

Michigan Department - Sons of Union Veteran of the Civil War
104th Annual Encampment 12 June 1993

The 104th Annual Encampment of the Michigan Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (S.U.V.C.W.) was held on 12 June, 1993 at the Holiday Inn (West), Lansing, Michigan.

Dean Lamphere was appointed to fill the vacant Guide position. Dean was asked to escort the National Officers to the altar. Department Commander James Pahl welcomed Elmer (Bud) Atkinson to the Department of Michigan's annual encampment.

The encampment opened per ritual by Department Commander James Pahl at 9:10 A.M. Department Secretary/Treasurer Richard Williams read the roll of Officers and Staff:

Commander James Pahl - present
SVC J Douglas Park - present
JVC Bill Brennan - present
Secretary/Treasurer Richard Williams - present
Council - Don Everett, Chair - absent
 James Neely - present
 David Downing - present
Chief of Staff - Keith Harrison - present
Patriotic Instructor - James Neely - present
Chaplain - Rev. Henry Reinewald - present
Counselor - Gary Gibson - present
Guide - J R Schroeder - absent (filled by Dean Lamphere)
Guard - Ronald Berridge - present
Color Bearer - Leo Cohoon - present
Graves Registration - Jim Lyons
Historian - Paul Hodges - present

Recognition of National Officers:

Commander-in-Chief - Elmer (Bud) Atkinson
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief - Keith Harrison
National Secretary - Jim Lyons
Editor of the Banner - Rus Gregory
National Membership at Large Coordinator - J Douglas Park
National Membership List Coordinator - Richard Williams
National History Book Coordinator - Gary Gibson

Camp Members Present:

Austin Blair Camp # 7:

James Neely
Jack Patch
John Mann

Benjamin Pritchard Camp # 20:

Ron Bellenger
Bill Brennan
Gary Gibson
Chris Johnston
Phil Johnston
Dean Parker
Steve Redinger

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Colegrove-Woodruff Camp # 22:

Ronald Berridge
Lewis Cuyler
Howard Streeter

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17:

David Downing
Keith Harrison
Paul Hodges
James Lyons
James Pahl
Doug Park
David Rehkopt
Richard Williams

George W. Howe Camp #9:

No members present

Governor Crapo Camp # 145:

Michael Mc Creedy
Lloyd D Lamphere
Dave Wallace

Henry E Plant Camp #3:

No members present

Nash-Hodges Camp 43:

Charlie DeSloover
Bill Lentz
Mac Panburn
David Schneider

Robert Finch Camp #14:

No members present

Ulysses S. Grant Camp # 101:

Rev Henry Reinewald

WA-BU-NO Camp # 53

Wayne Bennett
Leo Cohoon
Don Workman

Five dollars collected from attendees for a total of \$160 to be placed in the treasury to offset costs for the encampment.

Camp Statistics:

All Camps are in good standing.

Camp total members at the end of the first Quarter 1993:

Austin Blair Camp #7	26
Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20	26

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Colegrove-Woodruff Camp #22	18
Curtenius Guard Camp #17	67
George W. Howe Camp #9	1
Governor Crapo Camp #145	28
Robert Finch Camp #14	15
Ulysses S. Grant Camp #101	18
WA-BU-NO Camp #53	12

New Camps and members added during the second quarter 1993:

Henry E. Plant Camp #3	8
Nash-Hodges Camp #43	15

Recognition of National Officers:

Commander-in-Chief:	Elmer F Atkinson
Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief:	Keith Harrison
National Secretary:	Jim Lyons
Banner Editor:	Rus Gregory
Nat. Member-at-Large Coord.:	Doug Park
Nat. Membership List Coord.:	Dick Williams
Nat. History Book Coord.:	Gary Gibson

Committee Reports:

The following appointments for the encampment were made by Commander Pahl:

Officer reports: Chairman Dave Downing, Ron Berridge
Resolutions: Chairman Dave Wallace, Don Workman
By-laws. Chairman Doug Park, John Mann, Jack Patch
Fraternal Relations: James Pahl, Doug Park, Bill Brennan, Bud Atkinson, Keith Harrison
Legislative Affairs: Chairman Jim Lyons, Gary Gibson

Moment of silence:

A moment of silence was observed for those who have fallen during in conflicts during the growth of our country.

