

Minutes of The 122nd Annual Encampment
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War
Saturday, May 21, 2011
Great Lakes Christian College
Lansing, Michigan
(Revised March 20, 2012)

The assembled Brothers were called to order by Department Commander Shaw. Prior to the Camp Opening, a brief Memorial Service was held in conjunction with the Ladies of the Allied Orders in remembrance of those Brothers and Sisters who had passed since the last Encampment. The Sister of the Allied Orders departed at 9:16 am

1. The Encampment was opened in accordance of Ritual at 9:17 am, Saturday May 21, 2011 at the Great Lakes Christian College in Lansing, Michigan, Department of Michigan, Commander Don Shaw presiding.

2. The Department Secretary called the Roll Call of Officers as follows:

Department Commander:	Don Shaw	Present
Senior Vice Commander:	Paul David Arnold	Present
Junior Vice Commander:	Kevin Lindsey	Excused
Treasurer:	Bruce Gosling	Present
Secretary:	Paul Davis	Present
Department Council:	Rick Greene	Present
Department Council:	Howard Streeter	Present
Department Council:	Tom Jenkins	Present
Patriotic Instructor:	Max Riekse	Present
Chaplin:	William McAfee	Present
Counselor:	James Pahl	Present
Historian:	John Keith	Excused
Chief of Staff	William Morris	Excused
Guard:	Dale Aurand	Present
Guide:	Philip Criepe	Present
Color Bearer:	Ed Dowd	Present
G.A.R. Records Officer	Gary Gibson	Present
Memorials Officer	Doug Armstrong	Excused
Signals Officer	Matt Adair	Present
Camp At Large Coordinator	L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.	Present
Graves Registration	Rick Daines	Present
<i>Messenger</i> Editor:	Rick Danes	Present
Eagle Scout Coordinator:	Jerry Olson	Present

Commander Shaw temporarily appointed Tim Kolean to fill the role of the Department Junior Vice Commander. Bruce Butgereit was asked to act on behalf of Memorials Officer Doug Armstrong.

The Chaplin asked the Divine Blessing.

3. Rules for the Encampment were read by Commander Shaw.

Reports are to be limited to 5 minutes. Each Brother will be allowed to speak twice on a topic. All speakers will identify themselves by voting card, name and Camp. All debate is to be conducted in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

James Pahl was appointed Parliamentarian by Commander Shaw.

Commander Shaw advised the Brothers that no smoking was allowed anywhere on the Campus. All cell phones were to be silenced.

Commander Shaw displayed a picture of his ancestor and encouraged all Brothers to consider "inviting" their ancestor to join them for Sons meetings.

4. Commander Shaw asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the 121th Department Encampment. Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Rick Danes and seconded. Discussion followed from Dennis Derr II noting a correction. The amended motion was then approved.

5. Commander Shaw appointed the Credentials Committee consisting of: Brothers Jack Frost and Matt Adair.

6. Recognition of Guests

National Commander in Chief Brad Schall and National Memorials Officer Bruce Butgereit were introduced. Commander in Chief Brad Schall addressed the Encampment with a few words of encouragement and praise for the good work of the Department of Michigan.

Commander Shaw asked all past National Officers to stand for recognition. These included Keith Harrison, James Pahl, William McAfee, Gary Gibson and Bruce Butgereit.

7. The Credentials Committed requested a postponement of there report which was granted.

8. Commander Shaw proceeded with the appointment of committees as follows:

Bylaws:	Dave Arnold, Chair, James Pahl, Gary Grout
Officers' Reports:	Gary Gibson, Chair, Bill Skillman, Robert May
Resolutions:	Keith Harrison, Chair, Tim Kolean, Ken Martin

9. Reports of Officers

Commander Shaw passed the gavel to DSVC David Arnold.

Commanders Report: Commander Shaw then proceeded with his report. (Copy Included)

DSVC Arnold then submitted a motion to refer the Commander's Report and all subsequent Officers' Reports to the Encampment's Committee on Officer Reports, and returned the gavel to the Department Commander who then proceeded with the meeting.

Motion seconded and approved.

DSVC Report: David Arnold proceeded with his report (Copy Included)

David Arnold then continued with his report on Bylaws. (Copy Included)

Of note were two items, the first concerning the Legislative Committee, Article 9 Section 5 and Ceremonies and Rituals, Article 9 Section 11. As a result of the review of the Bylaws at the National level there were no changes required for the Department. DSVC Arnold, however, encouraged a review of these above items as they were outdated and not being used. He also stressed the need for uniformity in our military demeanor and presentation during Ceremonies and Rituals.

DJVC Report: The DJVC report was read by the Secretary (Copy Included)

10. The Credentials Committee: Now ready to make their report and did so, (Copy Included)

11. Max Riekse provided the Patriotic Instruction for the Encampment. The topic was the difference between a Republic and a Democracy. He encouraged the Brothers to plant the seeds of patriotism in our youth both boys and girls.

A 10 minute recess was called by Commander Shaw at 10:24 am

The Encampment was called back into session at 10:35 am

12. Continuation of Officer's Reports:

Secretary Report: Paul Davis presented his report to the Encampment and announced the new Camp Secretary's Training and Resources Program designed to assist Camp Secretaries in the performance of their duties and responsibilities for managing and meeting deadlines and accuracy in using and filing the various reports required of the Camps. The details are included in the report. (Copy Included)

Treasurer Report: Bruce Gosling reported the Department is in a very solid financial position. Please see the details in the full report. (Copy Included)

The Encampment then paused to receive a visitor, Virginia Twist from the National Ladies Auxiliary. She presented gifts to Commander Shaw and praised the Department for its good works.

Officers reports were then resumed.

Chaplin Report: William McAfee submitted his written necrology report and requested that the Secretary make one correction, that being the Camp number for Perry Wilson was to be Camp 43

and not Camp 20. Having read the names of the departed Brothers during the Memorial Service, he had nothing further to report. (Copy Included)

Counselor Report: Jim Pahl had nothing to report.

Patriotic Instructor Report: Max Riekse extolled the difference between a Republic and a Democracy. Citing how rules can change, he exhorted Brothers to get involved and run for office.

Color Bearer Report: Edgar Dowd thanked the Brothers for allowing him to carry and display the Department's National Colors. He cited many places and a wide variety of venues where our Colors have been carried. (Copy Included)

Chief of Staff Report: William Morris was excused and there was no report.

Signals Officer: Matt Adair stated that while fully functional our Department website is still in need of a face lift. He encouraged all Camps to be sure their information is current and accurate on the Department website. He requested that Department Officers and any personnel having custody of any Department records that are no longer active, submit them to him within 30 days of the closing of the Department Encampment. (Copy Included)

Editor, *Michigan Messenger* Report: Rick Danes once again reaffirmed the need for each Camp to have at least one individual with a good and accurate Email address so he can distribute the *Messenger* to all Brothers. (Copy Included)

GRO Report: Rick Danes continued with his Graves registration Officers Report stating that not all Camps are participating. Attendance at the quarterly meetings is at about 50%. Quarterly updates to the data base are distributed to all Camp GRO's. (Copy Included)

Historian Report: The report of John Keith was read by the Secretary. Brother Keith announced that he was resigning and would not seek reappointment. (Copy Included)

Department Guide Report: Phillip Criepe had no report but wished to thank all of the Brothers for their guidance and assistance in his personal life.

Department Guard: Dale Aurand had nothing to report.

GAR Records Officer Report: Gary Gibson noted a very successful year. Some of the highlights included various records for Post 22 and the discovery of original Department records in the Burton Library Collection. Details are in the report. (Copy Included)

Monuments Officer Report: Bruce Butgereit spoke on behalf of Doug Armstrong regarding the progress of identifying Michigan related monuments. No Report.

Eagle Scout Coordinator Report: Jerry Olson reported that 55 Eagle Scout Certificates were issued. He asked that the Camps coordinate and report their individual efforts to the Department so that accurate records can be maintained and duplication avoided. (Copy Included)

Camp At Large Report: L. Dean Lamphere has nothing to report.

13. Receipt and Reading of Communications

The Department Secretary noted that there was extensive communication during the year and the majority was via Email with the subjects being largely routine.

Written communication included:

A letter from Bruce MacIntosh, a resident of Salem, Oregon, inquiring about the grave site of his ancestor George Purvas.

Don Martin announced his intention to run for the National Council of Administration,

Letters of endorsement were received as follows:

U.S. Grant Camp 67 endorsing Don Shaw for the position of Department Commander

Governor Crapo Camp 145 endorsing Don Shaw for the position of Department Commander

Curtenius Guard Camp 17 endorsing Paul David Arnold for the position of Department Senior Vice Commander.

Correspondence was received from Matt Adair regarding the efforts of the Hathi Trust in digitizing old and out of print books and documents. He asked that the Department consider granting our copyright and release of GAR records to the Hathi Trust for use in the public domain.

The request was referred to the Committee on Resolutions

An additional resolution was offered by James Pahl regarding the James T. Lyon Camp of the Year Award to be awarded at the 123rd Encampment. This item was also referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

14. Unfinished Business

There being none, Commander Shaw proceeded with an Awards Presentation.

The Austin Blair Membership Award resulted in a tie and as a result, two awards were presented to Camp 250 Wa-Bu-No and Camp 17 Curtenius Guard.

The Orlando LeValley Award was presented to Camp 250 Wa-Bu-No for the largest percentage increase in membership.

Commander Shaw then awarded flag streamers to all Camps who participated in the Detroit Veterans Day Parade.

At this point Commander Shaw called for an adjournment for lunch at 11:50 am

The Encampment was reconvened at 1:50 pm. Commander Shaw encouraged the Brothers to visit the Department awards and presentations located at the back of the room.

15. Presentation From Jim Pahl: Brother James Pahl asked for the floor to detail his efforts in locating and photographing Michigan monuments. He stated that he had visited every significant site except Andersonville. Brother Pahl expressed his desire to donate his photos and book to the Department including a waiver of copyright and release from intellectual property.

On behalf of the Department, Commander Shaw graciously accepted.

16. Reports of Committees

Archives Committee Report: Matt Adair reported that the Department has made some significant progress in locating and preserving a number of documents and records currently stored at his house. Details of holdings are described in his report. (Copy Included)

He further recommended the following for consideration:

1. Continue to search for a proper location to store the Department Archives but for the present, Archives will remain in place.
2. Department Officers are to be instructed to transfer reports, correspondence and any records in their possession to the Archivist.
3. That the guidelines be amended to require Department Officers to transfer inactive reports, correspondence and any significant records in their possession. to the Historian at the end of their term of service and within 30 days of the end of the annual Department Encampment.

Each of these recommendations were approved without objection.

Brother James Pahl moved that all Committee Reports be approved Ad Seriatum unless there is objection on the sound of the gavel.

Motion was seconded by Keith Harrison and passed.

Brochure Development Committee Report: Dave Arnold reported that he and the DJVC were charged with the responsibility to develop a generic brochure that can be used by the Department as well as the Camps. A sample brochure will be presented at the next Encampment for review.

Sesquicentennial Committee Report: Keith Harrison reported that several activities have already taken place with many more coming. More notably a website has been created to promote events and activities. All Camps are encouraged to use the site. History Partners is publishing and distributing an electronic Newsletter. 150th Commemorative Medals are available. The next Veterans Day Parade will be on November 5th and all Camps are encouraged to participate.

Three recommendation were suggested:

1. The Department participate in the Detroit Veterans Day Parade
2. A display board be purchased and the sum of \$175.00 be allocated for that purchase.
3. That the Sesquicentennial Committee be granted an amount not to exceed \$300.00 for reimbursement of expenses.

All three recommendations were approved.

Bylaws Committee Report: David Arnold referred to his earlier Report and the items addressed there. Other than consideration of these items, there were no additional changes required to the Bylaws and no recommendations at this time.

17. Reports of Committee on Officers Reports: Gary Gibson, Chair

Commanders Report:

1. Establish a special committee to investigate a proper storage facility to house the Department Records and Artifacts. Committee concurs. Approved.
2. Develop a recruiting brochure. Committee concurs. Approved.
3. Set a goal to increase membership by 20%. Committee concurs. Approved.
4. Create a Department Award to recognize a Camp doing an outstanding job for planning and executing a Sesquicentennial awareness event. Committee concurs but noted that no type of award was indicated nor an application or criteria set. Approved

DSVC Report:

1. Charge the Department Signals Officer to explore the use of electronic social media (i.e. Face Book, YouTube) to promote the message and mission of the SUVCW. Committee concurs. Approved.
2. For a Committee to investigate and report on the Legislative Committee Bylaws change to, Article 9 Section 5 and report at next Encampment. Committee concurs. Approved.
3. For a Committee to investigate and report on the Ceremonies and Rituals Bylaws change to, Article 9 Section 11 and report at next Encampment. Committee did not concur. Refer to Bylaws Committee.

Keith Harrison clarified the intent of the recommendation which he stated was probably skipped if not clearly stated.

4. Need to develop a special committee to standardize Military Etiquette, a training routine, and procedures per Article 9 Section 11. No recommendation from Committee.

Dave Arnold spoke to the need for training and consistency.

Commander Shaw asked for a motion to have this item referred to the Ceremonies and Ritual Committee. The motion was so moved and seconded. Approved.

Secretary Report:

1. That at least one person in each Camp be a designated person with a proper Email to receive electronic communication and distribute same to his Camp. Committee concurs. Approved.
2. Handwritten Forms are not acceptable. Deemed to be common procedural issue. No recommendation.
3. Ensure proper fees are submitted from Camps. Deemed to be common procedural issue. No recommendation.
4. Use of approved electronic fill-in Forms be required. Committee concurs. Approved.
5. Ensure proper postage is provided when submitting Forms. Deemed to be common procedural issue. No recommendation.
6. Explore the purchase of a digital recording system to capture and archive the Department Encampment proceedings. Recommendation was withdrawn by the Secretary so that efforts may be coordinated with the Archivist, Matt Adair. Paul and Matt will report back at next Encampment. No recommendation from Committee.
7. Per directive to track costs of operating the office of the Department Secretary, a number was provided. No recommendation.

Treasurer Report:

1. Income generated by the permanent fund in 2010 be retained as part of the balance of the fund. Recommendation to forward to Council of Administration.

Dennis Derr II stated that this is an issue for the Encampment to vote on not the Council.

James Pahl submitted a motion that the income generated by the permanent fund in 2010 be retained as part of the balance of the fund. Motion was seconded and approved.

2. \$5,000.00 be transferred from the General Fund to the Permanent Fund. Jim Pahl asked for an accounting on balance. The Treasurer stated \$8,000.00 is available for disbursement from the General Fund and an additional \$4,000.00 would be added upon collection of per capita taxes to total approximately \$12,000.00. Annual expenses for 2010 have been about \$2,000.00 or less.

Motion to accept made by Neal Breough and duly seconded. Passed

Chaplin Report:

The Chaplin requested the same budget as in 2010. Committee concurs. Passed.

Signals Officer Report:

1. Continue funding of the Department's web site server. Committee concurs. Passed.
2. Add a Brother to assist with the web site duties and act as a back up. Candidate should have requisite experience and technical knowledge. Committee concurs. Passed.
3. Add the responsibility for promoting the Department and its activities to include electronic, social media sites such as Face Book and YouTube. Referred to Bylaws Committee. Passed
4. Investigate the use of Cloud storage for Department records. Committee concurs. Passed.
5. Modify Item 9 in the Department Operational Guidelines. Committee rules point is moot based on approval of earlier recommendation. See Item 16, Committee Reports, Archives Committee Report.

Michigan Messenger Report:

1. Camps who do not provide a good Email address and contact point will be deemed in violation of their Charter. Committee does not concur as control of the Charter is the responsibility of the National organization.

GAR Records Officer Report:

1. Request that funding to the GAR Records Committee be continued at the current level. Committee concurs with one abstention.

