

Minutes of The 130th Annual Encampment
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War
Saturday, May 10, 2014
Great Lakes Christian College
Lansing, Michigan

A Joint Opening Ceremony with Ladies of the Allied Orders was conducted prior to the Call To Order of the Encampment. The Allied Orders introduced their honored guests and Officers. The 100th Anniversary of the Orders was noted. Each Brother and Sister who had passed since the last Encampment was remembered after which a recitation of the poem "The Boys in Blue" was given. The Ladies of the Allied Orders then departed the auditorium.

1. Call To Order: The 130th Department of Michigan Annual Encampment was called to order in the auditorium of Great Lakes Christian College by DC Davis at 9:30 AM Saturday, May 10, 2014. At the request of DC Davis, the Guide, assisted by the Color Bearer, determined that all present were entitled to remain.

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

Department Commander:	Paul Davis DC	Present
Senior Vice Commander:	Dale Aurand PCC	Present
Junior Vice Commander:	Kevin Lindsey PCC	Present
Department Council:	Charles Worley, PDC	Absent - Excused
Department Council:	Robert Griggs, PCC	Present
Department Council:	Tom Jenkins	Absent - Excused
Secretary:	George Boller	Present
Treasurer:	Bruce Gosling, PCC	Present
Chief of Staff	Don Shaw PDC	Present
Counselor:	James B. Pahl PCinC, etc., etc.	Present
Chaplin:	Charles Buckhahn CC	Present
Patriotic Instructor:	Gary Granger PCC	Present
Color Bearer:	Edgar Dowd PCC	Present
Signals Officer	Matt Adair	Absent - Excused
<i>Michigan Messenger</i> Editor:	Rick Danes CC	Present
Historian:	Matt Adair	Absent - Excused
Guide:	Bruce Benedict	Absent - Excused
Guard:	Chris Cox	Present
Graves Registration Officer	Rick Danes CC	Present
G.A.R. Records Officer	Gary Gibson PDC	Absent- Excused
C.W. Memorials Officer	Bruce Butgereit PDC	Absent - Excused
Eagle Scout Coordinator:	Jerry Olson	Absent - Excused
Camp-At-Large Coordinator	L. Dean Lamphere, Jr CC	Present
Aide-de-Camp	Keith Harrison PCinC	Present

3. Opening of The Encampment according to Ritual:

DC Davis led the Encampment in reciting the principles of our Order: Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. Chaplin Buckhahn invoked the Divine Blessing. Color Bearer Dowd presented the colors and DC Davis led the Encampment in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Declaration of the 130th Encampment being open for the conduct of Business

DC Davis thereupon declared the Encampment open for the conduct of business.

5. Rules for the Encampment

DC Davis stated that except for the Commander's, all reports should be limited to 5 minutes. Each Brother will be allowed to speak twice on a topic. All speakers will identify themselves by name and Camp, and all Brothers will use their voting cards to vote although DC Davis reserved the right to institute other manners of voting. If there are no objections to a recommendation, it will be adopted at the sound of the gavel. All discussion is to be conducted in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty and everyone is reminded that smoking is not allowed anywhere on the Campus and all cell phones are to be turned off in the auditorium.

DC Davis appointed Counselor Pahl as Encampment Parliamentarian and Don Shaw as Acting Encampment Counselor.

6. Approval of Past Proceedings

DC Davis solicited a motion to approve the posted Minutes of the 124th Department Encampment. Motion to approve by Keith Harrison, second by Rick Danes. There being no discussion, the Motion carried by vote of the Encampment.

7. Recognition and Welcome of Current National Officers

DC Davis asked the Guide to escort the flowing Current National Officers in attendance to the Altar after which DC Davis introduced each to the applause of the Encampment:

Commander-in-Chief: Ken Freshley
National Council of Administration Member: Donald Shaw
Assistant National Counselor and past Commander-in-Chief: James Pahl
MOLLUS Liaison and past Commander-in-Chief: Keith Harrison
Assistant to the National Treasurer: Bruce Gosling

8. Recognition of Past National Officers in Attendance

DC Davis asked past National Officers present to stand for recognition which was then given by the Encampment. In attendance were Keith Harrison PCinC, James Pahl PCinC, William McAfee PChaplain, Perley Mellor PCinC, Dave Wallace, PNational Secretary.