103rd Encampment:

The minutes to the 103rd Department Encampment were available at the 104th Annual Encampment. A few moments were taken to review the minutes and Brother Harrison moved the minutes be accepted. Seconded by Brother Brennan. Motion passed.

Report of Department Council:

The treasurer's books and budget for 1993-1994 fiscal year were reviewed prior to the encampment and are in order. The budget for 1993-1994 was presented to the encampment by the Department Secretary-Treasurer. Department Commander Pahl referred the budget to the Department Council to review during Committee meetings and report back to the encampment on a proposed budget for 1993-1994.

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Officers Reports:

Jim Lyons moved all officer reports be given to the appropriate committee for review. Seconded by Keith Harrison. Motion passed.

Commanders Report - filed with the Department Secretary.
Senior Vice Commanders Report -filed with the Department Secretary
Junior Vice Commanders Report -filed with the Department Secretary
Treasurer's Report - filed with the Department Secretary
Historian's Report -filed with the Department Secretary
Patriotic Instructor's Report - filed with the Department Secretary
Legislative Committee Report -filed with the Department Secretary
Chief-of-Staff Report - filed with theDepartment Secretary
Chaplain's report - verbal given.
Councilor's report - filed with the Department Secretary
Camp Organizer's Report - verbal given. Charters for new Camps will be presented at
the dinner this evening.

Department Activities during 1992:

Jim Lyons reported highlights of Department activities during 1992.

- 1) The historic marker at the GAR hall in Sunfield where the Curtenius Guard meet, was dedicated with a Michigan historic marker in 1987 and the hall was placed on the National register of historical places in October 1992.
- 2) The Central Region Conference meeting last October was held in Lansing for the second year in a row. The National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Allen Moore, was installed at the meeting. Allen's father died during the National Encampment last August and Allen left the National Encampment before being installed as the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The 1993 Central Conference is scheduled for October 2-3 in Milwaukee.

- 3) The annual Lincoln/Washington dinner was hosted by the Sons of the Revolution on February 13, 1993.
- 4) The Midwest Civil War Round Table conference was held in Monroe, Michigan. Brother Lyons, Harrison and others ran a raffle at the conference. Expenses of printing tickets ran us about \$200 and Jim believes the Department will receive approximately \$500 for its portion of the proceeds.

Brother Lyons moved that the proceeds minus expenses from the raffle be set aside in a special interest bearing account to be used for medal of honor grave markers in the State of Michigan. Brother Harrison seconded. Department Commander Pahl referred the motion to the Department Council to discuss during the committee meeting recess and have the Council bring the motion back to the encampment for further discussion.

- 5) Most Camps and quite a few reenactment groups were represented at the Memorial Day ceremony on the steps at the Capital of Michigan. The Mayor of Lansing, previous Governor Swainson, the 7th Michigan Fife and Drum and other guests were present for the ceremony.
- 6) The Commanders Group, composed of major veterans organizations, elected the Michigan Department SUVCW as part of the Commanders Group.

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7) Highway US 12 in Indiana is now recognized as the Iron Brigade Highway. Efforts in Wisconsin and Michigan continue to try and get highway 12 recognised as the Iron Brigade Highway.

Brother Harrison reported on the formation of the SVR and Camp Guards in Michigan.

Brother Harrison also presented the Department with a Michigan flag and the three flag bases (flag holders).

Communications:

1. The Curtenius Guard submitted a change in the Department By-laws considering a change in the wording for Associates. Request went to by-laws committee. Filed with the Department Secretary.

2. A resolution received by the Benjamin Pritchard Camp to readopt the seventh Corps badge. Request sent to the by-laws committee for action. Filed with the Department Secretary.

3. Proposed constitution and regulation amendments passed by Curtenius Guard to create a membership category of Junior member. Referred to the resolutions committee. Filed with the Department Secretary.

