

Department Orders No. 4
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1. The National Organization, SUVCW has issued a new revised version of Form 27, Camp Annual Report. The new form is Form 27a, Camp Annual Report and it is available on the National SUVCW Website at: <http://suvchw.org/ftp.htm> . Please be sure to use this new version as all previous versions are now void.
2. A reminder to all Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries that Form 27a, Camp Annual Report is due to the Department Secretary by April 30, 2008. This is a firm deadline and there are no acceptable excuses for not having Form 27a in on time. Commander-in-Chief Kuhn has made it clear that any Department that fails to submit its' Annual Report on time will face disciplinary action. The only way that this Department can submit its' Annual Report on time and avoid disciplinary action is to have ALL properly completed Camp Annual Reports in on time. Therefore, any Camp that does not have their Form 27a in by April 30, 2008 will be suspended on May 1, 2008. I strongly encourage ALL Camps to submit their Form 27a prior to the April 30th deadline.
3. I would like to thank all of the Camps that submitted their Form 22, Certification of Election and Installation of Camp Officers prior to the Feb 15, 2008 deadline. Your efforts and commitment to fulfilling this obligation in such a timely manner are greatly appreciated.
4. While most Camps submitted their Form 22s on time, Camps 3, 28, 101 and 259 all failed to submit their Form 22, Certification of Election and Installation of Camp Officers by the February 15, 2008 deadline.
5. All reports are to be submitted to Department Secretary Kevin Lindsey at 6890 Norton, Troy, MI 48085.
6. All Camps are required to file with the IRS. For more information, please see Department Treasurer Brian Shumway's article in this edition of the Michigan Messenger.
7. The Department Awards Committee has been appointed as follows: Chairman, Bill Skillman of Camp No. 14, Mark Keller of Camp No. 255 and Bill Nash of Camp No. 2.
8. The Department Nominating Committee has been appointed as follows: Rick Danes of Camp No. 427, Rick Greene, PDC of Camp No. 255, John Keith of Camp No. 20, Robert Mitchell of Camp No. 462 and Jeff Morse of Camp No. 14. Brother Robert Mitchell is the Chairman and anyone interested in running for a Department office needs to contact him prior to April 1, 2008 at 1504 Longfellow Street, Detroit, Michigan 48206-2000 Phone: (313) 866-8630, e-mail: RMITC02@americtech.net.
9. The 119th Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan will be held on 26 April 2008 at the South Lansing Christian Church 6300 Aurelius Rd., Lansing, MI. Details are available in this edition of the Michigan Messenger.

10. Credentials Cards will be required in order to register at the Department Encampment. These are obtained from your Camp Secretary. Please make sure that you obtain one from your Camp Secretary prior to the encampment because you will not be able to register without one.
11. Brother Matthew L. Adair has been appointed as Chairman of the Department Credentials Committee. Encampment pre-registration should be sent to Brother Adair at 409 Bent Oak Street, Fenton, Michigan, 48430-2288. The pre-registration fee is \$5.00 per Brother and must arrive before April 19, 2008. After April 19, 2008 and at the door the registration fee is \$10.00. The pre-registration and meal reservation form is available in this issue of the Michigan Messenger and on the Department Website at: <http://www.suvcwmi.org/encampment.html>.
12. At the upcoming Department Encampment we will be doing something new. We will be using Voting Cards, just as is done at the National Encampment. Voting Cards will be issued to those Brothers with standing credentials and to Camp Delegates when they register at the encampment.
13. All Camps are requested to bring their Camp Colors and suitable flag stand to the Department Encampment.
14. It is with regret that I report that on 23 Feb 2008 the Brothers of General Ulysses S. Grant Camp No. 101 of Detroit, MI held a special meeting and voted to disband the Camp and surrender their Camp Charter. I was informed that this action was due to meeting attendance falling off to only a couple of Brothers per meeting and that no Brothers of the Camp were willing to fill the positions of Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Secretary or Treasurer.
15. The Brothers of General Ulysses S. Grant Camp No. 101 of Detroit, MI are hereby directed to turn over all Camp property and funds to the Department of Michigan as soon as possible. Please contact me directly to make arrangements.
16. All Camps are reminded to submit updates for their Camp Websites to Department Signals Officer Matt Adair. It is to each Camp's benefit to keep their websites current and up to date. This is especially true in regards to contact information.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

/s/

Dennis C. Derr II
Commander
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

/s/

Kevin J. Lindsey
Secretary
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War