

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



**PROCEEDINGS  
133<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT  
Great Lakes Christian College  
Lansing, Michigan  
May 6, 2017**



L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.  
Department Commander



# WELCOME!

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS/AUXILIARY TO GAR  
LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC  
DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR 1861-1865  
AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
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## 133RD SUVVCW MICHIGAN ENCAMPMENT AND THE CONVENTIONS OF THE ALLIED ORDERS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

**May 5-6, 2017**

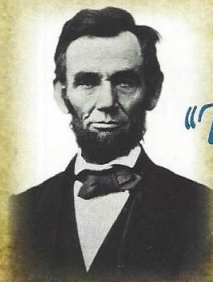
Great Lakes Christian College, Lansing Michigan  
Headquartered at: Quality Suites, Lansing, Michigan

*Hosted by:  
The Allied Orders of the Department of Michigan and their Allied  
Orders Encampment and Conventions Committee*

MICHIGAN AT GETTYSBURG PARADE 2015

### INSIDE:

Layout of Hotel and College and  
Map Between the two locations  
Allied Orders Schedules of Events  
Offerings for Civil War Related Items  
Greetings and Well Wishes  
Announcements  
Upcoming Events



*"Thank God for Michigan!"*



### MAPS and Layouts

#### Accommodations:

Quality Suites, 901 Delta Commerce Drive, Lansing, MI 48917.

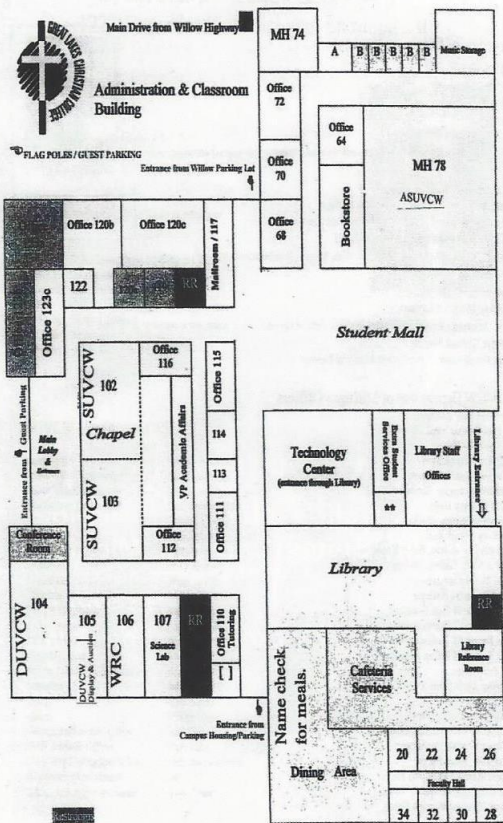
Phone: (517) 886-0600

#### Encampment Location:

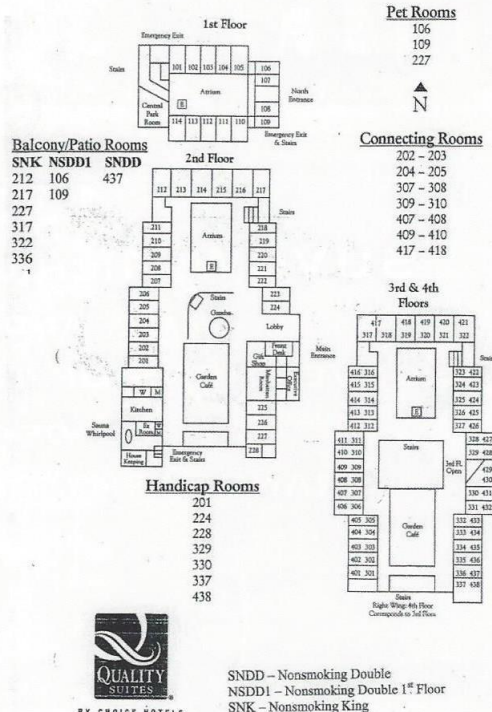
Great Lakes Christian College, 6211 W. Willow Highway, Lansing, MI 48917. Phone: (517) 321-0242

BELOW:

### Layout of Great Lakes Christian College

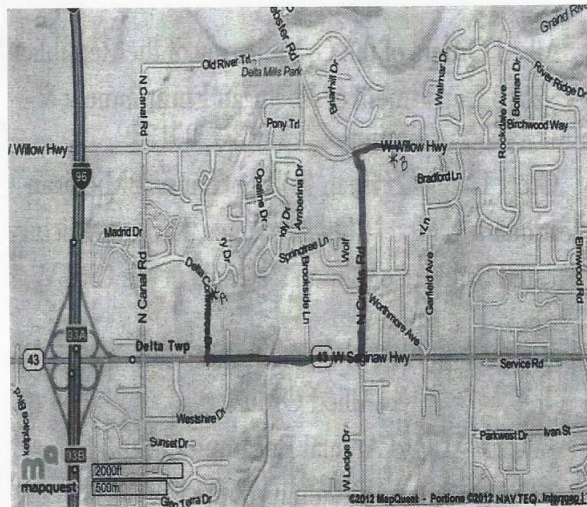


**REMINDER: NO SMOKING** on the college campus grounds. Persons wishing may smoke in their car or leave the campus.



**PROPERTY LAYOUT**

ABOVE: Layout of Quality Inn and Suites  
BELOW: Map from Hotel to Great Lakes Christian College



**Woman's Relief Corps  
Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic  
Department of Michigan Convention**

**Friday, May 5, 2017**

7:30 – 9:30 p.m.      Welcome Hospitality Room  
Quality Suites Headquarters Hotel  
901 Delta Commerce Drive,  
Lansing, Michigan

**Saturday, May 6, 2017**

Great Lakes Christian College  
6211 West Willow Highway  
Lansing, Michigan

8:30 a.m.              Registration

9:00 a.m.              Convention Convenes

9:30 a.m.              Opening Session

                                 Memorial Service

                                 Business Meeting

                                 Installation of Officers

11:45 a.m.              Recess for Lunch

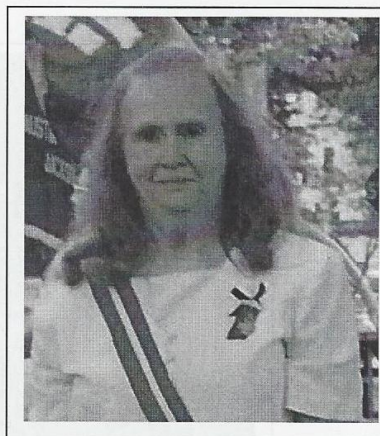
12:30 p.m.              (Noon) Allied Orders Luncheon

1:45 p.m.              Session Resumes

                                 Council Meeting

5:00 p.m.              Encampment Adjourns

6:00 p.m.              Allied Orders Banquet



**OFFICERS**

President	Lucille Streeter
Treasurer	Mary Harris
Chaplain	Marcia Butgereit

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Chairman	Janice Lankard
Secretary	Gracanne Smith
Inspector	Erma Lee Belcher
Field Officer	Kimberly Kolean
Patriotic Instructor	Phylis Russell
Press Correspondent	Vicky Streeter
Convention Co-Chairs	Lucille Streeter Gracanne Smith
Registration	Lucille Streeter
Scholarship	Mary Harris
Auditing	3 Past Presidents
Bylaws	Janice Lankard Gracanne Smith
National Representative	Gracanne Smith





**SUVCW COMMANDER**  
**L. Dean Lamphere**

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

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Quality Suites Headquarters  
Hotel  
901 Delta Commerce Drive,  
Lansing, Michigan

**Officers and Staff 2016 Term  
Department of Michigan**

<i>Commander -</i>	L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., PCC
<i>Senior Vice Commander</i>	David S. Smith, PCC
<i>Junior Vice Commander</i>	Robert Griggs, PCC
<i>Members of the Council</i>	Charles Worley, PDC
	Kevin Lindsey, PCC
	Michael Maillard, PCC
<i>Secretary -</i>	Richard Denney, CC
<i>Treasurer -</i>	Bruce S.A. Gosling, PCC
<i>Chief of Staff -</i>	David F. Wallace, PDC
<i>Counselor -</i>	Hon. James B. Pahl, PC-in-C
<i>Chaplain -</i>	Rev. Charles Buckhahn, PCC
<i>Patriotic Instructor -</i>	Gary Granger, PCC
<i>Color Bearer -</i>	Edgar J. Dowd, PCC
<i>Signals Officer -</i>	Robert Payne, CC
<i>Editor, "Michigan Messenger"</i>	Richard E. Danes, PCC
<i>Historian -</i>	Christopher Cox, CC
<i>Guide -</i>	Neal N. Zabicki
<i>Guard -</i>	Ronald Shull PCC
<i>Graves Registration Officer-</i>	Richard E. Danes, PCC
<i>GAR Records Officer-</i>	Gary L. Gibson, PDC
<i>Civil War Memorials Officer-</i>	Dennis Fyke
<i>Eagle Scout Coordinator</i>	Nathan Tingley
<i>Camp-At-Large Coordinator -</i>	William Morris, PCC
<i>Aid de Camp -</i>	Keith Harrison, PC-in-C

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5:30 p.m.      Allied Orders Banquet



**Michigan Department DUVCW Officers**

President	Cynthia VanAntwerp
Sr Vice President	Sally Redinger
Vice President	Nancy Skerchock
Chaplain	Samantha Maxam
Treasurer	Sue Liddie
Registrar	Sue Liddie
Patriotic Instructor	Elizabeth Grossman
Council #1	Bethany Hoover
Council #2	Judith Anderson
Council #3	Marcia Simmons
Counselor	Bethany Hoover
Secretary	Elizabeth Hager
Press Correspondent	Wenda Fore
Chief of Staff	Judith Anderson
Guide	Shelly Hager
Guard	Diane Hager
Historian	Rolene Robinson
Webmaster	Susan Norder
duvs Chairman	Bethany Hoover
VAVS Representative	Rolene Robinson
State Veterans Homes Chairman	Rolene Robinson
Color Bearer	Judith Wiers
Color Bearer	Christie Peach
Color Bearer	Katherine Alton
Color Bearer	Pamela Kramer

**Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
1861-1865  
Department of Michigan Convention**

**Friday, May 5, 2017**

12:30 p.m. Hotel Available for Check-in  
 4:30 p.m. DUVCW Council Meeting #1  
 Manhattan Room (Hotel)  
 5:30 p.m. Setup can begin at the college (or earlier)  
 6:00 p.m. Best of the Southwest Dinner Buffet (hotel)  
 7:00 p.m. Uncle Carl's Dulcimers Perform (hotel)  
 Quality Suites Headquarters Hotel  
 901 Delta Commerce Drive,  
 Lansing, Michigan

**Saturday, May 6, 2017**

Great Lakes Christian College  
 6211 West Willow Highway  
 Lansing, Michigan

6:00 – 8 p.m. Club Breakfast at Quality Suites (for those who stay there) or on your own  
 7:00 a.m. College doors open  
 8 – 10 a.m. Coffee, tea, doughnuts (cafeteria)  
 8:00 a.m. Registration opens  
 9:00 a.m. Allied Orders Joint Opening Ceremony  
 Memorial Service in Chapel (SUVCW Meeting Room) and last minute instructions.  
 9:30 a.m. (after ceremony) Opening of DUVCW Business Meeting begins in Room 104  
 12:15 p.m. Prayer in Chapel (SUVCW Room)  
 Instructions for lunch  
 12:30 p.m. Luncheon  
 2:00 p.m. Afternoon Session Begins  
 4:30 p.m. Council Meeting #2  
 5:00 p.m. Encampment Adjourns  
 5:15 p.m. Prayer before Banquet in Chapel (SUVCW meeting room)  
 5:30 p.m. Allied Orders Banquet