4. A proposed constitution amendment passed by Curtenius Guard to change the language for associates was received. Referred to the resolutions committee. Filed with the Department Secretary.

5. A proposed amendment to the Michigan by-laws received by the Curtenius Guard to establish a Member-at-large Camp within the Department of Michigan. Referred to the by-laws committee. Filed with the Department Secretary.

6. Endorsements for the positions of National Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief received by the Curtenius Guard. Referred to the resolutions committee. Filed with the Department Secretary.

7. Letter from Secretary Keith Ashley, Gov. William Dennison Camp - Ohio, asking the minimum age for membership be lowered to the age of 12. Referred to the resolutions committee. Filed with the Department Secretary.

8. Department of Michigan uniform guideline. Referred to by-laws committee. Filed with the Department Secretary.

9. Dissolution and Disposition of assets presented by Department Commander Pahl to satisfy a requirement by the State of Michigan Gaming Commission to satisfy requirements to obtain a raffle license. Referred to the by-laws committee. Filed with the Department Secretary.

10. Brother Harrison submitted a Department by-laws amendment to establish a Sons of Veterans Reserve and Camp Guards. Referred to the by-laws committee. Filed with the Department Secretary.

11. Dress code submitted by Austin Blair Camp and referred to the by-laws committee. Filed with the Department Secretary.

12. Letter from Paul Williams, Secretary-Treasurer of Governor Crapo Camp, endorsing candidates for Department Commander, Department Senior Vice Commander and Department Junior Vice Commander. Referred to resolutions committee. Filed with the Department Secretary.

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13. A letter from the Department of Indiana Secretary-Treasurer endorsing Brother Allen Moore for the National office of Commander-in-Chief. Sent to the resolutions committee. Filed with the Department Secretary.
14. Resolution from Secretary Keith Ashley, Gov. William Dennison Camp - Ohio, to support for the position of the National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David R Medert. Referred to the resolutions committee. Filed with the Department Secretary.
15. A proposed amendment to modify reporting times for Camp Secretary-Treasurer from Jim Lyons. Referred to by-laws committee. Filed with the Department Secretary.
16. Endorsement for National Senior Vice Commander of Keith Harrison by Doug Park. Referred to the resolutions committee. Filed with the Department Secretary.
17. Recommendation from Linda Dean, Daughters, on having the allied orders jointly adopt a flag to restore. Referred to the resolutions committee. Filed with the Department Secretary.
18. Information received on Johnson's Island project by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Referred to the resolutions committee. Filed with the Department Secretary.
19. G.A.R. records committee is trying to locate all G.A.R. records and is asking for help. Referred to the resolutions committee. Filed with the Department Secretary.
20. Name badges in the shape of Michigan can be ordered. Referred to resolutions committee. Filed with the Department Secretary.
21. Ulysses S Grant and Curtenius Guard submitted a change in article 7 to allow for a junior membership in the organization. Referred to the resolutions committee.

Old Business:

Brother Harrison reported the data on the Department at the Burton Historical Society is being researched and gathered by Brother McCarthy. Information gathered so far was turned over to the Department Historian, Brother Hodges.

John Mann reported on the progress he's made with:

- 1) A brochure he's designed lists all Michigan Camps, their primary contacts, the purpose of the Sons and other important information. The brochures are intended to be distributed to the public.
- 2) A well designed graves registration form, also designed by Brother Mann with input from Brother Lyons is now available to all Camps.
- 3) Camp application forms also have been modified and available to each Camp. The application has the Camp name, initiation fee and annual dues and other important information.

Brother Schroeder was not available to report on the GAR records at Fort Wayne.

A discussion on the uniform code and hat badge were discussed by the group. All orders for the gold hat badge saying GAR should go through the Department Secretary.

Brother Reinewald moved we close the regular meeting and recess into committee meetings and resume business after lunch at 1:00 P.M. Seconded by Brother Harrison. Motion passed.

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Recess.

Meeting called back to order at 1:07 P.M.

