

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



**PROCEEDINGS  
134th ANNUAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT  
Great Lakes Christian College  
Lansing, Michigan  
May 5, 2018**



David S. Smith  
Department Commander



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ENCAMPMENT

DEPARTMENT of  
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of the Civil War



DAVID S. SMITH  
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER  
2017-2018

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Encampment and Conventions of the  
Department of Michigan  
Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the  
Republic



Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of General John A Logan's General Order #11





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AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC  
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**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN'S 134TH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT**

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|                               |                       |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Commander:                    | David S. Smith, PCC   |
| Senior Vice Commander         | Dale Aurand, PDC      |
| Junior Vice Commander:        | Robert R. Payne, CC   |
| Members of th Council:        | Charles Worley, PDC   |
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| Secretary:                    | Bruce S.A. Gosling    |
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| Counselor                     | Robert Boquette       |
| Patriotic Instructor:         | Edgar J. Doud, PCC    |
| Color Bearer                  | David F. Wallace, PDC |
| Signals Officer:              | Richard E. Danes, PCC |
| Editor, Michigan's Messenger: | Dale Aurand, PDC      |
| Historian:                    | Nathan Tingley        |
| Guide:                        | Richard E. Danes, PCC |
| Graves Registration Officer   | Gary L. Gibson, PDC   |
| G.A.R. Records Officer        | John H. McGill        |
| Civil War Memorials Officer   | Nathan Tingley        |
| Eagle Scout Coordinator       | George L. Boller      |
| Camp-at-Large Coordinator     | Nathan Smith, CC      |
| Military Affairs Officer      | Paul T. Davis, PCD    |
| Aide de Camp                  |                       |



David S. Smith  
Department Commander

**AUXILIARY TO THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN CONVENTION**



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President: June Lloyd  
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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Department of Michigan  
Minutes of the 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Department Encampment  
Campus of Great Lakes Community College  
Lansing, MI  
May 5, 2018

The Department of Michigan Allied Order's Joint Opening Ceremony was hosted in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War meeting room and was opened at 9:12 A.M.

Introduced were Mark R. Day, Commander- in- Chief, Son of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Ramona Greenwalt, National President, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Michelle Colburn, National President of the Woman's Relief Corp, and Sally Redinger, Past National President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War on behalf of President Carol Cleveland.

The Allied Orders Conducted a Memorial service for the departed Sisters and Brothers over the past year.

The various Allied Orders then adjourned to their various meeting rooms for their business meetings at 9:25 A.M.

The 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Department Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was called to order by Department Commander David S. Smith per ritual at 9:40 A.M.

The Department Commander asked Department Secretary Richard Denney to call the roll of officers.

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Department Commander                | David S. Smith, PCC       |
| Senior Vice Commander               | Dale Aurand, PDC          |
| Junior Vice Commander               | Robert Payne, CC          |
| Members of Council                  | Charles Worley, PDC       |
|                                     | Kevin Lindsey, PCC        |
|                                     | Mike Mallard, PCC         |
| Secretary                           | Richard Denney, PCC       |
| Treasurer                           | Bruce Gosling, PCC        |
| Military & Veterans Affairs Officer | Nathan Smith, PCC         |
| Counselor                           | Nathan Smith, PCC         |
| Chaplain                            | Charles Buckhahn, PCC     |
| Patriotic Instructor                | Robert Boquette (excused) |
| Acting Patriotic Instructor         | George Boller             |
| Color Bearer                        | Ed Dowd, PCC              |
| Signals Officer                     | David Wallace, PDC        |
| Editor "Michigan's Messenger"       | Richard Danes, CC         |
| Historian                           | Dale Aurand, PDC          |
| Guide                               | Nathan Tingley            |
| Guard                               | Ted Mattis, CC            |
| Graves Registration Officer         | Richard Danes, CC         |
| GAR Records Officer                 | Gary Gibson, PDC          |
| Civil War Memorials Officer         | John H. McGill            |
| Eagle Scout Coordinator             | Nathan Tingley            |
| Camp-at-Large Coordinator           | George Boller             |
| Aide de Camp                        | Paul Davis, PDC           |