9. Recognition of Past Department Commanders in Attendance

DC Davis asked all past Department Commanders in attendance to stand for recognition and give their tenures in office. In attendance were Brothers Keith Harrison, James Pahl, Dave Arnold, and Don Shaw.

10. Appointment of Committee on Credentials

DC Davis temporarily postponed appointment of the Committee.

11. Appointment of Encampment Committees

DC Davis made appointments as follows:

Bylaws:	James Pahl
Officer Reports:	Dave Wallace, Chairman; Bob Mitchell
Resolutions:	Dave Arnold, Chairman; Bill McAfee; Skip Bryant

12. Reports of Department Officers

DC Davis instructed the Guide to pass the gavel to SVC Dale Aurand.

12A) Commander's Report: Paul Davis

DC Davis summarized his written report mentioning efforts being made to increase awareness of SUVCW for recruiting new members, and thanking Committees and Camps for their works in promoting good of the Order. His complete written report is on file. Thereafter, the gavel was returned to Commander Davis.

12B) Senior Vice Commander's Report: Dale Aurand

SVC Dale Aurand presented his report which contains two recommendations: 1) that the Department include the Mary Walker Award as an annual award, as authorized by National in 2012; and 2) that the Department purchase a second Department Flag which will accompany the Department Commander. His complete written report is on file.

12C) Junior Vice Commander's Report: Kevin Lindsay

JVC Kevin Lindsay presented a summary of his activities. His complete written report is on file.

12D) Secretary's Report: George Boller

Secretary George Boller summarized his report noting that failure of some camps to timely file reports imposes unnecessary burdens on the Department. His complete written report is on file.

12E) Treasurer's Report: Bruce Gosling

Treasurer Bruce Gosling presented his report including certain recommendations. Commander Davis referred the recommendations in the report to the Committee on Officer Reports. His complete written report is on file.

12F) Chaplain's Report: Charles Buckhahn

Chaplain Charles Buckhahn summarized his report, mentioning Brothers we have lost since our last Encampment. His complete written report is on file.

12G) Counselor's Report: James Pahl

Counselor James Pahl reported a single decision which he had made this past year at the request of DC Davis. The decision resolved an ambiguity at last year's Encampment regarding the number to be assigned to this year's Encampment. After reviewing available information, Counselor Pahl determined that the intent was that the number should be 130. No written report is being filed.

12H) Patriotic Instructor's Report: Gary Granger

PI Gary Granger summarized his report as submitted to the National Patriotic Instructor. His complete written report is on file.

12I) Chief of Staff's Report: Don Shaw

Don Shaw summarized his report, noting those occasions for which he had given advice to Camps and Officers. His complete written report is on file.

12J) Signals Officer - No Report.

12K) Michigan's Messenger Editor's Report: Rick Danes

Editor Rick Danes presented his report which calls attention to the importance of each Camp ensuring that all members receive our Department's quarterly publication. His complete written report is on file.

12L) Department Graves Registration Officer's Report: Rick Danes

Rick Danes presented his Report containing accomplishments during the past year and encouraging Camps presently lacking a GRO to appoint one. His complete written report is on file.

12M) Color Bearer's Report: Ed Dowd

Ed Dowd presented his report, mentioning events in which he participated. His complete written report is on file.

12N) Department Guard's Report: Chris Cox

Chris Cox presented his report, mentioning events in which he participated during the past year. His complete written report is on file.

12O) Department Historian – No report

12P) Department Guide – No report

12Q) GAR Records Officer's Report: Gary Gibson – Gary Gibson's written report was submitted in his absence. It mentions an important acquisition from an anonymous Brother and contains a recommendation that the \$500.00 allocation in the budget for the committee be retained for this coming year.

12R) Civil War Memorials Officer's Report: Bruce Butgereit - Bruce Butgereit's written report was submitted in his absence and summarized. The report documents extensive activities and projects during the past year.

12S) Eagle Scout Coordinator - No Report

12T) Camp-at-Large Coordinator – No Report

13. Patriotic Instruction Gary Granger:

A short Patriotic Instruction was presented by P.I. Gary Granger.

The Encampment recessed at 10:30 AM and reconvened at 10:50 AM.

14. Department Council Report: Chairman – Bob Griggs

The report of Council was presented by Chairman Griggs. Two recommendations resulted from Council's deliberations on issues brought before it: 1) that the purchase of a second Department Flag which will accompany the Department Commander be placed on the Encampment agenda; and 2) that the Encampment approve the 2014 budget proposed by the Department Treasurer. The complete written report is on file.

