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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM YOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

DEPARTMENT ORDER #2  **SERIES: 2022-2023**

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14 September 2022

**HEADQUARTERS
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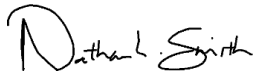
RE: SCHEDULING OF CAMP OFFICER INSTALLATIONS

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered:

1. To facilitate the Installation of Camp Officers for the upcoming 2022-2023 term, Camps must communicate with the Department as to their intended date of installation. This will assist with the scheduling of an installing officer.
2. Camp Officers shall be installed at a regular meeting of the Camp to be held between the first meeting in September, and the first meeting in the following January, by a person designated by the Department Commander.
3. Camps that intend to keep the same slate of elected officers in place for the upcoming term must still make notification to the Chief of Staff.
4. Camps shall contact the Department Chief of Staff, David Smith PDC, with the intended Officer Installation date by 15 October 2022. If you need additional scheduling time please communicate that with the Chief of Staff.

The Department Chief of Staff can be contacted at:
chiefofstaff@suvcwmi.org or david.smith@suvcwmi.org.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



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

ATTEST:

/s/
Richard Denney, PCC
Secretary, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil

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DEPARTMENT ORDER #3  **SERIES: 2022-2023****Headquarters Marlette, MI****7 October 2022****HEADQUARTERS
2620 S. DECKER RD MARLETTE, MICHIGAN 48453****RE: 139th ANNUAL MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT & DISCHARGE OF
SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE**

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered:

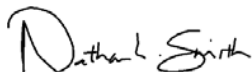
DISCHARGE OF THE SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE:

1. The 2023 Annual Michigan Department Encampment Site Selection Committee are now and hereby discharged from their duties. The Department Commander thanks the Brothers for serving on the committee and for their service to our organization.

139TH ANNUAL MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT:

1. The 139th Annual Michigan Department Encampment will be held on **Saturday, April 1, 2023** at the Holiday Inn of Midland, 810 Cinema Drive, Midland, Michigan 48642. Registration will begin at 8:00 am, and the Encampment proceedings will begin at 9:00 am.
2. Information and forms for the Annual Michigan Department Encampment will be posted on the Department of Michigan website at: www.suvcwmi.org as they become available.
3. Brothers who have special accommodation and/or arrangement requests and/or questions may direct them to the Department Commander at nate.smith@suvcwmi.org or to the Department Chief of Staff David Smith at chiefofstaff@suvcwmi.org.
4. As part of this encampment experience I have reached out to U.S. Grant Camp #67 regarding the possibility of them hosting a tour of the U.S.S. Edson a Forrest Sherman class destroyer docked in Bay City, Michigan.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



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March to the Sea Camp 135

Submitted by Charles Worley, PDC

On November 11, 2002, the Sturgis community gathered at the Sturges-Young Auditorium for an evening of appreciation for our local veterans and a number of their service dogs. Following a dinner for the Veterans, the evening's entertainment was a concert by the Sturgis Wind Symphony and the World Premiere of "Journey of the 11th". In a few words, the documentary is one of a series of films pertaining to the local history of Sturgis and St. Joseph County. This film captures the words, feelings, and sights the men who volunteered to join the Union cause in the ranks of the 11th Michigan Infantry.

The brothers of March to the Sea Camp and General Benjamin Pritchard Camp participated in the presentation of the Colors to open the show and to talk with folks at our table display after the show.

Three of Camp 135's brothers attended the Remembrance Day weekend events in Gettysburgs on November 19th. The weather was crisp but we stayed warm with long underwear and Great Coats. Leslie Gosling endured the most with putting up with us men all weekend. And we enjoyed having her with us.



