

MINUTES OF THE 112th ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
SATURDAY APRIL 21, 2001
FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN

The Encampment was called to order by the Department Commander Gregory Hayes at 9:23 A.M.

Roll Call of Officers:

Department Commander Gregory Hayes, present
Department SVC Merle Carlson, absent
Department JVC Phillip Parks, absent
Department Secretary Richard Lee, present
Department Treasurer Del Farnsworth, present
Council Chairman Keith Harrison PCinC, present
Council Member Howard Streeter, present
Council Member William Lowe, present
Chaplain William McAfee, present
Patriotic Instructor Neil Breough, absent
Chief of Staff Richard Greene, present
Graves Registration Officer Rick Danes, present
Memorials Officer Douglas Armstrong, present
Historian Paul Hodges, absent
Guard Gayle Steele, present
Guide Ed Dowd, present
Counselor Michael McMillan, present
G.A.R. Records Officer James T. Lyons PDC, present
Signals Officer David F. Wallace PDC, absent
Camp at Large Coordinator Bruce B. Butgereit, present
Editor - "Michigan's Messenger" John Mann, present
B.S.A. Coordinator Gary Ralston, absent
Camp Organizer Richard Lee, present

Commander Hayes appointed James T. Lyons PDC as SVC, Rick Danes as JVC and Bruce Butgereit as Patriotic Instructor for the Encamp.

Chaplain McAfee invoked the Divine Blessing.
The Colors were presented and the Pledge of Allegiance given.

The Encampment was then opened by Commander Hayes.

The DC then recognized National Officers present:
Keith Harrison PCinC, National Signals Officer
Hon. James Pahl PDC, National treasurer & National Counselor
Gary Gibson PDC, National Council of Administration member

Bro. Pahl brought greetings & best wishes to the Encampment from the National Organization. He spoke of the hoped for improvement regarding the "Banner" & of the need for a strong delegation at the National Encampment at Springfield, MO.

DC Hayes asked Chaplain McAfee for a Memorial Service for these departed Brothers:

Thayne C. LaBanta, Austin Blair #7
Kenneth K. Smith, Austin Blair #7
John C. Engel, Sr., Robert Finch #14
William Warren, Curtenius Guard #17
Herbert R. Gage, Gen'l. Pritchard #20
James Polk, U.S. Grant #101
Ralph McClain #147

Chaplain McAfee asked for a moment of silence for these Brothers.

Bro. K. Harrison moved that the Department & Camp Charters be draped for 30 days in memory of those Bros., supported & approved.

Bro. R. Grove spoke of Bro. D. Workman's recent death - he was a Charter member of Camp #53-250.

DC Hayes asked for a motion to extend the sympathy of the Dept. to the family, supported & approved.

DC Hayes recognized Bro. Rick Greene, Chairman of the Credentials Committee for his report of Delegates in attendance. Bro. Greene mentioned the assistance of Bros. Ed Dowd & Max Newman, & then explained about allotted delegates & delegates present. He then read the report & DC Hayes asked for a motion to approve it. There was discussion by Bros. J. Lyons & K. Harrison & Gary Gibson about listing of CC & PCC & PDC on Form 8 & about discrepancy for Camp #20. DC Hayes deferred the motion to accept the report pending resolution of these issues.

DC Hayes made the following Encampment Committee appointments:

Officer Reports: Bros. J. Lyons, Rick Danes & Max Newman

Committee Reports:

Resolutions:

DC Hayes called on Bro. R. Grove to carry a Certificate to the Family of Bro. Don Workman.

DC Hayes asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the 11th Department Encampment - Bro. Dale Calder moved, Bro. James Lyons supported & it was approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

Department Commander - see attachments

Sr. Vice Commander - no report

Jr. Vice Commander - no report

Secretary - brief remarks

Treasurer - read highlights - report to be mailed to Camps

Council - Bro. K. Harrison said the books & records balance.

there is a budget - there is no need for a per caps increase.
Bro. James Lyons moved that all Officer reports go to Officer

Reports Committee - Bro. B. McAfee supported & it was approved.

DC Hayes asked Bro. J. Lyons if he would give the By Laws Committee report regarding changes to Articles IV & XIV - he did see attachments.

Bro. Dick Williams spoke of money from the County for holding the National Encampment here

Bro. James Pahl said the National organization doesn't plan to raise per caps at this point.

DC Hayes called for the Chaplain's report from Bro. McAfee - see attachment

DC Hayes called for the Civil War Memorials Committee report from Bro. Douglas Armstrong - also see attachment

DC Hayes asked Sec'y. Lee to read the Nomination & Endorsement letter for Bro. Kent Armstrong for Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

Bro. J. Pahl moved that the Sec'y. send this letter as a Dept. resolution to all Departments - Bro. J. Lyons amended to also send it to the Nat'l. Sec'y. to be read at the Nat'l. Encampment-supported & unanimously approved.

DC Hayes recognized Bro. R. Greene who gave revised attendance numbers for the Encampment.

DC Hayes called for a Break at 10:30 A.M.
Returned to business at 10:50 A.M.

DC Hayes asked Sec'y. Lee to read the Historian's report see attachment

Bros. K. Harrison & Howard Streeter discussed the matter of providing fire-proof storage at the G.A.R. Hall in Marshall where there is none now.

Graves Registration Officer report - read - see attachment

G.A.R. Records Officer report - read - see attachment

"Michigan's Messenger" Editor's report - read - see attachment

DC Hayes thanked Bros. Mann, Williams & Armstrong for their help since he volunteered to edit the "Banner"

Camp at Large Coordinator's report - read - see attachment
DC Hayes thanked Bro. Butgereit for an outstanding job.