15. Adoption of Mary Walker Award

A proposal for adding the Mary Walker Award as a Department Award was timely filed with the Department by SVC Dale Aurand, Robert Finch Camp. No. 14. The proposal is contained in an attachment to these Minutes. After short discussion and there being no objections from the floor, the proposal was adopted at the sound of the gavel.

16. Committee Reports

16A) Training Committee – It was noted that the film has not been completed – no formal report at this time.

16B) Credentials Committee – Chairman Dean Lamphere, Jr. reported 55 Department of Michigan delegates in attendance plus PCinC Mellor and CinC Freshley.

16C) National Encampment Exploratory Committee - Jim Pahl presented a status report on possible hosting of the 2017 National Encampment. Dearborn, Lansing, and Grand Rapids are being considered as host cities. He answered questions from the floor about various matters such as Department cost and possible sources of income to defray costs.

17. Old Business

None

18. New Business

James Pahl explained the need for a proposed change in hosting of Department Encampments, responsibility for which has been a rotation of our orders, and that the Encampment Committee had decided that instead of rotating responsibility among the orders, the Committee as a whole would take responsibility. He then offered a motion to that effect which was seconded by Keith Harrison and thereupon adopted by the Encampment.

The Encampment recessed at 11:10 and reconvened at 11:30.

19. Reports of Encampment Committees

19A) Encampment Committee on Officer Reports: Chairman Dave Wallace thanked the Officers for their presentations and announced that the Committee had concurred with 1) purchase of a second department flag, 2) continuance of the Department ads in the Banner, and 3) transfer of \$1,032.00 to the Permanent Fund. There being no objections from the floor, each item was approved at the sound of the gavel.

19B) Encampment Resolutions Committee: Chairman Dave Arnold

19B1) Chairman Arnold announced that the Committee had concurred in a timely filed resolution from Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20 to form a committee for seeking placement of a State of Michigan Historical Marker in the City of Allegan Resolution to commemorate Gen. Pritchard and the role of the 4th Michigan Cavalry Regiment in the capture of Jefferson Davis. There being no objection from the floor, the Resolution was adopted at the sound of the gavel. DC Davis then appointed a committee for that purpose with John Keith, Chairman; Gary Gibson and Mike Maillard, members.

19B2) Chairman Arnold announced that the Committee had concurred in a timely filed resolution from Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17 to accept an offer by the recently established GAR Memorial Hall and Museum in Eaton Rapids to serve as the Department of Michigan's repository for the Department's GAR and CW artifacts and records.

The ensuing discussion raised a number of questions regarding issues which included insurance of artifacts and records, their possible return if necessary, who has authority for making decisions, and associated costs. Keith Harrison suggested that grants from foundations and other sources are a potential source of support.

Chairman Arnold then proposed that the Resolution be amended to provide for forming a Committee appointed by DC Davis to address these issues.

As amended and there being no objections from the floor, the Resolution was adopted at the sound of the gavel.

DC Davis then appointed Don Shaw, Keith Harrison, Matt Adair, Gary Gibson + 1 more Brother to be named as committee members. James Pahl recused himself.

20. Awards

20A) Detroit Veterans Day Parade

CC Rick Danes CC Camp No. 427 Sgt. John S. Cosby presented ribbons as follows for participation in the 2013 Parade and called a representative of each of the following Camps to come forward to accept. The Department will arrange to deliver ribbons to Camps and Organizations not having a representative present.

Camps:

Camp No. 7 (Austin Blair) Camp No. 22 (Colgrove – Woodruff)
Camp No. 180 (Carpenter – Welch) Camp No. 145 (Gov. Crapo)
Camp No. 427 (Sgt. John S. Cosby)

Organizations:

SUVCW Dept. of Michigan Flag
14th Michigan SVR (Sons of Veterans Reserve)
4th Michigan Reenactors

20B) Department Awards

20B1) Orlando LeValley Award

DC Davis presented this Award, established by Department Bylaws, to Camp No. 180 for being the Camp having the greatest annual percentage increase in new members (14.3%).

20B2) Austin Blair Award

DC Davis presented this Award, established by Department Bylaws, to two Camps who tied for having the greatest annual numerical increase in new members (2). Austin Blair Camp No. 7 and Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 250.

20B3) Department Officer Awards

Commander Davis presented Award Certificates to Department Officers who had served during the preceding year.