Announcements:

We will present at the banquet tonight a framed save the flag poster to the presidents of the Women's Relief Corp and the Daughters of the Union Veterans.

The Department HQ room will be open for all to visit after the banquet tonight.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws Committee: Brother Park, chair.

- 1) Amend the Bylaws to include the SVR. Motion to accept by Brother Park second by Brother Reinewald. Motion passed. See attached.
- 2) Adopt a bylaw change now that satisfies the State Gaming and Lottery Commission to allow us a raffle permit and amend the bylaws next year (60 day notification must be given to Camps prior to voting on a bylaw change. Motion by Brother Park, second by Brother Reinewald. Motion passed. See attached.
- 3) Brother Park moved to request the other Allied Orders to pass a similar bylaw change to comply with our change. Second by Brother Reinewald. Motion passed. See attached.
- 4) The dress code was revised in committee and presented to the membership and Brother Park moved the dress code be accepted. Second by Brother Patch. Motion passed. See attached.

Resolutions Committee: Brother Wallace, Chair.

- 1) Proposed to support the nominations of National Officers, Harrison, Medert and Moore. Moved by Park, seconded by Reinewald, motion passed. See attached.
- 2) Nominations for Department Officers from Governor Crapo Camp, no recommendation.
- 3) Adoption of a civil war flag to be funded by the Daughters and Sons was presented. Each organization would need to raise \$500 to meet the \$1000 needed to refurbish a civil war flag. Funds would not be drawn from Department funds. Wallace moved we pursue the adoption, Reinewald seconded, motion passed.
- 4) Having a central location for the States GAR records was recommended and that the Department Commander appoint the Department Historian to coordinate the efforts with Camp Historians. Wallace moved, Gibson seconded, motion passed.
- 5) Wallace moved the change in wording for the National regulations on when Camp treasurers report to Camps. Seconded by Harrison, motion passed.
- 6) The Michigan Badge concept from Ohio was reviewed and no recommendation offered.

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7) The committee recommended the Michigan Department go on record of support of stopping the destruction of the civil war area of Johnson Island. Motion by Wallace, seconded by Park, motion passed.

8) The committee made no recommendation on having a junior membership in the organization. A discussion followed. Lyons moved the junior membership concept be adopted by the encampment and brought to the National encampment in Portland. Seconded by Berridge. Another discussion followed. The question was called for by Park, seconded by Gibson, both motions passed.

Officer Report Committee: Brother Downing, chair.

Berridge reports all officers reports presented to the committee are in order.

Legislative Affairs Committee: Brother Lyons, chair.

The report, prepared by Brother Patch, suggests the committee continue during the next year to complete designating US 12 as the Iron Brigade Highway. Lyons moved we continue the support of the project during the next year, seconded by Brother Bill Lentz, motion passed.

Council Report: Brother Park, chair.

1) Presented a budget for the next year and proposed the budget be adopted, seconded by Reinewald, motion passed.

2) The motion by Brother Lyons to set up a special fund to restore grave sites for medal of honor holders of the civil war was recommended by the committee. Brother Neely moved the special fund be set up, seconded by Harrison, motion passed.

3) Met with the Department Treasurer and discussed the financial status of the Department. Brother Neely moved the Department Treasurer meet with the council quarterly, seconded by Williams, motion passed.

4) Brother Neely moved the Department engage in fund raising projects to increase our funds in preparation for the National Encampment next year. Seconded by Harrison, motion passed.

Other items:

Brother Park mentioned we still have not fully subsidized the purchase of the Department flag and the plaque placed in the Capitol building the previous year.

New Business:

Commander-in-Chief:

The National Commander-in-Chief, Bud Atkinson, addressed the encampment thanking the members in Michigan for their continued hard work and support of the organization.

He said Brother Harrison, National Junior-Vice Commander performed the functions of the position. He mentioned that is the first time in many years that the position was occupied by a responsive person.

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The position of Senior-Vice Commander, Allen Moore, is responsible for programs and policy and advertise what we are doing and who we are and he's also doing a fine job.