## Rules of the Encampment

- Other than the Commander's Report, Officer Reports will be limited to five minutes.
- Brothers will be able to speak twice on a given topic.
- When speaking identify yourself by name and Camp and come to the microphone.
- When making a motion approach the microphone and remain near the microphone so as to repeat the motion if required.
- If a motion is lengthy or complicated, it is expected that the Brother making the motion provide it in writing to the Department Secretary.
- All debate will be done in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty.
- All voting will be done by use of voting card issued to delegates upon arrival.
- The Department Commander reserves the right to institute other methods of voting as the circumstances dictate.
- SVC-in-Chief Don Shaw is appointed Encampment Parliamentarian.
- PCC Nathan Smith is appointed Encampment Counselor.
- No smoking anywhere on the college grounds- you must be in your vehicle or off-site.
- Lunch will be at 12:30 P.M. or thereabouts, the banquet will be held at 5:30 P.M. (no tickets available at the door for either meal).

The Encampment proceeded to initiate new Brother Roy Oliver Richard as a member of Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145. The new Brother was initiated by Commander-in-Chief Mark Day.

The National Officers present were introduced and welcomed to the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day was presented with tokens of appreciation.

The Past National Officers were presented and thanked for their service to the Order.

The Past Department Officers were presented and thanked for their service to the Order.

The Credential Committee report was given by Chairman Dean Lamphere.

Encampment Committee appointments:

Bylaws Committee:

Dale Aurand- Chairman

Dick Denney

Nathan Smith

Officer Reports:

Gary Gibson- Chairman

Blaine Valentine

David Kimble

Resolution Committee:

David Wallace- Chairman  
Terry McKinch  
Lloyd Lamphere, Sr.

Fraternal Relations Committee;

Keith Harrison  
Jim Pahl  
Mark Day, CinC (honorary)

The Commander called for Officer Reports. He instructed the Guide to escort the Department Senior Vice Commander to the podium and handed over the gavel. The Commander proceeded to give his report (a copy of which is included in the appendix). It was moved and seconded to refer this report and all others subsequent reports to the Committee on Officer Reports. Motion carried. The gavel was returned to the Department Commander and the Commander resumed his station.

DSVC Dale Aurand offered no report of his own but stated that DSVC Bob Griggs submitted a report and that is filed with the Department Secretary (a copy of which is included in the appendix).

DJVC Robert Payne has filed his report with the Department Secretary (a copy of which is included in the appendix).

Department Secretary Dick Denney gave the Department Secretary's report (a copy of which is included in the Appendix).

Department Treasurer Bruce Gosling gave the Department's Treasury report. Additional information involving the Treasury was offered by PDC Paul Davis involving the National Encampment. The National Encampment came out in the black. The seed money of \$10,000.00 was returned to the Treasury along with \$6000.00+ (a copy of the Treasurer's report is included in the appendix).

Department Chaplain Rev. Charles Buckhahn gave the Department Chaplain's report (a copy is included in the appendix).

Department Counselor and Military & Veterans Affairs Officer Nathan Smith gave the report of the Department Counselor and the Military & Veterans Affairs Office (a copy of the reports is included in the appendix).

The Camp-at-Large Coordinator George Boller gave the Camp-at-Large report (a copy of the report is included in the appendix).

Color Bearer Ed Dowd gave the Color Bearer report (a copy of the report is included in the appendix).

The Department Guide has filed his report with the Secretary.

Department Eagle Scout Coordinator Nathan Tingley gave the Eagle Scout Coordinator report (a copy of which is included in the appendix).

Department Signals Officer David Wallace gave the Signals Officer report (a copy of which is included in the appendix).

The Department Historian had no report.

Editor, "Michigan Messenger" and Department Graves Registration Officer Rick Danes offered the Editor's report. The Graves Registration Officer's report was read by Brother Tom Bruce (copies of the reports is included in the appendix).

Civil War Memorials Officer John McGill offered a brief report.

GAR Records Officer Gary Gibson gave his report (a copy of the report is included in the appendix).