Weekend of Remembrance - Bros. K. Harrison & B. Butgereit spoke of changes i.e., to be a "time line" event to cover all U.S. wars what the SUV & re-enactors do - Civil War drills - public involved.

Special Committee report - read - see attachment - considerable discussion Bros. J. Pahl, K. Harrison, J. Lyons, G. Hayes DC - the motion approved (not on tape)

Bro. D. Armstrong reported that a monument at the State Fairgrounds in Detroit needs restoration & that the Campus Martius Civil War monument in downtown Detroit is to be dismantled & stored.

DC Hayes asked Kent Armstrong PDC to present the new Charter to Bro. R. Grove CC of WA-BU-NO #250.

DC Hayes called for Recess until 1:15 P.M. He reopened at 1:13 P.M.

Ruthann Knisch DC W.R.C. & Judy Spence W.R.C. Nat'l. President visited & presented DC Hayes with a gift, to be given later.

DC Hayes introduced Bro. Donald Strube from Stephens Pt., WI the speaker at the banquet tonight.

DC Hayes asked Bro. J. Lyons to take the Chair while he & Bro. Howard Streeter visit the ladies.

DC Hayes asked Sec'y. Lee if there were Communications to be read - they could not be located - had been passed on to a Committee. Bro. Pahl stated that they had been taken for study during the lunch break.

Bro. Lyons inquired if there was any change in the Credentials Committee report - Bro. R. Greene said only that Bros. Kent & Douglas Armstrong had left.

ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bro. Lyons calls on Bro. Gary Gibson PDC, Committee Chair for the report, on Officer's Reports.

Bro. Gibson said that the Committee found the reports to be in good order & extends compliments to the Officers for their good work.

The Department Historian, Bro. Paul Hodges PDC, requested funds be provided for archival storage of Department records - the Committee decided that this was a budgetary matter & should be sent to Council for action, approved by gavel.

Bro. J. Pahl PDC raised a Point of Order that to adopt a Resolution of the Encampment by the gavel required a motion & an affirmative vote by the Encampment to allow a Resolution to be adopted by the gavel. The motion was made by Bro. K. Harrison PCinC, supported by Bro. R. Greene - no discussion - motion approved - 2 no votes.

The Department Commander had 3 recommendations - 1st, that a Special Committee be raised to plan & arrange the National Encampment that this Department will host. Since such Committees are appointed by the Commander at his Pleasure there was no need for action by the Committee or the Encampment. 2nd, to appoint a Special Committee to produce a handbook on Graves Registration & another on Ceremonies for the SUVCW for sale - again as above, no action necessary. 3rd, a Committee on Rituals & Ceremonies, the Encampment will hear the report of the Special Committee later, this was discussed with the Special Committee & so no action is required by the Encampment.

Bro. Pahl spoke regarding the 2nd Recommendation on Publications that before the Department proceeds with the publication of such manuals that they be referred to the National Committee of Program & Policy for review.

Bro. Lyons inquired whether these publications were to be done within the Department only or for distribution in the National Organization.

Bro. Gibson that the understanding was that these would be done on a national level.

Bro. D. Strube of WI said that his Department was going to use our burial ceremony from our Website for a reinterment. Bro. Lyons thanked him for the compliment but said that it was a G.A.R. ceremony & that it was due to the good work that David F. Wallace PDC was doing & that he would be adding more material to our Website.

Bro. J. Lyons asked Bro. Rick Danes to take the gavel while he gave the report of the Committee on Reports.

Bro. Lyons asked Bro. Pahl for a motion to approve the changes to Bylaws & the additions to the Guidelines recommended by the Bylaws Committee, either as a group or separately.

Bro. Dale Calder moved that each of the items be considered individually - supported - approved.

Article IV - Authorized Expenditures - see attachment - approved as presented. - Bro. Harrison inquired about reimbursing Committee Chairs for expenses - Bro. Lyons suggested returning to the practice of Committee Chairmen submitting an estimate of expenses to the Department treasurer & the Council.

Article XIV - Amendments - see attachment - Approved as presented. Bro. Dale Calder voiced concern that at some time in the future that this amendment as written might allow printed & mailed notice to be eliminated. There was extensive discussion by Bros. Lyons, McAfee, Harrison, Mann, Howard Streeter. Bro. Lyons suggested that once the National Encampment makes changes to the C&R that effect Department Bylaws, that the Department Bylaws Committee should notify the Camp Commanders of proposed changes to the Department Bylaws. He said that Bro. John Mann had suggested that proposed Bylaw changes could be published in "Michigan's Messenger" for all Bros. to read & particularly the Bros. who missed the meeting where the changes were discussed.

Bro. Lyons read 3 proposed changes to the Department Operating Guidelines:

Item #6 - for the adoption of an annual budget - approved see the back of the Bylaws Committee attachment.

Item #7 - Council to approve budget level of Officer reimbursement - approved - see attachment as above

A proposal to restate Item 1 which deals with the dates of the fiscal year of the Department - see attachment as above - supported - Bro. Pahl voiced a concern that adopting this change might cause a problem with some I.R.S. regulations either now or in the future. There was discussion Bros. Dick Williams, McAfee & Calder - DC Hayes raised a Point of Order & asked Nat'l. Counselor Pahl if in his opinion this proposal is in conflict with any I.R.S. regulations, Pahl replied that it is "a distinct possibility" & "that rather than having a ruling on this matter now, he would move to Table the issue to allow study" - supported - a motion to Table takes precedence over any other motion & isn't debatable - motion approved.

DC Hayes resumed the Chair.

Bro. Lyons read the Special Committee report - see attachment - & said that the Committee recommends approval for the position of Department Ceremonies & Rituals Officer & the formation of a Standing Committee named the Ceremonies & Ritual Committee with the Ceremonies & Ritual Officer to be its Chairman - moved - supported - approved.

