

Department Orders #4



Series 2013 – 2014

*Paul Davis, Department Commander**Headquarters, Saginaw, MI**7 May 2014*

1. Effective on and for the day of Saturday, May 10, 2014, the Headquarters of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, shall be located at the Great Lakes Christian College located at 6211 W. Willow Highway, Lansing, Michigan, to allow for the transaction of business by the 130<sup>th</sup> Department of Michigan Encampment. Thereafter, the Department of Michigan Headquarters shall revert to the previous address until such time as the 2014-2015 Department Commander shall designate a different location in his Department Orders.

2. We would like to thank all of the elected Camp and Department Officers as well as all those in appointed positions for their service to the Order during the 2013-2014 term.

We would also like to acknowledge the efforts and accomplishments of the many Brothers in the various Camps of the Department and thank them for their good work.

3. Memorial Day will follow shortly after the 130<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment. All Camps and all Brothers are encouraged to participate in some act of remembrance to mark this important day for Keeping Green The Memory of our Civil War ancestors. If you can do an activity with Brothers from your Camp, so much the better. If you are unable to do something with your Camp Brothers, then consider a solo effort. Visit a cemetery and find the grave of a Civil War veteran, perhaps one that appears to have been forgotten. Make it your business honor him. Place a flag and flowers on the grave to honor that soldier. Memorial Day is a date central to our obligations as Sons of Union Veterans to keep green the memory of those soldiers, sailors and Marines of 1861 to 1865. Also remember all veterans who have served to safeguard our Nation.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

/s/

Paul Davis  
Department Commander  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

/s/

George Boller  
Department Secretary  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### **Chaplain's Report**

*Submitted by Charles Buckhahn, CC, Dept. Chaplain*

Since the Department Encampment, I have participated in two grave dedications. On the 17th of May I read the Chaplain's part of the dedication ceremony for Brother Chris Cox's ancestor in Stockbridge. Also joining the headstone dedication were ladies from the Auxiliary and brothers from the 14th Michigan SVR, Camp 145 Gov. Henry Crapo Camp, Camp 427 the Sergeant John Cosbey Camp, and Camp 67 the U.S. Grant Camp. I also participated in the dedication of headstones for four Civil War Veterans – Luther Johnson, George Fish, Alva Scofield and Charles Hamlin – on May 31, 2014, at the Clayton Township Cemetery in Arenac County.

Department Orders #1



Series 2014 – 2015

*Paul Davis, Department Commander**Headquarters, Saginaw, MI**11 May 2014*

Having been duly elected and installed as Department Commander, I hereby assume command of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Headquarters for the Department is hereby transferred to 1264 Golf Brook Lane, Saginaw, Michigan 48608.

General correspondence to the Department should be sent to the Secretary for the Department of Michigan, George Boller, P.O. Box 530518, Livonia, Michigan 48153, or Emailed to: RELLOB@Prodigy.net.

The Secretary may also be contacted by telephone at: 734.432.7900 or FAX at 248.478.4314

Correspondence to the Department Commander should be sent to: Paul Davis, P.O. Box 6517, Saginaw, Michigan 48608, or Emailed to: pdmarcomm@aol.com.

We would like to extend the appreciation and gratitude of the Department to all of the outgoing officers who served the Department so well and so faithfully over the last term.

We offer the thanks of the Department to all those brothers filling elected and appointed offices for the 2014-2015 term as well as all of those who are currently serving the Order on committees.

**Your elected and appointed officers for the 2014-2015 term are:**

Department Commander	Paul Davis
Senior Vice Commander	Dale Aurand
Junior Vice Commander	Dean Lamphere
Members of the Council	Charles Worley
	Kevin Lindsey
	Bob Griggs
Secretary	George Boller
Treasurer	Bruce Gosling
Chief of Staff	Don Shaw
Counselor	James Pahl
Chaplain	Charles Buckhahn
Patriotic Instructor	Gary Granger
Color Bearer	Ed Dowd
Signals Officer	-----
Editor, "Michigan's Messenger	Rick Danes
Historian	Chris Cox
Guide	Dave Smith
Guard	Robert Payne
Graves Registration Officer	Rick Danes
GAR Records Officer	Gary Gibson
Civil War Memorials Officer	Bruce Butgereit
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Jerry Olson
Camp-at-Large Coordinator	Dennis Zank
Aide de Camp	Keith Harrison

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### Standing Committees and Chairmen:

#### Graves Registration

Rick Danes CC, Chair  
All Camp GROs  
Chris Cox, Brian Shumway PCC

#### Membership

Dean Lamphere CC, Chair  
All Camp JVCs

#### GAR Records

Gary Gibson PDC, Chair  
Matt Adair, Keith Harrison PC-in-C,

#### Civil War Memorials

Bruce Butgereit PDC, Chair  
Doug Armstrong PCC,  
Richard Williams,  
Gary Copenhaver