**JUNE LLOYD**  
ASUVCW MI ACTING PRESIDENT

**ASUVCW MICHIGAN  
2016-2017 OFFICERS**

ACTING PRESIDENT/ VICE-PRESIDENT:  
June Lloyd

COUNCIL MEMBER NO. 1:  
Karen [Pardee] Hamann PDP

COUNCIL MEMBER NO. 2:  
Lisa G. Smith

COUNCIL MEMBER NO. 3:  
Nancy Newman

SECRETARY  
Helen A. Granger

TREASURER  
Vicki Weiss

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR:  
Connie Horning

CHAPLAIN  
Liz Lloyd

**Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Department of Michigan Convention**

**Friday, May 5, 2017**

- 1:30 p.m. ASUVCW Executive Committee
- 4:00 p.m. Set up at Great Lakes Christian College
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner on Your Own or at Quality Suites
- 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Allied Orders Fellowship Quality Suites  
Burger Buffet (second floor Garden Café)  
Quality Suites Headquarters Hotel  
901 Delta Commerce Drive,  
Lansing, Michigan

**Saturday, May 6, 2017**

- Great Lakes Christian College  
6211 West Willow Highway  
Lansing, Michigan
- 6:00 – 8 p.m. Club Breakfast at Quality Suites or on your own
- 7:15 a.m. Great Lakes Christian College building opens
- 8:30 a.m. Registration (as soon as setup)
- 9:00 a.m. Joint Opening/Memorial Services at  
Great Lakes Christian College in the  
Chapel (SUVCW Meeting Room)
- 9:30 a.m. ASUVCW Convention Opening  
Morning Session Begins Room MH78
- 11:45 a.m. Break/Recess for Lunch
- 12:15 p.m. Meet in Chapel for Luncheon Prayer  
AND for luncheon instructions
- 12:30 p.m. Allied Orders Luncheon
- 1:45 p.m. Afternoon Session Begins
- 4:00 p.m. Convention Adjourns  
Installation of Officers
- 5:15 p.m. Meet in Chapel for Banquet Prayer  
And Banquet Instructions
- 5:30 p.m. Allied Orders Banquet



# Welcome National Officers!



**Woman's Relief Corps National President Michelle L. Colburn of Aurora, Nebraska**



**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 135<sup>TH</sup> Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Martin of Chillicothe, Ohio.. He is the FOURTH Commander-in-Chief from Sergeant Richard Enderlin Camp #73.**



**Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National President Denise B. Oman, of Wonewoc, Wisconsin. Of note, Sister Oman's twin sister, Danielle Michaels, has also served as the ASUVCW National President.**

## **NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic President Carolyn Agosto of St. Merriam, Kansas.**

**Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 National President Jan Rynerson of Columbus, Indiana.**

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
MINUTES OF THE 133rd DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT  
CAMPUS OF GREAT LAKES CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, LANSING, MICHIGAN  
MAY 6, 2017

The Department of Michigan Allied Order's Joint Opening Ceremony was hosted in the SUVCW meeting room. Introduced was Denise Oman, National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Michelle L. Colburn, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, and Donald Shaw, National Junior Vice Commander in Chief. Past National Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief were also introduced.

The Allied Orders then conducted a Memorial Service for departed Sisters and Brothers over the past year.

The Orders then adjourned to their various meeting rooms for their business meetings.

The 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was called to order by Department Commander Dean Lamphere per ritual.

**Officers and Staff of the Department of Michigan  
2016-2017**

Department Commander	Dean Lamphere
Senior Vice Commander	David Smith
Junior Vice Commander	Robert Griggs
Members of the Council	Charles Worley
	Kevin Lindsay (excused)
	Michael Maillard
Secretary	Richard Denney
Treasurer	Bruce Gosling
Chief of Staff	David Wallace
Counselor	James Pahl
Chaplain	Charles Buckhahn (excused)
Patriotic Instructor	Gary Granger
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## **Rules of the Encampment-** announced by Dean Lamphere

1. Other than the Commander's Report, officer reports will be limited to 5 minutes.
2. Brothers will be able to speak twice on a given topic.
3. When speaking identify yourself by name and camp.
4. All debate will be done in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.
5. All voting will be done by voting card issued to delegates upon arrival.
6. The Department Commander reserves the right to institute other methods of voting as circumstances dictate.
7. Appoint James B. Pahl as Encampment Parliamentarian.
8. Appoint Don Shaw as Acting Encampment Counselor.
9. **NO SMOKING- anywhere on college grounds. Must be in your vehicle or off site.**
10. At this time Please Turn off or silence your cell phones.
11. Lunch will be at 12:30 pm, the Banquet will be held at 6:00 pm. Luncheon and Banquet
12. Tickets are not available today and must have been pre-purchased.
13. The proceedings of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Department Encampment were approved by the Past Department Commander and the current Department Commander.

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:** Dean Lamphere appointed the Encampment Committee on Credentials being Rob Payne (Chair), and Nathan Smith.

Commander Lamphere introduced the National Officers in attendance  
National Junior Vice Commander in Chief- Don Shaw.  
National Council of Administration Member- Paul Davis.  
Assistant National Counselor Blue Book and Past Commander in Chief -James Pahl.  
The MOLLUS Liaison and Past Commander in Chief – Keith Harrison.  
Assistant to the National Treasurer Bruce Gosling.  
Commander of the Michigan Commandery of MOLLUS- Paul Davis.

Commander Lamphere introduced the representative of the Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Don Shaw. JVCinC Shaw gave a few appropriate remarks in greeting.

Report by Committee on Credentials.

Chairman Rob Payne asked that the committee report be postponed. Report will be given prior to the nomination of Department Officers.

### **Appointment of Encampment Committees:**

Bylaws: (David Smith, SVDC Chair), Bob Griggs, JVDC, Don Shaw, JVCinC.  
Officers Reports: (Paul "Dave" Arnold, PDC Chair), Dennis Derr II, PDC, Chuck Worley, PDC.  
Resolutions: (Bill Brennan, PDC Chair), Terry McKinch, PCC, John Keith, CC.  
Fraternal Relations: (Keith Harrison, PCinC Chair).

### **Officer Report's**

Dept. Commander Dean Lamphere passed the gavel to Senior Vice Commander Smith and presented his report to the Encampment. SVDC Smith called for a motion and second to refer this report and all subsequent officers' reports to the Encampment Committee on Officer's

Reports. Motion was made and seconded to do the above. Motion carried. SVDC Smith returned the gavel to Dept. Commander Lamphere.

Senior Vice Department Commander David Smith presented his report.  
Junior Vice Department Commander Robert Griggs presented his report.  
Department Secretary Richard Denney presented his report.  
Department Treasurer Bruce Gosling presented his report.  
Department Chaplain Charles Buckhahn filed his report with the Secretary.  
Department Counselor Jim Pahl presented his report.  
Department Patriotic Instructor Gary Granger report will be delayed.  
Department Color Bearer Ed Dowd presented his report.  
Department Chief of Staff David Wallace presented his report.  
Department Signal's Officer Rob Payne presented his report.  
Michigan's Messenger Editor Rick Danes presented his report.  
Department Graves Registration Officer Rick Danes presented his report.  
Department Historian Chris Cox presented his report.  
Department Guide Neal Zabicki had nothing to report.  
Department Guard Ron Shull had nothing to report.  
Department GAR Records Officer Gary Gibson presented his report.  
Department Civil War Memorials Officer Dennis presented his report.  
Department Eagle Scout Coordinator Dennis Tingley presented his report.  
Department Camp At Large Coordinator Wm. Morris no report.  
Department Council Member #1 Charles Worley presented the Council's report.

**Patriotic Instruction** by Patriotic Instructor Gary Granger- How to make yourself known in the community.

**Reception and Reference of Communications-** No communications.

#### **Awards**

##### **Abraham Lincoln Award**

Lt. Edwin Carrington Chapter- The National Society of the DUVCW 1861-1865.  
Jean Rose for assisting Camp No. 266 in registering Civil War graves in Delta Co.  
Michigan

##### **Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award**

None to be awarded.

**Austin Blair Award** for greatest numerical member gain- Curtenius Guard  
Camp No.17

**Orlando LeValley Award** for the greatest percentage member gain- LeValley-  
Heusted Camp No. 255.



**Certificate of Appreciation-** The Technology committee of Rob Payne, David Wallace, and Patrick Wallace for bringing the Department Website into shape.

**Standing Committee Report.**

**Bylaws:** David Smith (DSVC) (a complete listing of Bylaw proposed changes are attached to the Encampment proceedings).

**[Addition/Amendment]**

This amendment to the Bylaws at the 132<sup>nd</sup> Department Encampment was made invalid due to a change in the number of awards allowed to be presented by the Department Commander in the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations. This change was made at the 2016 National Encampment in Springfield, Illinois.

**Article XVIII-Awards and Insignia, Section 4.**

**Original (as approved at the 132<sup>nd</sup> Department of Michigan Encampment)**

Authorization for a Department Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Appreciation Award is provided. The Department Commander May confer the award which is presented to Sisters of the Allied Orders in recognition of outstanding, sustained and conspicuous service to the Department of Michigan of the SUVCW in furtherance of its mission and goals. The medal and certificate would be presented to a recipient with a red ribbon to denote it was presented by a Department. The Department Commander may present up to 3 awards per administration upon recommendation of any Past Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commander or current Camp, Department, or National elected officer.

**Amended**

Authorization for a Department Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Appreciation Award is provided. The Department Commander may confer the award which is presented to Sisters of the Allied Orders in recognition of outstanding, sustained, and conspicuous service to the Department of Michigan of the SUVCW in furtherance of its mission and goals. The medal and certificate would be presented to a recipient with a red ribbon to denote it was presented by a Department. Then Department Commander may present up to 2 awards per administration upon recommendation of any Past Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commander, or current Camp, Department, or National elected officer.

**ACTION:** It was moved to approve the changes. Motion was approved.

**[Amendment -Reminder]**

No action is required as this amendment was approved by the 132<sup>nd</sup> Department of Michigan Encampment and no modifications were required. It is included herein to ensure that it is resubmitted to the Commander-in-Chief with any additional amendments to the Bylaws as approved by the 133<sup>rd</sup> Department of Michigan Encampment.

**Article XXII-Annual Encampment, Section 5.**

The Department Commander may appoint an Assistant Department Secretary-Proceedings, to help the Department Secretary compile the official record of each Department Encampment.

The Department Proceeding shall include the minutes of the business meeting, each officer's report, and other such items so as to make a complete record of the Encampment. The proceedings of each Encampment, when approved by the outgoing and incoming Department Commander, when published, become the official record of that Encampment. The official record of that Encampment shall be published to the Brothers of the Department in an electronic format.

## **ADDITIONS**

### **Article XXII-Annual Encampment, Section 6.**

Election of Officers shall be by roll call of Camps or any other method approved by the Department Encampment.

ACTION: Some discussion. It was moved to approve the motion. Motion was approved.

### **Article XXII-Annual Encampment, Section 1.**

#### **Original**

All delegates to the Annual Department of Michigan Encampment, including Past Department Commanders, current and Past Camp Commanders, Department Officers, and Camp Delegates, or Camp Alternates serving in the absence of the Camp Delegates, shall be charged a Registration Fee. Delegates who preregister with the Department Secretary shall be charged a discounted registration fee as described in the Department of Michigan Operating Guidelines. Only paid registrants shall be entitled to vote at the Department's Annual Encampment. Registration fees for the next Annual Encampment shall be reviewed and may be revised by the current Annual Encampment. Fee structures will be published in the next Michigan's Messenger following the Annual Encampment.

#### **Amended**

All delegates to the Annual Department of Michigan Encampment, including Past Department Commanders, current and Past Camp Commanders, Department Officers, and Camp Delegates, or Camp Alternates serving in the absence of the Camp Delegates, shall be charged a Registration Fee, **unless waived in section 2 below.** Delegates who preregister with **an appointed Brother serving as the Chair of the Credentials Committee** ~~the Department Secretary~~ shall be charged a discounted registration fee.as described in the Department of Michigan Operating Guidelines. **Only those properly registered** ~~paid registrants~~ shall be entitled to vote at the Department's Annual Encampment. Registration fees for the next Annual Encampment shall be reviewed and may be revised by the current Annual Encampment. Fee structures will be published in the next Michigan's Messenger following the Annual Encampment.