Bro. K. Harrison PCinC gave the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

The Committee requests that a letter of endorsement for Bro. Kent Armstrong for the position of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief be sent to all SUVCW Departments & to the National Secretary - motion made - supported - approved.

Bro. Harrison read a letter from the Dep't. of PA requesting support for Bro. George Powell for the office of Commander-in-Chief - motion made - supported - approved.

The Committee recommended support for Bro. Robert Grim for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief - moved - supported - approved

DC Hayes asked that the ladies of the Daughters of Union Veterans be admitted to the room - greetings were exchanged - appropriate remarks made - the ladies exited to applause.

The Committee recommended support for Bro. Elmer Atkinson PCinC for the office of National Quartermaster - moved - supported - approved. The Committee did not recommend endorsement of Bro. Dean Speakes for - lost on tape.

Bro. Harrison said that the Committee did not recommend endorsement of the proposed addition to the National C&R received from Gettysburg Camp #112 regarding changes the appointment of the standing committee on Remembrance Day. Bro. gave reasons why this will not be passed at the National Encampment "it is a nullity".- approved
Bro. Lyons moved that a letter be sent giving the Encampment's reasons for non-endorsement - supported - approved.

DC Hayes called on Bro. Pahl representing the National Organization for appropriate remarks.

Bro. Pahl spoke of our National Headquarters in the new Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, PA - the Executive Director T. Schaible will be there about 20 hrs per week - our archives will be stored there in locked file cabinets - national graves registration records will be online soon & also later the Civil War Monuments & Memorials data - the C-A-L in GA has asked to be included in the TN Dept. - we should promote our Website, has thousands of hits per day, thanks to Bro. K. Harrison's efforts - applause.

DC Hayes called for Recess at 2:22 P.M.

Returned to business at 2:42P.M.

OLD BUSINESS

DC Hayes asked if there was Old Business.

Bro. Bill Lowe spoke on the reinterment of Pvt. Pine to take place in Jackson on Saturday, 12 May. - they hope to have 40-50 participants - there will be a firing squad & a color guard - a horse-drawn hearse - a vocal quartet.
No further Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

DC Hayes called for any New Business.

Bro. Rick Greene spoke about the proposed World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. & asked that the Dept. of Michigan give its support. Bro. Greene moved that the Dept. of MI publish on its Website a resolution in support of the Memorial - supported - approved. He also moved that the Dept. of MI contribute \$100.00 to the Memorial through VFW Post #5666 in Flushing, MI - supported - approved. He also moved that the Dept. of MI offer a Resolution to the National Encampment in Springfield, MO that the National Organization offer support for the Memorial,- supported - approved. Bros. Hall, Pahl & R. Grove also spoke on this matter.

Bro. spoke of relieving the Dept. Treasurer from handling the sale & mailing of the SUV Hat Badge & the embroidered Insignia & Coat of Arms & 7th Corp patches. He moved that the Dept. establish the position of Dept. Quartermaster. Bro. Pahl said that would be forbidden by the C.&R. Bro. Lyons suggested the title "Ass't. Quartermaster - Bro. G. Gibson suggested "Ordnance Officer" - Bro. Pahl said that the C.& R. provides for an "Ass't. Treasurer", the title & position were approved informally.

Bro. Gibson moved that the Dept. send \$25. to the SVCinC & Nat'l. Patriotic Instructors funds.

Bro. J. Mann suggested keeping the preregistration fee at \$5.00 but charging \$10.00 at the door,

Bro. D. Calder moved that preregistration remain \$5.00 but be \$7.00 at thdoor & end prereg. 10 days before the Encampment - motion had no support.

Bro. R. Greene that prereg. remain \$5.00, be raised to \$10.00 at the dooer & end prereg. 5 days before the Encampment - motion supported - approved with 2 no votes.

Bro. D. Hilliker raised the question about Bros. whose plans change on the Friday before the Encampment.

Bro. Lyons said it was important to get Encampment information to Bros. in a timely fashion - should be published in the January issue of "Michigan's Messenger".

No further New Business.

Bro. Lyons moved that the Dept. budget be approved as presented - supported - approved.

Bro. Pahl moved that the Treasurer could not issue checks that exceed the budgeted amount unless approved by the Council - supported - approved with the "friendly amendment" below -

Bro. Lyons moved that requests for funds in excess of line items be submitted to the Council for a recommendation But the DC would decide to accept or reject the request. - supported - approved - 2 no votes.

Bro. Greene asked if the DC's authority was being usurped by giving the Council this power.

Approval of the Treasurer's report was moved - supported - approved.

DC Hayes called on Bro. R. Greene, Chairman of the Nominating Committee to report on the nominees for election of Officers for 2001-02. Bro. Greene named the Committee members- Kent ArmstrongPDC, Paul HodgesPDC & he said that Bro. Bruce Butgereit had excused himself due to a conflict of interest.

Bro. Pahl asked that each nominee stand as his name was called.

Bro. Greene then named the nominees:

Dept. Commander - Gregory Hayes	Council - Keith Harrison PCinC
SVC Commander - Bruce Butgereit	Council - Howard Streeter
JVC Commander - Philip Parks	Council - William Lowe
Treasurer - Del Farnsworth	Treasurer - Richard Lee

Bro. Greene asked if anyone present wanted to offer their name as a candidate for any Officer - there was no one.

Bro. Lyons moved that the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted & as there are no other candidates for the Offices that a unanimous ballot be cast for the Slate as presented - supported

DC Hayes asked if all the Candidates were willing to accept their Office - all yeas - approved.

DC Hayes called for election of delegates to the Nat'l. Encampment - he asked Sec'y. Lee how many delegates the Dept. may have.