Bud mentioned brother Harrison reported there had been 700 inquires in our organization since he became Junior-Vice Commander.

Bud reported brother Lyons has been a key person in the organization and has done a terrific job. Some of the responsibilities of the National Secretary were redistributed to the National Camp Organizer so Jim can concentrate on more demanding obligations of the position.

Brother Gibson is the National History Book Coordinator and is also on the Policies & Resolutions Committee.

Brother Park has added his talents to the National Member-At-Large group.

Brother Williams has reported the National Membership has been entered on a computer and is approximately 90% complete (still waiting for information from Departments).

Every department is saying what a terrific job brother Gregory is doing with the Banner. The Banner is now reporting current information as opposed to being mailed after events have happened.

At the National Encampment in Maine the reenactment group 1st Maine Light Artillery will rededicate a Civil War statue in the downtown square in Portland, Maine. The entire unit will become a Camp in the organization.

The uniform is the greatest way to advertise our organization. Wear it in parades and other public gatherings to draw interest in the organization.

Michigan is active and progressive. That is shown by the establishment of three new Camps during the last year. One Camp started out with 20 new members. Great job!

The Commander-in-Chief is running their Camp in Pennsylvania by following a pattern of having three open meetings with a program and one per ritual. The open meetings are advertised to draw in local interests. So every 4th month the meeting is run per ritual and new members initiated.

Bud thanked us for allowing him to hold the National Commander-in-Chief during the last year.

Bud presented certificates to Kent Armstrong and Patrick Pierce for their work on cleaning, repairing and water proofing the Grand Army of the Republic Monument in the Dewitt Cemetery.

Recessed at 3:00 P.M.

Returned at 3:23 P.M.

New Business:

Brother Harrison moved a liability account be set up with the Department Treasurer to make use of the banking and accounting functions already established by the Department. Seconded by Neely, motion passed.

By-law changes submitted by Curtenius Guard were sent to Camps 60 days prior to the encampment.

- 1) Brother Park moved the State Camp-at-Large be adopted, seconded by Lyons. Brother Pahl asked what representation provisions are given to a State MALs at encampments. Brother

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Lyons said we would use the guidelines of the National MAL, one representative. Seconded by Lyons, motion passed.

2) Brother Park moved the rewording of references to Associate in the Michigan by-laws be adopted. Seconded by Lyons, motion passed.

3) Brother Park also moved the rewording of references to Associate in the National Constitution and Regulations. Seconded by Bill Lentz, motion passed.

Election of New Officers:

Brother Lyons recommended nominations be closed when only one person is elected and that person be elected by acclamation to be elected to the position. Seconded by Reinewald, motion passed.

Officers elected for next year:

Department Commander	J Douglas Park
Senior VC	Bill Brennan
Junior VC	Dave Wallace
Secretary-Treasurer	Richard Williams
Assistant Secretary	Vaughn Rawson
Department Council	Jim Neely
Department Council	Dave Downing
Department Council	Don Workman

Staff Appointments.

Commander elect Park announced the following appointments:

Chief of Staff	Keith Harrison
Camp Organizer	Jim Lyons
Patriotic Instructor	Ron Berridge
Chaplain	Rev. Reinewald
Counselor	James Pahl
Historian	Dean Lamphere
Guide	Ron Bellenger
Guard	Howard Streeter
Color Bearer	Leo Cohoon

Committee Assignments:

Publications: Rus Gregory, John Mann, Kent Armstrong, Dick Williams, Don Everett

Graves registration and memorials: Jim Lyons, Gary Gibson, Dean Lamphere, Bernie McCarthy, Wayne Barrett

Bylaws: Bill Brennan, Jim Neal, Jim Lyons, Keith Harrison

Membership: All Junior Vice Commanders in the Department (Dept. & Camps)

Legislative: Doug Park, Dick Williams, Jim Neely, John Mann, Jerry Roe

Camp Organizations: Jim Lyons, Keith Harrison, Dave Wallace, Don Workman

GAR/SV Archival Committee: Roger Heiple, Mark Bennetts, Don Workman

National Encampment Committee Chair: Jim Lyons

Installation of Officers.