ACTION: No discussion. It was moved to accept as amended. Motion approved.

### **Article IX-Committees, Section 12.**



The following amendments have been provided regarding ARTICLE IX-Committees, Section 12. As there are several differing amendments prepared, The Department Encampment will need to vote affirmative to only one of the proposed amendments or none.

Original

The Nominating Committee shall consist of five Brothers who are NOT currently Elected to an office of the Department. The committee's purpose shall be to prepare a slate of officers, listing one Brother for each elected office (of the Department), for presentation at the Annual Encampment. Nominations from-the -floor will continue to be accepted at the Encampment.

Option A. Amended

The Nominating Committee shall consist of five Brothers who are NOT currently elected to an office of the Department. The committee's purpose shall be to prepare a slate of officers, listing one **or more** Brother(s) for each elected office (of the Department), for the presentation at the Annual Encampment. Nominations from the floor will continue to be accepted at the Encampment.

Option B. Amended

Sixty days before the Department Encampment is scheduled to meet, the Department Commander shall appoint a Nominating Committee.

The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to select and present a slate of candidates for each of the elected Department offices. One brother and only one brother is to be selected for each elected position on the slate.

The Nominating Committee shall consist of five brothers who are not currently serving in an elected Department office. Past Department Commanders and Brothers who have a good understanding of the Department operation, and knowledge of candidates who possess good administrative and leadership potential are to be preferred for members to serve on the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee, from the day appointed, shall within 10 days select one of its members to serve as the Nominating Committee Chair. The Nominating Committee Chair will manage and direct the activities of the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee Chair shall within 10 days of being selected Chair of the Nominating Committee, first solicit interested candidates via submission of a candidate's letter of intention which shall contain his desire and credentials for serving in that office.

This request for letters of intent for elected offices shall be requested of and be announced via a Department Order from the Department Commander addressed to all brothers in all Camps of the Department within 5 days following the request of the Nominating Committee Chair.

The deadline for receipt of the letters of intent for elected offices shall not later than 30 days before the Department Encampment.

The Nominating Committee shall provide a slate of candidates at least 20 days before the Department Encampment.

When the slate is selected, The Nominating Committee Chair will report the slate to the Department Commander who shall, 15 days before the Department Encampment, publish the slate on the Department website for the benefit of the Brothers in all Camps of the Department. In the event there are not a sufficient number of candidates to fill the slate, the Nominating committee members shall solicit suitable candidates to fill any open positions on the slate.

The Nominating Committee Chair shall not serve more than one term as the Nominating Committee Chair in three consecutive years. In addition, the Nominating Committee Chair is to be a non-voting member of the Nominating Committee and will vote only in the event there is a tie from the remaining members of the Nominating Committee.

If there is more than one candidate expressing interest in the same position, the Nominating Committee shall select only one Brother for that position.

All other multiple candidates not selected by the Nominating Committee for its proposed slate will then be allowed to address the Encampment regarding their candidacy. Nominations from the floor are to be accepted at the Department Encampment.

#### Option C. Amended

Elimination of the Nominating Committee with DELETION OF Section 12, and amend Section 1 to delete “Nominating”. This would also require an ADDITION in ARTICLE XXII-Annual Encampment, Section 7. “Election of Department Officers is to follow the same process and procedure utilized by the National SUVCW organization for the election of National Officers. Candidates seeking Department Office shall submit a letter of intention, credentials, and letters of endorsement to the Department Secretary or another Brother designated by the Department Commander prior to 60 days before the Department Encampment. These items provided by the candidate will be posted upon the Department of Michigan website for review prior to 30 days before the Department Encampment.

ACTION: Much discussion ensued. It was moved and seconded to use Option A. Motion was approved.

### **ARTICLE IX-Committees, Section 4**

#### ORIGINAL

The Bylaws committee shall be chaired by the Senior Vice Commander and shall annually review these Bylaws, bringing any necessary revisions to the attention of the Department membership. The Bylaws Committee shall, after approval of the Commander-in-Chief, submit copy of revised Bylaws to Department Signals Officer in electronic format for posting on the

Department Website. Camp Commanders and Secretaries shall also receive a copy of the newly amended Bylaws.

Amended

The Bylaws Committee shall be chaired by the Senior Vice **Department** Commander **and also include the Department Counselor and Department Secretary. Additional Brothers may be added to the Committee as necessary by the Senior Vice Department Commander with consent of the Department Commander. The Committee and** shall annually review these Bylaws, bringing any necessary revisions to the attention of the Department membership. The Bylaws committee shall, after the approval of the Commander-in-Chief, submit copy of revised Bylaws to **the** Department Signals Officer in electronic format for posting on the Department Website. Camp Commanders and Secretaries shall also receive a copy of the newly amended Bylaws.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded to amend the above by adding “Camps and Brothers may bring recommendations for changes in the Bylaws to the Bylaws Committee. The Bylaws Committee shall include these recommendations in their report to the Department Encampment with the Bylaws Committee’s recommendations. More discussion ensued. The motion to amend was passed. The motion with the amendment was approved.

Per General Order 22, Series 2013-2014 (Ken Freshley PCinC) the following addition minors should be added to the Department Bylaws as recommended by Donald Martin, CinC.

**ARTICLE XXIV-Minors**

The Department of Michigan and all subordinate Camps shall remain in full compliance with General Order 22, Series 2013-2014; the National Policy Regarding Minors adopted by the Council of Administration 11 July 2014, plus any subsequent policy, General Order, and/or Regulation of the Order regarding minor’s participation in any and all activities of the Order occurring within the Department.

ACTION: Discussion ensued. It was moved and seconded to approve the addition. The motion was approved.

**ARTICLE IX-Committees, Section 1**

This amendment includes the establishment of the Credentials Committee as a standing committee.

Original

The Standing Committees shall be as follows: Bylaws, Legislative, Membership, Graves Registration, Civil War Memorials, G.A.R. Records, Communications and Technology, Nominating, and Ceremonies and Rituals.

Amended

The Standing Committees shall be as follows: Bylaws, Legislative, Membership, Graves Registration, Civil War Memorials, G.A.R. records, Communications and Technology, Nominating, ~~and~~ Ceremonies and Rituals, **and Credentials.**



ACTION: No discussion. The motion was approved.

**ARTICLE IX-Committees, Section 13 (or appropriate sequential number)**

The Credentials Committee shall consist of three appointed Brothers with one designated as the Chair. The Chair will handle the process of preregistration of Delegates as prescribed before the Department Encampment. At the Department Encampment, the Credentials Committee will ascertain that all Delegate Credentials are in order, and issue each approved Delegate a voting card and Delegate ribbon. Visitors to the Encampment may receive a Delegate ribbon as a souvenir if sufficient quantities are available. All Delegates that have not preregistered will be registered by the Committee. Upon Completion of Delegate registration, the Credentials Committee will prepare a record of the statistics of the Delegates, along with the allowed voting strength of each camp within the Department.

ACTION: No discussion. The motion was approved.

Brother Jim Pahl asked for appreciation be shown for the outstanding work that SVDC David Smith did on the Bylaws Committee.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership Committee:** Robert Griggs (DJVC)

No report.

**Graves Registration Committee:** Rick Danes

No report.

**G.A.R. Records Committee:** Gary Gibson

Report on file with the Department Secretary.

**Civil War Memorials Committee:** Dennis Fyke

No report.

**Communications and Technology Committee:** Rob Payne

No report.

**Ceremonies and Rituals Committee:**

No report.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**The 102<sup>nd</sup> USCT Monument Special Committee**

Committee member Brother David Wallace, PDC gave the report.

(The full report may be found in the Appendix.)

**The 2017 National Encampment Committee: Don Shaw- Co-Chair**

The preparation for the National Encampment is moving along. A call was put forward for anyone wishing to volunteer to work at the Encampment

**Encampment Officer Reports Committee: Paul Arnold- Chair**  
**Members: Charles Worley, Dennis Derr II.**

**Department Commander Recommendations.**

Based on the closure of Camp #1 and Camp #139 the Graves Registration Officer and the Memorial Officer with the incoming Department Commander will need to reassign the counties these were assigned to others Camps within the Department.

ACTION: Committee agrees with recommendation #1. Motion approved.

We as the Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War step back from the Allied Orders Encampment Combined Committee (AOECC) for a period of one year or more so that efforts can be put toward addressing and solving some areas of concern that appear to have arisen and must be addressed in my opinion.

ACTION: Committee has no recommendation on recommendation #2. Much discussion. It was moved and seconded to go into executive session. After returning to general session it was moved and seconded to not step away from the AOECC. Discussion. Motion approved.

That the Department of Michigan send to National a request to have the Constitution and Regulations Committee review and update where necessary the discipline procedures language to:

Clearly define communications steps to Hearing Defendant and Plaintiff before the Hearing Council begins and the steps available to the parties, including the path to appeal; Clearly define communication steps once a Hearing Council has reached a ruling, including who does what (e.g. is an order written) and how that is to be done.

Define if a Department Commander can overrule a ruling of a Hearing Council or that is only allowed by appeal and by whom.

ACTION: The committee agrees with the recommendation #3. Some discussion. The motion was approved.

The incoming Department Commander orders the review of the Lockwood Camp #139 Financial Reports per Constitution and Regulations (as a reminder).

ACTION: The committee agrees with recommendation #4. No discussion. Motion was approved.

The incoming Department Commander extends the Special Committee on the 102<sup>nd</sup> USCT Memorial.

ACTION: Committee agrees with recommendation #5. No discussion. Motion approved

### **Department Secretary Recommendations.**

Establish a training procedure to train incoming Department or Camp Secretaries in the proper handling of Forms and procedures.

ACTION: The committee agrees with recommendation #1. Discussion. Motion approved.

The Department of Michigan to petition the National Headquarters to seek out eliminate outdated websites that house outdated forms.

ACTION: The committee agrees with recommendation #2. Discussion. Motion approved.

Form a committee to develop a Camp Secretary training program they could be made available on preferably a DVD format.

ACTION: No discussion. Motion approved.

### **Department Treasurer Recommendations.**

That the \$743.13 in net income generated by the Permanent Fund in 2016 be retained as part of the permanently restricted balance of the fund.

ACTION: The committee disagree with this recommendation until after the National Encampment. Discussion. Committee was ruled out of order. C & R allows fund to automatically remain in the Permanent fund.

### **Chief of Staff Recommendations.**

The Department should undertake a review and update of its Strategic Direction document, which was last reviewed and adopted by the 2006 Encampment. Many nonprofit organizations operate without a formal strategic plan or one that covers only 12 months. A good strategic plan includes areas of both risk and opportunity, and cover the next two to five years. This implies ongoing and continuing review and development.

ACTION: The committee agrees. No discussion. Motion approved.

The Department should undertake a review and update of its Operating Guidelines document, which was last amended by the Encampment in 2010. Experienced people should be documenting their processes to help any successors who come behind them. This is how organizations overcome the “the liability of newness” which argues that poorly understood conditions and direction are responsible for the comparative death rates of new and old organizations, and that all roles require learning by all the organization’s members. Essentially, an organization must invest time, either explicitly or implicitly, in educating its inexperienced



staff members to execute their responsibilities. A mature nonprofit organization finds ways to make these processes routine.

ACTION: The committee agrees. No discussion. Motion approved.

**GAR Records Officer.**

The Department Encampment continue the funding of this office at the current level for the ensuing year.

ACTION: The committee agrees. No discussion. Motion approved.

**Resolution Committee Report. Terry McKinch, Chair, Bill Brennan, John Keith, Members.**

Resolution to endorse PDC Donald Shaw for the office Senior Vice Commander in Chief for the 2017-2018 term. Committee concurs. It was moved and seconded for the Department Secretary to send this resolution to all Department Secretaries in the Order, the National Secretary and to all Past Commanders in Chiefs.