#### Bylaws

Dale Aurand PCC, Chair  
Hon. James Pahl PC-in-C

#### Communications and Technology

Keith Harrison PC-in-C Chair  
Dean Lamphere CC, Matt Adair  
Hon. James Pahl PC-in-C

#### Ceremonies and Rituals

Keith Harrison PC-in-C Chair  
Dean Lamphere CC, Dave Hilliker PCC,  
Brian Shumway PCC

5. The 130<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment was honored this year with the attendance of C-in-C Freshley and PC-in-C Perley Mellor as well as the Presidents of from all of the Allied Orders. The Department also extends our appreciation and gratitude to the Allied Orders including the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Women's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Daughters of Union Veterans for their efforts in hosting the 130<sup>th</sup> Encampment of the Allied Orders.

We thank C-in-C Ken Freshley, who took time out from an incredibly busy travel schedule to be with us at the Encampment and install our officers for the 2014-2015 term. Finally we thank all the brothers of this Department who took the time and trouble to attend the 130<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment, helping us to do the business of the Department. Brothers, decisions are made by those who attend and participate. Thank you for being there to help.

6. Having a current and correct Email address is essential for efficient communication within the Department. All Camps must have at least one person designated to receive Email messages from the Department. These communications, including Department Orders, General Department Communications, and the *Michigan's Messenger* newsletter.

If neither the Camp Commander nor the Camp Secretary has a valid Email address, Camp Commanders will please designate one person within your Camp to receive Email communications from the Department. These messages must then be passed along to those who need the information. Please inform the Department Secretary as to the person so designated.

Brother Danes reports again this year that many Brothers contact him saying they have not received the *Michigan's Messenger* newsletter. If you have a valid Email address, please send it to your Camp Secretary. Failing that, look on the Department website to download the newsletter.

Camp Secretaries, in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, for those Brothers who do not have computers or internet access, please consider printing out a paper copy of the communication or the *Messenger* and mailing it to those Brothers.

7. Once again there is a vacancy for the Department Webmaster/Signals position. Having a Webmaster is important and necessary to insure accurate and timely communication. The Communications and Technology Committee will be charged with conducting a search to select a suitable Webmaster to fill the current opening.

In addition, we are asking all Camp Commanders to conduct a survey within their Camps for Brothers or sons of Brothers who would be able and willing to serve as Webmaster for the Department.

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In the event that we are not able to find an individual to be the Webmaster on a volunteer basis, we may have to consider contracting this service. If there is anyone in your Camp or geographical area who might be a suitable candidate, please forward that information to Keith Harrison PC-in-C Chair, Communications and Technology Committee at [pcinc@prodigy.net](mailto:pcinc@prodigy.net).

8. Memorial Day will be observed on May 26<sup>th</sup> and Decoration Day on May 30<sup>th</sup>. All Camps and all Brothers are encouraged to participate in some act of remembrance to mark this important day for Keeping Green the Memory of our Civil War ancestors. If you can join an activity with Brothers from your Camp, do so. If you are unable to participate in Camp activities, then consider a solo effort. Visit a cemetery and find the grave of a Civil War veteran, perhaps one that appears to have been forgotten. Make it your business to honor him - place a flag and flowers on his grave - much as our fore-fathers would have. Remember, both Memorial Day and Decoration Day are central to our obligations as Sons of Union Veterans to remember these soldiers, sailors, marines, and those from the cutter service of 1861 – 1865, and all veterans who have served to safeguard our Nation.
9. The National Encampment will be held this year in Marietta, Georgia on August 14<sup>th</sup> through August 17<sup>th</sup>. The site of the Encampment is the Hilton Atlanta Marietta Hotel and Conference Center. Hotel reservations and pre-registration materials are now available at <http://www.2014nationalencampment.com/>. The deadline for pre-registration is July 31<sup>st</sup>. Please join the Michigan Delegation to the National Encampment.
10. We are all compelled to address a most serious matter for the department of Michigan. While most of our Camps do an excellent job of submitting reports on time, we have a small number who are habitually tardy, especially with Forms 22 and 27. It is essential that the Department receive these and all reports on time and in an orderly fashion. The Department Secretary must review and manage the reports from all 24 Camps, and then prepare the Department Reports that are due to the National Officer on a specific date.

The National organization is becoming less tolerant of late reporting by the Departments. Suspension of Departments for failure to report on time is something that will not happen to the Department of Michigan! Our recourse as a Department is to suspend offending Camps within our Department. Please work with our Department officers, ask for help if you have a question or need assistance in completing your reports on time. We hope to never suspend a Camp for this non-compliance.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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"The Department Bard", James Ribby – a member of the SUVCW Robert Finch Camp (Traverse City) -- presented a dramatic recital of the poem "When The Boys In Blue Are Go During the Department Encampment. His second poem was by Walt Whitman titled "A Dirge for Two Veterans." (ASUVCW)