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Officers and staff were installed by Commander-in-Chief Bud Atkinson per ritual.

Delegates to the National Encampment:

The National Encampment will be held in Portland, Maine 12-15 August. Past and current Department Commanders have outstanding invitations. Brother Harrison moved the first 10 names on the sign-in book for the Department encampment be delegates to the National Encampment and the remaining members of the Department be alternate delegates, seconded by Park, motion passed. Our members nominated as delegate are:

James Neely, Bill Brennan, Chris Johnston, Phil Johnston, Dean Parker, Ron Berridge, Keith Harrison,
Wayne Bennett, Leo Cohoon, and Don Workman.

Visitations:

Visitations will occur at the banquet tonight.

Adjournment:

The encampment adjourned.

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A. **Amendments to the Michigan Department Sons of the Union Veterans
of the Civil War (SUVCW) Bylaws.**

- 1) **Dissolution and Disposition of Assets:** (This amendment was passed at the annual
Department Encampment June 12, 1993.)

In the case of surrender or forfeiture of the Department charter, all Department property and assets shall be turned over to the National Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW or to his duly authorized representative and shall become the property of the National Organization, SUVCW.

All property of the Department shall be held by the National Organization as a charitable trust that is held and used for the purpose for which the order exists. Any such transfer of disposal within six months of disbandment or surrender of the Department charter with out the written consent of the National Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW is prohibited. The property and funds of the Department shall not be divided amongst its members.

In the event the National Organization, SUVCW, no longer exists, said property and funds shall revert to the benefit of the first and any remaining organization of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R. and in their absence, to the holdings of the State of Michigan Historical Museum and Archives.

- 2) **Article XI Membership-at-Large:** (This amendment was passed at the annual
Department Encampment June 12, 1993.)

[Delete] Section 1.

[Renumber Section 2 to Section 5]

[Add] Section 1. While applicants are encouraged to join Camps in their local area, authorization is provided for the establishment of a State Camp-at-Large within the Department of Michigan to accommodate brothers of the Order who do not reside within a reasonable distance of a local Camp.

[Add] Section 2. Applications for such membership shall be directed to the Department Secretary who shall accept or reject same. Records of such brothers shall be kept by the Department Secretary substantially as required of Camp Secretaries and Treasurers. Transfers or Honorable Discharges shall be issued to Associates or Members-at-Large upon application to the Department Secretary.

[Add] Section 3. Authorization is provided for the appointment, by the Department Commander, of an Assistant Department Secretary to assist the Department Secretary in fulfilling the responsibilities outlined under Section 2 of this article.

[Add] Section 4. Membership fees shall apply to Members-at-Large in the same manner as members in a local Camp. Annual dues for the State Camp shall be set yearly by the Department Council.

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- 3) **ARTICLE XII Associates:** (This amendment was passed at the annual Department Encampment June 12, 1993.)

Section 1. Associates may be enrolled only into existing Camps within the Department pursuant to Article VII, Section 3 of the Order's Constitution.

Section 2. The associate applicant shall observe all the procedures of applications, membership and dues structures as the member applicant.

[Delete Section 3 and renumber Section 4 to 3]

Section 3. A rejected applicant for Associate enrollment shall not be eligible to apply again for Associate enrollment until six (6) months have elapsed after such rejection.

- 4) **SVR:**

Delete the SVR bylaw amendment passed at the 1991 Department Encampment and amend Article XVIII as follows:

ARTICLE XVIII - Sons of Veterans Reserve and Camp Guards:

Section 1: The Department of Michigan may maintain a military unit known as the Sons of Veterans Reserve (S.V.R.). Said S.V.R. unit shall be governed by the Standard Operating Procedures of the National Military Department, S.V.R. and shall participate on behalf and in support of the Michigan Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in parades, memorials and other ceremonial activities.