ACTION: Motion approved. Resolutions to endorse various individuals for Department offices.

**Department Council Report.**

Council reports have been filed with the Department Secretary.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

PC-in-C Keith Harrison gave a report on the GAR Museum. It was moved to have a Department representative (Department Historian) for the Museum to report about the archiving of the Department records. Motion was seconded. Motion approved.

It is recommended to determine a specified number of representatives to the AOECC. It moved that the AOECC set a specific number for the representatives for each order. Motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer Bruce Gosling presented proposed budget for the 2017-2018 term. It was moved and seconded to accept the approved budget. Motion approved.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**Report of the Nominating Committee. Rick Danes, Chair**

The committee recommends the following names be placed into nomination (without any endorsement) for the elected offices of the Department:

Commander:	David Smith
Sr. Vice Commander	Robert Griggs
Jr. Vice Commander	Robert Payne
Secretary	Richard Denney
Treasurer	Bruce Gosling
Members of Council	Charles Worley
	Kevin Lindsey
	Michael Maillard

**Credential Committee Report. Rob Payne, Chair.**

Report of Delegates by Camp was received, with the voting strength of each camp detailed. Commander Lamphere proceeded to discharge the committees with his thanks.

It was moved to send an honorarium of \$100.00 to Great Lakes Christian College and a letter of thanks to the college. Motion was seconded. Motion was approved.

Commander Lamphere thanked the Sisters of the Allied Orders for their hard work to make the Encampment possible.

Commander Lamphere gave dates of activities of interest to the Order.

Gary Gibson spoke about plaques honoring Medal of Honor awardees in various areas of the state.

Jim Pahl moved the Department of Michigan apply for 501c3 status from the IRS if National's efforts for a group exemption fail. Motion was seconded. Motion was approved.

Jack Frost informed the Department that Camp No. 67 would be dedicating a grave stone on May 29 in Bay City.

Gary Gibson spoke about US 12 being the Iron Brigade Memorial Highway.

Chris Cox spoke about his ongoing effort to gather pictures of Civil War dedications and monument work.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

It was moved that at the close of nominations for any particular office, if there is only one candidate, the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot and declares that person is elected. Motion was seconded. The motion was approved. Each office was announced in order, asking for additional candidates. In each case, none were offered. Elected were:

Department Commander- David Smith, PCC

Department Senior Vice Commander-	Robert Griggs, PCC
Department Junior Vice Commander-	Robert Payne, CC
Department Secretary-	Richard Denney, CC
Department Treasurer-	Bruce Gosling, PCC
Members of Council #1-	Charles Worley, PDC
Members of Council #2-	Kevin Lindsey
Members of Council #3-	Michael Maillard, PCC

**Election of Delegates.**

Names for delegates were taken by the Department Secretary. The Department is permitted 19 Delegates. It was moved to have those volunteering to be delegates and the remainder of the Delegate roster be filled from the Roster of Department Members, beginning at the top, alphabetically, from those brothers who do not have standing credentials. The remainder of the brothers of the Department be elected alternatives. Should a delegate be unable to attend, the Department Commander to choose from the alternate delegates, a suitable brother to fill in for the missing delegate. Motion was seconded. Motion was approved.

Department Commander Lamphere handed awards of Appreciation to the Officers 2017-2018.

**Installation of Officers.**

Department Commander-elect David Smith asked Robert Boquette, PCC to pin on his badge.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief Donald Shaw received the gavel and proceeded to install the 2017-2018 Department Officers per ritual.

The Officers were announced by the Department Secretary and conducted to the alter by Guide Neal Zabicki.

**Department Officers 2017-2018**

Department Commander	David Smith
Senior Vice Commander	Robert Griggs
Junior Vice Commander	Robert Payne
Council	Charles Worley
	Kevin Lindsey
	Michael Maillard
Secretary	Richard Denney
Treasurer	Bruce Gosling
Counselor	Nathan Smith
Chaplain	Rev. Charles Buckhahn
Patriotic Instructor	Robert Boquette
Color Bearer	Edgar Dowd
Signals Officer	David Wallace
Editor, "Michigan Messenger"	Richard Danes
Historian	John Keith

Guide	Nathan Tingley
Guard	Theodore Mattis
Graves Registration Officer	Richard Danes
GAR Records Officer	Gary Gibson
Civil War Memorials Officer	John McGill
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Nathan Tingley
Camp-at-Large Coordinator	George Boller
Aide-De-Camp	Paul Davis

Brother Robert Boquette pinned the Badge of Office on Department Commander Smith. JVCinC Shaw presented the gavel to Commander Smith.

Department Commander Smith presented Past Department Commander Lamphere with his Past Department Commander's Badge. Angie Lamphere pinned the Badge on Past Department Commander Lamphere and he gave a few appropriate remarks.

Department Commander Smith delivered a few remarks.

It was moved and seconded to close the Encampment. The Encampment was closed per ritual by Department Commander Smith.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

Richard W. Denney  
Department Secretary



## APPENDIX A – OFFICER’S REPORTS



### Headquarters Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Department Commander Report  
Term 2016-2017  
L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., Commander  
Headquarters, Aurora, IL  
May 5, 2017

Brothers of the Department of Michigan,

I would like to say thank you for allowing me to serve as your Department Commander for the Term of 2016-2017. It has been one of the most challenging years I have had in my life with everything that was going on during the last 365+ days since our last Department Encampment. I will not bore you with all of the details but will say that I honestly may have bitten off more than I can fit into my mouth much less swallow. I think that the greatest part of this position, having listened to the comments of my wonderful Past Department Commander Brothers, is visiting the Camps and performing the installations and services. We have a diverse group of men preserving the memory of their ancestors and the Union Veterans of the Civil War. They care about our common shared history and for each other. This is exactly as our ancestors in the Grand Army of the Republic behaved amongst each other.

- Comments and Continuation:
  - Current status of Bruce Butgereit is that he has paid he dues as of this writing through 2017, this is his only option other than dropping his membership. He is a suspended and based on the closure of John A. Logan Camp #1 he is left without a Camp. His current status of being under suspension means that he could not transfer to another Camp, as he is not in good standing. We are reporting him as a suspended member attached to the Department. As long as he continues paying his dues through his suspension. August 21, 2018, he can obtain a transfer card, good for one year at that time, in the opinion of this officer.
  - Closure of John A. Logan Camp #1. Based on the surrendering of the Charter the Camp we have requested an audit of the financial records of the Camp per the Constitution and Regulations of the Order. Department Treasurer Gosling will report on his audit when it is completed. The materials from the Camp have been sent to the Department Archives.
  - We have received notification of the Closure of the Lockwood - Camp #139. They have issued transfer cards for those interested and discharges for the others. The Charter and Camp material will be turned over to current Department Sr. Vice Commander David Smith when the member holding this material returns from trip later this Spring or early Summer. According to Constitution and Regulations once the Camp's material is received an audit will need to be ordered of the financial records of the Camp.
  - We have a request and approval to form a Camp in the Arbor Springs area with Bill Morris leading that initiative.
  - We have a desire to reform a Camp in the Grand Rapids area but with other activities and distractions I have not been as active in this initiative as I would like and it requires additional effort.
- Events participated in during term:
  - May 29, 2016 – Gov. Crapo Camp – Memorial Day Weekend Sunday Worship Service
  - May 30, 2016 – U.S. Grant Camp - Memorial Day Service – Bay City Riverview Solider Rest
  - July 9, 2016 – Lansing, Michigan – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Civil War Veterans returning the Battle Flags to State Capital
  - August 11 – 14' 2016 – Springfield, IL – National Encampment S.U.V.C.W
  - October 15, 2016 – Gov. Crapo Camp Meeting

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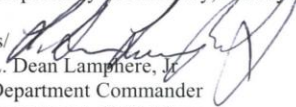
**Headquarters  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**



- November 19, 2016 – Gettysburg, Pennsylvania – Remembrance Day - Flag placement at the National Cemetery – Michigan Section, Woolson Monument Service, Parade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry Memorial Service
  - December 1, 2016 – Colegrove-Woodruff Camp - Officer Installations
  - December 3, 2016 – Albert & James Lyon Camp No. 266 – Officer Installations
  - January 8, 2017 – Nash-Hodges Camp – Officer Installations
  - January 10, 2017 – Camp #135 March to the Sea Camp – Officer Installations
  - January 14, 2017 – Camp #145 Gov. Henry F. Crapo – Officer Installations
  - January 26, 2017 – Camp #2 General Israel B. Richardson – Officer Installations
  - April 15, 2017 – Lincoln Tomb Service
  - May 6, 2017 – Department of Michigan Encampment
- Recommendations:
    - Recommendation #1 - Based on the Closure of Camp #1 and Camp #139 the Grave Registration Officer and Memorial Office with the incoming Department Commander will need to reassign the counties these Camps where assigned to other Camps within the Department.
    - Recommendation #2- We as the Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War step back from the Allied Orders Encampment Combined Committee (AOECC) for a period of one year or more so that efforts can be put toward addressing and solving some of the areas of concern that appear to have arisen and must be addressed in my opinion.
    - Recommendation #3 – That the Department of Michigan send to National a request to have the Constitution and Regulations Committee review and update where necessary the discipline procedures language to:
      - clearly define communication steps to Hearing Defendant and Plaintiff before the Hearing Council begins and the steps available to the parties, including the path to appeal;
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      - define if a Department Commander can overrule a ruling of a Hearing Council or that is only allowed by appeal and by whom.
    - Recommendation #4 – The incoming Department Commander orders the review of the Lockwood Camp #139 Financial Reports per Constitution and Regulations (as a reminder).
    - Recommendation #5 – The incoming Department Commander extends the Special Committee on the 102<sup>nd</sup> Monument.

In conclusion let me thank the entire staff of the Department of Michigan – Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. They are a great set of officers and have been supportive in helping completing the installation of Camp Officers for 2017 Terms and completing the work of the order. I am glad we have a great slate of officers to present to the Department for election to the 2017-2018 Term.

Respectfully in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

/s/   
L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.  
Department Commander  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Organized in 1881 – Legal heir of and representing the Grand Army of the Republic.

## **SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**

12 April 2017

Report of the Senior Vice Department Commander 2016-2017

This report will include an overview of activities and projects performed by this office during the 2016-2017 year. There are no recommendations at this time. The format of this report will be “bulleted” for ease of reader.

### Activities & Projects

- Attended 2016 Department of Michigan Encampment
- Oakwood Cemetery McPherson Post GAR Plot Clean-up – Traverse City, this included cleaning of headstones and monuments at two plots at the cemetery.
- Maple Hill Cemetery Washington Post GAR Plot Clean-up – Cadillac, included cleaning stones, replacing the US flag, and repainting of all GAR flag holders
- Memorial Day Weekend – performed Bruce Catton Memorial, Benzonia GAR Monument Rededication, honored/attended ceremony for Veterans of the 102nd USCI and 54th Massachusetts in Benzonia
- Memorial Day – Traverse City, attended services at the Grand Traverse Area Veterans Memorial
- Flag Day – Traverse City, attended services at Elks Lodge #323, 14 June
- Grant, MI Grave Dedication event held by Austin Blair Camp No. 7, 12 June
- 150th Anniversary of the Return of the Battle Flags to Michigan at the State Capital Building, 09 July
- Thunder on the River – Veterans organizations setup, 18 June
- Plaque Dedication for MoH Duane Dewey in Manistee
- Civil War Demonstration – Kingsley Sportsman’s Club, 17 July
- Dr. & Mrs. Cousins and Family Grave Dedication event, 30 July
- John Kedgnal Duvernay GAR Flag Holder Ceremony in Petoskey, 18 August
- Served as a Delegate for the Department of Michigan at the 2017 National Encampment in Springfield, IL
- Gold Star Mothers and Families Ceremony at Coast Guard Air Station Traverse City, 25 September
- Hinkley Ceremony – Rose Lake Twp. joint event with Alexander French Camp, 08 October
- David Duane joint event with SCV Camp #2257 Grand Rapids at Oakwood Cemetery, Traverse City, 23 October
- Veterans Day – Traverse City, attended services at the Grand Traverse Area Veterans Memorial and Elks Lodge #323
- Wreaths Across America – Traverse City, attended services at the Grand Traverse Area Veterans Memorial
- Chair – Department Bylaws Committee
- Chair – 2017 National Encampment Badges & Ribbons Subcommittee

Respectfully Submitted,  
David S. Smith, LM, PCC, SVDC

## **JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**

Commander, Brothers and Honored Guests;

First of all let me thank you for the honor of serving as your Department Junior Vice Commander.