Aide-de-Camp Paul Davis had no report.

Encampment was recessed at 11:10 A. M.

Encampment resumed at 11:33 A. M.

Patriotic Instruction – George Boller standing in for Bob Boquette read General John A. Logan's General Order No. 11 establishing Memorial Day.

Resolutions:

(Copies of the full Resolutions are included in the appendix.)

Resolution No. 1; to ask the National to change the installation dates of Camp officers. This resolution was referred to the Resolution Committee.

Resolution No. 2; In the case of a Camp surrendering its Charter, it changes the means of handling the assets and property of the former Camp. This resolution was referred to the Resolution Committee.

Resolution No. 3; to amend the National Constitution Article V, Section 2b. This resolution was referred to the Resolution Committee.

Resolution No. 4; asks to rescind Department Order No. 11 series 2017-2018. After much discussion this resolution was referred to the Resolution Committee.

Resolution No. 5; Involves the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War endorsing the operations of the Allied Orders Encampment Convention Committee. This resolution was ruled out of order by DC David Smith due to legal ramifications.

Correspondence:

The Department Secretary read the following correspondence:

A letter from Brother Peter Hritsko, PDC of Ohio announcing his candidacy for the Office of Council of Administration.

A letter from Brother Brian C. Pierson, PDC of Georgia and South Carolina announcing his candidacy for Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

Awards:

The Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award: There were no submissions for this award.

The Abraham Lincoln Award has been to Brother Scott Schwander of Robert Finch Camp No. 14 of Traverse City. He was recommended by Past Department Commander Aurand.

The Governor Austin Blair Award for the total newest members is Robert Finch Camp No. 14.



The Orlando LeValley Award for the highest percentage increase in members is presented to Russell A. Alger Camp No. 462.

Department Officer Appreciation Certificates were handed out.

Brother David Wallace was thanked by Commander-in-Chief Day for his work and involvement on the revised Form 27.

The Encampment recessed for lunch at 12:15 P.M.

The Encampment resumed at 1:25 P.M.

It was moved by Nathan Tingley to approve by the sound of the gavel any Committee Report that is unopposed. A second to the motion was made by Paul Davis. The motion was approved.

Proposed Bylaw changes:

(Proposed Bylaw changes are laid out in the appendix)

Proposed change to the preamble; adding the “Marine Corp or Revenue Cutter Service”

(The Bylaws Committee (henceforth called “The Committee) agrees with the above change.)

Approved by vote.

## General Change

The Encampment is called by four different names. Two suggestions for this 1. Annual Michigan Department Encampment 2. Department of Michigan Allied Order Annual Encampment. (The Committee has no recommendation on this change.) It was moved by Wm. McAfee to accept the first suggestion of Annual Michigan Department Encampment. A second to the motion was made by Rick Danes. Discussion ensued. Motion was approved.

## Article II- Meetings

The name in the wording was changed from the Encampment of the Department of Michigan-Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic changed to Annual Michigan Department Encampment. (The Committee agrees with the above change but will leave the name change up to the Encampment.) Much discussion ensued over the proposed change. Jim Pahl moved to end section 1 at the “end of July.” David Wallace seconded the motion. Motion Defeated. It was moved by Paul Davis to accept the proposed bylaw change in Section 1. A second to the motion was made by Dean Lamphere. Discussion ensued. Motion was approved.

Section 2 was read. (The Committee agrees with the above date change but will leave it to the Encampment to change the name.) Discussion ensued. Motion by Jim Pahl to strike “Secretary, Treasurer, members of the Council.” Discussion. Motion ruled out of order. Paul Davis moved to accept Section 2. Dean Lamphere offered a second. Motion approved.

## Article III – Officers and their Duties, Section 1

Proposed change is to change the term of office of the Department Treasurer and Department Secretary from one year to a three-year term beginning in 2019. (The Committee agrees with the above change.)

Proposed change is approved.

## Article VII-Reports

Section 2: Changes language to strike out the activity of the Secretary in handling the approved amendments to the Bylaws. **(The Committee agrees with the above change.)**

Proposed change is approved.