Resolutions Committee Report by Keith Harrison

1. Create a Camp of the Year Award (to be known as the James T. Lyon Award) to be awarded annually by the Department Commander. That the application form survey tool be developed to assist the Department Commander in making the choice of the Camp of the Year based on the activities of the Camp; to be modeled on the Department of Missouri's James Eads Form.

And further, authorizes the Department Commander to make the first such award at the 123rd Department Encampment.

The committee concurs.

There being no objections the resolution was passed at the sound of the gavel.

That the resolution be forwarded to the permanent Department Committee on Bylaws to refer back to the 123rd Encampment with appropriate amendments to the Department of Michigan Bylaws to include this award therein.

The committee concurs.

There being no objections the resolution was passed at the sound of the gavel.

2. The Department should grant copyright for Department Documents to the Hathi Trust and further recommend to the National C-I-C that the National organization do the same. Committee concurs. Passed.

Department Council Of Administration

The Council reviewed four financial considerations as follows:

1. Interest generated by the Permanent Fund will be retained in the Permanent Fund balance.
2. The \$500.00 funding of the Archive Project was carried over to be used through out the 2011 fiscal year by the project.
3. Approval granted for the purchase of a presentation wreath for use by the Department at Ceremonies and Rituals.
4. The Commander's request for purchasing materials for the 2011 Encampment was approved.

18. New Business

Brother Gary Grout addressed the Encampment on the previously tabled topic of Patriot Week, September 11 –16. He stated that House Bill 4464 has been approved and requests via motion that the Department send a letter of support to Judge Michael Warren. The motion was accepted and passed.

Brother L. Dean Lamphere addressed the Encampment with a schedule of Michigan monuments to be visited during the future Gettysburg Remembrance weekends. They are as follows:

2011	1 st Michigan Infantry
2012	7 th Michigan Infantry
2013	5 th Michigan Infantry
2014	Battery I, Michigan Light Artillery
2015	24 th Michigan Infantry
2016	3 rd Michigan Infantry
2017	16 th Michigan Infantry
2018	Michigan Cavalry Brigade
2019	4 th Michigan Infantry
2020	1 st Michigan Sharpshooters

19. Good of the Order

Commander Shaw thanked the various Encampment Committees and discharged them from their duties.

Commander Shaw requested a motion to make a donation to the Great Lakes Christian College in the amount of \$75.00. Motion was made by Keith Harrison and duly seconded. Approved.

Commander Shaw requested a motion to write a letter of thanks and appreciation to Great Lakes Christian College. It was so moved and duly seconded. Approved.

Commander Shaw requested a motion to write a letter of thanks and appreciation to the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. It was so moved and duly seconded. Approved.

20. Nominations Committee and Election of Officers:

Brother Rick Daines, Chair of the Nominations Committee, presented the recommended slate of Officer candidates for 2011 as follows:

Department Commander:	Don Shaw
Senior Vice Commander	Paul David Arnold
Junior Vice Commander	Kevin Lindsey
Treasurer	Bruce Gosling
Secretary	Paul Davis
Department Council	Howard Streeter
	Richard Greene
	Tom Jenkins

Commander Shaw proceeded to call for nominations from the floor. The call was repeated the requisite three times and there being none forth coming.

Brother William McAfee moved that the nominations be closed and that the election of Officers be unanimous and by acclamation. The motion was duly seconded and approved.

21. Election of Delegates to the National Encampment:

Brother James Pahl moved that Delegates to the National Encampment be selected and all other Brothers planning to attend shall be listed by the remaining names on the Department Roster as Alternate Delegates. The motion was duly seconded and approved.

In addition to those Brothers with standing credentials, the following are named delegates to the National Encampment:

1. Dave Arnold
2. Neal Breagh
3. Dale Aurand
4. Gary Copenhaver
5. Max Riekse
6. William McAfee
7. Gary Granger
8. Greg Huckins
9. Rick Daines
10. Ron Shull
11. Dave Hilliker
12. Dennis Derr II
13. Robert May
14. Gary Naugle

Commander Shaw called for a brief recess at 3:00 pm.

The Encampment was reconvened at 3:20 pm.

Max Riekse addressed the Encampment with regard to a Memorial Service they would be conducting in Fruitport on Memorial Day at 2:00 pm for two MOH Veterans, one of them from the Civil War.

Commander Shaw presented his 2010 Officers with Certificates of Appreciation for their service.

C-I-C Brad Schall then made a few comments and presented Commander Shaw with a gift of a Benjamin Stevenson challenge coin.

22. Installation of Department Officers

C-I-C Schall then proceeded with the Installation of the Department Officers.

The Secretary read the list of Appointed Officers as follows:

Counselor	James Pahl
Chaplin	William McAfee
P.I.	Gary Granger
Color Bearer	Edgar Dowd
Signals	William Morris
<i>Messenger</i> Editor	Richard Daines
Historian	Matt Adair
Guard	Dale Aurand
Guide	Chris Cox
GRO	Richard Daines
GAR Records	Gary Gibson
Memorials Officer	Doug Armstrong
Eagle Scout	Jerry Olson
Camp-At-Large	L. Dean Lamphere

The installation of Officers was conducted by C-I-C Brad Schall according to Ritual and all elected officers took their place at their respective stations.

Commander Shaw made a few appreciative remarks and the Encampment was closed according to Ritual at 4:00 pm.

The 123rd Department Encampment will be held on March 31, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted, In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Paul Davis
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May 21, 2011

Brothers of the Department of Michigan:

It has been a busy year, and a very good year, for the Department of Michigan. The second largest Department in the Order, we were awarded the Conrad - Linder Award for the most new members of any Department in the Order, at the National Encampment last summer. We had 72 new members last year. Even in the face of bad economic times and an increase in the National Per Capita, we have as our preliminary reports indicate, at least held our own if not grown further over the last year. Our treasury is sound and funds are still being transferred to the Permanent Fund which in due course will allow funding of Department programs with even less burden on our membership. This sound money status is as a result of the prior responsible actions taken by our brothers in previous encampments.

We have held programs at the Department level and taken actions at that level geared to carry out the objects of the Order and promote fraternity among our members. In support of Fort Wayne in Detroit, the Department manned an informational table during civil war days, as it did at the Cascades event in Jackson. At both events, we were able to generate referrals to the camps for possible new members, bringing other like minded people into our Order. In support of Fort Wayne, when it was in such danger of closing, the Department took membership with the Historic Fort Wayne Coalition so as to support that group in its fight to keep one of the prime places involved in Michigan's Civil War history open to the public. When danger reared its head in this regard, the Department chose to stand with those trying to make a difference for the better.

Pursuant to the directives of the last Encampment, we identified a mid term activity that we as a Department could participate in. The Detroit Veterans Day Parade and the associated stay at Fort Wayne in Detroit was attended by close to 60 brothers and marchers who represented the civil war soldier in Michigan's premiere Veterans Day parade. The memorable sight of the Department, sixty men strong, flags flying and band playing, coming down Woodward Avenue in Detroit, was truly something to behold. It was even a better thing to be a part of. As to the camaraderie we had hoped to allow for, for anyone who spent the night before at the fort, participating in the revelries and midnight candlelight tours of the deep recesses of the fort, that sense of fraternity was undeniable.

Our Camps, where the vast majority of the actual work of the Order takes place have been extraordinarily busy in presenting programs, parades, and other information to the public in efforts to "keep green the memory." I have seen camps that sponsor seminars, do presentations that draw literally hundreds of their friends and neighbors, publish articles about local civil war soldiers in their hometown papers, do headstone dedications for forgotten soldiers, present authors for speaking engagements, and much, much more. Our camp system is strong and well engaged in the work of the order. Further, our participation in the activities of the Michigan

Sesquicentennial Committee and the programs they generate and promote, is another way in which we reach out to the general public with the message of the Order.

We are talking with two groups who are interested in opening new camps within the Department. While these are still in early phases, it demonstrates the interest in the Order that exists even in areas not currently serviced by camps and is an example of the healthy interest in the civil war across the state.

Many of our members have, as has been done in the past, represented Michigan at both the Gettysburg Parade, held in Pennsylvania in November, and the Lincoln Tomb Service held in Illinois in April. We have also been represented at the Central Regional Association, a group for several SUVCW Departments located in the center of the Country, at its meeting in October in Missouri. Of course the Department was well represented at the National Encampment last August in Kansas City.

Our web site is up to date as regards the contact information and meeting times for all of our camps. This is a step in the right direction from when much of our web contact information was out of date, in some instances by more than three or four years. Our Department Records, long a source of concern to prior Encampments, are being professionally archived. Due to the extraordinary efforts of Matt Adair, our Department records, which have been in a state of disarray for many years, have been sorted, categorized and those items that are of a fragile nature, preserved. A committee under the direction of Chuck Worley, PDC, is in the process of looking at storage for these records possibly in conjunction with a Department Headquarters.

We have had proposals for using the numbers and buying power of the Department to get the best deal possible on a generic brochure. This is still a work in progress under the direction of the Department Junior and Senior Vice Commanders. A canvas of opinions of several Camp JVC's resulted in continuing interest in the project. The committee will work closely with those camp officers in putting together a proposal that meets as many needs for a brochure at as low a price to the Order as possible.

Our stock, tried and true activities continue to do well. Our GAR Records projects under the direction of Gary Gibson, PDC, continue to do well. Our Graves Registration Database under the direction of Rick Danes, is now far over 60,000 entries strong, and still growing. They have further helped several families procure headstones for families of Civil War Soldiers in need of them. Doug Armstrong and Bruce Butgereit, our state and national Civil War Memorials Officers meet to discuss the state of the Civil War Memorials in Michigan, with the aim of doing an even better job than we have to date.

All of the foregoing bespeaks a strong and active membership within the State of Michigan. You brothers do the work. You have made all of this happen. You have a right to be proud of yourselves for the fine state the Department finds itself in today. As good as we are however, we can be better. In my visits to the 23 local camps around the state, in the various speaking engagements I have participated in and in the discussions I have had with so many of you, I see possibilities that would allow us to "keep green the memory," so much better than we are doing. In furtherance of following up on those possibilities, I have the following recommendations that I urge the Encampment to endorse.

1. Continue and expand the mid term event concept we began with the participation in the Detroit Veterans Day Parade last year, by repeating the event in the coming year.

2. Use a special committee, following up on the work of PDC Worley and his committee, to investigate the concept of a storage facility, with a possibility of establishing a Department Headquarters, if feasible, to house Department Records and artifacts.
3. Use a special committee, following up on the work of DJVC Lindsey and DSVC Arnold concerning the development of a recruiting brochure that could be produced at lower cost using the Departments greater numbers and buying power.
4. Set as a goal, a major membership push, taking advantage of the sesquicentennial years, with a target increase in membership of 20 percent.
5. That a Department Award be inaugurated for the time period from April, 2011 to April 2015, to be know as the Camp Sesquicentennial Program Award. The award would be presented to those Camps presenting significant programming designed to bring the memory of the Soldiers and Sailors of 1861 to 1865 to public attention. Application would be to a five person panel consisting of the Department Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Secretary and Treasurer. Application would be automatic for any Camp filing paperwork for a National Signature Event or may be made independently to the Department Panel by submitting an event description to the Commander. Suitable recognition shall be given publicly for all Camps receiving status of having pursued a Camp Sesquicentennial Program.

It has been a genuine pleasure serving you as Commander over the last year. In pursuit of that activity, I have visited with literally hundreds of brothers in all of our state's camps. The one thing that remained constant in my visits, in the face of the very different activities our camps, across the length and breadth of Michigan, is that our membership is the most dedicated and agreeable group of men you will ever want to meet. I like to tell people that I serve at the pleasure of over 500 of the best men in Michigan. You are the true strength of the Department. As long as you hold true, the Department of Michigan will never fail.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Donald W. Shaw
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May 21, 2011

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Re: 2010 / 2011 Senior Vice Commander
Encampment Report
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Commander Shaw & Department of Michigan Brothers and Camps.;

It has been a exciting year for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. .First, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Department of Michigan, Senior Vice Commander.during the past year.

I would like to offer my congratulations to all of you, in regards to the Department of Michigan winning the 2009-2010, **Augustus P Davis/ Conrad Linder Membership Award** this past August at the National Encampment in Kansas City. With (72 new Brothers), your hard work in the area of increasing your Camp Membership is to be commended and resulted in this most prestigious national award. Great Job and keep up the good work !

With the Civil War Sesquicentennial upon us we have a unique opportunity to "*Honor and Keep Green the Memory*" of our ancestors that served the Union during the Civil War, as well as sharing its rich history with the general public. Given the tremendous interest in the Civil War that will be generated throughout the nation over the next four years, the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and your local Camp will have an incredible opportunity to bolster our / your membership base like never before. History is something that is best served when shared. I would like to encourage all of you to take the time to engage your local communities and share the unique knowledge and services we have as an organization in furthering America's Civil War History.

Listed below is my 2010-2011 Senior Vice Commanders Report.

Camp Visits:

During 2010 / 2011 I visited or attended events at (13) Camps in my capacity as Senior Vice Commander. Multiple visits to three camps were not figured into the final total count.

Those included the:

Benjamin Pritchard - Camp # 20 in Kalamazoo,
Wa-Bu-No - Camp #250 in Shepherd / Mt Pleasant
General John Logan - Camp #1 in Grand Rapids
Frederick H. Hackman - Camp #85 in Bridgman (parade)
Carpenter-Welch - Camp #180 in Ann Arbor
Colegrove-Woodruff - Camp #22 in Marshall
Henry Wallace – Camp #160 in Corunna
Gov Henry Crapo – Camp #145 in Flint
Curtenius Guard – Camp #17 in Sunfield
Robert Finch - Camp #14 in Traverse City.

I made multiple visits to the following camps:

Austin Blair - Camp #7 in Jackson (3)
George W. Anderson - Camp #58 in Dewitt (2)
Henry Plant – Camp #3 in Grand Haven (2)

Speaking Engagements:

I represented the Department of Michigan in speaking at (4) events/ceremonies.

May 2010	Memorial Day Service, Mt Hope Cemetery, Lansing Michigan.
June 2010	Spoke along with Keith Harrison on the Grand Army of the Republic at the Delta Twp Historical Society.
Nov 2010	Brief remarks at a Veterans Day/Eagle Scout ceremony in Charlotte Mi.
Feb 2011	Spoke along with Keith Harrison on the Grand Army of the Republic/MOLLUS to the Gleaners Fraternal Organization in Lansing Michigan.

DUVCW Visits:

Oct, 2010	Visited the Annie Etheridge Tent in Lansing Michigan.
Oct, 2010	Attended a planning committee meeting with the Allied Orders of Michigan ref the 2011 Department Encampment hosted by the Dept of Mich, DUVCW.

Camp Installations:

I conducted Camp Installation of Officers at the following Dept of Michigan camps.

Henry Wallace, Camp #160 in Corunna.
Henry Plant, Camp #3 in Grand Haven.
Gov Henry Crapo, Camp # 145 in Flint.
Curtenius Guard, Camp #17 in Sunfield.

Special Events/Ceremonies:

June, 2010	Represented the Dept of Michigan and marched with the Frederick Hackman, Camp # 85 at the nations largest flag day parade in Three Oaks Mi.
June, 2010	Attended the Geo Anderson, Camp #58 in Dewitt presentation of "Oh Brother, Where Art Thou" on the 6 th Michigan Calvary.