The Encampment then recessed for Lunch and reconvened at 2:05

20B) Continuation of Awards

DC Davis announced a National Meritorious Service Award to Chris Czopek, Curtenius Guard Camp. No. 17, awarded at the National Encampment. The award was presented to Brother Czopek at a regular meeting of Camp No. 17.

20B4) Abraham Lincoln Award:

DC Davis thanked Committee Chairman Dave Wallace for the Committee's work in selecting this year's recipients of the most prestigious award which the Department of Michigan presents and then announced this year's three recipients.

Brother Michael Culp

Brother James Petrimoulx

Len Thomas (not a Brother)

Being present, Brother Culp was given a round of applause by the Encampment.

The Committee's written report is on file and mentions the contributions made each recipient.

DC Davis announced that the two recipients of the newly instituted Mary Walker Award will be announced at this evening's banquet.

21) Commander-in-Chief's Remarks

CinC Freshley brought attention to the improved and expanded National Website and to a more streamlined procedure for new member filings. He also discussed on-going matters in several states involving CW cannons monuments. National is still awaiting a decision on its application for new Federal Tax status.

22) Good of the Order

The Jackson CW Muster is scheduled for Aug. 14-17.

Nov. 15 will be Remembrance Weekend at Gettysburg.

Camp No. 266 is hosting a June 4 Ceremony at Mackinaw.

The Detroit Veteran's Day Parade will occur in November.

A grave rededication ceremony will be held in Stockbridge on May 17.

DC Davis then thanked the appointed Encampment Committees for their work and discharged them of their responsibilities.

DC Davis then solicited a motion for a letter of thanks to Great Lakes Christian College for the use of their facility and accompanying gift to the College. Motion by Brother Griggs, second by Brother Shaw for \$100.00 gift. There being no discussion, the motion carried by unanimous vote of the Encampment.

23) Credentials Committee Report, Nomination and Election of Officers:

After Chairman Dean Lamphere reported the voting strength of each Camp, DC Davis asked for the report of the Nominations Committee. Chairman Danes reported the Committee's nomination of the following slate of candidates for each office.

Commander: Paul Davis, PCC
Sr Vice Commander Dale Aurand, PCC
Jr Vice Commander: L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., CC
Secretary: George Boller
Treasurer: Bruce Gosling, PCC
Members of Council:
a) Robert Griggs
b) Charles Worley, PDC
c) Kevin Lindsey, PCC

Chairman Danes thanked the Signals Officer for placing information about the candidates on the Department Website.

DC Davis then explained the nomination procedure which followed that of the previous Encampment.

There were no additional candidates offered from the floor.

Brother Pahl then moved that the Encampment elect the slate as nominated by the Committee without vote on individual offices, second By Brother Payne, and unanimously adopted by the Encampment. DC Davis congratulated the newly elected Officers.

24) Nomination and Election of Delegates to National Encampment:

DC Davis asked any Brother who will be attending the 2014 National Encampment and lacks standing credentials to give his Name and Camp to the Dept Secretary.

The following Brothers responded: Dale Aurand, Dave Smith, Dean Lamphere, and Skip Bryant.

Motion by Brother Pahl to nominate and elect all of the above as Delegates and to fill remaining Delegates in alphabetical order from the Department roster, with the remainder of the roster being alternates, motion seconded by Brother McAfee, and there being no discussion, it was adopted by vote of the Encampment.

25) Final Awards to Outgoing Department officers and Remarks by Department Commander.

DC Davis presented awards to outgoing Department Officers who were present. Awards will be delivered to those not present.

26) Installation of Officers according to Ritual:

The gavel was transferred to CinC Freshley who asked the acting Secretary to read aloud the names of the elected and appointed Officers. The CinC then installed them according to ritual, and thereafter declared them legally installed and qualified to enter upon the discharge of their several duties for the term ending at the Department Encampment, 2015, or until their successors are regularly elected, qualified and installed, after which Chaplain Buckhahn offered a blessing.

CinC Freshley placed Commander Davis in command and wished him success as the Commander.

Commander Davis thanked the Encampment and gave brief remarks.

27) Closing of Encampment according to Ritual:

There being no further business, DC Davis closed the Encampment according to Ritual and after the Chaplain had given the Closing Blessing, DC Davis declared the 130th Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War duly closed.

The next Department Encampment will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted, In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty
/George Boller/
Secretary, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department Officers for 2014-2015

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