## Article IX – Committees VII, Section 2

The proposed change will move Article VII, Section 2 also adding language that the Senior Vice Commander is responsible for the forwarding of the approved Bylaw changes to the Department Commander. **(The Committee agrees with the above change.)**

Proposed change is approved.

## Article XIX – Awards and Insignia, Section 3

Changes the reporting of candidates for the Abraham Lincoln Award from the Department Secretary to the Award Committee Chair, whose email address shall be included with the notice that nominations are open. **(The Committee agrees with the above change.)**

Proposed change is approved.

The Encampment was recessed at 2:18 P.M.

The Encampment was resumed at 2:33 P.M.

## Article II – Meetings

Section 3 was struck as our Bylaws already had a Section 3. Section 4 was created to implement the change. The proposed change involves requesting exceptions to the dates prescribed by these regulations for Camp Elections, etc. **(The Committee agrees with the above change.)** It was moved by Gary Gibson to strike the word “National council” and insert “Council of Administration”. The motion was seconded by Rob Payne. Motion was passed. No objections, the proposed change was approved.

## Article VIII – Camp Charter Fees and Per Capita Tax

Section 4; proposed change is to include the language “and Brothers serving in the Armed Forces in an active combat zone as defined by the United States Department of Defense.”

**(The Committee agrees with the above change.)**

Gary Gibson moved to strike the word “tax” as we are a non-profit and are not allowed to enact taxes. A second to the motion was made by Terry McKinch. The motion was approved.

Discussion ensued. Proposed change was approved.

## Article IX. – Committees

Section 7; to instruct the Graves Registration Committee to work with other Departments and Camps within those Departments to identify the graves of Michigan Veterans buried outside the State of Michigan. **(The Committee does not agree with the above change.)**

Discussion ensued. Proposed change was not approved.

## Article XX – Discipline

Disciplinary activities are addressed and governed by the National Constitution and Regulations (C&R) in Chapter V (General Regulations), Article VI (Discipline).

Proposed change to: Disciplinary activities are addressed and governed by the National Constitution and Regulations (C&R) in Chapter IV Articles 1-17 (Discipline). **(The Committee agrees with the above change.)**  
Proposed change approved.

#### Article XXV – Minors

The change in this Article is to be in line with the National organization with the proper handling of minors.  
**(The committee agrees with the change.)**

Much discussion ensued. Nate Tingley moved to strike the email address as email addresses do change, strike the words “Boy Scout” and insert “BSA Scouts”, 30 minutes to 1 hour, strike 2 years as it is good for 1 year and strike No. 6 “I also want to thank all the Brothers for the understanding and conformance. Discussion ensued. Motion was withdrawn due to the language of the General Order. Proposed change was approved.

#### **The below are mandated changes that shall be made to all Department and Camp’s By-Laws.**

##### Article I -Organization

Adds additional language regarding the change to a 501(c)3 entity under the Internal Revenue Code. **(The Committee agrees with the proposed change.)** Proposed change was approved.

##### Article X

Adds language involving the implementation of the 501(c)3 regarding activities of the Department, Camps and Brothers. **(The Committee agrees with the proposed change.)** Proposed change was approved.

#### **Committee Reports**

Legislative Committee Report: There is nothing to report.

Membership Committee Report: There is nothing to report.

Graves Registration Committee Report: matters were included in the GRO Officer’s Report.

Civil War Memorial Committee Report: There is nothing to report.

GAR Records Committee Report: Matters were included in the GAR Officer’s Report,

Communications and Technology Committee Report: Matters were included in the Signals Officer’s Report.

Nominating Committee Report will be presented prior to the nomination of officers.

Ceremonies and Rituals Committee Report: There is nothing to report.

Credentials Committee Report: There is nothing to report.

102<sup>nd</sup> United States Colored Troops Memorial Report: There is nothing to report.

Operating Guidelines Committee Report: Chairman Paul Davis gave a brief report.

Military & Veterans Affairs Committee Report: Included with Military & Veterans Affairs Officers Report.