Left to right standing: Len Sheaffer, CC Camp 20, Roland Rowe, ruce Gosling, Russ Gordon, Dick Denney, kneeling: Bill Brennan, Camp 20, Chuck Worley

Picture of the Color Guard left to right: Bruce Gosling, Russ Gordon, Roland Rowe, Dick Denney, Chuck Worley



Honoring Departed Brothers

On November 5, 2022, Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17, Lansing-Sunfield, honored Brother Mike Shumway. Brother Shumway passed unexpectedly in September. The Shumway family held a Memorial Service for Mike at the American Legion Hall in Hastings. The Service for a Departed Brother was performed and a salute was rendered.



Michael Roy Shumway

August 7, 1957 - September 22, 2022

Michael Roy Shumway passed away at home in Charlotte, MI, on the evening of Thursday, September 22 at 65 years of age. Mike was born on August 7, 1957, the fifth child of Robert and Betty (Stamp) Shumway of Hastings. He graduated from Hastings High School in 1975 and entered military service in the US Army in 1978. Following a medical discharge, Mike worked for Oldsmobile in Lansing prior to transferring to their parts division, where he worked for 30-plus years, retiring in 2018.

He married Lisa Kirby in 1980, that marriage ending in divorce. He married Vivyanne Jackson on September 25 of 1992 in East Lansing and they had recently celebrated 30 years of marriage.

Mike was an outdoors person, enjoying hunting and fishing. He had an abiding interest in Civil War history and was a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He also enjoyed country and blue grass music and could frequently be found in Lansing and in the surrounding area during concerts in the summer months.

Mike was preceded in death by parents Robert and Betty Shumway, his first wife, Lisa Kirby, and by his brother William in August 2020. He is survived by his wife Vivyanne (Jackson) Shumway, brothers Brian (Annegret) Shumway and Bob (Marva) Shumway, sister-in-law Melissa Shumway and by sisters Janice Morgan and Connie (Darrell) Peterson. Mike was a beloved husband, brother and uncle, who will be missed by his family and a host of nieces and nephews, as well as by his many friends, especially Brian Edgar and Kenneth LaDere. Cremation has taken place. We are planning a Celebration of Life for Saturday, November 5, between 1 and 4 pm at Lawrence Bauer American Legion Post 45 at 2160 S. M37 Highway, Hastings.

Chaplain's Report

Department Chaplain Charles F. Buckhahn PCC

Brothers,

I write this, asking for your forgiveness on an error I made recently. In informing the Department on the deaths of Brothers Max D. Miller of the Austin Blair Camp No. 7, of Gary Norris Pritchard of Sgt. John S. Cosbey Camp No. 427, and of Michael Roy Shumway of Curtenius Guard Camp 17, I sent the emails only to the various officers of the Department and forgot to add the various Camps of the Department. For this regrettable oversight, I am sorry! Below are the obituaries for Brothers Miller, Pritchard, and Shumway. Please note the date for Brother Shumway's Memorial Service, November 5th, at the American Legion Post 45 in Hastings.

As we keep these families and Posts in our prayers, let us be reminded of the words of our Spiritual Captain, "I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me shall never die but have eternal life." Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty;

Miller, Max Dean Jackson, MI On Sunday, Sept 18, 2022 as Max would've said, his "Chev-vee took a chit". Quoting from Escanaba in da Moonlight. His humor and gift of gab will never be forgotten. He never met a stranger and could talk to anybody about anything. Born February 11, 1935 to the late Allen & Edna (Reardon) Miller and joined his brother at home, the late, Dale Miller. He graduated from Jackson High in 1952. Married his beautiful bride, who proceeded him in death, Darlene (Hamilton) in June of 1957. He tore down the one room schoolhouse he had attended to build his lifelong home, raising his daughters who survive him. Vicki (Mark) Weiss and Kristi (Ron) Inman. Grandchildren, Joshua (Amy) Miller, Kelsi Inman, as well as Chris Inman and his boys, Ethan and Marcus. Nephew Gary Miller and Niece Laurie Miller, and not to forget his kitty Bleu. Max's wide range of talents allowed him to work at Kelsey Hayes, the railroad, Carr Bros. and Baileys to name a few of the excavating companies. He could run cranes, draglines, backhoes, graders and counted at least 9 different types of bulldozers he'd run. He was a 50+ year member of the IUOE Local 324. 24 years served as a Seabee Navy Reservist. Member of Sandstone Congregational Church. He was instrumental in reestablishing the Austin Blair Camp #7 of the SUVCW holding Camp Commander position at one time during his 25+ year membership. Besides always being willing to help family and friends, he loved wood working, bowling, playing poker, cribbage, traveling, fishing, hunting and spent many hours restoring and working on civil war stones. A celebration of his life will be held at the Sandstone Congregational Church, 710 S. Sandstone Road, Jackson, MI on Thursday, Sept 22, 2022 at 11:00am with Pastors Smith and Neirer officiating. Visitation will be at the Watson Funeral Chapel in Jackson on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 from 4:00-8:00pm and at the church on Thursday from 10:00-11:00am. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sandstone Congregational Church, 710 S. Sandstone Road, Jackson, MI 49203 or the Austin Blair Camp #7, 1475 Glasgow Road, Jackson, MI 49201.