Sec'y. Lee said that with 514 members on the last Quarterly Report we may have 21 plus 1 for the Dept. for 22.

Bro. Pahl said that we needed a strong delegation - with Bro. Kent Armstrong running for JVCinC & we're losing 2 Council seats - we need a MI man to put up for Council of Administration.

DC Hayes asked Sec'y. Lee to read the names of the Bros. indicated that they would be delegates: N. Breaugh,

R. Greene, E. Dowd, R. Danes, G. Steele, D. Farnsworth, M. Newman, D. Williams, J. Mann, K. Krinn, B. Butgereit, D. Calder, W. Lowe, T. Holmes, R. Lee, plus DC Hayes, PCinC Harrison & all PDC's.

Bro. Harrison asked doesn't the DC Have the power to appoint delegates to fill empty delegate seats - Bro. Pahl said yes he does & also the Chairman of the delegation if the DC isn't present.

Bro. McAfee said that there may be some Bros. not present who are planning to go. Bro. Harrison replied that we are now electing specific Bros. that are here .

Sec'y. Lee announced that there 15 Bros. who planned to be delegates.

DC Hayes said he would entertain a motion to elect as delegates the Bros, named by Sec'y. Lee - moved - supported - approved.

Bro. R. Greene moved that the Dept. support Bro. Max Newman for election to a seat on the Council of Administration - supported - approved unanimously. Bro. Lyons said that a letter stating our action & requesting support be sent to all Dept. Commanders & the Nat'l. Sec'y.

DC Hayes asked Bro. K. Harrison PCinC to be the Installing Officer for this Encampment.

Bro. Harrison relieved DC Hayes & then proceeded to the Installation of Officers for the period 2001-2002.

DC Hayes asked Sec'y. Lee to read the names of the Bros. nominated for Elected & Appointed Officers for 2001-2002:

ELECTED

Dept. Commander: Gregory Hayes
SVC Commander: Bruce Butgereit
JVC Commander: Philip Parks
Treasurer: Del Farnsworth

Council: Keith Harrison PCinC
Council: Howard Streeter
Council: William Lowe
Secretary: Richard Lee

APPOINTED

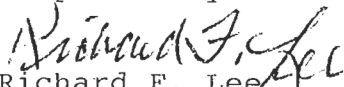
Chief of Staff: Richard Greene
Chaplain: William McAfee
Patriotic Inst.: Neal Breough
Historian: Paul HodgesPDC
Counselor: Michael McMillan
Guard: Robert Grove
Guide: Ed Dowd
Color Bearer: Gayle Steele
Camp Organizer: Richard Lee

Graves Registration Off.: Rick Danes
Memorials Off.: Douglas Armstrong
G.A.R. Records Off.: James T. LyonsPDC
C-A-L Coordinator: Bruce Butgereit
Editor "Mich. Messenger": John Mann
Comm. & Technology: David D. WallacePDC
BSA Coordinator: Gary Ralston
Cmdrs. Group Rep.: Kent Armstrong PDC
Weekend of Remembrance: Keith Harrison
PCinC

The above named Officers were duly installed by Bro. Keith Harrison PCinC.

DC Hayes closed the 112th Annual Encampment at 4:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,


Richard F. Lee
Secretary



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Secretary
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Treasurer
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Patriotic Instructor
Neal Breugh

Chief of Staff
Richard Greene

Department Chaplain
William McAffee

Counselor
Michael W. McMillan

Council of Administration
Keith Harrison, PC-in-C, Chair
Howard Streeter
William Lowe

Editor "Michigan's Messenger"
John R. Mann

Graves Registration Officer
Rick Danes

G.A.R. Records Officer
James Lyons, PDC

Civil War Memorials Officer
Douglas Armstrong

April 21, 2001

Officers and Delegates of the 112th Department of Michigan Encampment:

I wish to first to state my sincere gratitude to you for electing me to this esteemed position last year. It has been a year of challenges, both personally and professionally. Being elected to succeed a man who worked tirelessly on our shared goals left me cognoscente of his devotion to this Order. Let us go forth and insure that our Brother, Past Department commander Kent Armstrong, becomes the next Junior vice commander-in-Chief this August.

I also wish to thank all the Brothers that served in the Department. Their spirit gives this Order it's continued life and breath.

From a personal standpoint, the closing of business of my employer, coupled with the discovery of a potentially serious medical condition of my daughter, diverted my attention at times. However, with the grace of God, these matters will be successfully resolved.

Therefore, should this Encampment so deem it proper, I wish to devote a second term to this office and continue that honored tradition of keeping the Michigan the finest Department in the entire Order.

We are faced with challenges. Our membership has remained steady, but falls far short of it's potential. I believe that this organization needs, and to prosper, must increase it's visibility to the general public. To that end, I formed a special committee to study methods that would give our members a distinctive appearance and training in ceremonies. We are the successor to the Grand Army of the Republic. We should consider adopting the services that they used, the methods that they used, and the attitudes that they used.

A Department Commander can appoint special committees to serve on specific tasks. For the coming year, I have several projects that I wish to pursue and will appoint Brothers to work on these. However, I would like the consent of this Encampment to move forward on these ideas. The role of the Department Commander is to serve the needs of the Brothers of his Department. Therefore, I wish the encampment to endorse the forming of the following special committees:

"To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the men who saved the Union in 1861 - 1865"

1. Department Encampment. The Sons will be hosting the Encampment next year. In keeping with my stated premise of raising the profile of the Order, I believe that a special committee to plan and arrange this function should be utilized. *NO ACTION - DEFERRED*

2. Publications. Michigan produces, through the efforts of Brother Mann, the finest newsletter in this organization. I would propose that Michigan again lead the way in the Order, by creating and publishing several handbooks. Michigan's grave registration program is the most successful of any department. A handbook on Grave Registration would be a boon to many in the organization, and the sale of such a book could perhaps bring in funds to this Department. Along those lines, the publication of a book of ceremonies for the SUVCW would also be welcomed. The purpose of this committee would be to ascertain the feasibility of such an endeavor. *NO ACTION*

3. Committee on Rituals and ceremonies. The Encampment will hear the report of this special committee later. It is my wish that we discuss the ideas presented and come to a consensus regarding the ceremonial aspects of our common work. *NO ACTION*

It is my hope that the coming year be productive and satisfying for all of us. Again, my deepest thanks for this high honor you have bestowed upon me.