Over the last year I have had the opportunity to visit several camps throughout the state. I very much enjoyed meeting with the Brothers in those Camps and installing your officers. Throughout the year I received and forwarded 13 applications for consideration of membership to different Camps. I also mailed 100 SUVCW brochures to Camp 250. Total cost for this mailings/forwarding was \$25.24, for which I requested and received reimbursement of \$7.80.

I have been quite busy this past year - I have presented several programs to civic and retirement organizations, as well as the Albion Historical Society telling them about the Sons of Union Veterans as well as the Grand Army of the Republic.

I also had the honor - and I would like to again thank Brother Naugle and the rest of the Brothers of the Nash-Hodges Camp No. 43 - for inviting Brother Tingley and myself to attend a Boy Scout Court of Honor where four scouts were awarded their Eagle Scout badge

I attended and took part in headstone dedications, as well as installing headstones for soldiers whose graves were found and did not have any kind of marker.

For Memorial Day I attended events in both Lansing and Eaton Rapids. Throughout the year I was able to attend and take part in Heritage Day events at several different locations.

I assisted in putting on two Civil War Day Camps - One at Paragon School in Jackson, - the other at the GAR Memorial Hall and Museum in Eaton Rapids.

In August I attended the Cascades Civil War Muster in Jackson where I was able to meet with many of the visitors and talk to them about the SUVCW and the Boys in Blue.

On Veterans Day I attended two separate events. The first being the re-dedication of the GAR monument in Flushing, and the other was the Veterans Day Parade in Mason.

Also, along with Brothers and Sisters of the Austin Blair Camp, I attend the Sultana Descendants Association Reunion in Franklin, TN where I was asked to give a short talk about the history of the SUVCW and the Grand Army of the Republic.

The highlight of my year was when I was able to install my grandson into the Austin Blair Camp.

Over the last year, as you all know, we have had losses within our Department. Ten of our Brothers have passed away; including Michigan's only remaining True Son. Two Camps chose to return their Department Charters and close. The John A. Logan Camp No. 1 and the Lockwood Camp No. 139 both ceased operations. Some of the members of these two Camps chose to transfer their membership to other Camps, but most, unfortunately, chose to take Honorable Discharges, or just dropped out of the organization. Because of this our membership



numbers have dropped about 7.5%. However, on the bright side - of the 22 Camps located within our Department - 14 of them have maintained or increased their numbers from last year.

On the whole, considering the losses mentioned above -I believe our Department is strong and headed in the right direction. We do however; all need to continue to work to increase our numbers as well as Keeping Green the Memory of the Boys in Blue. As we move ahead I would ask that all Brothers do all that they can to promote the SUVCW. I'm sure we all know someone who would love to help us remember the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and Father Abraham's Children if they were only asked to join. If not - look to your own families - your sons, grandsons, or nephews. Get them involved in some of your projects! Be sure they know about their ancestors and the sacrifices they made to save our Country and turn it into the Nation that we have today!

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty

Bob Griggs, Department of Michigan JVC.

## **DEPARTMENT SECRETARY**

To Commander Lamphere and the 133<sup>rd</sup> Department Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The Secretary thanks the 133<sup>rd</sup> Encampment for having given him the opportunity to serve as the appointed Secretary for the remainder of the 2016-2017 term. The Secretary thanks the Commander and other Department and Camp Officers for their time, patience, counsel and cooperation in aiding the Secretary in the performance of the duties of the office.

I wish to especially thank National Director David Demmy and Chief of Staff David Wallace for their aid, counsel, immeasurable wisdom and experience in acquainting the Secretary with his duties and tasks.

There is periodically a large amount of paperwork that the Secretary must handle in a timely fashion. The ability to do this depends heavily on the cooperation of the Camps of the Department. Some Camps have failed in the meeting of form deadlines thus putting an undue burden on the office of the Secretary. The Secretary this term has received a variety of Form 3 of various issue and revision dates (some of which I cannot even begin to track down there parentage ) some missing ancestor documentation for the applicant, missing checks or checks in improper amounts, or missing the applicable Form 30. I have received Form 22 missing their accompanying camp rosters, and single copies instead of dual copies costing the Secretary time and expense to make additional copies. Form 22MI more often than not does not appear with the Form 22 thus requiring an additional request. At the present time one half of the Form 27 have yet to appear ten days before the deadline while many that did were on the incorrect form, missing signatures, missing rosters causing the Secretary either to send them back or make a request for the necessary documents. In one case the Form has made three trips.

A Camp Officer who has the responsibility of communicating with the Department Secretary needs to be very aware of the specific requirements for filing documents with the Department.

Many occasions when the Secretary has asked for missing items, he has not been graced with a timely response.

It is the intention of the Department Secretary to contact all Camp Secretaries in the upcoming 2017-2018 term and discuss issues that concern their duties and what assistance the Department Secretary may provide.

The secretary has the following recommendations:

Establish a training procedure to train incoming Department or Camp Secretaries in the proper handling of forms and procedures.

The Department of Michigan to petition the National Headquarters to seek out and eliminate outdated websites that house outdated forms.

Form a committee to develop a Camp Secretary training program that could be made available on preferably a DVD format.

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty.

Richard Denney, Secretary  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### **ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT SECRETARY-PROCEEDINGS EDITOR**

Action at the 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual Department Encampment created this position and charged the editor with publishing the Proceedings of each Department Encampment along the model used by the National Organization. Once the incoming and outgoing Department Commander have given their approval, the Proceedings become the official record of the Encampment.

I was honored to be appointed to this position and published the Proceedings of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Department Encampment. It may be found on the Department website. I hope my brothers found this useful.

In fraternity, charity and loyalty,  
James B. Pahl, PCinC  
Assistant Department Secretary-Proceedings Editor

### **DEPARTMENT TREASURER**

The Department of Michigan has concluded the financial business of the 2016 Membership Year and our finances continue to be positive. We posted revenues and expenditures during 2016 of \$5,616.25 and \$2,252.56 respectively to the General Fund. This resulted in an excess of revenues of \$3,363.69 for the year. Total funds available amounted to \$12,793.50 as of December 31, 2016. Of that total, \$86.60 is restricted for Gettysburg flag replacement and \$182.50 remains in the Greenville Monument restricted account. A total of \$12,524.40

represents unassigned cash that may be disposed of by this Encampment. This balance is substantially lower than the 2017 balance due to the \$10,000.00 transfer to the National Encampment Fund in authorized by the 2016 Department Encampment.

The Department of Michigan Permanent Fund reflects a total of \$40,409.01, which consists of a permanently restricted balance of \$39,665.88 and a temporarily restricted income accumulation of \$743.13.

I wish to report:

All permanent fund assets have been invested in government-backed securities through an Edward Jones account. Interest rates on investments are between 2.0% and 3.65% with a net yield of 2.44% on our investment for the year.

That actual expenses incurred for the year were \$4,937.44 under the budgeted amount for the year. This is largely due to officers not submitting for expense reimbursements under the Department Guidelines and timing on reorder Department merchandise held for sale.

The National Encampment Fund is a temporary fund to capture the income and expenses related to the 2017 National Encampment to be hosted in Lansing by the Department of Michigan. Fund raising began with sales of a GAR Sesquicentennial badge and other activities generating revenues of \$3,566.75 however advance costs for the Encampment at \$5,589.35 exceeded revenues by \$2,022.60. The majority of these costs were for Encampment badges that will be recovered in 2017.

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

That the \$743.13 in net income generated by the Permanent Fund in 2016 be retained as part of the permanently restricted balance of the fund.

That the proposed 2016 operating budget for the General Fund, attached to this report, be accepted as presented.

I appreciate the trust placed in me by the Brothers of this Department in electing me to the position of Treasurer for this past term of office. 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 continue to be proud to be able to offer my professional skills in this position.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Bruce S.A. Gosling

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

## DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

During the past year, the Department has suffered the passing of nine Brothers. Their names, the date of their passing, and their Camps follow:

Charles Russell Bauer, May 9, 2016, Lansing/Sunfield Curtenius Guard Camp #17;

Harold McGarry III, May 12, 2016, Henry E. Plant Camp #3;

Harold Arthur Becker, the last known remaining Real Son in the Department of Michigan, August 7, 2016, General John Logan Camp #1;

David Gosling, September 12, 2016, March to the Sea Camp #135;

Gerald A. Christiansen, October 7, 2016, Gen. John A. Logan Camp #1;

William R. Hager, January 4, 2017, Lansing/Sunfield Curtenius Guard Camp #17;

Robert Richard Roy, February 23, 2017, General Benjamin Pritchard Camp # 20;

Wilbur Charles Steih, April 3, 2017, Nash-Hodges Camp # 43; and

William H. Steele, April 2016, Lansing/Sunfield Curtenius Guard, Camp #17.

I wish to thank the many brothers who kept me in their prayers this past September as I underwent surgery for an enlarged prostate. The surgery was successful and all follow-up examinations show that the problem was resolved. Again, I thank all who supported me with prayer.

On November 11, 2016, I participated as Department Chaplain in the rededicating of the City of Flushing's Veterans Memorial. The SUVCW was the major contributor to the project with \$2000. The ceremony was done in conjunction with Gov. Crapo Camp #145, the American Legion, and the VFW. Members of the 14th Michigan also participated.

In November of 2016, I represented the Sons down in Franklin, TN, during their Blue Gray Days. I was stationed at the Carter House, and shared with visitors the story of Union Civil War Chaplains, their role in the Battle of Franklin, as well as their role in the Grand Army of the Republic, after the War.

Finally, I do regret that I cannot be with the Department during its Encampment. I am with family as my wife, Etta, celebrates her retirement from Blue Care Network, which BCN scheduled on the weekend of the Encampment.

To my Chaplain's Report, please add the following names of our brothers who have passed since I wrote my report.

Brother William Melvin, passed on February 8, 2017, Wheaton Colgrove/Woodruff Camp #22;

Brother Robert Otto Zimmerman, passed on April 2, 2017, First, Sgt. John S. Cosbey Camp #427, Dearborn; and Brother Bertram Avery Bruce, passed on April 18, 2017, Nash-Hodges Camp #43. Thank you!

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
Chaplain Charles Buckhahn



## **DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR**

I have been privileged to have just completed my 32nd year as the Counselor for the Department of Michigan. During this past year, I was called upon several times by our Department Commander and other brothers to provide advice as to our National Regulations and Department Bylaws. I was also honored to work with David Smith, our Department Senior Vice Commander as a member of the Department Bylaws committee.

No formal opinions were rendered.

In fraternity, charity and loyalty,  
James B. Pahl, PCinC  
Counselor  
Department of Michigan

## **DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR – NOT SUBMITTED TO PROCEEDINGS EDITOR**

### **DEPARTMENT COLOR BEARER**

I bring this report as Color Bearer, Department of Michigan, SUVCW for the year 2016-2017.

I am sure I don't need to remind anyone but another year has come and gone. It has been my honor to once again be responsible for the National, State and Department colors. There are also the many and varied parade banners. These give a small glimpse into history of our Department.

This month of May starts off a very busy year for us as sons. The End of the month will see many of us at various Memorial Day services throughout the State, counties, villages and cities.