Gary Norris Pritchard was born in Detroit, Michigan on April 19, 1946 to Mark and Henrietta Pritchard. Gary passed away peacefully with his family by his side on May 31, 2022. He was under the gentle care of Residential Hospice. Gary was the beloved husband of Sandra for 56 years. Loving father of Jessica Lynn Williamson (Aaron), the late Wayne Norris Pritchard and Father-in-law of Julie Pritchard. Dear grandpa of Alexander Williamson, Xavier Williamson, Ava Pritchard, Aubrey Pritchard, Griffin Pritchard and Greyson Pritchard. Brother of Sally Pawlowski (the late Darrell). Gary was a decorated United States Marine Corps Veteran who served proudly in the Vietnam War. He was a member of VFW Post 6695 in Plymouth / Canton, MI. He was also a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America organization. After leaving the military, Gary was an accountant for Ford Motor Credit and retired after a successful 31-year career. Gary had a love of history and anything to do with history. He was a proud founding member of the 17th Michigan Company E; a group dedicated to the reenactment of the Civil War. Member of the Sons of the Union Veterans. Former member of the St. Andrew's Society and held the title of Historical Commissioner for the City of Livonia. Gary was a servant of God and was an attending member with his wife Sandra of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia. Gary enjoyed traveling and took his daughter to England and Scotland to experience the historical countries of their roots. Gary was a "Foodie" He definitely had an appreciation for good food and would eat almost anything put in front of him. He also had an appreciation for good music of all genres and even enjoyed a good musical from time to time. However, his passion was his family; he simply loved being a husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend to all. Gary had a huge smile, a warm heart; he never met a stranger, and will be missed by all. Memorial donations may be made in Gary's honor to the VFW.

How to Find C.W. Vets Missed in the Original Cemetery Searches

Submitted by J.R. Mann, Camp 58 Graves Registration Officer

Start by entering what has been done to date in assigned Camp's counties in the Dept's Database & copy into a spread sheet with the following headings: Name, AKA/Alias, Pensioner 1883/1890, Born, Died, Enlistment Date, Age (at enlistment), Re-up/Transferred, Company, Regiment, State, Branch (infantry, Cavalry, etc.) Discharge date, Cemetery, Town/Township, County, State, Stone (military/civilian) and Flag (holder). By using the above headings you will be able to search for additional info by sorting using any of the headings. I.E.: State, Branch, Regiment, Company and Name. This makes it much easier to complete missing info for the vet.

Add to it by copying info from the 1890 Vet census. This will expand the data quite a bit and include Vets who were missed in the original surveys and whether he is still alive or dead and give the town or township of the vet or his dependent. A caution here: census takers didn't always ask for the correct spelling of the person's names, they wrote it as they thought it was spelled. Also in some cases their writing wasn't very good. In other cases they relied on a neighbor for info if someone in the family wasn't home. And you can add to that, sometimes the family member's memory wasn't to accurate.