- July, 2010 Attended and set up a Department of Michigan Table display at Civil War Days at Historic Fort Wayne in Detroit.
- Aug , 2010 Attended the National Encampment in Kansas City, Kansas representing the Department of Michigan. The Department of Michigan won the Augustus P Davis/ Conrad Linder Membership Award Installing (72) new brothers.
- Aug, 2010 Represented the Department of Michigan SUVCW at the funeral of a soldier from Grand Ledge Michigan killed in Afganistan. Interred at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Battle Creek, Bradley Rappuhn.
- Aug, 2010 Set up Department of Michigan SUVCW table display at the Jackson Civil War Muster in Jackson Michigan.
- Oct, 2010 Represented the Department of Michigan at a presentation put on by PDC Bruce Butgereit at the Western Mi Genealogical Society in Grand Rapids.
- Nov, 2010 Represented the Department marching in the Detroit Veterans Day Parade in Detroit. This was a State of Michigan SUVCW sponsored event suggested at the 2010 Department Encampment.
- Nov 2010 Set up a Department of Michigan SUVCW table display at the State Historical complex in Lansing Michigan, at "Michigans 1st Civil War Sesquicentennial planning conference". This conference gathered organizations from the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Reenactment Community, History & Genealogical Societies, and representatives from the State of Michigan to plan the up coming Civil War Sesquicentennial celebration.
- Dec, 2010 Represented the Department of Michigan SUVCW at the funeral of the husband of Immediate Past Department President of the DUVCW Sharon Patton.
- April 2011 Represented the Department of Michigan and set up a combination SUVCW Department of Michigan / Camp #17 table display at the kickoff of the State of Michigan, Civil War Sesquicentennial celebration at the State Historical Complex in Lansing Michigan.
- May 2011 Attended a dual Headstone Dedication Ceremony in Boyne City for two Native American Civil War soldiers from Co K of the 1st Michigan Sharpshooters. It was sponsored by the Henry Finch - Camp #14 in Traverse City.
- May 2011 Attended the Department of Michigan, Department Encampment located at Great Lakes Christian College in Lansing Michigan.

Programs and Publicity Committee Report and Recommendation

Membership Brochure:

As directed by Department Commander Shaw, Department Jr. Vice Commander, Kevin Lindsey, and I are currently in the process of developing ideas for a generic Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War membership brochure. Upon completion, this brochure could be made available for Camps across the Department of Michigan to purchase. By standardizing the membership brochure and making the information generic, it could be used by multiple camps within the Department of Michigan. There would be a location on the brochure for camps to attach a business card or use a stamp giving camp contact information. By keeping the brochure generic and not dating information it contains, it could be used for multiple years even if Department or Camp Officers change. By producing it in large numbers, the per unit price of the brochure could be reduced making it more affordable for Camps to purchase & distribute.

Electronic Media:

Recommendation (Electronic Media):

Given the commencement of the Civil War Sesquicentennial, it is recommended that the Department Signals Officer look into feasibility of establishing a presence on Facebook and other such electronic media for the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in order to further increase the knowledge of our organization and to distribute information regarding membership among the general public.

Bylaws Committee Recommendations

At the 2011 National Encampment held in Kansas City, Kansas a number of changes were made to the National Organization Constitution and Regulations. These were reviewed by the Department of Michigan Bylaws Committee consisting of Past National Commander in Chief James B. Pahl and myself. After review it was determined that these changes did not affect the Department of Michigan Bylaws and no changes were needed. There are two sections of the Department of Michigan Bylaws that are outdated or currently not being adhered to. Those are Article IX, Section 5 dealing with the Legislative Committee and Section 11 dealing with the Ceremonies and Rituals Committee.

Legislative Committee:

Article IX, Section 5 states:

The Legislative Committee shall keep itself informed of all legislation which may be introduced in the Michigan Legislature, of such a nature as to affect the interest of this Order and/or the other Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, or the patriotic interest of the people, and may recommend to the Camps, subject to the approval of the Department Commander, any action that the committee deems advisable or expedient. The Legislative Committee shall consist of the Department: Commander, Secretary and three other Brothers of the Department, appointed by the Commander.

Recommendation (Legislative Committee):

Since Section 5 of the Department of Michigan Bylaws is not currently in practice, it is recommended that a special committee be formed to examine Article IX, Section 5 (**Legislative Committee**) to determine if the Department of Michigan wishes to continue this committee and activity. The findings would be reported to the next Department Encampment and also to the Department Bylaws Committee for development of possible language changes in the Bylaws.

Ceremonies & Ritual Committee

Article IX, Section 11 states:

The Ceremonies and Rituals Committee shall assist Camps with appropriate use of the Ritual in performing ceremonies at Camp functions. It shall help Camps to organize Camp Guards and provide training for these groups in effective presentations and programs. It shall develop "Degree Teams" to handle ceremonies and other duties at Department level functions. It shall provide guidance and assistance in regard to dress and appearance of Brothers participating in ceremonial functions. The Rituals and Ceremonies Officer shall chair the Committee.

Recommendation #1 (Degree Teams):

Since the use of "Degree Teams" is not being currently utilized/practiced, it is recommended that a special committee be formed to examine Article IX, Section 11 (Ceremonies & Rituals Committee) to determine if the Department of Michigan wants to retain the current wording as it pertains to "Degree Teams" in the Department Bylaws. The findings would be reported at the next Department Encampment and also to the Department Bylaws Committee for development of possible language changes in the Bylaws.

Recommendation #2 (Standardized Training):

In addition, it has been brought to the Department Commander and my attention that during SUVCW public ceremonies, inconsistencies in military etiquette and procedures have been occurring on a regular basis. Consistent with the intent of Article IX, Section 11, it is recommended that a special committee be formed to examine and standardize training practices on how members of the Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War conduct themselves during public ceremonies (e.g., proper types of salutes, proper flag etiquette, posting etc.) in Printed or DVD format.

**National Organization - Organized 1881
Legal Heir to and Representing the Grand Army of the Republic
A Congressionally-Chartered Corporation, 1954
Michigan Department Organized 1884**



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department of Michigan
Department Junior Vice Commander

May 10, 2011

To: Department Commander Shaw and the Encampment
Re: The report of the Department Junior Vice Commander

Commander,

First of all please accept my regrets at being unable to attend this year's encampment, but as my daughter is getting married today I, of course will be there.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Department Junior Vice Commander. During the past year I have received 6 applications for new Brothers (and one pending) from National and have directed them on to camps within the Department, following up on them when necessary. This has given me great pleasure.

As DJVC I have attended the Department Encampment, and the Veterans Day Parade in Detroit.

At DC Shaw's request I emailed a survey to the camp junior vice commanders on their views regarding a brochure for the department. I thank those officers who took the time to reply. At the commander's request DSVC Arnold and I have looked into a brochure. After some discussion we decide to present the one used by Gen. Richardson Camp 2, as an example of what we have in mind. This is based on the brochure that was developed by PDC Butgereit. This is not presented as final version, but as a starting point for discussion. It is attached to this report.

Respectfully Submitted In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN**

Paul Davis, Department Secretary

Report of The Department Secretary, May 21, 2011

As we near the completion of my term of office as the Department Secretary, it is my pleasure to report that during our tenure, we have worked diligently to ensure timely and accurate reporting for all Department reports and records and provided aid and assistance to Camp Commanders and Secretaries to ensure their compliance in the reporting process.

The Department has greatly improved the level of participation with the use of the electronic forms reporting required by the National Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War as well as mandated by our Department Commander Don Shaw.

In addition to the usual and common performance of duties of the office of Secretary we have also worked at length with Brother David Demmy, National Executive Officer, to correct and update Department records maintained by the National Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War.

We have had the opportunity to communicate and work with many of the Department Officers as well as several of The Camps, their Commanders and Secretaries. To this end we have served as a repository and focal point for the generation and distribution of General Orders from both the Department as well as 17 General Orders from the National Commander in Chief. We have created and distributed to the Department Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander and Patriotic Instructor contact data forms to assist them in the performance of there duties.

We have worked to improve the amount of data flow required for the efficient operation and communications for the Department while at the same time reducing redundancy and repetitive tasks and handling of hard copy data. By using the Internet as a communications tool, we have greatly improved the efficiency and timeliness of our communication and as a result significantly lowered the postage costs of hard copy mailing.

Further, at the suggestion of this Secretary and with the approval and mandate of Department Commander Shaw, we have developed a program for Camp Secretaries to assist them in their duties and responsibilities for managing and meeting deadlines and accuracy in using and filing the various reports required of the Camps. This program includes concise instructions, a list of deadline dates, parties to whom forms and documents should be sent along with a set of approved electronic files which includes Forms 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 22, 27a, and 30. This program will be announced and implemented at the 2011 Department Encampment in May.

It has been our pleasure to serve the Department Commander and Officers and the many Brothers of the various Camps of the Department of Michigan. We have also had the opportunity to visit some of the Camps, participate in their meetings and in some of their activities.

I thank the Brothers of the Department of Michigan for your trust in selecting me to serve in this office and also for your cooperation and assistance and respectfully submit this report.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Paul Davis
Secretary
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War

CC: Department Commander

Recommendations from The Office of The Department Secretary

In order to provide a timely, accurate, and efficient process for record keeping, the Department Secretary offers the following suggestions for consideration:

1. All Camps should designate at least one person with an Email account who can receive and send electronic communication.
2. Hand written Forms are no longer acceptable. If a Camp requires assistance to meet this requirement, please contact the Department Secretary for assistance allowing adequate time for transit via non-electronic transfer.
3. Read carefully and completely follow the instructions provided in filing Forms and other document. Missing documents and pages such a duplicate copies, missing Rosters and lack of signatures continue to be a problem which will required additional attention and improvement. Also ensure fees are properly calculated when making payments.
4. In addition to providing the necessary signed hard copies of Forms and documents, please also provide electronic versions. Access to electronic documents will greatly improve our efficiency and reduce costs.

Preferred file type are Microsoft Word .doc files, Microsoft Excel .xls files, and pdf documents. Please avoid .docx file extensions.

5. Ensure proper and adequate postage is provided when sending documents to the Department.
6. Propose the Department explore and consider making an investment in a digital recording system for use in capturing the proceedings of the Department Encampments. There are many systems and an approximate cost would be in the \$350 to \$500 range.
7. As was requested during the 2010 Encampment, the Office of The Department Secretary recorded expenditures for the past year. These expenditures included postage, mailing supplies, copying expenses and toner cartridge.

Expenditures amounted to \$173.93

The Secretary does not expect nor request reimbursement. The number is presented only as a point of reference.

Recommendations From The Department Secretary

In order to provide a timely, accurate, and efficient process for record keeping, the Department Secretary offers the following suggestions for evaluation:

1. All Camps should designate at least one person with an Email account who can receive and send electronic communication.
2. All Forms must be completed electronically utilizing the appropriate fill-in forms supplied from the Department Secretary or downloaded from the National SUVCW website. Hand written forms are not acceptable.

When filing Camp Forms, include an electronic copy sent to the Camp Secretary in addition to any hard copies.

If a Camp requires assistance to meet this requirement, please contact the Department Secretary allowing adequate time for transit via non-electronic transfer.

3. Form 22 Certification of Election of Officers should have a current roster included when it is submitted. The roster should be provided in both hard copy and in an electronic document as either a Microsoft Word .doc file (preferred) or a Microsoft Excel .xls file (acceptable).

4. Form 22a must be submitted in duplicate. Ensure sufficient postage is provided. Two copies of Form 22 with roster will cost approximately 62 cents in a number 10 size envelope based upon rates as of January, 2011.

Two copies with roster mailed in a 9 x 12 envelope will cost approximately between \$1.05 and \$1.22. Please check with Postmaster for correct postage.

5. Form 27a must be submitted in duplicate along with the current Roster and per capita payment. The roster should be provided in both hard copy and in an electronic document as either a Microsoft Word .doc file (preferred) or a Microsoft Excel .xls file (acceptable).

6. Applications: Form 3

Used for new members, associate members and junior members. Submit in duplicate to Department Secretary *along with proof of lineage* for regular members and payment.

7. Postage and Rates:

Ensure adequate postage is provided. Please check with Postmaster for correct amount. The postage will vary widely depending on package weight and size.



DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

May 21, 2011

Report of the Department Treasurer

Commander Shaw, Officers and Men of the Department of Michigan

The Department of Michigan has concluded the financial business of the 2010 Membership Year and our finances continue to be positive. We posted revenues and expenditures during 2010 of 6,052.49 and \$1,958.91 respectively to the General Fund. This resulted in an excess of revenues of \$4,093.58 for the year. Total funds available amounted to \$10,392.49 as of December 31, 2010. Of that total, \$757.50 is the Sesquicentennial restricted account, \$419.00 is restricted Rally Round the Flag funds and \$406.41 is the Greenville Monument restricted account. A total of \$8,809.58 represents unassigned cash that may be disposed of by this Encampment.

Additionally, the Department of Michigan Permanent Fund reflects a total of \$29,395.60, which consists of a permanently restricted balance of \$29,372.95 and a temporarily restricted income accumulation of \$29.90.

I wish to report:

1. The Department Administrative Council authorized transfers of the certificate of deposit balances totaled \$21,625.81, and \$7,000 from checking to the Permanent Fund during 2010 in addition to the \$747.14 Alger Medal of Honor Fund that was authorized by resolution of the 121st Departmental Encampment.
2. The Sesquicentennial fund balance remains at \$757.50.
3. Restricted funds that have been held in order to replace flags of Michigan's men at Gettysburg are unchanged and continue to total \$415.
4. The Greenville Monument funds have not been released and remain at \$406.41.
5. As a result of action taken at the 2010 Departmental Encampment the fiscal year of the Department has been changed to the membership year ending on December 31 resulting in a 9-month accounting period for the period ending December 31, 2010.

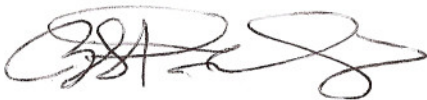
Organized 1881 – Legal Heir to and Representing the Grand Army of the Republic.

I offer these recommendations for consideration by the Encampment for the coming year:

1. That the income generated by the Permanent Fund in 2010 be retained as part of the permanently restricted balance of the fund.
2. That an additional \$5,000 be transferred from the General Fund to the Permanent Fund.

I appreciate the trust placed in me by the Department in electing me to this last term as Treasurer. I have submitted my name for consideration by the Encampment as Department Treasurer in the coming year. It has been an honor to serve the Department, and am proud to be able to offer my professional skills in this position.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. S. A. Gosling', written in a cursive style.

Bruce S. A. Gosling, Treasurer
Department of Michigan, SUVCW

Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Financial Report-General Fund
Nine Month Period Ending December 31, 2010

Balance Sheet

Assets

Cash in bank	10,392.49
Total Assets	<u>10,392.49</u>

Liabilities

Camp at Large Per Capita	0.00
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Fund Equity

Unrestricted Balance	8,809.58
Restricted Balances	
Rally Round the Flag	419.00
Sesquicentennial	757.50
Greenville	406.41
Total Fund Equity	<u>10,392.49</u>

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>10,392.49</u>
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Statement of Revenues and Expenses

For the Period Ended
December 31, 2010

Revenues

Per-capita	3,980.50
Departmental Sales	1,534.00
Dept. Encampment Registration	490.00
Dept. Encampment Meals	0.00
Donations	25.00
Interest Income	22.99
Total Revenues	<u>6,052.49</u>

Expenses

Cost of Goods Sold	377.50
Postage	38.81
GAR Records	21.00
Department Encampment Costs	508.77
Insurance	90.00
Supplies	14.77
Department Records Project	429.29
Website Costs	60.00
Officer & Committee Expenses per Guidelines	343.77
Donations (Fort Wayne)	75.00
Total Expenses	<u>1,958.91</u>

Net Revenue (Expense)	<u>4,093.58</u>
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**Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Financial Report-Permanent Fund
Nine Month Period Ending December 31, 2010**

Balance Sheet

Assets

Savings Account	29,395.60
Total Assets	<u>29,395.60</u>

Fund Equity

Restricted Balance	29,372.95
Temporarily Restricted Balance	22.65
Total Fund Equity	<u>29,395.60</u>

Statement of Revenues and Expenses

For the Period Ended
December 31, 2010

Revenues

Transfers from General Fund	29,372.95
Interest Income	22.65
Total Revenues	<u>29,395.60</u>

Expenses

Total Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Net Revenue (Expense)	<u>29,395.60</u>

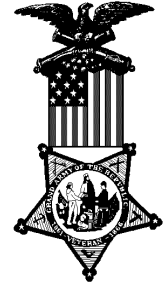
**Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Budget-Approved by Dept. Council January 14, 2011
Year ending December 31, 2011**

	Actual* December 31, 2010	Proposed Budget
Revenues		
Per-capita	3,980.50	4,000.00
Departmental Sales	1,534.00	2,000.00
Dept. Encampment Registration	490.00	500.00
Dept. Encampment Meals	0.00	0.00
Donations	25.00	50.00
Interest Income	22.99	0.00
Total Revenues	6,052.49	6,550.00
Expenses		
Cost of Goods Sold	377.50	1,800.00
Postage	38.81	70.00
GAR Records	21.00	500.00
Department Archives Project	429.29	500.00
Sesquicentennial Committee	0.00	300.00
Department Encampment Costs	508.77	500.00
Insurance	90.00	90.00
Supplies	14.77	50.00
Website Costs	60.00	0.00
Donations	75.00	0.00
Officer & Committee Expenses (Per guidelines)	343.77	2,200.00
PC Badge	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	1,958.91	6,010.00
Net Revenue (Expense)	4,093.58	540.00

*2010 is a nine month year resulting from the change of accounting period adopted at the 2010 Department Encampment.



