

Department Orders No. 1
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1. Having been duly elected and installed, command is hereby assumed.
2. Headquarters for the Department of Michigan, SUVCW remains at 4033 Horizon Drive, Davison, MI 48423.
3. I would like to thank all the Brothers who attended the 119th Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, SUVCW, not only for their participation in conducting the business of the Department, but also for their continued support of this administration for another term.
4. Congratulations to this year's Lincoln Award Recipients, Brother William C. Costello, PCC of Camp No. 20, Brother Gary L. Gibson, PDC of Camp No. 20 and Mr. Jesse Lasorda.
5. Congratulations to the General Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20, this year's recipient of the Gov. Austin Blair Membership Award and to Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 250, this year's recipient of the Orlando LeValley Membership Award.
6. On time Camp Annual Reporting significantly improved this year. With the exception of one Camp, all Camp Annual Reports were in by the April 30th deadline. This demonstrates without a doubt, that it can be done. Therefore, from this year forward, there is absolutely no reason why every Camp in this Department should not have its' reports in on time.
7. I am pleased to report that the Department Annual Report was submitted on time to the National Organization, SUVCW. This is not an easy task and Department Secretary Kevin Lindsey is to be commended for his hard work and dedication in accomplishing this.
8. If this Department is to continue to grow and prosper, we must not only focus on new member recruitment, but also on member retention. Since last year's Annual Report we gained 57 Brothers, unfortunately over the same period we also lost 47 Brothers for a net gain of only 10 Brothers. New member recruitment and member retention are the responsibility of the Camp Junior Vice Commander.
9. Congratulations to LeValley-Heusted Camp No. 255, Mayville, MI on the restoration and rededication of the Whiteside GAR Post No. 143 monument which is located in Indianfields Cemetery, Caro, MI.

10. There have been some instances during the past year where the appropriate Department Officers were not notified of the death of a Brother and/or Brother in distress. Please be sure to notify both Department Chaplain Bill McAfee and myself as soon as possible in these situations so that we can take the appropriate action.
11. A reminder to all Camps to make sure that your Camp websites are current and up to date.
12. This last Memorial Day I had the honor and privilege, along with Camp Commander Ed Dowd of Camp 145, to lay a wreath on behalf of the SUVCW at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. I would strongly encourage anyone who gets the chance to visit this cemetery to do so. It is impressive.
13. All Brothers are encouraged to attend the 127th Annual National Encampment of the SUVCW which will be held August 7 – 10, 2008 in Boston, Massachusetts. Please refer to the National SUVCW website for details.

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