Respectively submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Gregory Hayes,
Commander - Department of Michigan

**Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

Report of the Historian

Department Encampment
Farmington Hills, Michigan

April 21, 2001

The primary efforts of the Department Historian this year were directed toward the collection and preservation of documents pertaining to the Civil War, to members and activities of the Grand Army of the Republic, and to members and activities of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. That work produced five ring binders of materials such as newspaper articles, programs, photographs, and photocopies of records and letters. The items were sorted, organized, put in archival sheet protectors, bound, and indexed.

The materials in four of the binders are photocopies of records, letters, and newspaper items, all furnished by PCC Bernard McCarthy. One group of them, for example, consists of minutes of meetings of State Camp No. 1 in Detroit in 1936 and 1937. Another section has reports and correspondence of the Michigan Department's Annual Encampment in Pontiac on June 5, 6, and 7, 1930. One notebook contains newspaper articles about such things as the few GAR members living at the times of publication and various observances of Memorial Day.

The fifth binder has documents of more current times, primarily those of the past year. For example, it has an obituary and a tribute to PDC Thayne LaBanta. There are a program and other papers for the dedication of the General John A. Logan Memorial in Lansing and a program for an Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

Brothers Charles Harthy, Charles Langworthy, PCC Howard Streeter and I investigated the preservation of such historical documents when we met at the GAR Hall in Marshall. We reviewed the Department's archival storage arrangements and considered possible improvements to them. Many records nearly filled the metal file cabinet and needed to be cataloged. A separate room in the attic would be useful to help protect the Department's possessions. It could be made with removable paneling or wire mesh partitions if necessary to retain the historic nature of the building. Fire-resistant storage facilities, such as a small safe or a filing cabinet, would be particularly desirable for storing the most valuable documents.

A recommendation is that the Department budget contain an item for Departmental historical/archival purposes. Those funds would be used toward expenses such as the purchase of book and supplies, photocopying, and improvements to the storage facilities.

REFER TO BEST COURSE

Sincere thanks to the people who contributed to the Department's historical collection and its preservation and to the Department administration for encouraging the endeavors of this office.

Respectfully submitted in
Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul D. Hodges". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "P" and a long, sweeping tail.

Paul D. Hodges, PDC
Department Historian

REPORT of the DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

April 21, 2001

Commander Hayes:

1. Listed below are the dates and names of brothers whose deaths have been reported since our last Department Encampment:

6/25 Herbert R. Gage, in Kalamazoo; Life member of Benj. Pritchard Camp No. 20.

7/15 Thayne C. LaBanta, in FL; True Son, PDC, PCC, et al. Member Austin Blair Camp No. 7 for 72 years.

10/11 Kenneth K. Smith; member Austin Blair Camp No. 7

12/27 William R. "Bill" Warren; Life member of Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17. Death & burial at Grand Rapids Veterans' Home.

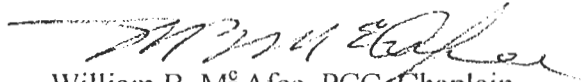
2. During this fiscal year I have attended and/or participated in the following activities related to my position as Department Chaplain:

- Department Encampment 5/6/00.
- The funeral of PDC LaBanta 7/21/00.
- Remembrance Day at the Veterans' Home in Grand Rapids 8/2/00.
- Substituted for Nat'l Chaplain at Nat'l Encampment 8/18 & 8/19/00.
- Jackson CW Muster 8/26 & 8/27/00.
- Veterans' Day Ceremonies, Concord, MI 11/12/00.
- Remembrance Day, Gettysburg, PA 11/18/00.
- Department Mid-Winter Conference 2/17/01.

3. I submitted three articles for the Chaplain's Corner in "The Messenger".

It has been my honor to have been appointed to this office. I appreciate having been able to serve our Order and to have done what I was able to perpetuate its ideals and promote its agendae.

Respectively submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,



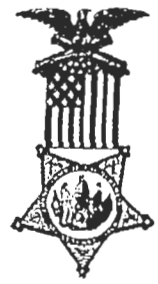
William B. M^e Afee, PCC, Chaplain
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Serve the Lord with gladness."



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

Office of the Graves Registration Officer



April 19, 2001

Gregory Hayes, Commander
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Commander Hayes,

The attached will serve as the Department Encampment, 2001 Report for the Graves Registration Committee.

The achievements of Committee during the past year have been significant, and could very well indicate that our program has been reenergized in preparation for the work that lies ahead of us.

All archived materials have been reviewed, with a file created for each of the 3836 cemeteries in the state, as well as each of the 196 state and national cemeteries in the United States.

Since June 2000 4934 records have been entered into the Department database, bringing that total to 22,955 and 2063 records sent to the National chairman, totaling 20,646. Currently, 8747 records await input to both.