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN



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REPORT of the DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN
May 24, 2011

Commander Shaw:

Listed below are all of the death dates and names of departed brothers, as they were reported to the Department Chaplain since our last Department Encampment, April 24, 2010:

2010:

- 2/2 Irving M. Hackman, Frederick H. Hackeman Camp No. 85, Bridgman.
3/17 Bernard J. Stanaway, Sr., Albert & James Lyon Camp No. 266, Marquette.
5/25 William E. Lakey, Robert Finch Camp No. 14, Traverse City.
5/28 PCC Richard F. Lee, Gilluly-Kingsley Camp No. 120, Howell. [Hon. PDC.]
8/2 John G. Hansen, Gen. Benj. Pritchard Camp No. 20, Kalamazoo.

2011:

- 1/15 Percy Ira Wilson, Jr., Nash-Hodges Camp No. 20, Blissfield.
1/21 Carl Becker, D.O., General Israel B. Richardson Camp # 2, Oakland Co.
2/12 Ivan L. Rockwell, Robert Finch Camp No. 14, Traverse City.
3/27 Richard F. Haver, LeValley-Husted Camp No. 255, Mayville.
4/28 Weldon Petz, PhD, Sgt. John S. Cosby Camp No. 247, Dearborn.

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

- Department Encampment April 24, 2010;
- Annual Civil War Muster in Jackson August 29, 2010;
- Attended Brother Richard Lee's Memorial Service;
- Presented an Eagle Scout Certificate in Marlette, MI, on Sept. 17, 2010;
- Participated in Veterans' Day Parade in Detroit on Nov. 6, 2010;
- Attended Sesquicentennial Planning Meeting in Lansing, Nov. 13, 2010;
- Attended Camp No. 7 ASUVCW Christmas Dinner on Dec. 19, 2010;
- Attended Michigan Sesquicentennial Kick-off in Lansing on Apr. 16.

I submitted appropriate reports of the deaths of Michigan brothers to Department and National officers, as required.

I took advantage of the foresight of the 2010 Department Encampment and used my budget to obtain a supply of condolence cards and stamps that, at the rate of the current deaths of brothers, should last for a couple of years. Although I did not use the entire amount in that budget, I will recommend the

continuance thereof in the event I need more of the same or an equally appropriate use for it. I have annotated in the package of the above-mentioned cards and stamps to whom they belong and should go in the event that they are required to be sent/given to my successor, due to my incapacity or inability to do so myself, whoever and whenever that might occur.

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 in order to perpetuate its ideals and promote its agendae.

RECOMMENDATION: I recommend that the 2011 encampment continue the same "Chaplain's Budget" in the event some unforeseen need arises in the coming fiscal year to which it may be applied.

Respectively submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

William B. M^cAfee

"Serve the Lord with gladness."

NECROLOGY REPORT - 2011

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Michigan
April 24, 2011

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Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

William B. Mc Afee, PCC, Chaplain
The Department of Michigan SUVCW



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



**Report of the Signals Officer and
Communications and Technology Committee
122nd Encampment, May 21st, 2011**

Brothers,

I have to honor to submit the following report for the 2010-2011 year:

Due to extensive personal commitments, during the past two years, the Department website has mostly been in “maintenance mode.” No major features or content has been added to calendars, Camp pages, etc.

The web hosting account currently costs \$6.95 a month, payable it two year increments, which works out to \$166.80 every two years. Our current account will need payment again in August of 2011. In addition, the yearly cost of the domain name (www.suvcwmi.org), which will also expire in June 2011, is currently \$35 year, with discounts for ordering multiple years. It is my sincere hope that we will continue to fund the website in a way that will bring honor and praise to our Department.

Several Camps have taken advantage of the opportunity to host their own websites on the Department server. These include:

- Gov. Henry Crapo Camp No. 145 (<http://www.govcrapocamp145.org>)
- Colegrove-Woodruff Camp No. 22 (<http://camp22.suvcwmi.org>)
- LeValley-Heusted Camp No. 255 (<http://camp255.suvcwmi.org>)

I would like to reiterate that there is plenty of space available for those Camps who wish to maintain their own Camp web presence. There is no charge for this and each camp would receive a login account and a URL to their website formatted similar to <http://camp255.suvcwmi.org>.

Repeating what has been said in previous years, for those camps who do not maintain their own websites, with a few exceptions, the lack of current information submitted by individual camps continues to be a problem. **VERY FEW CAMPS** in this Department have taken it upon themselves to submit updated information. To reiterate what has been said in the past, our website is the online, public face of our Camps and Department, we need to make sure that the information presented is as current and accurate as possible. The internet age has been upon us for a number of years. More and more people used the internet to obtain information. We cannot grow as an organization if the public cannot contact us, or we do not present a reputable image.

Fortunately, with the assistance of Commander Shaw, this information should now be up to date, for the first time in many years, for the all of the Camps within the Department.

Plans for a redesigned and restructured website are still in the works, but remain some time off. Complexity and time constraints have prevented their implementation. I have started some informal

consultations with a graduate student web designer at the University of Michigan's School of Information who is providing design assistance which will hopefully speed up the process.

Several times it has been suggested that the Department establish a presence on Facebook or Twitter. While not specifically opposed to this idea, in order to truly be successful, regular updates need to be posted to both services. I do not like to sound like a broken record, but, unfortunately, time constraints have prevented this implementation.

Considering these issues, it might be worthwhile exploring additional assistance such as an assistant webmaster, or other position. It should be noted that according to the National organization, the first function of the Department Senior Vice Commander is "Promoting Department activities in the media." Social networks such as Facebook and Twitter are often described as "new media" and the purpose for such a program would be for promoting our activities. It is my opinion that consideration should be given to adding these responsibilities to the Department's Senior Vice Commander with the Signals Officer and Communications and Technology Committee assisting as necessary.

Item #9 of the Department's operating guidelines current states that:

Officers and Committees, who maintain Department records (databases, spreadsheets, word processing documents, etc.) in an electronic format on their computers shall provide the Department Signals Officer with an electronic copy of those records 30 days prior to the annual Department Encampment. The Department Signals Officer will post (via FTP) the submitted electronic records in compressed format to the Michigan Department allocated server space on the National SUVCW Server

There are several issues with this entry:

- Since taking the position of Signals Officer in 2005, not a single electronic record has been forwarded to me. This is simply a statement of fact – not of blame. I am mostly at fault having to remind Department officers to forward these records.
- Though they are electronic, the collection of inactive Department records is the responsibility of the Department Historian.
- The wording of the entry specifies the National SUVCW Server which we no longer use for our hosting.
- The terms of use for our current webhosting provider, and for that matter most webhosting providers, specifically prohibit the use of their servers for archiving and storing documents and records.

Closely related to this problem, is the issue of the location of the most current versions of various electronic records from committees and officers. Due to the passing of officers, or simply not transferring the records to the incoming officer, we have run into situations where the location of these files is unknown. For example, who currently maintains the official electronic copy of our Department ByLaws?

In order to remedy this situation, it is recommended that the Department investigate a multi-user cloud based storage account that would allow Officers and Committees to upload and synchronize files at any time. Such an account would allow access and backup of important records. Such a multi-user account is expected to cost between \$150-\$250 per year.

Additionally, it is recommended that Item #9 of the Department's operating guidelines be modified to read:

Officers and Committees, who maintain Department records (databases, spreadsheets, word processing documents, etc.) in an electronic format on their computers, shall maintain copies of these records on server space provided by the Department. If not feasible, then Officers and Committees shall provide the Department Signals Officer with an electronic copy of those records 30 days prior to the annual Department Encampment.

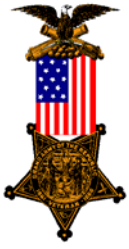
Summary of Recommendations

1. Continued funding of the Department server and domain name.
2. Adding an additional Brother to the Communications and Technology Committee who can serve as an assistant / backup webmaster. This person **MUST** have significant knowledge of the following web technologies: HTML, CSS, Javascript, PHP, and MySQL.
3. Consider adding to the responsibilities of the Department Senior Vice Commander the promotion of the Department through social networks such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc.
4. Investigate a cloud storage solution for backing up and sharing electronic records.
5. Modify Item #9 of the Department's operating guidelines to read as specified above.

Respectfully submitted,
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



Matthew L. Adair
Department of Michigan
Signals Officer



**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN**



Office of the Editor – *Michigan's Messenger*

To Department Commander Donald Shaw and the Attendees of the 122nd Department of Michigan Annual Encampment,

Greetings.

This will serve as the final report for the year 2010-2011 of the activities of the Editor of Michigan's Messenger the official newsletter of the Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Currently, Michigan's Messenger is sent electronically to all Camps within the Department. A continual problem is that current e-mail addresses are not always on file with the Department Secretary or with this Editor. Each Camp contact should then e-mails copies of the newsletter to their Camp, or arrange for copies to be made available to those who do not have e-mail. In addition, Michigan's Messenger is sent to all Department Officers and to the Commander-in-Chief.

However, the Editor continually receives communications from Brothers who do not receive Michigan's Messenger in any format, therefore depriving them of the opportunity of participating in Department Events.

I would recommend that the position of Communications Officer, or Signals Officer for each Camp be reviewed, and if the position is not filled with a Brother who has a good e-mail address, the Camp be found in violation of their charter. In addition, that each brother be given an opportunity to read each issue of Michigan's Messenger as soon as it is issued.

Each of the quarterly editions were completed and released on time.

As Officers and Camps continue to submit articles that they want to share with the Department, and Camps continue to supply me with current e-mail addresses, Michigan's Messenger will continue to be the nationally recognized publication that it is today, and will be provided to the Membership at no cost.

Under the Department Commander's leadership, Michigan's Messenger continues to flourish, and remains a publication second to none in the National Organization.

I remain your faithful servant in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

ls\

Richard E. Danes, CC
Editor Michigan's Messenger
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVILWAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN**



Office of the Graves Registration Officer

To Department Commander Donald Shaw and the Attendees of the 122nd Department of Michigan Annual Encampment,

Greetings.

This will serve as the final report for the year 2010-2011 of the activities of the Department Graves Registration Committee.

The achievements of the Committee, although significant, did not meet the stated goals of the 2009 – 2010 Committee Report - we were able to recover all graves related records from all camps, and although we encouraged all camps to appoint an active Graves Registration Officer (CGRO), some camps still fail to do so.

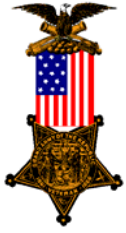
The Committee met quarterly realizing our 46th consecutive meeting in March of this year, as we achieved an average attendance of 50% of the camps at each meeting. These meetings created meaningful dialog that is useful to CGROs and allows them a forum to express ideas, concerns, and to spend time teaming about the resources available to them. We use a handbook developed by the committee that standardizes abbreviations, sources, and report content. Each CGRO that attends a quarterly meeting receives an updated copy of the department database which is used in their research and in sharing information with the public. Every quarter the updated information is put on-line by our Department Signals Officer.

Under the Department Commander's leadership, the Department of Michigan Graves Registration Program continues to flourish, and remains a program second to none in the National Organization.

I remain your faithful servant in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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*Richard E. Danes, CC
Graves Registration Officer
Department of Michigan, and Member
National Graves Registration Committee
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*



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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN**

Office of the Eagle Scout Commendation Program Officer



To Department Commander Donald Shaw and the Attendees of the 122nd Department of Michigan Annual Encampment,

Greetings.

This will serve as the final report for the year 2010-2011 of the activities of the Department Eagle Scout Commendation Program Officer.

This year 48 certificates and letters were sent to requesting Scouts, including Scouts in California, Arizona, and New Hampshire. However, this is not the total amount of certificates sent or awarded, as several Camps initiate their own awards system, and do not report their actions to the Department Officer. This not only creates a false report for the Department, but a false report to the National Officer.

Because there was no instruction or direction when I assumed this office, I have begun a suggested list of Responsibilities and will work on a procedural document that can be used by future Officers to aid them in their task.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

I remain your faithful servant in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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*Jerry Andrew Olson,
Department Eagle Scout Commendation Program Officer
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

May 4th, 20011

DEPARTMENT of MICHIGAN
SONS of UNION VETERANS
of the CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN'S
2010-2011 ANNUAL REPORT

Brothers:

This past year has been an average one for the Department of Michigan office of the Historian.

I have received items from Bro. Neil Breough, a compact disc concerning information on the Robert Finch Camp 14.

As stated in the Michigan Messenger that all brothers can send items to me relating to their Department Office or items from their Camps and I will add them to our archives of our Department.

I have received very few items, the most from last years outgoing Department of Secretary

I have not used any of the monies allotted to Historian from this past years department budget.

As of this date this is what I have concerning the years 2010-2011 for Office of the Department of Michigan Historian!

It has been an honor to be the Department of Michigan Historian for past few years, and convey my best wishes to the next brother to take this office as I have decided to step down, thanks to all for your support!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty:

John R. Keith PCC

Senior Vice Commander
Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20
Department of Michigan Historian
Department of Michigan SUVCW

Combined Report of the GAR Records Officer and Committee
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
21 May 2011

Commander Shaw, Officers and Brothers:

It is my great pleasure to report to you the activities of this office and committee. The past year has been a very busy and a very successful one. Various records of 22 Posts of the Department of Michigan, GAR, have been located. A complete list is attached. This success is due in large part due to the diligence and hard work by bro. Matt Adair. Matt has made it a point to search for records in any library or historical society he has visited. He has obtained either copies or photographs of many of the records, and in the process, established good, working relationships on behalf of the Committee and the Department.

Other Brothers and Sisters have also contributed to the success of this committee. Bro. Charles Harthy has located and copied the descriptive book from VanRaalte Post No. 262 of Holland. Commander Ray Lake of Camp 58 has located records of Grisson Post No. 156 of St. Johns, including the Memorial Book. Bro. Dale Aurand of Camp 14 sent copies of the Descriptive Book from the McPherson Post No. 18 of Traverse City. Sister Marcia Simmons, of the Daughters of Union Veterans forwarded copies of records from Post 106. Mike Van Wasshnova, Secretary of Carpenter/Welch Camp 180, has been in contact with this office pertaining to the records of Joseph R. Smith Post 76.