Then add info from the 1883 Michigan Pensioner census. This census only includes the name of the vet drawing a pension or if he is dead, the name of the person drawing his pension. The census is listed by the local Post Office location and the town or township the Post Office is located in.

You can also add County Honor Rolls to your search list. These usually list Soldiers or Sailors who lived in, enlisted from the county and died in the war and were buried in cemeteries other than Michigan, although some may have been brought home by the family and buried locally. If it is discovered there are stones in both places, the local stone should be listed as a Cenotaph.

The next step in your search should be to look in the individual State Roster Books (i.e.: Michigan "Brown Books") and copy any info missing from what you have already. The info in these rosters should be used if differing from what you already have. Often the info given years after the fact can be faulty. In some cases the person may not be listed in the unit you have found from previous searching. He may be listed in another unit along with a second unit he was either transferred to or re-enlisted in. The Soldiers and Sailors System is also helpful but in several instances I have found, the soldier is not listed but is listed in the state roster book.

Once the above info is added to your research you can begin by checking FindaGrave.com to see if the vets are listed there and whether a photo is included. In some cases the person posting the info/photo has added additional info to their posting. Do not rely on the photos to determine whether or not the stone is in good condition or there is a flag holder. Many of the photos shown are 20 years old or older and/or may not include the flag holder if it was there. Plus, we have found some military stones have deteriorated since the photos were taken and are now unreadable.

If you find during your research that you have conflicting dates of birth and death, the dates on the civilian stones should be used as they were given to the stone mason by the family soon after the vet's death. In some cases you will run into the date of death with the date of birth given as age in years, months and days. To convert it to the date of birth you can find a free program by searching on the internet for converting age at death to year of birth if the date of death is listed.

Another helpful search to find birth and death dates for Michigan is Michiganology.com. There are some listings for people between 1897 and 1900 and most of those from 1900 up to 1952. This info prior to 1900 was not required to be sent to the state but were usually kept in within the county records office. The records dated after 1900 also usually include the place of burial.

I realize that the Department Database lists multiple units the soldier or sailor served in the miscellaneous section, and my personal opinion is ALL of his service record should be listed on the web, not just part of it. Too, I have so far found one lady who was listed as an Army Nurse in the 1890 Vet census and have included her in my listing of Vets. In addition I have included several War of 1812 Vets, most of them listed as such (and their dependent if the Vet is dead) in the 1883 census and a few still alive yet in the 1890 census.

GENERAL ORLANDO M. POE CAMP 444

Submitted by: David S. Smith, LM, PDC – Camp 444 Commander

On Saturday, 01 October 2022, the Brothers of General Orlando M. Poe Camp 444 and the City of Harrison, along with other participants and guests of the Allied Orders of the GAR and local citizens paid tribute to Harrison's Civil War Veterans with a three-part ceremony held in Harrison's historic Maple Grove Cemetery. The three parts of the Ceremony comprised honoring Captain Ferdinand Boughton of the 1st Michigan Engineers & Mechanics Regiment, Charles W. Scott – the Last GAR Veteran of Harrison, and performing the 1917 GAR Ceremony of Rededication of the 1916 GAR Monument.

Participants and attendees within the ceremony in addition to the Brothers of Camp 444 included Harrison City Manager Justin Cavanaugh, Harrison City Councilwoman Angela Kellogg, GAR Veteran Hiram Hughes' descendant Janet Dunkle (placing flowers at the monument in honor of all of Harrison's Civil War Veterans), Lady in Mourning Linda Bailey, Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17 Brothers Mark Hoffman (guest speaker) and PCC Ron Shull (guard of honor), Department of Michigan Commander Nathan Smith, Auxiliary No. 9 Sisters Lorraine Aurand, Kelly Smith, Valerie Jones, and PAP Lisa Smith (Lady in Mourning), and last but certainly not least, siblings Kendall and Hunter Rouleau from the band program at Harrison High School performing an incredibly moving rendition of Echo Taps.