Quarterly committee meetings have been held, which are well attended. During these meetings, an internal policy on the use of the department database was created, a draft Graves Officer's handbook was organized, and the committee members directed this chairman to restructure the state database and to provide a copy to the Camps. A format for the Department Website ~~was agreed on.~~ *is being discussed*

The successes that our Committee has had under your direction are many, and the coming year will prove that we have much to do. As we have found in the overall attitude in most areas of society today, we find that our challenges still remain with a lack of participation from some camps. Three Camps do not have graves programs, eight Camps have not reported their status, and several have not attended a committee meeting. 29 counties are not covered by a camp with a graves program. We will consider a solution to these issues in coming meetings.

I appreciate the opportunity that I have been given, and hope that you, as well as future Commanders allow me to remain Chairman of this Committee with the goal of completing the task at hand. I remain,

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Richard E. Danes,
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Graves Registration Officer



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
The Russell A. Alger, Camp No. 462
Department of Michigan
Camp-at-Large



April 21, 2001

Report on the Camp-at-Large
(Annual Department convention)

Greetings to Commander Greg Hayes, fellow officers, and Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Michigan.

On March 24, 2001 I met with a couple of Brothers of Camp 462 and a potential member to the Camp in Gaylord, MI. It was also at this meeting that former coordinator Brother Ken Martin transferred the Camp paperwork over to me.

There are currently 13 members but that number could be changing, as the Brothers I met with are seriously interested in re-establishing Camp 31 in Alpena. With the encouragement and blessing of Department Secretary Brother Lee, I laid out a plan with these men for advertising about our Order, getting coverage in the local media while pursuing the goals and purposes of the Order, and being patient until everything falls in place. Brothers with such excitement and enthusiasm have been an encouragement.

Plans are also in the works to get some communication going between our Camp-at-Large Brothers and some potential new members in the Detroit area, to see if they can band together to form a new Camp.

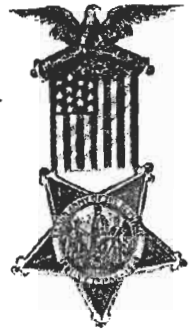
All in all, the Camp-at-Large the membership will continue to grow but at the same time, offer the opportunity for growth in other communities with the formation of new Camps.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report of Newsletter Editor to the 112th Department Encampment

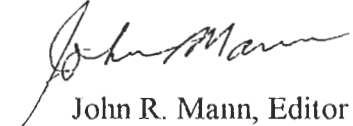
In a effort to further enhance the quality of our newsletter, the decision was made to have Michigan's Messenger printed by the offset printing process rather than the photocopying process. This necessitated a slight cost increase and a change in printing companies. The switch was made beginning with the January 2001 issue. I believe the increase in the quality of printing speaks for itself.

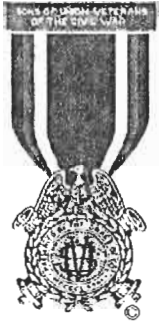
There were again four issues printed during the year, averaging 20 pages per issue. Circulation is currently 560 reflecting the growth of our Department's membership. As for costs for printing, mailing and postage for the Messenger, I refer you to the Department Treasurer's Report as the bills are mailed directly to the Treasurer and I am not currently aware of the total costs.

Department Officer and Camp News contributions have remained fairly steady when compared with the last year or so, but there has been a noticeable decline in contributions of the Ancestor Vignette variety. However, some of our members have stepped into the breach and furnished other articles of interest to fill the gap. In our Camp News section we are now receiving news from Camps that previously had only sporadically or never had sent in a report before.

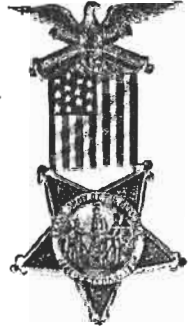
Again, this year as last year, I would like to close my report by extending my thanks to all Department Officers, Camp Officers and individual members who made contributions to our Department newsletter over the past year. Without your contributions, this Department would not have a newsletter.

Submitted this 21st day of April, 2001,
In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,


John R. Mann, Editor
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Report of the 2000 National Encampment Publications Editor to the 112th Department Encampment

The Department of Michigan undertook the publishing and printing of the National Encampment Book for the 2000 National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War held in Lansing, August 17, 18, 19 and 20. In addition to the normal listing of agendas and officers for the SUV, ASUV and LGAR and paid ads, it was decided that the Department of Michigan would add some information to the book that would be useful long after the Encampments were over; a complete listing of Michigan GAR Posts from 1879 to 1948, their numbers, names, locations, the date of charter and date of disbandment.

The National Encampment Book totaled 92 pages, plus covers and included 59 pages of ads, of which 56 pages were paid ads (three being Department of Michigan unpaid ads). 250 copies were printed and all were given out to Delegates at the Encampment. Total income from the ads amounted to \$1,774.00. Total expenses for materials and printing came to \$1,138.08, resulting in a profit of \$635.92. Included in the expenses were 250 Campfire Programs, 250 Banquet Programs, 250 Memorial Programs and 125 fliers for the Roger Heiple display. The total number of pages printed came to 25,375.

Submitted this 21st day of April, 2001,
In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

John R. Mann, Editor
National Encampment Book

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
BY LAWS COMMITTEE

Dear Commander Hayes:

The Committee recommends the following amendments to the Department By Laws for consideration at the Department Encampment.

ARTICLE IV – AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES

Section 1. The Commander may be entitled to reimbursement of certain expenses necessary for the conduct of his office. Approval of reimbursement for expenses up to a maximum of one hundred dollars (\$100) per year shall be obtained from the Council. Typical expenses may include, but are not limited to, long distance telephone calls, postage, and mileage.

(Sections 2 through 5 are worded in similar fashion for the Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander Secretary and Treasurer, with variable amounts specified for each officer.)

In order to eliminate the need for annual amendments to the By Laws, in order to adjust the amounts of the specifically stated amounts of reimbursement for the various offices, the following amendment is offered. Control of the amount is retained by the Department Council during the review process of the Budget proposed by the Treasurer. Sections 1 through 5 are condensed into a single statement. (The changed language is in italics.)

