

Department Orders #2

Series 2006- 2007

- 1. On behalf of the entire Department of Michigan, I extend the heartiest congratulations to Brother James B. Pahl, PDC, of Curtenious Guard Camp #17. At the 125th Annual National Encampment in Harrisburg, PA Brother Pahl was elected and installed as Commander-In-Chief of our Order. Jim, we are proud of you. We salute your many achievements and contributions to the Order that make you so richly deserving of the highest honor that the Order can bestow. Have a great year.**
- 2. Thanks to the 18 Michigan Brothers who attended recent National Encampment. Thanks to you, the business of the Order was well tended and the Department was well represented. Save for the host Department whose membership is many times that of Michigan, ours was the largest delegation in attendance. Attending from Michigan were Brothers Matt Adair, Dave Arnold, Neal Breagh, Bruce Butgereit, Rick Danes, Ed Dowd, Dennis Felton, Rick Greene, Bob Grove, Keith Harrison, Dean Lamphere, Bill McAfee, Max Newman, Jim Pahl, Don Shaw, Ron Shull, Bill Truss, and Chuck Worley. Brothers, well done.**
- 3. Be sure to check the next issue of “The Banner” for updates of policy and procedures of our Order. Whenever we meet in Annual Encampment changes can be, and often are, made to our Constitution and Regulations. These changes are spelled out in the Banner.**
- 4. Congratulations to the LeValley- Heusted Camp #255, of Mayville. The Camp has received its Charter, it having been endorsed by the Department and the National Organization.**
- 5. Congratulations to the William A. Kent Camp #83, of Greenville. As the first official act of his administration, Commander-In-Chief Pahl signed the Camp into existence by endorsing the Camp’s Charter application. The Charter is now being prepared and will be presented to the Camp soon.**
- 6. I am pleased to announce that Camp formation efforts are underway in Centreville, Michigan. To be named “March To The Sea” Camp #135, the Camp is being organized by Brother Charles Worley. Those interested may contact Brother Worley at (269) 651-8077 or by e-mail at worleyc@net-link.net.**
- 7. I am pleased to announce that our license to market merchandise bearing SUVCW logos has been extended by the Council of Administration.**
- 8. Development continues toward offering online sales of SUVCW merchandise that is currently offered via magazine ads. In the near future, you will be able to buy hat badges, breast patches, Corp badges, mouse pads, and the like by using Pay Pal. For the moment Brothers may contact Brother Dave Arnold at (517) 321-6013 or via e-mail at hockeyboy121@sbcglobal.net with their needs.**

- 9. I extend a big thank you to the Brothers of Austin Blair Camp #7 for their help and hospitality during the recent Jackson Civil War Muster. An especial thanks to Brother Mark Heath for his tireless efforts to make everything go smoothly and everyone comfortable. With his help the Department Hospitality Tent was a success again this year. It was visited by scores of Brothers, Sisters of the Allied Orders and visitors. Led by Brother Bill Lowe, the Brothers of Camp #7 hosted their popular program that offers the public information about the military service and grave location of many of the "Boys In Blue". In addition to a number of prospects for their own Camp, the Camp provided a list of seven names of interested prospects from three different states for follow up. These names have been forwarded to the Camps nearest their homes. Well done Camp #7.**
- 10. All Camps are reminded of the Order's Eagle Scout Recognition Program. All Camps should have an Eagle Scout Coordinator who can be called upon to generate and present Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates in their prime area of service when called upon.**
- 11. Camps should be aware of changes made at the National Encampment which will necessitate the reporting of Election and Installation of Camp Officers (Form #22) by no later than February 15, 2007. Camp rosters and Annual Reports (Form 27) are still due no later than April 30, 2007.**
- 12. Hats off to Department Secretary, Dennis Derr II. Brother Derr has inaugurated a regular article in "The Banner", relating the activities and concerns of the Department of Michigan. This is something that we used to do but have not done is several years. Dennis, thank you for taking on this important project which is pursuant to General Orders #1, Series 2006-2007.**
- 13. Camps are reminded that General Orders #4 of last year called for each Camp to generate a history of the Camp to be forwarded to the Department who will compile all of these histories into one composite history to forward to the National Organization. One year later, here in Michigan, only Camp #14 has complied with this General Order. Camps should designate a Brother or Brothers to see to this requirement, forthwith.**
- 14. Brothers are encouraged to plan to participate in the 50th Annual Remembrance Day parade and services in Gettysburg, Pa. on November 18, 2006. Lodging should be arranged right away. It is hoped that we can improve on last year's small Michigan contingent. Please make every effort to adjust your schedules to allow your attendance and participation in this extraordinary experience. This year we have the honor to escort and guard the Commander-In-Chief. Don't miss out on the chance to participate in this high honor. Assistance with finding car pool partners is available at Department Headquarters.**
- 15. I wish to thank the Department Officers and others who have, thus far, forwarded lists of Department property in their custody to either Department Historian, John Keith or myself. Department Orders #1, Series 2006-2007 call for all such officers or committee chairmen to participate in an inventory of all property owned by the Department by submitting a list of Department owned items that are currently in their care to the Department. Items of an historical nature should be reported to Brother Keith. Currently used items should be reported to the Department Commander.**

16. All Camps are encouraged to open and close their meetings by the Ritual and Ceremonies. Of course, intiation of new members, Camp Officers and much more are also included in our "Ritual". This is part of our link to the Grand Army and adds much to the "experience" of being a member of the SUVCW. With the approach of a new administrative year, it would be a good time for Camps which may not be in the habit of using the Ritual to start doing so.

**Submitted in F, C, & L,
September 1, 2006**

/s/

**Richard Greene, Commander
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Attest:

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**Dennis C, Derr II
Department Secretary**