There have been a few instances where this office has been contacted through the Department website by the general public. A gentleman in the Upper Peninsula contacted me to say that he had the records of the Michael Shay Post No. 142. Included in the boxes of records are the Post flag and many photographs. I am keeping in close contact with this person. This office has also been contacted many times by persons seeking information on an ancestor. I am very happy to report that I have been able to supply information that was being sought, thus making the SUVCW the "go to" place for information.

It is also my great pleasure to announce to the Brothers that the original records of the Department of Michigan, beginning in 1883, have been located and photographed. The original records reside in the Burton Historical Collections in the Detroit Public Library, in the Fredrick J. McMurtrie Collection. Fred was Department Commander in 1894, and served as the historian until his death sometime in the 1930's. Included are the Register of Charter Members, beginning with Camp No. 1 in 1883; rosters of Department and National Officers for each year; Encampment Minutes from 1923 to 1930, register and records of members, which includes their father's names and service records., and files of correspondence. Along with the Department records are the records of State Camp No. 1, which was located in Detroit and chartered in the 1920's.

During the year, a request was made through the Michigan's Messenger for Brothers to contact this office with copies of photos of past and present GAR Halls within the state of Michigan. No response was received by this office.

Over all, this continues to be a very active and valuable committee. I know that our late brother Jim Lyons, who started this project, would be very happy to know that we are continuing to be highly effective and successful.

I have one recommendation. That the funding for expenses for the committee be continued at the current level.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Gary L. Gibson, PDC
GAR Records Officer

For the Committee:

J. Douglas Park, PDC
Paul D. Hodges, PDC
Rick Greene, PDC
Charles O. Harthy
Matthew Adair

Records found during 2010 – 2011

At the Burton Historical Collection:

State Camp #1, SUVCW Records:

- Cash Book, 1911-1935
- Cash Book, v.2 (did not have opportunity to copy)
- Minutes book, 1913
- Roll of Member, 1916-1933 (v2)
- Roll of Members, 1916-1935 (v1)
- 2 Misc. Folders of correspondence, clippings, etc
- Folder labeled "certifications of elections" but also with correspondence, clippings, etc

Michigan Division (Department) Records:

- Register of Charter Members, 1883-1898, 1903-1910: ledger listing each camp in order of admittance and the charter members of that camp
- Register & Record of Members, 1905-1901: ledger listing members of camps since being chartered, includes fathers CW service info
- Roster of Officers: roster lists National, Departmental, and Camp officers starting 1881 through about 1940
- Encampment minutes and reports from 1923-1930
- Folder with misc Banner correspondence and 4 issues of Banner from 1940s
- Certification of Dept. Elections forms: 1922-1932
- Lots of correspondence - 1925-1933

Huron County Post #28, Bad Axe

- Minute Book, 1918-1930 - located in the Charles D. Thompson Papers (did not actually verify this one)

Maj. Weber Post #206, Bellaire

- Record book (minutes) 1898-1924: contains many obituaries and some lists of burials

Walter Clifford Post #235, Boyne City

- Accounts ledger: 1892-1925

Fairbanks Post #17, Detroit

- "Adjutants Record" book (minutes), Vol 1: 1886-1887
- Record Book (minutes), Vol 2: 1891-1894

Detroit Post #384, Detroit

- Minutes book, v1: 1887-1894
- Minutes book, v2: 1895-1901
- Minutes book, v3: 1901-1905
- Minutes book, v4: 1906-1915
- Minutes book, v5: 1915-1928 (lots of clippings and memorial items in all books)
- Roster of members - also includes typescript bylaws (just a few pages filled - Detroit Post limited its membership to 150 at any one time)
- Visitors log - 2 pages of materials, original label says "property"
- Cash book: 1914-1925 - includes some bank statements
- Associate society minutes book: 1907-1911
- Receipt book: 1914-1929
- Record of dues: 1906-1926 (v. 2 "Auxiliary members")
- Record of dues: July 1899-Jan 1926, v. 1
- Ledger: "List of volunteers furnished by the County of Wayne in the State of Michigan During the Year 1863 and the latter half of 1862" This is an original!
- Post descriptive book
- Two stacks of 5x7 "descriptive / memorial cards," similar to the information found in Memorial books
- One box of financial records consisting of bank records and vouchers

Other records located:

Records Books of Grant Post No. 67 (Location to be determined)

(To be determined)

Grisson Post No. 156 (Clinton County Historical Society Archives)

Memorial Book

Carpenter Post No. 180 (Ypsilanti Historical Society)

1 Memorial Book

1 Folder Misc. Records

Carpenter Post No. 180 (Bentley Historical Library)

1 Minutes Book

1 Dues & Financial book

2 WRC Dues & Financial books

DeGolyer Post No. 110 (Historical Museum in Hudson, MI)

Michael Shay Post No. 142 in private hands

Minute Books, Record Books, Post Flag, Photos

Acker Post No. 220 (State of Michigan Archives)

(To be determined)

Welch Post Post 137: (At the Bentley Historical Library (all copied)

3 Book of Minutes

2 books of dues & financial

1 memorial book

1 folder of various records (dept orders, transfers, etc)

Welch Post No. 137 (at the Washtenaw Co. Historical Society)
 Post Charter
 Post Flag (not verified)

Woodbury Post 45: (At the Bentley Historical Library),
 Record Book – dues paid and obituary notices 1915-1943

W.F. Carpenter Post No. 41 (Washtenaw Historical Society)
 Post Bible
 Post Banner

Van Raalte Post No. 262 (Historical Museum in Holland) (Copies in the files of the committee)
 Post Descriptive Book

Stevens Post No. 66 (Copies in the files of the committee)
 Typed Copy of Membership Roster

Walter Clifford Post No. 235 (Copies in the files of the committee)
 Typed Copy of Membership Roster

John Robinson Post No. 246 (Copies in the files of the committee)
 Typed Copy of Membership Roster

Baxter Post No. 119 (Copies in the files of committee)
 Typed Copy of Membership Roster

Miles Norton Post No. 401 (Copies in the files of the committee)
 Typed Copy of Membership Roster

Wyrom Hoyt Post No. 106 (Copies in the files of the committee)
 Various Muster Rolls
 Quarterly Reports

Joseph R. Smith Post No. 76 (Located at the Monroe County Historical Museum)
 11 Archival Boxes of Records. Quite possibly complete records. To be determined.



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



**Report of the Archives Committee
122nd Encampment, May 21st, 2011**

Brothers,

I have to honor to submit the following report concerning the activities of the Archives Committee for the 2010-2011 year:

At the 2009 Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, SUVCW, the issue of some Department Records residing at the GAR Museum in Marshall, Michigan was raised. As presented to the Encampment, the museum was to undergo renovations and there was question whether the records would be safe and indeed wanted. As a result, the Brothers present directed that the "Department Commander and Council establish a permanent location immediately for the Department archives that has, as a minimum, temperature control." (Quoted from the 2009 Proceedings) To deal with is situation, Commander Worley appointed the committee to investigate and come back with a recommendation as how to proceed.

It became readily apparent that the "Department Archives" consists of much more than those records contained at the Marshall GAR Museum. Out of current necessity, the records of our Department are distributed among many officers of the Department. These records constitute not only our current operational records, but those which could be considered our Archives.

For an organization that has existed as long as ours, the fact that so much of our history is missing is disturbing. The recommendations of this committee bear this in mind and are intended to enable the long term preservation of our records for own reference and future researchers. This is an issue that cannot be overlooked – while we try to maintain the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, we must save our own history to document for future generations of the how, why, and what we have done. Another way to think of this is that if we cannot maintain our own history, how can we be expected to maintain that of the GAR.

In order to make an informed decision regarding the disposition of the Department's records, it was necessary to determine their extent and condition. Bearing this mind, Commander Shaw transferred the current archives in his possession to my residence. Over several months, using the standard archival principals of appraisal, arrangement, and description, the records were examine page by page, separating out duplicate materials and those of little historical or informational value. During the process, the records were organized according to their functions and structure within our organization.

In order to provide for longer term preservation of the records, the Dept. Council approved the purchase of archival appropriate supplies to re-house the records. These included acid free /

low lignin folders, oversize boxes, and polypropylene photo sleeves. Most items were removed from their binders, folders, envelopes, etc. and placed in these new enclosures.

During the processing of the collection, a number of preservation issues were noted, particularly among the original GAR records recovered by the GAR records committee. Most of the records books from Post #32 exhibited signs of inactive mold and moderate to heavy soiling on the covers. The charters from both posts are quite fragile and printed on very acidic paper. These were examined by the conservation staff at the Bentley Historical Library and de-acidified at no cost. Other treatments included the repair of torn membership applications from Post 42 using an acid free, non-yellowing repair tape. Also discovered were a number of encampment programs and proceedings pasted in a scrapbook from the Niles Circle #45, LGAR. It was felt these would be of more significant value among the other encampment proceedings. A poultice of methylcellulose was used to remove the adhesive and highly acidic scrapbook paper from proceedings. Finally, at the time of this writing, work is commencing on the Descriptive Book from George Martin Post #227 of East Jordan. The book was discovered on eBay a few years ago and the seller convinced to donate it to the Department. It is in very poor shape exhibiting evidence of rodent damage, many torn, creased, cockled, and folded pages, and the binding has fallen apart.

A preliminary collection inventory / finding aid has been created using the open source software Archivists Toolkit. This inventory reveals areas in which our collection is strong, and areas which could use improvement. Particularly strong is the time period from 1986-1996, especially with regard to Departmental correspondence, early records of the Graves Registration, GAR Records, and Monuments and Memorials committee. Except for the years 2005-2007, departmental and camp reports are "hit and miss." Notably missing are records of recent Department Commanders and officers.

As directed by the Department Encampment, the initial task of the committee was to find a "permanent location" for the Department's archives. The choice of location must take a number of factors into account, including:

- Security
- Cleanliness, including environmental pollutants and pest control
- Fire and water protection
- Consistent temperature of no more than 65°F.
- Relative Humidity of 35-45%
- Temperature and humidity should not vary seasonally more than 5 percent per month and a ± 5 percent daily fluctuation.

The importance of temperature and relative humidity cannot be understated. It is estimated that for every 10°F increase in temperature, the useful life of paper materials is cut in half. Conversely, for every 10°F decrease, useful life of paper materials is doubled.¹

The initial thought was to approach an institutional archive such as the Archives of Michigan or the Bentley Historical Library. Facilities such as these provide a number of advantages, such as :

- Long term preservation in a properly climate controlled facility
- Full time staff to assist with access to records
- Controlled access enhances security

There are disadvantages with this approach, though. When materials are donated to an institution, the deed of gift generally transfers both ownership and copyright to the institution. It may be possible to negotiate these terms, but an institution is just a free to reject them as if they do not feel it in their best interests. Think of it this way: their purpose is not to provide free, climate controlled storage for our “stuff.” Additionally, if our records were to be donated to an institution, further processing would be performed. It is possible that they would not want portions of our collection. This would leave us having the collection separated in at least two different places and still trying to find storage.

Another option that was investigated was a climate controlled storage locker. These typically ran between \$65 and \$150 per month. Climate control in a storage locker, however, means something totally different from climate control in an archive. Realistically, the environment in such a facility is no better than the typical home, and may even be worse. Additionally, there is a recurring, not insignificant, monthly cost. Therefore this option is not recommended.

Currently, there is another committee investigating the possibility of space for a Department Headquarters. If space is located, and the conditions are appropriate, then placing the archives at the headquarters should be considered. Again, environmental conditions must be taken into account.

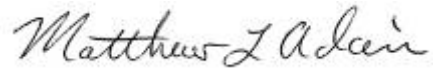
Recommendations

1. Considering the current investigation into a Department Headquarters, and the necessity of trying to fill in missing portions of the collection, it is recommended that the archives remain in place for the time being.
2. That members who have served as Department officers be directed to forward to the Department Historian originals (or copies) of significant records of their time in office for inclusion in the archives. This includes correspondence (either printed or electronic), word processing files, spreadsheets, databases, etc. These records should be of the kind that show the important actions of the office held and the operation of the Department in general.

¹ Ritzenthaler and Society of American Archivists., *Preserving archives & manuscripts*, 96.

3. That the Department Operating Guidelines be amended to indicate that current or outgoing Department Officers forward inactive records of their office to the Department Historian within 30 days after the completion of the Department's Annual Encampment.

Respectfully submitted of behalf of the committee,
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew L. Adair".

Matthew L. Adair

 Dept. of Michigan, SUVCW

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War collection

Repository

Dept. of Michigan, SUVCW

Creator

Michigan Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Title

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War collection

Date [bulk]

Bulk, 1986-2007

Date [inclusive]

1869-present

Extent

30.0 Linear feet 26 record boxes, 5 oversize boxes, 3 Photo Boxes, 1 CD Box

COLLECTION INVENTORY

Department of Michigan records	
Administrative records	
Reports	
Quarterly Reports (Form 35-37-38) 1987-1997 (incomplete)	Box 1
Annual Reports (Form 35)	Box 1
Certification of Election (Form 49)	Box 1
Certification of Election, Copy 1977	Box 1
Misc. Reports	Box 1
Percapita Report 2007	CD-Box 1

Camp Reports (Form 27)	
Quarterly Reports 1989-1996 (incomplete)	Box 1
2005	Box 1
2006	Box 1
2007	Box 1
Camp Certification of Election & Installation of Officers (Form 22)	
2005	Box 1
2006	Box 1
2007	Box 1
Annual Encampment records	
Existence and Location of Originals note	
41st through 47th are copies of originals located at the Burton Historical Collections, Detroit Public Library.	
41st - Lansing 1924	Box 2
42nd 1925	Box 2
43rd - Lansing 1926	Box 2
44th 1927	Box 2
45th 1928	Box 2
46th - Bay City 1929	Box 2
47th - Pontiac 1930	Box 2
Misc. programs 1954-1981 (incomplete)	Box 2
1953 Encampment program (copies) 1953	Box 2
Encampment Programs 1959, 1961	Box 2
Separated Materials note	
These items originally located in a scrapbook of from the Niles Circle #45, Ladies of the GAR.	
95th - Clare 1984	Box 2
97th - Clare 1986	Box 2
98th - Jackson 1987	Box 2
99th - Grand Rapids 1988	Box 2
100th - Lansing 1989	Box 2
101st - Lansing 1990	Box 2
102nd - Lansing 1991	Box 2
103rd - Lansing 1992	Box 2
104th - Lansing 1993	Box 2

105th - Lansing 1994	Box 2
106th 1995	Box 2
107th - Lansing 1996	Box 2
108th 1997	Box 2
109th - Saginaw 1998	Box 2
110th - Lansing 1999	Box 2
111th - Kalamazoo 2000	Box 2
112th - Farmington Hills 2001	Box 2
113th - Lansing 2002	Box 2
115th - Grand Rapids 2004	Box 2
118th - Lansing 2007	Box 2

Ribbons

Commander's files**Scope and Contents note**

Primarily Departmental correspondence during the commander's term. Also includes topical correspondence by former commanders (notably James Lyons).