ARTICLE IV – AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES

The Commander, *Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary – Treasurer)* may be entitled to reimbursement of certain expenses necessary for the conduct of *their offices*. *The amount of reimbursement shall be as approved by the Council in their review of the budget proposed by the Treasurer.* Typical expenses may include, but are not limited to, long distance telephone calls, postage and mileage.

In order to take advantage of the newest technology and speed communications the following changes are proposed for ARTICLE XIV, Section 2. With more Brothers availing themselves of “on line” communications, this appears to be a very practical approach.

The Section is presently stated thus:

ARTICLE XIV – AMENDMENTS

Section 2. Any proposed amendment, alteration, or addition to these Bylaws shall be printed or typewritten and a copy sent to the Commander of each Camp for review, at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Department Encampment. All Camps shall take action on same and instruct their delegates accordingly.

The proposed changes are noted in *italic*.

Section 2. Any proposed amendment, alteration or addition to these Bylaws shall be printed *and mailed or sent electronically* to the Commander of each Camp for review, at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Department Encampment. All Camps shall take action on same and instruct their delegates accordingly.

The Committee also recommends that the following additions be made to the Operating Guidelines, making them items number 6 and 7.

6. The Treasurer shall develop an annual budget to be reviewed by the Council and presented to the Department Encampment for approval and adoption.

7. The Council, in its review of the budget developed by the Treasurer, shall approve the level proposed for reimbursement of expenses to those designated in the Bylaws.

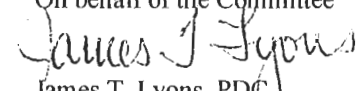
In view of the movement of the Department Encampment from June to May, and this year to April, it is suggested that consideration be given to restating Item 1, which deals with the fiscal year of the Department.

Perhaps it should be stated as follows:

1. The fiscal year of the Department of Michigan shall be from the first day of the month in which the Department Encampment is scheduled and end the last day of the preceding month.

This would eliminate the Guideline being on a schedule that does not coincide with the current year of operation or winding up with "partial year" reports.

Respectfully submitted,
In F., C., and L.,
On behalf of the Committee


James T. Lyons, PDC
Chairman Pro Tem
1/28/01

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Merle (Pete) Carlson, SVC, Chairman
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SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Several months ago Commander Hayes appointed a Special Committee to study the feasibility of developing a Department Color/Honor Guard. The Committee has met, discussed the matter and exchanged a series of e-mail communications and phone conversations.

After making a preliminary report to the Mid-winter Conference, the following summary will be presented to the Department Encampment for consideration.

The Committee recommends the creation of a position to be known as the Department Ceremonics and Rituals Officer. We further recommend the formation of a Standing Committee to be known as the Ceremonics and Ritual Committee with the Ceremonics and Ritual Officer to serve as Chairman.

The Committee would have three basic functions; 1. To assist Camps with appropriate use of the Ritual in performing ceremonies for Camp functions. 2. To help Camps to organize Camp Guards and provide training for these groups in effective presentations and programs. 3. To develop "Degree Teams" to handle ceremonies and other duties at Department level functions.

Another area that the Special Committee was asked to examine was with regard to uniforming for Camp Guards and the proposed Department Guard. This portion of the report provoked vigorous discussion at the Mid-winter Conference.

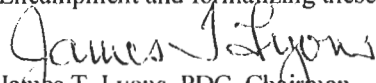
The Committee will recommend that portions of several Sections of "ARTICLE XVIII – Sons of Veterans Reserve and Camp Guards" of the Department By-Laws be changed to provide more options with regard to use of uniforms, and direction of Camp Guards.

In Section 4., the second sentence, we suggest placing a period after "... National Military Department, SVR...", and deleting the rest of this sentence which reads "... with the exception that SVR uniform regulations shall be observed by the Camp Guards. ..."

This would provide the option for the Camp Guard to utilize the generic Civil War soldier uniform or the civilian presentation as outlined in the Department Operating Guidelines. It would also provide the opportunity for a Camp Guard to adopt the dress of the G.A.R., if they chose, or some other appropriate historic appearance.

It would be our further recommendation that because there is not presently a SVR unit in the Department and it appears unlikely that there will be one in the foreseeable future, that Section 3. of the above noted ARTICLE, be deleted in its entirety.

While action on the above, which would require amendments to the By-Laws, cannot be taken at this Encampment, affirmative response by the Encampment can pave the way to taking such action at the 2002 Encampment and formalizing these proposals.


James T. Lyons, PDC, Chairman
For the Committee

Gary L. Gibson, PDC
Bruce Butgereit
Rick Greene

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

G. A. R. RECORDS COMMITTEE

Dear Commander Hayes:

We are pleased to offer the following summary of activities for the year 2000 – 2001 for this Committee. The importance of the work that needs to be done by this Committee is highlighted again by several reports, during the past year, of G.A.R. materials disappearing from the shelves of local libraries. Most notable is the disappearance of several “Memorial Books”.

These books are “one of a kind” items, unique to each Post and the members of that Post. Copies of the information entered there were not reported in any fashion elsewhere. Once they are gone, they cannot be replicated. It is vital that we accelerate our efforts to find these irreplaceable items before more are lost.

Work continues on the development of a consolidated, county by county, listing of potential locations for surviving Post records and other materials. This list includes, but is not limited to, Libraries, Historical and Genealogical Societies, museums, local VFW and American Legion Posts and DAR Chapters.

In order for this search to be completed, the assistance of all Camps and Brothers will be essential. The Committee can develop the procedures and processes, but will not be able to search all counties. It will be essential that all possible sites be checked out and checked off the list. While our objective is to locate the places where records are being maintained, it is of equal importance to record where nothing has been found.