Many of the other months have opportunities for service also. A couple of those are in July when we honor the birth of our great Nation. August will bring the National Encampment, November will bring Veteran's Day. In November, we also have Remembrance Day in Gettysburg. It still is quite the thrill to see all the flags parading down the streets.

As in past years, we place flags in the National Cemetery on Michigan graves, participate at the Woolson Memorial and then the parade. We also hold a memorial service on the battlefield at one of the Michigan monuments. When we started the day the weather was very nice. Sunshine and a slight breeze. But that changed. The wind kicked up to at least 25 mph and gusted to between 40 and 45 mph. The temperature also dropped from near 70 to about 40, a definite cooling off. Our flags were standing straight out. Talk about fun and being pushed about by the flag. It was challenging to say the least, but none the less an honor I will not forget.

Another such service is the ceremony that is held at the Lincoln Tomb. As in other years, Michigan has had our colors there. We also have had the honor to lead the procession in and be

on the speakers platform. Also, we have the honor of posting the colors at the Dr. Stephenson service in Petersburg, Illinois.

At this time, I have no recommendations to give. I do, however, have a reminder. If your flag is such a condition, such as tears, frayed edges or just plain worn, please replace it and dispose of it in the proper manner. The SUVCW, VFW, American Legion halls and the Boy Scouts all have a service for the proper disposal of those types of flags.

In closing, when the need arises, we try to respond. I sometimes wish I could be a clone or be cloned. I know that many will attest to this, that idea is not a good one!

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity and loyalty  
Ed Dowd  
Color Bearer, Department of Michigan, SUVCW

## **CHIEF OF STAFF**

Brothers of the 133rd Annual Department Encampment,  
As another Departmental year ends, I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve the Department as Chief of Staff. The Department staff is to be commended for their excellent work in striving for consistency and quality of service in carrying out the objects of our Order. I would like to thank Department Commander Lamphere for his continued support throughout his term. Also, a special thank you to the Members of the Council who continue to provide oversight into the operations of the Department is in order.

Our Staff and our Department have faced numerous challenges and changes this past year, and we have tried to tackle them to the best of our abilities. To me, this has pointed out that we, as a Department, must adapt to the new realities faced by a non-profit organization. A well-worn proverb says that the road to hell is paved with good intentions; most assuredly, the road to a nonprofit organization's demise is paved with the same bricks. The world holds lots of worthy causes, often competing for the same dollars. Our Order will stand out only when we can demonstrate our success. If we don't, not only will our Order not sell itself, the retention of our members may hinge on our ability to prove that our Order is accomplishing what we say it wants to accomplish.

I have two recommendations for the consideration of the Brothers of the 133rd Encampment, which, in my opinion, can be accomplished through the appointment of special committees either standing on their own or acting as sub-committees to existing Department Committees:

1. The Department should undertake a review and update of its Strategic Direction document, which was last reviewed and adopted by the 2006 Encampment. Many nonprofit organizations operate without a formal strategic plan or one that only covers 12 months. A good strategic plan includes areas of both risk and opportunity, and covers the next two to five years. This implies ongoing and continuing review and development.

2. The Department should undertake a review and update of its Operating Guidelines document, which was last amended by the Encampment in 2010. Experienced people should be documenting their processes to help any successors who come behind them. This is how organizations overcome the “liability of newness” which argues that poorly understood conditions and direction are responsible for the comparative death rates of new and old organizations, and that all roles require learning by the organization's members. Essentially, an organization must invest time, either explicitly or implicitly, in educating its inexperienced staff members to execute their responsibilities. A mature nonprofit organization finds ways to make these processes routine.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
David F. Wallace, PDC, Chief of Staff

### **SIGNALS OFFICER**

Members of the Department,  
In the past year I have diligently worked at maintaining and updating the Department Website. I have also worked at maintaining good communication with the camps.  
Sincerely In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
Robert R Payne, CC

### **MESSENGER EDITOR**

This will serve as the final report for the year 2016-2017 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. In addition, Michigan's Messenger is sent to all Department Officers and to the Commander-in-Chief

Each of the quarterly editions were completed and released on time, and at the 2011 National Encampment, the Messenger was awarded its third Marshall Hope Award for the best Department Newsletter in the Nation.

This year, a new Department e-mail address was established for the editor, so that when a new Michigan's Messenger is sent, each Camp contact will receive a copy and can 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 this manner, all Brothers can take the opportunity of participating in Department Events.

As Officers and Camps continue to submit articles that they want to share with the Department, 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,

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

## **GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER**

This will serve as the final report for the year 2016-2017 of the activities of the Department Graves Registration Committee.

Reiterating my report from past years, the achievements of the Committee, although significant, did not meet the stated goals of previous year's Committee Reports - we were not 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. I will be happy to share the Camps that do not participate at a later time.

The Committee met in three quarters, realizing our 68th meeting in March of this year, as we achieved an average attendance of 50% of the total camps in the Department at each meeting. These meetings created meaningful dialog that is useful to Camp Graves Registration Officers and allowed 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 complete 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 Committee. That database has reached over 70,000 records of heroes buried both in Michigan and in outstate locations.

In addition, this year Department Commander Lamphere directed the Graves Registration Committee to re-activate the "Last Soldier" project and create a report. Committee member Jim Petrimoulx from Camp 67 stepped up to coordinate this effort, and an overview article appeared in Michigan's Messenger. This project was also mentioned in the Graves Registration Officer's Reports for the next year. Sadly, not all Camps responded, so we now present a report with all information known to us. We hope to publish this list as part of the Graves Registration section of the Department Website, with Camps reporting changes to the department Officer.

Also, a Department e-mail address has been established to ensure that all articles and newsletter distribution is administrated efficiently.

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,

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

**HISTORIAN – NOT PROVIDED TO THE PROCEEDINGS EDITOR**

**GUIDE - NOT PROVIDED TO THE PROCEEDINGS EDITOR**

**GUARD - NOT PROVIDED TO THE PROCEEDINGS EDITOR**



## G.A.R. RECORDS OFFICER

May 6, 2017

Report of the GAR Records Officer and Committee  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Officers and Brothers;

The search continues for the location of records of the posts of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic. It has been a dry year in this facet of the work.

No Department funds have been expended by this office during this fiscal year.

During the past year this office has received many inquiries from both the general public and members of the Allied Orders. Some inquiries came from as far away as California. Most were about individual members of the Grand Army of the Republic. In some, we have been successful in providing information. A few actually requested an identified photograph of their ancestor, to which I had to explain that we do not have such a collection.

In concert with the Michigan's GAR Memorial Hall and Museum in Eaton Rapids, I have been able to locate some group photographs of members of several posts in the state of Michigan. The museum has been the recipient of several photographs, mostly copies, but photos none the less. Post photographs include Pomeroy Post No. 48 of Jackson; Orcutt Post No. 79 of Kalamazoo; R.P. Carpenter Post No. 41 of Chelsea, and ; Harlow Briggs Post No. 80 of Shepard/Monterey.

I have also continued the search for photographs of Post Meeting Halls in Michigan, both still standing, and those no longer in existence. This project has been assisted by one particular individual, Brother Tom Bruce, the Graves Registration Officer of the Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20 of Kalamazoo. In Tom's travels in his work in Van Buren and Allegan Counties, he has been able to identify buildings and private homes which were the locations of meetings of various posts, at one time or another during their existence. This information is gratefully accepted and added to the files of this office. It is hoped that other brothers might also become interested in this type of project, and share their findings. This is also being done in cooperation with the GAR Museum. (Those guys at the museum are the best!)

I have one recommendation. That is that the Department Encampment continue the funding of this office at the current level for the ensuing year.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Gary L. Gibson, PDC  
GAR Records Officer

## **CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS OFFICER**

Thank you for letting me serve as the Department Civil War Memorials Officer for the last two years.

As I stated during the last encampment, “Maintaining our memorial records is a task that will never end and will never be considered complete but it’s also an ongoing task that should never stop. In this age of everyone having a camera in their phone, I would hope that if you happen to be near a memorial that you take pictures of its condition and surroundings and email them to me. I will gladly add them to our files...” To date, the response to this request has been disappointingly low, essentially non-existent.

I am glad to say that I have received updates to our records from several dedicated camp memorial officers which I sincerely appreciated. All of the files and photos they have sent have been added to our records and of course will be passed on to the next Department Memorial Officer.

As of today, we have on file 218 CWM61 forms documenting our memorials (some with multiples of course describing their condition over time), as well as a total of 1,359 different photographs.

The National Memorials Officer has access to all of our records and a USB containing all documents we have has been saved in our archives.

Thank you for your attention.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty:  
Dennis Fyke  
Department of Michigan, SUVCW Memorials Officer

## **EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATOR**

This past year has been slow for the office of Department Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator. A total of 11 certificate applications have been reported to this office from SUVCW Camps in the Department. Those Camps were: Carpenter-Welch Camp #180, Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Wa-Bu-No Camp #250, Austin Blair Camp #7, Sergeant John Cosbey Camp #427 and Nash-Hodge Camp #43. If a Camp does not participate in this program I would strongly suggest that you look into it. This is a great and inexpensive public relations tool Camps can use to promote our organization.

This being my first year ever having responsibilities on a Department level I wasn’t sure what to expect. The first thing I did was contact the previous DESCC to transfer any department supplies that he may have. He informed me that he did not have any department supplies but was able to provide me with a congratulatory letter template which is available to every Camp for use and I thank him for that. With the help of Commander Lamphere I was able to get 50 Eagle Scout certificates for the use of this office.

I have tried to complete each request within 72 hours or less after receiving it. I only know of one instance of a brother having a very difficult time of getting a hold of me and that was completely my fault. One problem I've had this year is that my e-mail address on the Department web site was incorrect. Causing a number of Camps to call me asking how come they didn't get a response to the applications they sent in months ago. The e-mail address was corrected very quickly by Brothers David Wallace and Robert Payne. I wish to thank Commander Lamphere for placing his faith in me to sever the Department as its Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator this past year. It has given me a great opportunity to meet brothers from other Camps throughout the Department.

Submitted to you in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
Nathan K. Tingley  
Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator

## **CAMP AT LARGE COORDINATOR - NOT PROVIDED TO THE PROCEEDINGS EDITOR**

### **DEPARTMENT COUNCIL**

The 132<sup>nd</sup> Encampment voted one new member to fill the open position of the Council. Brother Michael Maillard, PCC of Austin Blair Camp No. 7 is the third member. The 132<sup>nd</sup> Encampment had no specific charges for the Council to report back.

Department Commander Dean Lamphere asked the Council to earnestly search for an interim Secretary for the Department. The Council members were unable to bring forward any candidates. We did agree to Brother Dick Denney filling the open office for the remaining term.

The Department Council was approached by the Department Treasurer to advise and approve the requisition of a two-year inventory of metal Kevi Badges that the Department is licensed to promote and sell. Along with the purchase the Council approved a retail price increase to reflect the wholesale increase and shipping to \$50.00 per badge.

The Council reviewed the Department Treasurer's financial sheets on a quarterly basis. We found revenues and expenditures to be usual and customary for the Order.

Respectfully submitted,  
Department Council members

Michael Maillard  
Kevin Lindsey  
Charles Worley

## **DEPARTMENT BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

Brothers,

The following proposed changes to the Department of Michigan Bylaws are provided to each Camp Commander for review by their respective Camps at least 60 days prior to the Department Encampment per ARTICLE XVII – Amendments, Section 2.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

2016 – 2017 Department of Michigan Bylaws Committee

David S. Smith, PCC, SVDC, Chair

Hon. James Pahl, PCinC

### **[ADDITION/AMENDMENT]**

This amendment to the Bylaws at the 132nd Department Encampment was made invalid due to a change in the amount of awards allowed to be presented by the Department Commander in the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations. This change was made at the 2016 National Encampment in Springfield, Illinois.