Thayne LaBanta

1977, 1980	Box 3
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Warren Barber III

Rowley / Pritchard Correspondence 1983-1985	Box 3
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Keith G. Harrison

Dept. Correspondence 1985-1986	Box 3
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Dept. Correspondence 1986-1987	Box 3
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National Correspondence 1987-1988	Box 3
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Dept. Correspondence 1987-1988	Box 3
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National Patriotic Instructor Correspondence 1986-1987	Box 3
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James T. Lyons

Dept. Correspondence 1988-1989	Box 3
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Dept. Correspondence 1989-1990	Box 3
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Correspondence - Nathaniel Lyon Post #5, GAR (Texas) 1993	Box 3
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Correspondence - C. K. Badger Camp #1 (Wisconsin) 2001	Box 3
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John A. Logan research - misc. publications (copies)	Box 3
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John A. Logan research - "Stalwart Republican..."	Box 3
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John A. Logan research - correspondence	Box 3
John A. Logan research - contemporary newsclippings	Box 3
John A. Logan research - miscellaneous	Box 3
Logan Street, Lansing (Mich.) - newsclippings	Box 3
Camp charters correspondence	Box 3
Petoskey (Mich.) cannon correspondence	Box 3
SUVCW "Card File" notes and correspondence	Box 3
Scope and Contents note	
Research, correspondence, and notes regarding the National SUVCW's "Card File" of former and current Camps across the United States.	
Flag Burning - Correspondence	Box 3
Flag Burning - Newsclippings	Box 3
National Correspondence 1996-2001	Box 3
Gary L. Gibson	
Dept. Correspondence 1990-1991	Box 3
Dept. Correspondence 1991-1992	Box 3
Dept. Correspondence (mostly missing) 2004-2005	Box 4
James B. Pahl	
Dept. Correspondence 1992-1993	Box 3
National Correspondence 1992-1993	Box 3
J. Douglas Park	
Dept. Correspondence 1993-1994	Box 3
National Correspondence 1993-1994	Box 3
DUVCW Correspondence 1993-1994	Box 3
Rhode Island Arsenal correspondence 1993-1994	Box 3
Grant's Tomb correspondence	Box 3
William Brennan	
Dept. Correspondence 1994-1995	Box 4
Dept. Correspondence 1995-1996	Box 4
David F. Wallace	
1996-1997	Box 4
Paul D. Hodges	
Dept. Correspondence 1997-1998	Box 4

Parades & Events	Box 4
Awards & Certificates presented	Box 4
Correspondence, Charles Corfman issue	Box 4
Membership correspondence	Box 4
Kent Armstrong	
Dept. Correspondence 1998-2000	Box 4
Awards & Certificates presented	Box 4
Bruce Butgereit	
2002-2004	Box 4
Gary Gibson [missing]	
Rick Greene [missing]	
Dennis Derr II [missing]	
Charles Worley [missing]	
Department Orders	
Collected Department Orders 1937-1944 [incomplete]	Box 4
Benjamin F. Edge 1971-1973	Box 4
Carl A. Smith 1974-1975	Box 4
John LaRue 1977-1978	Box 4
Warren D. Barber III 1979-1982	Box 4
David S. Rowley 1982-1985	Box 4
Keith G. Harrison	
1985-1986	Box 4
1986-1987	Box 4
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1994-1995	Box 4
1995-1996	Box 4
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Dept. Counselor	Box 4
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Editor, "Michigan's Messenger"	Box 4
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Treasurer	
Misc.	Box 4
EIN Records	Box 4
Register Reports	Box 4
By-Laws	
Committee records	Box 4
Dept. By-Laws and Constitution & Regulations ca. 1940	Box 4
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Topical files		
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Awards	Oversize 1	Box 5
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Camp secretary handbook		Box 5
Charter (photographs & negative)		
Communications & Technology		Box 5
Dept. Commander's Ritual		Box 5
Eagle Scout Awards		Box 5
Financial - Alger Fund		Box 5
Iron Brigade Highway		
1992-1993		Box 5
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Legislative		Box 5
Legislative - "Light the Dome"		Box 5
M99 / John Logan Highway		Box 5
Memorial Day		Box 5
Memorial Day, 1993		Box 5
Memorial Day - Newsclippings		Box 5
Merchandise		Box 5
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"Special Committee" on Rituals & Ceremonies, Dept. Guard		Box 5
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Standing Committees		
Civil War Memorials		
Background		Box 6
Centennial Commission Report		Box 6
Compendium of Donated Obsolete Ordnance		Box 6
Correspondence 1995-1998		Box 6
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Dedications (Misc.)		Box 6
Department Handbook 2004		Box 6
National Park Service Information		Box 6
Newsclippings		Box 6
Memorial Files		
Andersonville, Georgia		Box 6
Camp Sigel		Box 6
Campus Martius, Detroit		Box 6
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Eaton County Historical Sites		Box 6
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Hillsdale County		Box 6
Ionia		Box 6
Jackson		Box 6
Jonesville		Box 6
Kalamazoo		Box 6
Fenton		Box 6
Kent County Civil War Memorial	Box 6	CD-Box 1
Lansing, Mt. Hope Cemetery, Gen. John Logan Memorial		Box 6
Marlette		Box 6
Petosky		Box 6
Wacousta		Box 6
White Pigeon		Box 6
Graves Registration		
Organizational information		Box 7

Cemetery and Burial Records		
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Clinton County		Box 7
Delta Center Cemetery		Box 7
Dewitt City Cemetery		Box 7
Eaton County, Riverside Cemetery, Bellevue		Box 7
Fort Custer		Box 7
Fremont, Maple Grove Cemetery		Box 7
Miscellaneous		Box 7
Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge		Box 7
Redford and Mt. Hazel Cemeteries		Box 7
Correspondence 1994-2007		Box 7
Correspondence - Enoch Campbell headstone		Box 7
Dedications		
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Allegan County - Woodside Cemetery	CD-Box 1	Box 7
Livingston County, Munsell Cemetery	CD-Box 1	Box 7
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Livingston County		Box 7
Mason County		Box 7
Miscellaneous		Box 7
Individuals		
William H. Baker (West Highland Cemetery, Oakland County)	Box 7	CD-Box 1
George W. Bennett (Potterville)		Box 7
Joseph E. Brandle (Coldwater - Medal of Honor)		Box 7
Charles Burrell (Hooker Cemetery, Wayland - Medal of Honor)		Box 7
Francis Flaherty - Medal of Honor, WW2		Box 7
Lt. Col. Charles B. Haydon (Decatur)		Box 7
Addison J. Hodges (Ogden Center - Medal of Honor)		Box 7
Sgt. Michael Hudson (Charlotte - Medal of Honor)		Box 7
Frank LaFlame (Old Jerome Cem., Midland Co.)		Box 7
Walter Mundell (Fowler - Medal of Honor)		Box 7

Nash / Hodges - Medal of Honor		Box 7
Henry Nash (Palmyra - Medal of Honor)		Box 7
Henry E. Plant (Nunica - Medal of Honor)		Box 7
Dr. George E. Ranney (Lansing)		Box 7
Daniel Rose (Mendon)		Box 7
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Gen. Wilbur Wilder (Ridgefield, CT)		Box 7
Graves Registration Officer Handbook 2003		
Medal Of Honor Information		Box 7
Research Requests (James T. Lyons)		Box 7
G.A.R. Records		
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Budget 2004		Box 8
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Research Requests		
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Records on eBay		Box 8
Dept. of MI G.A.R. Posts & Commanders		Box 8
Found GAR Post Charters		Box 8
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Newsclippings	Box 8
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Posts lists research & correspondence	Box 8
G.A.R. Halls	
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Eaton Rapids GAR Park	Box 9
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Correspondence, James Lyons	Box 9
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Historic Building Survey	Box 9
Common Council Reports	Box 9
Clippings	Box 9
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Adaptive Re-use Report	Box 9
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Diamondale	Box 9
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Regional	
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Miscellaneous	
Circulars	Box 9
Finding Aid, Michigan Dept. of the Grand Army of the Republic	Box 9
Finding Aid, Records of the Michigan Military Establishment	Box 9
Capitol Library Cooperative	Box 9
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Library of Michigan	Box 9
Michigan State University	Box 9
Miscellaneous Leads	Box 9
Miscellaneous Libraries & Locations	Box 9
Miscellaneous Resources	Box 9
Plymouth Historical Museum	Box 9
University of Michigan	Box 9
Western Michigan University	Box 9
Zach Chandler Post 35, Historical Records Survey Copies	Box 9
G.A.R. Post Research Files	
Scope and Contents note	
The G.A.R. Post Research Files consist of materials gathered while documenting the history of individual posts. Files may include items such as correspondence, newsclippings, research notes, and photocopies of the Post's installation report.	
Posts #1-108 (not complete) 105.0 folders	Box 10
David Becker Post #25	Box 10
Posts #112-462 (not complete) 114.0 folders	Box 11
Camp Records	
Lists	Box 12
Photocopies of camps	Box 12
State Camp #1	
Existence and Location of Originals note	
Financial, Miscellaneous Records, Correspondence, and Minutes are copies of originals located at the Burton Historical Collections, Detroit Public Library.	
Financial	Box 12
Miscellaneous Records	Box 12
Correspondence	Box 12

Minutes		Box 12
Charter (digital prints & images)	Box 12	CD-Box 1
Existence and Location of Originals note		
Currently unknown where the original of this charter is located.		
Gen. John A. Logan Camp #1 (Grand Rapids)		
ByLaws		Box 12
Organizational		Box 12
Records & Correspondence		Box 12
Israel B. Richardson Camp #2 (Oakland County)		Box 12
Henry E. Plant Camp #3		
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Austin Blair Camp #7 (Jackson)		
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George W. Howe Camp #9 (Port Huron)		Box 12
Robert Finch Camp #14		
Camp Records 2000-2002 3.0 folders		Box 12
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2009		CD-Box 1
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Fundraising		CD-Box 1
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Curtenius Guard Camp #17 (Sunfield)	
Correspondence	Box 12
Lists of records	Box 12
Minutes and records	Box 12
Newsletters	Box 12
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Sunfield G.A.R. Hall	Box 12
Elijah C. Rowley Camp #18 (Port Huron)	Box 12
Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20 (Kalamazoo)	Box 12
Colegrove-Woodruff Camp #22 (Marshall)	
Newsletters	Box 12
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Alexander French Camp #28 (Big Rapids)	Box 12
Nash Hodges Camp #43	Box 12
Wa-Bu-No Camp #53 (Mt. Pleasant)	
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George W. Anderson Camp #58 (Dewitt)	
Records	Box 12
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Gen. Phil Kearney Camp #67 (Bay City)	
Membership Applications	Box 12
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James D. Morgan Camp #70 (Alpena)	Box 12
Edward M. Prutzman Camp #72 (Three Rivers)	Box 12
Col. George W. Lapoint Camp #76 (Monroe)	Box 12
William A. Kent Camp #83 - Charter	Oversize 3
Frederick H. Hackeman Camp #85 (Berrien Center)	Box 12

U.S. Grant Camp #101 (Detroit)	
Charter Applications	Box 13
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Camp Status Reports	Box 13
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Detroit G.A.R. Hall	
Articles	Box 13
Committee	Box 13
Correspondence	Box 13
Legal Documents	Box 13
Property	Box 13
Proposals	Box 13
"Detroit 300"	Box 13
Photographs - see Dept. of Michigan Photograph Series	
Dexter Horton Camp #102 (Fenton), Descriptive Book	Box 13
Existence and Location of Originals note	
Copies of originals located at Fenton Historical Society, Fenton, Michigan.	
Gilluly-Kingsly Camp #120 (Howell)	Box 13
Lockwood Camp #139 (Alpena)	Box 13
Gov. Crapo Camp #145 (Flint)	
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Maj. Henry F. Wallace Camp #160 (Corunna)		Box 13
Carpenter Welch Camp #180 (Ypsilanti)		Box 13
G. K. Warren Camp #233 (Tawas)		
Conditions Governing Access note		
Copies of records located at the Clarke Historical Library??		
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Roll of Members		Oversize 2
Archibald Stewart Camp #259		
Charter		Oversize 3
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Zephenia Lane Camp #369 (Gladwin)		Box 13
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Russell A. Alger Camp-At-Large #462		Box 13
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Applications 22.0 folders		Box 14
Scope and Contents note		
Primarily applications attached to Camp Status reports sent in by Camp Secretaries to the Dept. Secretary.		
Arrangement note		
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Individual Files		
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Blakely, Edward	Box 14
Campbell, John	Box 14
Edge, Benjamin PDC	Box 14
Farnsworth, Adelbert C. "Dell"	Box 14
Finch, H. Frank PDC	Box 14
Gibson, Gary PDC	Box 14
Hall, Marvin E., PDC, PCinC	Box 14
Harrison, Keith, PDC, PCinC	Box 14
Horton, Bryson Dexter	Box 14
LaBanta, Thayne	Box 14
Lyons, James T. PDC	Box 14
Miscellaneous	Box 14
Stillson, Frederick C. PDC	Box 14
Waddell, Angus T.	Box 14
Washburn, William	Box 14
Membership Rosters	Box 14
Real Sons 1990	Box 14
Scope and Contents note Notes gathered on members who were true sons of Civil War veterans.	
War Medal Applications	Box 14
Michigan's Messenger	
Oct. 1992 - May 1997	Box 16
July 2000 - Sprint 2003	Box 16
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Directory of Michigan Libraries	Box 15
Life and Times of General B. D. Pritchard	Box 15
Michigan Veterans' Facility Centennial	Box 15

Elmwood Cemetery - The Civil War Generals	Box 15
Eaton County Quest	Box 15
Misc. Magazine Articles	Box 15
Lincoln and the Grand Army of the Republic	Box 15
The Lincoln Ideals	Box 15
Grand Army Tactics of the United States	Box 15
Michigan History Notes	Box 15
Civil War Diary of Capt. T. V. Quackenbush	Box 15
Burial and Memorial Services, 1895, Woman's Relief Corps (copies)	Box 15
Resume ... of the WRC	Box 15
Civil War Veterans of Highland Township	Box 15
Co. B, 47th Ohio Infantry, Medal of Honor Recipients	Box 15
History of the SUVCW, 1881-1939 (Davis Star Camp)	Box 15
The Sons of Veterans of the United States of America	Box 15
Michigan History Magazine - GAR & SUVCW article	Box 15
Biographical Sketches of Civil War Veterans, Osceola County, Michigan	Box 15
History of the GAR ... The Easel Monument Project	Box 15
History of the Easel-Shaped Monument	Box 15
The Story of Camp Houk	Box 15
Military Records at the Library of Michigan	Box 15
The Grand Army of the Republic and Kindred Societies	Box 15
National Geographic Articles	Box 15
MMGS Newsletter	Box 15
Cascades Civil War Muster Programs	Box 15
Gettysburg Maps	Box 15
The Horse Soldier Catalog #28	Box 15
Misc. Michigan Guides	Box 15
Music	Box 15
'Black Jack' John A. Logan and Southern Ill. in the Civil War Era	Box 16
John A. Logan, Stalwart Republican from Illinois	Box 16
SAR Magazine - Frank Buckles, last WW1 veteran	Box 16
One Hundred Days Service: The Civil War Diary of Samuel McCoy Bell	Box 16