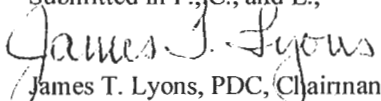
Post records may be found in areas other than where the Post was located and operated. PCIC Alan Loomis has informed me that he has found some records for Posts from Southwestern Michigan in Northern Indiana. He will be sending along a list of those findings shortly.

When you locate something, we ask that you simply make a list of what you find, include information on a contact person, and send it to the Committee. Arrangements can then be made to copy the material so that there is a backup to the originals. We can then begin constructing a comprehensive list of surviving material on a Post by Post basis. This will lead to the development of a definitive database of the records by Post and by record type as well as a location and contact person.

The G.A.R. membership data base project continues to move forward. There are now over 8,000 individual records on file as well as over 1,400 annual officer rosters. Work has begun on Post 26 this week.

We look forward to continuing this important work.

Submitted in F., C., and L.,


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For the Committee
4/21/01

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**112th Department Encampment
April 21st, 2001**

**Department of Michigan
Civil War Memorials Committee Report**

Douglas R. Armstrong, Chair

**Bruce B. Butgereit Chris P. Czopek Michael W. McMillan
Richard A. Williams**

This committee is once again proud to report continued progress with the Memorial Assessment Project. All materials concerning the Department's physical assessment of Civil War Monuments within our state have been submitted to the National Civil War Memorials Officer for inclusion on the National Database. As of this report, all monuments and memorials within the counties of Washtenaw, Jackson, Clinton, and Ionia have had an on sight inspection and assessment form filled out and sent to this office. Forms have also been submitted from other Camps within the Department. The committee wishes to thank those Camps who have participated with this project this past year and encourages all brothers, in cooperation with their Camp, to assist us in locating and assessing the condition of all Civil War monuments and memorials within the State of Michigan. We request that past Camp Commanders and Camp Officers please share and pass along any and all materials that were sent to your Camp. We respectfully ask that all newly elected Camp Commanders and Camp Civil War Memorials Officers please contact this office with any questions or concerns they may have about the project.

This committee is proud to report continued progress with its Cannon Inquiry Project. Several communities in which Civil War era cannon are found resting in their cemeteries and in front of their courthouses have been contacted. These communities are reminded of the historical heritage and educational significance that these pieces represent. Many have replied favorably to our inquiry of the condition of the cannon and have supplied us with additional historical background about them. These communities have assured us that they take great pride in their Civil War memorials and have taken steps to preserve them. Others have thanked us for our interest and help in located memorials they did not know existed in their community and requested further information about them.

The committee is also pleased to report progress with legislative matters concerning Civil War era cannon. On the State level, both representatives and senators have been personally contacted and our interests conveyed to them about better legislation protecting all veterans' memorials. In particular, the theft and sale of Civil War era cannon. We have also contacted our representatives at the Federal level about this matter. This past year has seen an increase in the sale of these cannon to collectors in other states. We urge all brothers to assist us in seeing that this does not occur again in our state by contacting their local and state officials and conveying our interest in their remaining as memorials to those who served our country.

This committee is also proud to report many active restoration projects of several monuments by our Camps. The brothers of Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20 have this past year, successfully seen to the repair and restoration of the Soldiers' Monument at the Courthouse Square in Allegan. The Camp conducted the its rededication in October.

The Curtenius Guard Camp 17, of Sunfield, with the help of the Michigan National Guard relocated the Camp Sigel Memorial Plaque and Boulder in Ionia. The plaque, which commemorates the 21st Michigan Infantry Regiment's departure from Camp Sigel, was cleaned and repaired. A rededication ceremony was conducted in September. Camp 17 along with Camp Commander Hoffman and Brothers of Governor Austin Blair Camp 7 of Jackson also planted a tree to replace the GAR Tree on the island-park in Eaton Rapids.

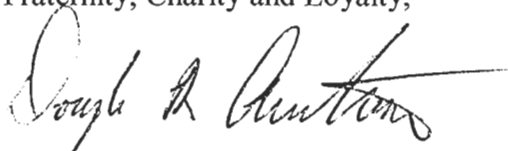
The George W. Anderson Camp 58 of DeWitt has, with the help of the community and Watertown Township in Clinton County, raised the necessary funds to restore the Soldiers' Monument that was vandalized in the Wacousta Cemetery. The sculptor, who had originally assessed the damage, has been contracted by the township to perform the restoration. He intends to begin work this summer. Some additional funds have been earmarked for a fence to be erected around the monument and a light to shine so the flag can be flown day and night.

Members of Camp 58 have also completed their restoration of the memorial cannon in the Village of Ovid. The project consisted of the cleaning and painting of the two twenty four pound howitzers and the cleaning of the granite bases which they are set. The pouring of a new concrete foundation under the memorial cannon and the replication of the twenty shells, of which only five remain, that originally formed a pyramid in the center of the memorial. A rededication of the memorial is planned for Memorial Day this year.

The Gen. John A. Logan Camp 1 in Grand Rapids has continued its efforts, with the help of Camp Commander Bruce Butgereit, to raise funds to restore the memorial fountain in Grand Rapids. The fountain is made of zinc (white bronze), and is in special need of repair. This committee looks forward to a future rededication of the monument.

The committee takes pride in reporting the accomplishments of the Department this past year. It is our hope is that with the help of our Camp membership we will locate and assess the condition of all Civil War monuments and memorials within our state and bring attention to the proper authorities their care and upkeep. We will continue to stress the importance of these monuments, that were erected by the citizens and soldiers of those communities, for the appreciation and education of future generations.

Respectfully submitted in
Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Douglas R. Armstrong".

Douglas R. Armstrong