Section 2. The Department Commander shall appoint a member of the Department as Department Chief of Staff and Commander of the Department's SVR unit. Said member shall be a Commissioned Officer within the S.V.R. and familiar with both the 1860-1865 United States Military Regulations and the Order's Ritual and Ceremonies. The Chief of Staff shall hold the rank of his SVR Commission.

Section 3. Camps may maintain an independent Camp Guard under the auspices of the Camp. Said Camp Guards shall not be governed by the Standard Operating Procedures of the National Military Department, S.V.R. with the exception that all S.V.R. uniform requirements shall be observed by the Camp Guards. The highest ranking officer of any Camp Guard shall be Captain.

Section 4. Camp Guards participating in Department sponsored memorials, programs and other ceremonial activities shall fall under the command of the Department' S.V.R.

Section 5. Each Camp with a Camp Guard may regulate the amount of dues for members of such a unit.

Section 6. There shall be no money paid out from the Department Treasury to any source, expense or purpose for the S.V.R. or any Camp Guard, unless it is so voted by a two-thirds' vote of those present and entitled to vote at any annual Department Encampment.

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B) Department of Michigan Dress Guideline: (adopted as a guideline)

While the Department of Michigan shall have no required dress code, the Department shall have an optional dress guideline for all Camps within the Department. The dress shall consist of: a hat, of the Civil War period Union Army kepi style, dark blue in color. The kepi may be decorated with any of the following: a hat badge, consisting of an open top wreath encircling the letters SUV, of gold color, affixed to the front center of the kepi; a Department of Michigan Cap Mark, of the Civil War Union Army VII Corp style, consisting of a crescent moon over a five pointed star, affixed to the top center of the kepi. The corps badge shall be red with optional gold edging and silver star. Jacket shall be civilian blazer or a Civil War period Union Army four button fatigue blouse (also known as a sack coat), dark blue in color, and, optional, affixed to the right collar the letters MICH and affixed to the left collar the letters NO. followed by the member's Camp number, 1/2" in height, of gold color. Dress style slacks, of dark blue or black color, a dress style shirt, solid white in color, a necktie, of subdued colors or preferably, of the SUCVW pattern, and leather dress style shoes of black or brown color complete the dress. White dress gloves also may be worn. The above is a guideline and shall not be construed to be required dress by any member.

C) Proposed National Constitution and Regulation amendments.

The following proposed amendments to the Constitution and Regulations were favorably acted upon at the 11 June 1993 meeting of the Department of Michigan and shall be forwarded to the 1993 National Encampment.

I. The purpose of the amendment is to create the membership category of Junior Member within the Order.

Proposed Constitution Amendment:

ARTICLE VII. Membership:

[Renumber Section 4 to Section 5]

[ADD] Section 4. Camps may establish Junior Members. Junior Members shall be subject to the same membership eligibility requirements as a Member of the Order with the exception that said Junior Members shall be less than fourteen years of age. Junior Members shall not have voting rights and shall be ineligible to hold any Camp, Department or National elected office.

Proposed Regulations Amendments:

CHAPTER I, ARTICLE II: Membership

[Renumber Sections 6 to Sections 7]

[ADD] Section 6. A Junior Member may convert his Junior Membership status to Member status upon attainment of the age of fourteen and payment of the prescribed Camp dues.

CHAPTER I, ARTICLE III: Meetings

[Add to Section 2] Junior Members shall not be counted in order to determine a quorum for a Camp meeting.

CHAPTER I, ARTICLES VIII AND IX:

[Renumber to Articles VIII and IX to Articles IX and X, respectively]

CHAPTER I, New Article

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[ADD] ARTICLE VIII. Junior Members. All provisions of Article II, "Membership", Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6; and all provisions of Article VII, "Finances". Sections I and 2 shall apply to Junior Members with the exception that Camps shall not be subject to quarterly membership reporting or payment of per capita tax on Junior Members.

CHAPTER II, ARTICLE II: Membership

[ADD to Section 1, 3rd Paragraph] Junior Members within a Camp shall not be counted in order to determine the number of allowable Camp delegates to a Department Encampment.