Newsclippings - Civil War 150th	Box 16
Smithsonian Magazine- April 2011	Box 16
Pages from the Past - Shiawassee County 1997 Calendar	Box 16
M. C. Lilley Co. Catalog (reprint)	Box 16
Michigan Laws Relating to Veterans	Box 16
Flag Etiquette	Box 16
Veterans Benefits and Services	Box 16
<i>Incidental Flag History, Second Michigan Infantry</i>	Box 16
Separated Materials note Items believed to have been originally in materials recovered from Post #32 GAR	
<i>Acts of the Legislature of the State of Michigan Passed at the Regular and Extra Sessions of 1861</i>	Box 16
<i>The memorial life of General William Tecumseh Sherman, by Private Edward Chase, with an introduction by General C. H. Howard.</i>	Box 16
Separated Materials note Item originally located in materials from the Niles Circle #45, Ladies of the GAR.	
<i>The bravest five hundred of '61. Their noble deeds described by themselves, together with an account of some gallant exploits of our soldiers in Indian warfare. How the medal of honor was won.</i> Comp. by Theo. F. Rodenbough	Box 17
Separated Materials note Item originally located in materials from the Niles Circle #45, Ladies of the GAR.	
<i>Michigan Cemetery Atlas</i> (Lansing, MI: Library of Michigan, 1991)	Oversize 1
<i>Michigan Vidette</i>	Oversize 3
Posters & Ephemera 2.0 folders	Oversize 3
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Audio-Visual Materials	
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Robert Smith Dedication 2007 2.0 copies	Box 17
Philipp Schacter Dedication 2006	Box 17
Capt. Henry Stark Gravestone Dedication 2007 2.0 copies	Box 17
Pvt. John G. K. Ayers Dedication 2006	Box 17
Rededication of the Civil War Monument honoring the 21st Michigan Infantry	Box 17
Michigan Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Service of Rededication 2005	CD-Box 1
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2008 Standing Tall - Camp 135 Rededication, Centreville, Michigan	CD-Box 1
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Camp 101 Memorial Day	CD-Box 1
Memorial Day, Elmwood Cemetery 2004	Photo-Box 2
Memorial Day, Elmwood Cemetery 2003	Photo-Box 2
Detroit 300, "A Trip Back In Time: A Revival of Detroit's Civil War Years" 2001	Photo-Box 2
Miscellaneous Photos	Photo-Box 2
Misc. Civil War photos	CD-Box 1
Mt. Elliot Stone Dedication	CD-Box 1
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Battle Flags Tour - Michigan Historical Center	Photo-Box 1
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GAR Records - Flags	Photo-Box 1
GAR Records - GAR Halls	Photo-Box 1
GAR Halls - Vermontville	Photo-Box 1
GAR Halls - Detroit	Photo-Box 1
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Memorials - Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing, John A. Logan	Photo-Box 1
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Roster of Camps & Officers 1944		Box 20
Historical Records 1930's		Box 20
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SUVCW Ritual, photocopies		Box 20
Edwin Cole Bearss		Box 20
Historical Info		Box 20
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Historian's Newsletter	Box 18
Historian - "Our Heritage"	Box 18
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Ritual (photocopies) 1889	Box 18
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Summer 1983, Autumn 1986 (v90 #4), Winter 1987 (v 91 #2), Spring 1987, Summer 1987, Fall 1987, Fall 1990 (v 93 #4)	

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Fall 1995 - June 1999 Missing Vol. 102, #4, vol 103, #4	Box 18
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Emblem Flag Company Brochures	Box 21

Financial	
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Items removed from Scrapbook #2	Box 21
Dept. Orders	Box 21
Dept. of MI, LGAR Convention Proceedings 1949-1951 3.0 volumes	Box 21
Dept. of MI, LGAR Convention Proceedings 1953	Box 21
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (DUVCW)	
Constitution & ByLaws 1983-1984	Box 21
Dept. of MI - General Orders	Box 21
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Helen M. Edwards Tent #30	
Minutes 1989-2004 4.0 folders	Box 21
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Womans Relief Corps	
Charles T. Foster Corps #42	Box 21
Dept. of MI	Box 21
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Dept. Encampment	
1868 (photocopies) Existence and Location of Originals note Copies of original located at the Benley Historical Library	
<i>Supplement to the Proceedings of the Twentieth Annual Encampment G.A.R. Department of Michigan</i>	Box 22
69th Encampment - Grand Rapids, reprints 1947	Box 22
Annual Encampment Journals 1911, 1922, 1923 3.0 volumes Separated Materials note Originally in materials recovered from Farragut Post #32, GAR	Box 22
39th Encampment Program, photocopies 1917 Separated Materials note Originally in materials recovered from Farragut Post #32, GAR	Box 22
Annual Encampment Programs 1914, 1915, 1937 3.0 volumes Separated Materials note Originally in materials recovered from Farragut Post #32, GAR	Box 22
Journal of the National Encampment 1887, 1892, 1904, 1910 4.0 volumes Separated Materials note Originally in materials recovered from Farragut Post #32, GAR	Box 22
Michigan to the National Encampment, copies	Box 22
Post Files	
Post 13 – I. B. Richardson – Harbor Springs – Emmet County, Financial Record Book – Dues 1915-1929	Box 22
Post 24 – Col. Fenton – Fenton – Genesee County	
Existence and Location of Originals note Copies of originals located at the Fenton Historical Museum, Fenton, MI	
Descriptive Book	Box 22
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Post 32 – Farragut – Battle Creek – Calhoun County	
Artwork	Box 23
Banner General note Green Silk banner with gold lettering, about 24x36, from the Farragut Post #32	Oversize unlabeled box
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Militia Lists	
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Applications	Box 24
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Database Roster	Box 25
Post 45 – Woodbury – Adrian – Lenawee County	
Minutes Book 1889-1902 3.0 folders Existence and Location of Originals note Copies of originals located at the Clarke Historical Library, Central Michigan University	Box 25
Record Book 1915-1943 Existence and Location of Originals note Copies of originals located at the Bentley Historical Library Processing Information note digital images - yet to fully process	Box 24
Post 74 – Sterling – Wayland –Allegan County	
Memorial Book Existence and Location of Originals note Copies of originals at Moline Elementary School, Office of the Then and Now Historical and Genealogical Society of Eastern Allegan County - Wayland	Oversize 2

Post 91 – Wm. D. Wilkins – St. Louis – Gratiot County 2.0 folders**Existence and Location of Originals note**

Copies of originals located in Gratiot County Genealogical Group Library

Minutes 1889-1891

Box 25

Post 108 - Earl Halbert - Grand Ledge - Eaton County**Existence and Location of Originals note**

Copies of originals from unknown sources

Muster Rolls

Oversize 2

Box 25

Member Cards

Box 25

Post 145 – Gov. Crapo – Flint – Genesee County**Existence and Location of Originals note**

Copy of originals located at the Perry Archives, Sloan Museum, Flint, Michigan

Record Book - Minutes, v. 31 1921

Box 25

Minutes & Pledges, v. 32 1894

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Last Record Book, v. 33 1925-1936

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Ritual Book 1921

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Roll of Members book

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Memorial Book 2.0 folders

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[other volumes not yet copied!]

Post 152 – William Moyer – Alma – Gratiot County**Existence and Location of Originals note**

Copies of originals located in Gratiot County Genealogical Group Library

Cash Book 1894-1928

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Descriptive Book

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Miscellaneous Records

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Record Book, Minutes 1909-1927

Box 26

Ledger, Dues Paid 1883-1892

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Quartermaster Records 1909-1926

Box 26

Post 157 – Albert Anderson – Cassopolis – Cass County

Descriptive Book (copies)

Box 26

Descriptive Book 1.0 volumes

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Post 180 – Carpenter – Ypsilanti – Washtenaw County

Miscellaneous Records (copies)

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Post 197 – John Tucker - Ortonville – Oakland County

Descriptive Book (copies) Box 26

Existence and Location of Originals note

Copies of originals located at the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society Library

Post 220 – Geo. L. Acker – Vicksburg – Kalamazoo County

Miscellaneous Records Box 26

Existence and Location of Originals note

Copies of materials at the Vicksburg Public Library

Post 227 - George Marton - Eastport

Descriptive Book Box 26

Custodial History note

Donated by seller after the book was discovered for sale on eBay.

Descriptive Book (copies) Box 26

Post 252 – J. T. Jones – Howard City – Montcalm County

Minutes Book 1884-1900 Box 26

Existence and Location of Originals note

Copies of an original located in a private collection.

Post 269 – Mark Thompson – Plainwell – Allegan County**Existence and Location of Originals note**

Copies of originals at the Western Michigan University Archives – Kalamazoo

Descriptive Book Box 26

Ledger Book (loose papers only) Box 26

Burial Book Box 26

Post 266 – Lyon – Menominee – Menominee County

Burial and War Record Oversize 2

Existence and Location of Originals note

Copies of originals located at the Spies Public Library.

Post 283 - S. M. Grinnell - Sunfield - Eaton County

Photograph Oversize 1

Post 395 – Amasa B. Watson – Grand Rapids - Kent County

Finch Camp SUV Box 26

Post 347 - Billy Cruson - Breckenridge - Gratiot County

Applications and Records Box 26

Existence and Location of Originals note

Copies of originals from unknown source.

Post 252 – J. T. Jones – Howard City – Montcalm County 2.0 folders**Existence and Location of Originals note**

Copies of originals in unknown private collection

Minutes

Oversize 1

Miscellaneous (needs further processing)

James Lyons realia

Scope and Contents note

Several used flags & needle point coat of arms believed to have belonged to James Lyons

Box
unlabeled

WRC Flag stand

Box
unlabeled

Panoramic Farragut Post #32 Photo, Battle Creek

Oversize
folder

Panoramic World War 1 Ambulance Co Photo, Battle Creek

Oversize
folder

Oversize artwork - "The Grand Army of Nobility"

General noteLarge, hand drawn "folk art" piece with the words to the "heritage of the GAR" inscribed on it.
Framed - glass broken. Believed to have belonged to Farragut Post 32.Object
outsize

Special Committee on the Civil War Sesquicentennial

May 21, 2011

Department Commander Shaw:

Through the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners (History Partners), which the Michigan Department SUVCW is a charter member, a website was created that among other things lists 135 Civil War Sesquicentennial events for 2011. Basically, any event that is listed on this website or the Seeking Michigan Civil War website has permission to use the History Partners and Seeking Michigan Civil War logos to help advertize their events.



We have had moderate success in terms of Camps letting the Special Committee know of their events/programs in order that we may (1) help advertize these across the state and (2) make these a permanent record of the state's Civil War Sesquicentennial commemoration. It is imperative that all Camps provide this information. No event is too small to advertize. We cannot help you advertize your event if you will not help yourself and let us know about them. In addition to the website and event listings, the History Partners also has a monthly newsletter entitled *Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Circular*. The newsletter is prepared by Past Department Commander and History Partner's Steering Group member Bruce Butgereit and contains information on past and future events, programs and special activities, and historical information related to the Civil War Sesquicentennial in Michigan. Anyone can receive this electronic newsletter for free by providing Bruce with your email address. My Camp provided email addresses of its entire membership in order to ensure that everyone in the Camp is kept apprised of the Sesquicentennial activities during this important time in the state's history. It is up to your Camp if you wish to do the same.

The National Organization also has made available a program referred to as Signature Events to help you advertize your Civil War Sesquicentennial events. While new and someone complicated, the program has had moderate success. Basically, an application needs to be completed by the Camp outlining what you are planning to do. It then is sent into a Special National Committee after having first been approved by the Department. The committee decides the merit of the program and recommends approval or disapproval to the National Council of Administration, which votes and then

sends its recommendation to the Commander-in-Chief for final approval. Once that is done, a Camp may then obtain Signature Event Passports (a booklet that members may use to keep track of all the signature events that they attend) and special SUVCW Civil War Sesquicentennial medals, which they can purchase at a wholesale price (individual Camp members may purchase the medal at the regular price and without attending any Signature event if they so desire). At the event, the Camp can sell these booklets and medals for whatever price they desire to attending SUVCW members as a fundraiser. As I said, the program is relatively new and still has some bugs to work out.

With the assistance of the Michigan Department SUVCW, the History Partners and Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee are currently looking into documenting and publicizing the condition of all Civil War monuments in Michigan and all Michigan-related Civil War monuments/markers outside of Michigan. PCinC James Pahl has agreed to assist the History Partners in this latter endeavor. In addition, we are looking into the possibility of getting a Michigan Highway designated for a prominent Michigan Civil War unit; for example the Michigan Calvary Brigade Highway. Finally, we also are still working on the possibility of getting a monument to the 102nd US Colored Troops placed onto the Capital lawn. These are just a few of the activities that are being undertaken. Time really does not permit me to go through all the rest.

Since the last Department Encampment, I, as chair of the Special Committee (and other Civil War organizational hats) have attended 79 Civil War Sesquicentennial-related or promotional programs and events. Among these and one of the more spectacular was the 2010 Detroit Veterans Day parade where we had 60 marchers, all of our Camps represented, and 11 of our Camp flags flying. The next Detroit Veterans Day parade will be Saturday, November 5th.

We have the following recommendations for the Encampment.

- 1. That the Michigan Department again participate in Detroit Veterans Day Parade.**
- 2. That the Department purchase a display board of its own for use with Department sponsored events, programs, displays etc.** The cost of the Board would be about \$175. Several events now the Department has had to borrowed the Curtenius Guard Camp's display board and display material. The Curtenius Guard display board will not always be available – either due to conflicting events or the unavailability of someone from the Camp to bring and set up the Board. It is anticipated that these next few years in particular, the Department will have a need for such a display board.
- 3. That an allocation again be made for reimbursement of expenses of the Special Committee on the Civil War Sesquicentennial up to \$300 for this upcoming year (2011 – 2012).** Although fortunate that we did not have to use the previously allocated \$300 this last year, it was also the beginning of the Sesquicentennial and little was known or realized where a cost would be incurred. We

also were fortunate that some other organizations pick up the cost of things last year. Since we now are fully into the Civil War Sesquicentennial and actually now know better what we are doing and planning, it would be good that this money be available.

For the Special Committee,

Keith G. Harrison

Chair, Special Committee on the Civil War Sesquicentennial

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Ad Hoc Committee Report

Department Headquarters Exploratory Committee

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Michigan,
May 21, 2011

Commander, Officers, and Delegates of the 122nd Department Encampment:

Our Department has accumulated a volume of business records, correspondence, GAR records and artifacts over the duration of our existence. It has been recognized by the last two Encampments that the preservation of these items is not adequate and susceptible to damage and even loss if we continue to pass these storage totes from officer to officer year after year. This committee was formed to recommend possible solutions to the approved motions of previous Encampments.

Since November 2010, several possibilities have been under discussion. The Department resolution to seek environmental controlled storage can be summarized simply to say that a 10 foot by 10 foot climate controlled unit rented to a 501(c3) organization on a six month prepaid agreement might be expected to rent for an average of \$80.00 a month. The more difficult questions for ease of member access, management of content, and control of borrowing and returning the materials would require additional thought and volunteer assistance. The upside of this arrangement is that the Department maintains possession of its property, and should the arrangement need changed or terminated, it could be completed with a minimum of expense and paperwork.

An alternative solution was extended to the Department of Michigan. The Chairman of the Historic Fort Wayne Coalition (HFWC), Tom Berlucchi approached the Order to seek our interest in acquiring available space at Historic Fort Wayne, located at 6325 West Jefferson Detroit, MI 48209. The Coalition is seeking groups that would lend themselves to the historic nature of the Fort and also to the preservation of this National Landmark. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War may be the type of organization that by our presence would also support the preservation of Historic Fort Wayne.

Because of uncompleted negotiations between the HFWC and the City of Detroit regarding leasing arrangements for several buildings along Officer Row, the committee was unable to take a tour and clarify the expectations of our participation. Updated since April 16, 2011, when I was able to meet Mr. Berlucchi, lease and licensing agreements have been formalized and the Coalition is able to better present an offer to organizations it deems suitable to occupancy.

In essence the SUVCV Department of Michigan has been offered, and I quote,
“The SUV would provide a research/educational component/office to the forts officer row. Providing a facility would allow for public to come

visit, see a museum style collection of SUV, it would also provide research educational style facility once you get phone, communications lines established. This will also provide the SUV with a possible great State Head Quarters at the premier State Civil War Site.”

At this time of our annual Department Encampment, the committee has no additional research to offer the delegates of critical information needed to further a recommendation. Further questions that need to be addressed and answered include the terms of a lease and its duration. In addition we would need to examine security, utility, communication and insurance availability and expense. The expectation of renovation and preservation projects would require volunteers and resources. Also unanswered is how much of a presence on a daily, weekly and monthly basis would be required. The upside of this offer is that it provides a long-term solution to our storage problems and ability to display our better artifacts. The office space would serve for a Department Headquarters in a historically significant environment, and then this office space could potentially provide sufficient space for our annual encampments with enough room for the Allied Orders to continue meeting together.

Tom Berlucchi, Chairman of HFWC, has offered to bring his presentations for discussion to our Encampment after this committee offers its findings. In the meantime, The Historic Fort Wayne Coalition and Detroit Parks and Recreation Department present their “Civil War Days” at the fort on July 9 and 10th, 2011. For additional information their web site is www.historicfortwaynecoalition.com we encourage Sons to visit the fort firsthand.