### **ARTICLE XVIII - Awards and Insignia, Section 4.**

ORIGINAL (as approved at the 132nd Department of Michigan Encampment)

Authorization for a Department Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Appreciation Award is provided. The Department Commander may confer the award which is presented to Sisters of the Allied Orders in recognition of outstanding, sustained and conspicuous service to the Department of Michigan of the SUVCW in furtherance of its mission and goals. The medal and certificate would be presented to a recipient with a red ribbon to denote it was presented by a Department. The Department Commander may present up to 3 awards per administration upon recommendation of any Past Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commander or current Camp, Department or National elected officer.

### **AMENDED**

Authorization for a Department Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Appreciation Award is provided. The Department Commander may confer the award which is presented to Sisters of the Allied Orders in recognition of outstanding, sustained and conspicuous service to the Department of Michigan of the SUVCW in furtherance of its mission and goals. The medal and certificate would be presented to a recipient with a red ribbon to denote it was presented by a Department. The Department Commander may present up to **2** awards per administration upon recommendation of any Past Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commander or current Camp, Department or National elected officer.

**Bylaws Committee:** Recommends adoption of the addition.

### **[AMENDMENT - REMINDER]**

No action is required as this amendment was approved by the 132nd Department of Michigan Encampment, and no modifications were required. It is included herein to ensure that it is resubmitted to the Commander-in-Chief with any additional amendments to the Bylaws as approved by the 133rd Department of Michigan Encampment.

**ARTICLE XXII – Annual Encampment, Section 5.**

The Department Commander may appoint an Assistant Department Secretary - Proceedings, to help the Department Secretary compile the official record of each Department Encampment. The Department Proceedings shall include the minutes of the business meeting, each officer's report and other such items so as to make a complete record of the Encampment. The proceedings of each Encampment, when approved by the outgoing and incoming Department Commander, when published, become the official record of that Encampment. The official record of that Encampment shall be published to the Brothers of the Department in an electronic format.

**Bylaws Committee:** No action required by the 133rd Department Encampment.

**[ADDITION]**

**ARTICLE XXII – Annual Encampment, Section 6.**

Election of Officers shall be by roll call of Camps or any other method approved by the Department Encampment.

**Bylaws Committee:** Recommends adoption of the addition.

**[AMENDMENT]**

**ARTICLE XXII – Annual Encampment, Section 1.**

**ORIGINAL**

All delegates to the Annual Department of Michigan Encampment, including Past Department Commanders, current and Past Camp Commanders, Department Officers, and Camp Delegates, or Camp Alternates serving in the absence of the Camp Delegates, shall be charged a Registration Fee. Delegates who preregister with the Department Secretary shall be charged a discounted registration fee as described in the Department of Michigan Operating Guidelines. Only paid registrants shall be entitled to vote at the Department's Annual Encampment. Registration fees for the next Annual Encampment shall be reviewed and may be revised by the current Annual Encampment. Fee structures will be published in the next Michigan's Messenger following the Annual Encampment.

**AMENDED**

All delegates to the Annual Department of Michigan Encampment, including Past Department Commanders, current and Past Camp Commanders, Department Officers, and Camp Delegates, or Camp Alternates serving in the absence of the Camp Delegates, shall be charged a Registration Fee, **unless waived in Section 2 below**. Delegates who preregister with **an appointed Brother serving as the Chair of the Credentials Committee** the Department Secretary shall be charged a discounted registration fee as described in the Department of Michigan Operating Guidelines. **Only those properly registered** paid registrants shall be entitled to vote at the Department's Annual Encampment. Registration fees for the next Annual Encampment shall be reviewed and may be revised by the current Annual Encampment. Fee structures will be published in the next Michigan's Messenger following the Annual Encampment.

**Bylaws Committee:** Recommends adoption of the amendment.



**[AMENDMENT]**

**ARTICLE IX – Committees, Section 12**

The following amendments have been provided regarding ARTICLE IX – Committees, Section 12. As there are several differing amendments prepared, the Department Encampment will need to vote affirmative to only one of the proposed amendments or none.

**ORIGINAL**

The Nominating Committee shall consist of five Brothers who are NOT currently elected to an office of the Department. The committee's purpose shall be to prepare a slate of officers, listing one Brother for each elected office (of the Department), for presentation at the Annual Encampment. Nominations from-the-floor will continue to be accepted at the Encampment.

**OPTION A. AMENDED**

The Nominating Committee shall consist of five Brothers who are NOT currently elected to an office of the Department. The committee's purpose shall be to prepare a slate of officers, listing one **or more** Brother(s) for each elected office (of the Department), for presentation at the Annual Encampment. Nominations from the floor will continue to be accepted at the Encampment.

**Bylaws Committee:** No recommendation as amended.

**OPTION B. AMENDED**

Sixty days before the Department Encampment is scheduled to meet, the Department Commander shall appoint a Nominating Committee.

The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to select and present a slate of candidates for each of the elected Department offices. One brother and only one brother is to be selected for each elected position on the slate.

The Nominating Committee shall consist of five brothers who are not currently serving in an elected Department office. Past Department Commanders and Brothers who have a good understanding of the Department operation and a knowledge of candidates who possess good administrative and leadership potential are to be preferred for members to serve on the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee, from the date appointed, shall within 10 days select one of its members to serve as the Nominating Committee Chair. The Nominating Committee Chair will manage and direct the activities of the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee Chair shall within 10 days of being selected Chair of the Nominating Committee, first solicit interested candidates via submission of a candidate's letter of intention which shall contain his desire and credentials for serving in that office.

This request for letters of intent for elected offices shall be requested of and be announced via a Department Order from the Department Commander addressed to all brothers in all Camps of the Department within 5 days following the request of the Nominating Committee Chair.

The deadline for receipt of letters of intent for elected offices shall be not later than 30 days before the Department Encampment.

The Nominating Committee shall provide a slate of candidates at least 20 days before the Department Encampment.

When the slate is selected, the Nominating Committee Chair will report the slate to the

Department Commander who shall, 15 days before the Department Encampment, publish the slate on the Department website for the benefit of the Brothers in all Camps of the Department. In the event there are not a sufficient number of candidates to fill the slate, the Nominating Committee members shall solicit suitable candidates to fill any open positions on the slate. - 5 -

The Nominating Committee Chair shall not serve more than one term as the Nominating Committee Chair in three consecutive years. In addition, the Nominating Committee Chair is to be a non-voting member of the Nominating Committee and will vote only in the event there is a tie from the remaining members of the Nominating Committee.

If there is more than one candidate expressing interest in the same position, the Nominating Committee shall select only one Brother for that position.

All other multiple candidates not selected by the Nominating Committee for its proposed slate will then be allowed to address the Encampment regarding their candidacy. Nominations from the floor are to be accepted at the Department Encampment.

**Bylaws Committee:** No recommendation as amended.

#### OPTION C. AMENDED

Elimination of the Nominating Committee with DELETION OF Section 12, and amend Section 1 to delete “Nominating”. This would also require an ADDITION in ARTICLE XXII – Annual Encampment, Section 7. “Election of Department Officers is to follow the same process and procedure utilized by the National SUVCW organization for the election of National Officers. Candidates seeking Department Office shall submit a letter of intention, credentials, and letters of endorsement to the Department Secretary or another Brother designated by the Department Commander prior to 60 days before the Department Encampment. These items provided by the candidate will be posted upon the Department of Michigan website for review prior to 30 days before the Department Encampment. Nominations from the floor are to be accepted at the Department Encampment.”

**Bylaws Committee:** No recommendation as amended.

#### [AMENDMENT]

#### **ARTICLE IX – Committees, Section 4**

##### ORIGINAL

The Bylaws Committee shall be chaired by the Senior Vice Commander and shall annually review these Bylaws, bringing any necessary revisions to the attention of the Department membership. The Bylaws Committee shall, after approval of the Commander-in- Chief, submit copy of revised Bylaws to Department Signals Officer in electronic format for posting on the Department Website. Camp Commanders and Secretaries shall also receive a copy of the newly amended Bylaws.

##### AMENDED

The Bylaws Committee shall be chaired by the Senior Vice **Department** Commander **and also include the Department Counselor and Department Secretary. Additional Brothers may be added to the** - 6 -

**Committee as necessary by the Senior Vice Department Commander with consent of the Department Commander. This Committee** and shall annually review these Bylaws, bringing any necessary revisions to the attention of the Department membership. The Bylaws Committee shall, after approval of the Commander-in- Chief, submit copy of revised Bylaws to **the** Department Signals Officer in electronic format for posting on the Department Website. Camp Commanders and Secretaries shall also receive a copy of the newly amended Bylaws.

**Bylaws Committee:** Recommends adoption of the amendment.

**[ADDITION]**

Per General Order 22, Series 2013 – 2014 (Ken Freshley PCinC) the following addition minors should be added to the Department Bylaws as recommended by Donald Martin, CinC.

**ARTICLE XXIV - Minors**

The Department of Michigan and all subordinate Camps shall remain in full compliance with General Order 22, Series 2013-2014; the National Policy Regarding Minors adopted by the Council of Administration 11 July 2014, plus any subsequent Policy, General Order, and/or Regulation of the Order regarding minor’s participation in any and all activities of the Order occurring within the Department.

**Bylaws Committee:** Recommends adoption of this addition.

**[AMENDMENT]**

**ARTICLE IX – Committees, Section 1**

This amendment includes the establishment of the Credentials Committee as a standing committee.

**ORIGINAL**

The Standing Committees shall be as follows: Bylaws, Legislative, Membership, Graves Registration, Civil War Memorials, G.A.R. Records, Communications and Technology, Nominating and Ceremonies and Rituals.

**AMENDED**

The Standing Committees shall be as follows: Bylaws, Legislative, Membership, Graves Registration, Civil War Memorials, G.A.R. Records, Communications and Technology, Nominating, and Ceremonies and Rituals, **and Credentials.**

**Bylaws Committee:** Recommends adoption of this addition. - 7 -

**[ADDITION]**

**ARTICLE IX – Committees, Section 13 (or appropriate sequential Section number)**

The Credentials Committee shall consist of three appointed Brothers with one designated as the Chair. The Chair will handle the process of preregistration of Delegates as prescribed before the Department Encampment. At the Department Encampment, the Credentials Committee will ascertain that all Delegate credentials are in order, and issue each approved Delegate a voting card and Delegate ribbon. Visitors to the Encampment may receive a Delegate ribbon as a souvenir if sufficient quantities are available. All Delegates that have not preregistered will be registered by the Committee. Upon completion of Delegate registration, the Credentials Committee will prepare a record of the statistics of the Delegates, along with the allowed voting

strength of each Camp within the Department.

**Bylaws Committee:** Recommends adoption of this addition.

### **THE 102<sup>ND</sup> USCT MONUMENT SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

The committee has been unable to move forward with any decisions about the monument as it has been unable to receive a commitment from the State of Michigan as to whether and/or where the monument will be placed on the Capitol complex grounds.

The current amount currently collected through sales of the photo mats is at \$803.31 at the end of April.

We recommend that the incoming commander reauthorize the committee for the 2017-18 term.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L., on behalf of the committee,



David F. Wallace, PDC  
Committee Member

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE



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

### Office of the Nominating Committee



To Department Commander L. Dean Lamphere, Jr. and the Attendees of the 133<sup>rd</sup> Department of Michigan Annual Encampment,

Greetings.

This will serve as the final report for the year 2016-2017 of the activities of the Department Nomination Committee.

This year the committee members appointed by Commander Lamphere were Brothers Paul Gary Gibson, PDC, Len McInerney, CC, Terry McKinch, Nathan Smith, J. D. Park, PDC and myself.

All committee members worked as a team and achieved the goal of presenting a list of one good man for each of the 2016-2017 Department Officers' positions for the Encampment's consideration.