A beautiful fall day and a wonderful turnout of local citizens and dignitaries, members of Harrison's VFW Post 1075, family and friends of the participants, as well as the news media made the event even more memorable for all in paying tribute to Harrison's Defenders of the Union.



ABOVE (L-R): Patriotic Instructor Jeff Walker, Captain of the Guard George Scheck, Treasurer Rodney Welliver, Musician Kendall Rouleau, Lady in Mourning Linda Bailey, Musician Hunter Rouleau, Secretary Dale Aurand, PDC, Camp 17 PCC Ron Shull, GRO/CWMO Kenny Jones, SVC Brent Sible, PAP Lisa Smith, Chaplain Calvin Murphy, and Commander David Smith, PDC. Missing from photo: Camp 17 Guest Speaker Mark Hoffman, Sister Lorraine Aurand, Sister Kelly Smith, Sister Valerie Jones, Department Commander Nathan Smith, Hughes' Descendant Janet Dunkle, City Manager Justin Cavanaugh, and City Councilwoman Angela Kellogg. Photo courtesy of the Clare County Cleaver (Angela Kellogg, Editor).



ABOVE LEFT: Brothers salute during the rifle volleys and Echo Taps – (L-R) Sister Aurand, City Councilwoman Kellogg, City Manager Cavanaugh, Brother Hoffman, Brother Shull, PI Walker, Commander Smith, Chaplain Murphy, and Captain Scheck (photo courtesy of Angel Sible)

ABOVE RIGHT: The Camp 444 Honor Guard makes ready under the Command of Captain Scheck – (L-R) Commander Smith, Chaplain Murphy, Captain Scheck, Treasurer Welliver, SVC Sible, GRO/CWMO Jones, and Secretary Aurand (photo courtesy of Angel Sible)



ABOVE LEFT: The Vacant Chair and the Symbols of the Soldier. (photo courtesy of the Clare County Cleaver)

ABOVE RIGHT: Commander Smith and Hughes Descendant Janet Dunkle (photo courtesy of the Clare County Cleaver)

As the 2022 term ends, and looking forward to the new opportunities of the 2023 administrative term, Camp 444 will hold their Christmas Campfire Luncheon on Saturday, 03 December in Cadillac to reminisce on 2022 and to celebrate the Holidays in Fraternity. General Orlando M. Poe Camp 444 wishes our Brothers and Sisters of the Department of Michigan a wonderful Holiday season.

Company A, 14th Michigan SVR

Submitted by Paul Davis, PDC

On a cool, breezy, November 11, Company A, 14th MI Infantry, SVR (Irish Rifle) was asked to assist American Legion Post #283, with their Veterans Day Ceremony at the Flushing Cemetery. The detachment consisted of 2nd Sgt Joe Bickley, Cpl Howard Lloyd, PCC, Cpl David Kimble, PCC, Pvt David Bickley, Chaplain Charles Buckhahn, PCC, David Wallace, PDC. The detachment was led by 2LT Robert Payne, PDC. Chaplain Buckhahn offered both the invocation and the benediction. PDC Wallace offered words from the SUVCW. Sisters Linda McKinch, President, Dawn Bastian, Senior Vice-President, and Carol Powers, Secretary, of the Gov. Crapo Corps, Women's Relief Corps joined the ceremony, laying a wreath at the Veteran's Memorial.



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Keith Harrison was paid special tribute by the Eaton Rapids City Council for his contributions to the community as President of the G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum. Attending the ceremonies were several brothers of Keith's Camp, the Curtenius Guard Camp #17, along with Commander-in-Chief Bruce Frail.

The next evening, Past Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison was presented the Elmer "Bud" Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award by Commander-in-Chief Bruce Frail, during the regular Camp meeting of Curtenius Guard Camp #17. The CinC was assisted by Past Commanders-in-Chief Kent Armstrong, Don Saw and Jim Pahl. Left to right: Kent Armstrong, Don Shaw, Keith Harrison, CinC Bruce Frail, Jim Pahl



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