CHAPTER III, ARTICLE II: Membership

[ADD to Section I, 3rd Paragraph] Junior Members within a Department shall not be counted in order to determine the number of allowable Department delegates to a National Encampment.

CHAPTER V, ARTICLE III: Badges and Decorations

[Renumber Sections 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 to Sections 9, 10, 11, 12, & 13, respectively]

[ADD] Section 8. Junior Members may wear the following badges and decorations of the Order: regulation membership badge, recognition button, rosette and the miniature of the badge of the Order without the top bar.

II. The purpose of this amendment is to bring consistency to the language about associates rather than to change the content or purpose of the article. The changes are shown in italics.

ARTICLE VII, Section VII

Section 3. Departments and Camps may establish Associates, provided that the number of *Associates* in any Camp shall not exceed one-third of the total *roster* of the Camp at the time of election. At no time during a meeting of a Camp, a Department, or the National Organization can business be transacted if the number of *Associates* in attendance exceeds forty-nine percent of the total attendance then present at said meeting. Said Associates shall be ineligible for membership due to lack of lineal or collateral descent from a Union Veteran of the Civil War, and shall not be eligible to hold the office of Commander-in-Chief.

III. The purpose of the change: As many of the Camps do not meet every month, this change allows the Camp Treasurer to avoid having to make needless monthly Treasurer's reports that are read by no one and serve no purpose. The new language is in italics and the deleted language is crossed off.

Chapter I, Article VI, Section 5

The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Camp and have charge of its property not otherwise provided for. *He* shall pay out the said funds upon requisition in due form from the Secretary, approved by the Camp Commander; shall keep the accounts between the Camp and its members; shall collect all moneys due the Camp, giving in all cases receipts therefor; shall notify all members in arrears; and at the next stated meeting ~~after the close of each month of the Camp,~~ render to the Camp a detailed account of the transactions ~~of the month~~ *which have transpired since the last Camp meeting,* and the money balance in his hands. He shall make a quarterly report to the Department Secretary, and shall perform all other such duties as pertain to his office.

RUSSEL A. ALGER MEMORIAL FUND

ESTABLISHED: The Fund was established at the 1993 Michigan Department Encampment with the proceeds from managing the Book Auction at the Midwest Civil War Roundtable Conference in Monroe, MI in April. An anonymous contribution of \$100.00 was also made along with a pledge of an annual contribution in the same amount.

PURPOSE: The Fund was established to provide money for the purpose of covering the cost of setting Veterans Administration headstones for Civil War Veterans. Initial preference was to be given to Medal of Honor recipients. This fund is to be used only if funds are not available from some other source.

MANAGEMENT: The funds were to be placed in an interest bearing account by the Department Treasurer. Contributions were to be solicited from Brothers and Camps wishing to support the objectives for use of this fund.

ACCESS: Written request for money from the Fund may be made through the Chairman of the Graves Registration Committee, with a copy to the Chairman of the Department Council. The request should outline the nature of the project, summarize efforts to secure the needed funds and details concerning the veteran(s) graves being marked. Upon review and approval of the above noted officers, the Treasurer would disperse the funds.

COMMENTS: This fund was established as an aid to the Department graves registration project. It is hoped that all Camps undertaking cemetery projects, replacing or re-setting stones etc. will engage in fund raising activities to cover any costs involved in their individual projects. In many counties, the local V.F.W. Council has a fund for the setting of new veterans headstones, and they have assisted us in a number of situations. Most of the time, at least for Medal of Honor recipients, the cemeteries have waived their customary fee for setting the stone.

There is an ongoing survey of the burial places of MOH recipients to make sure that their graves are appropriately marked. Until this project is completed it was hoped that the Fund could be reserved for this purpose. A number of these graves are located outside of areas serviced by existing Camps. The project should be completed during the summer of 1996.

The routing of requests for funds is designed to keep the Graves Registration Committee involved in projects of this type, for obvious reasons. The role of the Department Council in managing the financial resources of the Department and supervising and monitoring the work of the Department Treasurer should also be obvious.