451 High St., Blissfield.
- Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 53** **Mt. Pleasant**
Meetings at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Thursday of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Shepherd Museum, corner of First St. and Maple St., Shepherd.
- George W. Anderson Camp No. 58** **DeWitt**
Meetings at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November at VFW Post 671, 12550 South US 127, DeWitt.
- Gen. Phil Kearny Camp No. 67** **Bay City**
Meetings at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, with the exception of January and December at VFW Post 485, 3022 N. Water St., Bay City.
- Gen. Ulysses S. Grant Camp No. 101** **Detroit**
Meetings at 2:00 pm on the last Saturday of January, March, June and September at the Elmwood Cemetery Offices, 1200 Elmwood Ave., Detroit.
- Gilluly-Kingsley Camp No. 120** **Howell**
Meetings at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month, January through December at the Howell Carnegie Library, 314 W. Grand River Ave., Howell.
- Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145** **Flint**
Meetings at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of January, February, March, April, May, July, September, October and November at the Army Reserve Headquarters Building, 1909 Kearsley Park Dr., Flint.
- Russell A. Alger Camp No. 462** **Camp-at-Large**
No meetings.

Any SUVCW Brother may attend any regular meeting of any SUVCW Camp by presenting his current Official SUVCW Membership Card to the Camp officers. All Brothers are encouraged to visit other Camps within the Department.

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114th National Encampment

Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic

Will be held at the Radisson Hotel Columbus North
4900 Sinclair Road, Columbus, Ohio
Exit 116 off I-71

Registration 8:00 am Friday

Please plan on attending!