For this Encampment, this committee suggests no action in leasing Climate Controlled storage as our property is currently safe and faces no immediate damage from the elements.

We do ask for that the Encampment extend our committee for the purpose to recommend at the earliest available time specific action in regards to the offer of office space by the Historic Fort Wayne Coalition.

Respectfully Submitted,
Department Headquarters Exploratory Committee,
Tim Kolean
Jim Weeks
Chuck Worley, Chairman

May 15, 2011

To: Commander Don Shaw, Department of Michigan, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War

From: Department of Michigan Council

Subject: 2010-2011 Annual Committee Report

The Department of Michigan Council was not called upon to consider many subjects this past year. All the subjects were of a financial nature and were all managed through electronic meetings.

1. The Council considered the disposition of the interest on the Permanent Fund. Since the amount was relatively small, the Council voted to retain it in the Permanent Fund balance.
2. The funding of the Archive Project was also a topic of the Council. The issue was the amount of funds available for this project in light of the change in the fiscal year of the Department to coincide with the Internal Revenue Service fiscal year. The result was that the \$500 allotment was carried over to be used through the 2011 fiscal year by the project.
3. The Council received a request from Department Commander Shaw to approve the funding of the purchase of a permanent "presentation wreath" to be used at official memorial functions in which the Department is represented. The Council approved the purchase.
4. As a house keeping issue, the Council approved Department Commander's request for purchasing materials for the 2011 Encampment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Department of Michigan Council

PDC Richard Greene

PCC Howard Streeter

Brother Thomas Jenkins



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Michigan
Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145
Flint, Michigan



A Resolution of the Camp
Endorsement of Donald W. Shaw, PCC
for the office of
Department Commander

Whereas, Donald W. Shaw, PCC, is a member in good standing of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145, Michigan Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and

Whereas, Brother Shaw currently serves the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 as Senior Vice Camp Commander, having previously honorably served the Camp in most elective and appointive positions; and

Whereas, Brother Shaw is currently serving the Department of Michigan as Department Commander, having previously honorably served and represented the Department in various elective and appointive positions; and

Whereas, Brother Shaw is currently serving and has previously honorably served the National Organization in various appointive positions; and

Whereas, Brother Shaw is an honored and respected officer of the court of the Flint and Genesee County community;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that we, the Brothers of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, hereby heartily endorse Brother Donald W. Shaw, PCC, for re-election to the office of Department Commander of the Department of Michigan, at the annual Department Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and

Be it Further Resolved that this resolution is forwarded to the Camps of the Department of Michigan for their consideration.

Adopted this 19th day of February, 2011, at the regular encampment of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145, at Flint, Michigan.

Attest,

David F. Wallace, PDC
Camp Secretary



Lansing/Sunfield
CURTENIUS GUARD CAMP #17
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE
CIVIL WAR**



<http://suvcw.org/mi/017/017home.htm>

RESOLUTION OF ENDORSEMENT

January 25 2011

Whereas, **Paul “David” Arnold** is a member in good standing of the Lansing/Sunfield Curtenius Guard Camp, #17, Michigan Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW); and

Whereas, within the Lansing/Sunfield Curtenius Guard Camp, #17, Brother Arnold has previously served as Camp Commander, Junior Vice Commander and Guide; and was the recipient of the Camp’s *Samuel W. Grinnell Award* for outstanding service to the SUVCW; and

Whereas, during his terms as Junior Vice Camp Commander and Camp Commander, Brother Arnold spearheaded in 2007 the raising of funds and creation of community partnerships culminating in an extensive five-month restoration project of Soldiers’ Lot in Mount Hope Cemetery in Lansing, Michigan; and the writing and submittal of grants to help provide funding for the exterior restoration of the Samuel W. Grinnell, Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Hall in Sunfield, Michigan, which was initiated in the summer of 2009 and is scheduled to completed in the spring of 2010; and

Whereas, during his term as Camp Commander, Brother Arnold authored the *Michigan History Magazine* (July-August 2008) article entitled, “*Lansing Remembers Its Boys in Blue,*” and co-authored a 38-page biographical booklet entitled “*Rededication Program: Grand Army of the Republic Soldiers’ Monument Lot Mount Hope Cemetery Lansing Michigan October 14, 2007;*” both of which highlighted the efforts of the SUVCW to restore the Mount Hope Cemetery Soldiers’ Lot in Lansing, Michigan; and

Whereas, at the Department level, Brother Arnold is just finishing a successful tenure as Department Senior Vice Commander. During his term as Department Junior Vice Commander, he created and disseminated to all Michigan Department Camps a new *Department Membership Initiative* geared to assisting local Camps in proven methods to help promote and publicize Camp activities and entice individuals to join the Order; and

Whereas, at the Department level, Brother Arnold previously has served as the Assistant to the Treasurer with responsibilities for the distribution of Department merchandise and also as Department Guard, Department Junior Vice Commander and Department Senior Vice Commander; and

Whereas, Brother Arnold has served the SUVCW National Organization as an elected delegate from the Department of Michigan to the past five National Encampments; was recognized in 2007 with the *National Organization Certificate of Appreciation* for cemetery restoration work honoring Civil War veterans, and has been recognized as conceiving of and helping to design the current *Challenge Coin* of the National Organization, SUVCW; and

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Resolution of Endorsement

Paul David Arnold for Senior Vice Department Commander

January 25, 2011

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Whereas, Brother Arnold, in an effort to further the memory of the Civil War, the GAR, and to solicit new members for the SUVCW, has developed a mid-Michigan venue from which a very successful series of community-based Civil War education seminars are provided free of charge to the general public (with a high water mark of 140 attendees during one of the seminars); and organized and staffed numerous SUVCW visibility events including professional displays at Department of Michigan and National Encampments, the Jackson Civil War Muster, and various genealogical and historical society events throughout mid-Michigan; and

Whereas, Brother Arnold is retired from the City of Lansing Police Department with 29 years of service and from where he was awarded the City of Lansing's Meritorious Service Citation for bravery in 1978; and

Whereas, Brother Arnold was one of the primary organizers of the City of Lansing, Oklahoma City Relief Fund in which approximately \$20,000 in disaster relief funds were raised and delivered for the victims of the Oklahoma City Bombing in 1995;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that we, the Brothers of the Lansing/Sunfield Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, hereby endorse Brother Paul "David" Arnold for a second term as Senior Vice Department Commander of the Department of Michigan at the 122nd Michigan Department Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in May 2011; and

Be it Further Resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Department Secretary for placement onto the agenda, and to all Camps of the Department of Michigan and the Department's Nomination Committee for their consideration at the 122nd Michigan Department Encampment in May 2011.

This Resolution of Endorsement of Past Camp Commander Paul David Arnold for the position of Senior Vice Department Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was presented by Past Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison and unanimously adopted by Brother Arnold's fellow Brothers of the Lansing/Sunfield Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War assembled in regular meeting this 25th day of January 2011.

Attest:

Dennis Zank

Dennis Zank, Secretary
Lansing/Sunfield Curtenius Guard Camp 17
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Whereas the 150th anniversary of the Civil War is upon us and the 150th anniversary of the founding of the GAR is fast approaching

Whereas the HathiTrust Digital Library has digitized over eight million books and is committed to the long term preservation of these digital assets and providing free, online, public access to books in the public domain or for which they have received a copyright release statement

Whereas the Grand Army of the Republic, the publisher and copyright holder of numerous publications, no longer exists and the Grand Army of the Republic, through the Deed of Conveyance, transferred all records and property to the Commandery-in-Chief of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the intent of said Deed of Conveyance was to provide for the public use of such records

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the Brothers of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, recommend that the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War grant the HathiTrust Digital Library copyright release for works created by the Grand Army of the Republic in order to foster research and open access

Be it further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the National Secretary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for affirmative action at the 2011 National Encampment and that this resolution be forwarded to all Departments and Camps-At-Large National Organization of the SUVCW.

Have a Civil War ancestor?

Interested in the Civil War?

Come join us!

Membership is available as **hereditary** or **junior**. Any male who has attained the age 14 and can trace his ancestry to a Soldier, Sailor or Marines who served in the Union Army or Navy during the Civil War 1861-1865 may be a member. The ancestor may be paternal or maternal and may be direct (grandfather, g-grandfather) or indirect (brother to grandfather, g-grandfather).

Junior memberships are open to any male who has attained the age of 6 years, but not more than 14, who can trace his ancestry.

Associates are those who did not have an ancestor that served in the Union Army during the Civil War but are willing to support the cause.

DUES

Dues are \$35 per year; the initial application fee is \$35 and entitles you to a membership card, certificate and Ritual & Ceremonies handbook.

Quarterly, all members receive the *Michigan Messenger* from the State and the *Banner*, a national publication.

Uniforms are not required but encouraged for parades and events such as May 30, Memorial Day; the Day of Remembrance at the Grand Rapids Veterans Home in August; and Veterans Day, November 11.

The paperwork required for application for membership must include and/or reference an "honorable" discharge or "mustering out" for the ancestor.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

*Preserving the memory
Of the Grand Army of the Republic
And our ancestors
Who fought to preserve the Union*



**GEN. ISRAEL B.
RICHARDSON
CAMP NO. 2**

**OAKLAND COUNTY,
MICHIGAN**

OUR HISTORY

THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

State and federal leaders from President Lincoln down had promised to care for "those who have borne the burden, his widows, and orphans," but they had little knowledge of how to accomplish the task. There was little political pressure to see that the promises were kept.



With that as background, groups of men began joining together – first for the camaraderie and then for political power. Emerging the most powerful among the various organizations would be the **Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.)**, which by 1890 would number 409,489 veterans of the "War of the Rebellion."

Founded in Decatur, Illinois on April 6, 1866 by Benjamin F. Stephenson, membership was limited to honorably discharged veterans of the Union Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or the Revenue Cutter Service who had served between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865.

The GAR founded soldier's homes, was active in relief work and in pension legislation. Five members were elected President of the United States, and for a time, it was impossible to be nominated on the Republican ticket without the endorsement of the G.A.R.

The final Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was held in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1949. The last member, Albert Woolson died in 1956 at the age of 109 years.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Many GAR Posts sponsored Cadet Corps, composed of their sons, and from this, the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America (SV) was organized on November 12, 1881. In 1923 the SV name was changed to **Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW)**, under which its federal charter was issued by the 83rd Congress with Public Law 605 in 1954. The SUVCW is legally recognized as the heir to and representative of the G.A.R.

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

The Department of Michigan was chartered on June 24, 1884. Today, there are 27 Camps and over 500 members throughout both of Michigan's peninsulas representing the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic and honoring the memory of those who "wore the blue" in defense of our nation.

WHO WE ARE

We are the General Israel B. Richardson, Camp No. 2, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We are the descendants of soldiers, sailors or marines who served in the Army or Navy of the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion of 1861 to 1865.

The Department of Michigan's newest camp, the General Israel B. Richardson Camp No. 2, represents all of Oakland County and is named for Oakland County's most famous Civil War General who now rests in Pontiac's Oak Hill Cemetery. He graduated from West Point in the Class of 1841 and served in both the Seminole Indian Wars in Florida and the Mexican War where he earned two brevets and the nickname "Fighting Dick." In 1855 he left the army and settled on a farm near Pontiac.

Out the outbreak of the Rebellion he organized the 2nd Michigan Volunteer Infantry and became its first Colonel. He commanded a brigade at First Bull Run. He went on to command a division after his promotion to Brigadier General and saw action in the Peninsula Campaign, Yorktown, Seven Pines, and the Seven Days. Awarded a second star at the close of those campaigns, he took part in the Maryland Campaign.

At the battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862, General Richardson attacked the enemy center at the sunken lane now known as Bloody Lane. Trying to organize a later attack that might decisively won the battle, General Richardson was mortally wounded and died on November 3, 1862.

THE G.A.R. IN OAKLAND COUNTY

At one time, there were eleven G.A.R. Posts in Oakland County:

Post No. 147—Gen. Dick Richardson, Pontiac, 1883-1936

Post No. 181—Herber Le Favor, Milford, 1883-1940

Post No. 183—McPherson, Holly, 1883-1932

Post No. 187—Frank Powell, Oxford, 1883-1939

Post No. 197—John Tucker, Ortonville, 1883-1927

Post No. 267—Marshall M. Beach, Farmington, 1884-1904

Post No. 333—L. Stansell, South Lyon, 1885-1986

Post No. 363—General Sherman, Clarkston, 1891-1892

Post No. 373—Youngs, Leonard, 1887-1891

Post No. 377—W.P. Everett, Rochester, 1887-1922

Post No. 456—Stansell, South Lyon, 1901-1922

OUR MEETINGS

Our meetings are held at the Berkley American Legion Hall, 2079 West Twelve Mile Road, between Coolidge and Woodward on the last Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

OUR GOALS AND PURPOSE

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) is a patriotic and educational organization similar to the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), whose purpose is to perpetuate the memory of the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines who served in the Union armies and navies during the Civil War 1861-1865.

The Department of Michigan has an aggressive program to search cemeteries, locate Civil War veterans graves and register them to be placed in an "online" database for researchers.



Our Memorials Committee is registering all monuments and memorials to the G.A.R. as well as assessing monuments and memorials to their condition and assisting in their preservation.

Through our G.A.R. Records Project, we seek, locate and preserve G.A.R. Post records and other materials relating to the Civil War and veterans to preserve them for research.

We, at Camp No. 2, are responsible for Oakland County in the above projects.

We participate along with other Veteran and Patriotic organizations, in ceremonies and parades honoring the men and women who have served in the United States Military.

Traditional Memorial Day (May 30), or Decoration Day as it was originally known, is observed with a special service at the grave of Gen. Richardson in Oak Hill Cemetery in Pontiac.

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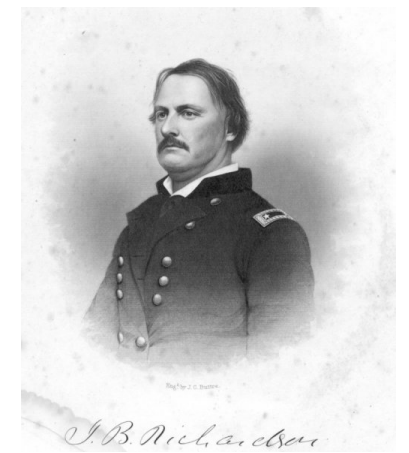
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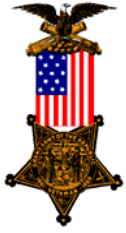
OUR SISTERS IN THE ALLIED ORDERS

Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to
the Grand Army of the Republic

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans
Of the Civil War



**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN**



Office of the Nominating Committee

To Department Commander Donald Shaw and the Attendees of the 122nd Department of Michigan Annual Encampment,

Greetings.

This will serve as the final report for the year 2010-2011 of the activities of the Department Nomination Committee.

This year the committee members appointed by Commander Shaw were Brother Gary Grout, Brother Ron Shull, and myself.

All committee members worked as a team and achieved the goal of presenting a slate of good men for this Encampment's consideration for election as your 2011-2012 Department Officers. This year's slate of officers are all incumbent to last years' slate.

The recommended slate of officers are:

<i>Department Commander</i>	<i>Donald Shaw</i>
<i>Senior Vice Commander</i>	<i>David Paul Arnold</i>
<i>Junior Vice Commander</i>	<i>Kevin Lindsey</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Bruce Gosling</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Paul Davis</i>
<i>Department Council</i>	<i>Howard Streeter</i>
	<i>Richard Greene</i>
	<i>Tom Jenkins</i>

With the experience that I have gained serving on this committee the past several years, and there being no such guidance, I will create a committee guideline that can be used by future nomination committees in their work.

On behalf of the Committee members, thank you for the opportunity to serve.

I remain your faithful servant in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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