Of course any time prior to our election of officer's, any Brother may rise and nominate any other Brother for consideration for any of the elected offices. The Nominations Committee therefore recommends that each of these candidates be allowed up to five minutes to address the Encampment to state their qualifications as to why they should be elected to that position, after which we will have an election.

This is the fifth year that a webpage containing information about Brothers who seek office was used, due to the excellent work of our Signals Committee. This feature enables the members to read about and see who is seeking office before the Department Encampment.

The Brothers that have come forward for consideration are:

Commander	David S. Smith, PCC
Senior Vice Commander	Robert Griggs, PCC
DJVC	Robert Payne, CC
Treasurer	Bruce S. A. Gosling, PCC
Secretary	Richard Denney, CC
Department Council	Charles L. Worley, PDC
	Kevin Lindsey, PCC
	Michael Maillard, PCC

This slate as presented by the Nominations Committee does not necessarily constitute an endorsement for any candidate.

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

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

Richard E. Danes, CC  
Chairman, 2016 Nomination Committee  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**APPENDIX B – TREASURER’S REPORTS**  
**2017 Dept Budget Performance**

<b>OPERATING BUDGET PERFORMANCE</b>		<b>Department of Michigan SUVCW 2016</b>						
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>4th Quarter</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Difference</b>	
Department Per Capita	3,900	58.75	3,934.75	(59.50)	275.25	4,209.25	309.25	
Sales	1,700		485.00	215.00	325.00	1,025.00	(675.00)	
Brochure Sales	50		17.00			17.00	(33.00)	
Donations	50					-	(50.00)	
Encampment Receipts	400		365.00			365.00	(35.00)	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 6,100</b>	<b>\$ 58.75</b>	<b>\$ 4,801.75</b>	<b>\$ 155.50</b>	<b>\$ 600.25</b>	<b>\$ 5,616.25</b>	<b>\$ (483.75)</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>								
Cost of Goods Sold	2,100.00			613.00		613.00	(1,487.00)	
Advertising	200.00					-	(200.00)	
Officer Expenses	2,075.00			4.83	14.07	18.90	(2,056.10)	
Insurance	90.00		90.00			90.00	-	
Past C-in-C Gift	50.00					-	(50.00)	
Website	275.00					-	(275.00)	
Department Archives Project	100.00					-	(100.00)	
Project GAR Records (2)	300.00					-	(300.00)	
Postage	80.00			51.28		51.28	(28.72)	
Dept. Encampment Exp. (4)	390.00		813.38			813.38	423.38	
Capital GAR Flag (1)	600.00	369.00				369.00	(231.00)	
Supplies & Other Expenses	40.00					-	(40.00)	
Dept. Training Video						-	-	
102 USCT Monument Pledge	500.00					-	(500.00)	
PDC Jewell	90.00		97.00			97.00	7.00	
Donations Eaton Rpds GAR	200.00		200.00			200.00	-	
Memorial Donations	100.00					-	(100.00)	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 7,190.00</b>	<b>\$ 369.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,200.38</b>	<b>\$ 669.11</b>	<b>14.07</b>	<b>\$ 2,252.56</b>	<b>\$ (4,937.44)</b>	
<b>Excess Revenues (Expenses)</b>	<b>\$ (1,090.00)</b>	<b>\$ (310.25)</b>	<b>\$ 3,601.37</b>	<b>\$ (513.61)</b>	<b>586.18</b>	<b>3,363.69</b>	<b>4,453.69</b>	

**REMARKS:** (1) The GAR flag for the capital building was approved at the 2015 Encampment but was not purchased until 2016, therefore I carried this item forward as part of the 2016 budget. (2) My proposed budget allowed for the \$200 donation to Eaton Rapids and \$100 for the GAR records project since nothing has been historically spent. The 2016 Encampment ruled to maintain the funding at \$500. so I changed this to \$300 for GAR records and \$200 donation. (4) Includes \$100 donation to Grt. Lakes CC, \$201.60 for CinC Hotel, \$56.25 for Printing, \$30 Mary Wallace Award, \$147.35 Ribbons, \$66.75 Insur., \$47 CinC meals and \$151.93 frames and other costs



**Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Financial Report-Nat'l Encampment Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016**

**Balance Sheet**

**Assets**

Cash in Bank	7,977.40
Total Assets	7,977.40

**Fund Equity**

Restricted Balance	10,000.00
Temporarily Restricted Balance	-2,022.60
Total Fund Equity	7,977.40

**Statement of Revenues and Expenses**

For the Year Ended  
December 31, 2016

**Revenues**

GAR Badge Sales	1,715.00
Custer Badge Sales	717.00
P. Davis Book Sales	30.00
Raffles	40.00
Table Rents	75.00
Program Advertising	40.00
Other Fund Raising	929.75
Donations	20.00
Total Revenues	3,566.75

**Expenses**

Cost GAR Badge	756.00
Cost Custer Badge	1,600.00
Cost Canteen Pin	663.00
Cost Michigan Badge	2,465.00
Bank Charges (Checks)	37.05
Nat'l Encampment Table Rent	25.00
Postage	43.30
Total Expenses	5,589.35
<i>Net Revenue (Expense)</i>	<i>-2,022.60</i>

**Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Financial Report-General Fund  
For the Year ended December 31, 2016**

**Balance Sheet**

**Assets**

Cash in bank 10,577.11  
Merchandise Inventory - Kepi Badges 2,216.39  
Total Assets 12,793.50

**Liabilities** 0.00

**Fund Equity**

Unrestricted Balance 12,524.40  
Restricted Balances  
Rally Round the Flag 86.60  
Sesquicentennial 0.00  
Greenville 182.50  
Total Fund Equity 12,793.50  
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity 12,793.50

**Statement of Revenues and Expenses**

For the Year Ended  
December 31, 2016

**Revenues**

Per-capita 4,209.25  
Departmental Sales 1,025.00  
Dept. Encampment Registration 365.00  
Dept. Encampment Meals 0.00  
Donations 0.00  
Brochure Sales 17.00  
Total Revenues 5,616.25

**Expenses**

Cost of Goods Sold 613.00  
Advertising - Banner 0.00  
Shipping Costs 0.00  
Office Expenses & Postage 51.28  
Department Encampment Costs 713.38  
Insurance 90.00  
Donation to GAR Hall 200.00  
Department Records Project 0.00  
GAR Flag for State Capital 369.00  
Website Costs 0.00  
Donations 100.00  
Gettysburg Flags 0.00  
Officer & Committee Expenses per Guidelines 18.90  
Past Dept. Commander Jewel 97.00  
Total Expenses 2,252.56  
*Net Revenue (Expense) 3,363.69*

**Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Financial Report-Permanent Fund  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2016**

**Assets**

Edward Jones Money Market Fund 1,802.36  
TVA Power Bond 5,269.01  
Farm Credit Bank Bond 7,103.65  
Farm Credit Bank Bond 6,207.20  
Glens Falls NY Pub Impr GO 10,095.70  
Federal Home Loan Bank Bond 9,931.09  
Accrued Interest Purchased 0.00  
Total Assets 40,409.01

**Fund Equity**

Restricted Balance 39,665.88  
Temporarily Restricted Balance 743.13  
Total Fund Equity 40,409.01

**Statement of Revenues and Expenses**

For the Year Ended  
December 31, 2016

**Revenues**

Interest Income 984.36  
Donations 0.00  
Gain (Loss) on Matured Investments -241.23  
Total Revenues 743.13

**Expenses**

Total Expenses 0.00  
*Net Revenue (Expense) 743.13*

**Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Proposed Budget  
Year ending December 31, 2017**

	Actual Proposed 2017	December 31, 2016 Budget
<b>Revenues</b>		
Per-capita	4,209.25	4,000.00
Departmental Sales	1,025.00	1,200.00
Dept. Encampment Registration	365.00	375.00
Dept. Encampment Meals	0.00	0.00
Donations	0.00	50.00
Brochure Sales	17.00	20.00
Total Revenues	5,616.25	5,645.00
<b>Expenses</b>		
Cost of Goods Sold	613.00	2,300.00
Advertising	0.00	200.00
Postage & Shipping	0.00	80.00
GAR Records (500 less GAR Donation below)		300.00
Department Archives Project	0.00	100.00
Department Encampment Costs	713.38	390.00
Insurance	90.00	90.00
102 USCT Monument Pledge	0.00	500.00
Website Costs		275.00
Donations-Eaton Rapids GAR Hall	200.00	200.00
Other Donations	100.00	100.00
Officer & Committee Expenses (Per guidelines)	18.90	2,075.00
GAR Flag for State Capital	369.00	0.00
Office Expenses & Supplies	51.28	50.00
Past C-in-C Gift		50.00
PDC Badge	97.00	100.00
Total Expenses	2,252.56	6,810.00
<i>Net Revenue (Expense)</i>	<i>3,363.69</i>	<i>(1,165.00)</i>

## **Appendix C**

### **Delegates**

Riekse, Max 3 Henry Plant  
Cox, Chris 7 Austin Blair  
Griggs, Robert D. 7 Austin Blair  
Lloyd, Howard 7 Austin Blair  
Maillard, Michael 7 Austin Blair  
Tingley, Nasthan 7 Austin Blair  
Aurand, Dale L. 14 Robert Finch  
Clark, Robert L. 14 Robert Finch  
Conger, Joseph C. 14 Robert Finch  
Hinckley, Donald 14 Robert Finch  
Mattis, Ted 14 Robert Finch  
Smith, David S. 14 Robert Finch  
Smith, Horace G. 14 Robert Finch  
Arnold, Paul D. 17 Curtenius Guard  
Harrison, Keith G 17 Curtenius Guard  
Hummer, Thomas 17 Curtenius Guard  
Pahl, Jim 17 Curtenius Guard  
Payne, Robert 17 Curtenius Guard  
Renkepf, David 17 Curtenius Guard  
Shull, Ronald G. 17 Curtenius Guard  
Zank, Dennis 17 Curtenius Guard  
Brennan, Bill 20 Gen. Benjamin Pritchard  
Costello, William 20 Gen. Benjamin Pritchard  
Gibson, Gary 20 Gen. Benjamin Pritchard  
Keith, John R. 20 Gen. Benjamin Pritchard  
Streeter, Howard 22 Colegrove - Woodruff  
Valentine, Blaine C. 22 Colegrove - Woodruff  
Nagle, Gary 43 Nash-Hodges  
Boquette, Bob 67 U.S. Grant  
Frost, Jack 67 U.S. Grant  
Frost, Joe 67 U.S. Grant  
Davis, Paul 67 U.S. Grant  
Denny, Dick 135 March to the Sea  
Gosling, Bruce 135 March to the Sea  
Worley, Charles 135 March to the Sea  
Derr I, Dennis C. 145 Gov. Henry Crapo  
Derr II, Dennis C 145 Gov. Henry Crapo  
Dowd, Ed 145 Gov. Henry Crapo  
Lamphere Sr, Lloyd D 145 Gov. Henry Crapo  
Lamphere Jr, L. Dean 145 Gov. Henry Crapo  
McKinch, Terry 145 Gov. Henry Crapo  
Minor, John H. 145 Gov. Henry Crapo  
Shaw, Donald W. 145 Gov. Henry Crapo

Wallace, David F. 145 Gov. Henry Crapo  
Zabicki, Neal 145 Gov. Henry Crapo  
Hilliker, David L. 160 Henry Wallace  
Granger, Gary 160 Henry Wallace  
Newman, Max 160 Henry Wallace  
Eaton, William 180 Carpenter - Welch  
McAfee, William 180 Carpenter - Welch  
Wilkening, David 180 Carpenter – Welch  
Speer, David W. 180 Carpenter - Welch  
Brant, David 250 Wa-Bu-No  
Kuhlman, Kris 250 Wa-Bu-No  
Nedula, James 250 Wa-Bu-No  
Smith, Nathan 255 LeValley - Heusted  
Boller, George L. 427 Sgt. John Cosby  
Danes Sr., Richard E. 427 Sgt. John Cosby  
Fyke, Dennis 427 Sgt. John Cosby