Encampment recessed at 3:09 P.M.

Encampment resumed at 3:29 P.M.

DC David Smith asked those who served in the Military to raise their hands, and he thanked them for their service and they were given a round of applause by the Encampment.

**Encampment Committee reports:**

(Committee recommendations are included in the appendix.)

Committee on Officer reports, Chairman Gary Gibson reported:

1. DC Smith recommendation to file a resolution with the National Organization to change or extend the date of Camp Officer installations. The Committee concurs. Recommendation was approved.
2. DC Smith recommendation to continue to appoint a Military & Veterans Affairs Officer for the 2018-2019 term. The Committee concurs. Recommendation was approved.
3. DC Smith recommendation to appoint a Military & Veterans Affairs Committee for the 2018-2019 term refer to Department Bylaws Committee. The Committee concurs. Recommendation was approved.
4. DC Smith recommendation to move the Department Encampment on a rotating basis to areas around the Department such as for example: Holland/Grand Rapids/Kalamazoo, Cadillac/Clare/Mt. Pleasant, Ann Arbor/Metro Detroit, Lansing, etc. Areas. This would provide better opportunity for Brothers to attend that may not be able to normally due to distance, costs, etc. These areas have ample facilities for holding an Encampment, as well as having easy access to major expressways. This should be decided by the Department Commander and the Department Secretary per the responsibilities outlined in the Department Bylaws; Article III – Officers and Their Duties, Section 5 – It shall be the duty of the Commander and Secretary, jointly, to arrangement for temporary Headquarters and a place of meeting for the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. The Committee has no recommendation. A motion by Jim Pahl to accept the resolution as advisory only. Rob Payne made a second to the motion. Discussion ensued. The motion to amend the resolution was approved. Recommendation was approved.
5. DC Smith recommended based on the current status of the Department Treasury, maintain the current Department Per Capita for the ensuing year at the current level of \$8.00. The Committee concurs. Recommendation was approved.
6. DC Smith recommends the creation of a new Department Award outlined in the Department Bylaws for an annual most outstanding Camp newsletter, so named the J. Richard Greene Award. A three-member panel consisting of the Secretary, Department Newsletter Editor, and Chaplain shall decide the most outstanding Camp newsletter based on review of Camp newsletters voluntarily sent to them over the course of the year, with a majority decision made 30 days prior to the Department Encampment. A certificate shall be awarded with the winning Camp's name and the newsletter editor listed. The Committee concurs. Recommendation was approved.
7. The Department Council recommends a budget item to hedge toward a visiting National Officer's room and meal expenses. The Committee concurs. Recommendation is approved.

8. The Department Treasurer recommends that a transfer of funds be made to the Permanent Fund out of the General Fund in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. The Committee concurs. Discussion ensued. Recommendation was approved.
9. The Department Treasurer recommends the proposed 2018 operating budget for the General Fund. The Committee concurs. Recommendation was approved.
10. The Signals Officer recommends that the Department authorize the purchase of a Positive SSL Certificate at the annual cost of \$50.00. The Committee approves. Recommendation was approved.
11. GAR Records Officer Gary Gibson recommends that the funding for the GAR Records Office remain at the same level. The Committee concurs. Recommendation was approved.

Committee on Encampment Resolutions, Chairman David Wallace reported:

1. Resolution to amend National Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, section 5. The Committee concurs. Resolution was approved.
2. Resolution to amend the National Constitution, Article V, Section 2b. The Committee concurs. Resolution is approved.
3. Resolution to overrule and declare void Department Order No. 11 Series\_2017-2018. The Committee does not concur. Resolution was not approved.

#### **Department Council report:**

Report presented by Council Member Chuck Worley.

#### **Old Business:**

DC Smith called for Old Business. There was none.

#### **New Business:**

Robert Payne moved to take the proceeds from the National Encampment be placed in the Special Project Fund to be used to promote the Order. A second to the motion by Paul Davis.

Jim Pahl moved to amend the motion to refer the motion to the Encampment Bylaws Committee to establish a mechanism to handle the above funds, such as the National uses to fund memorial grants that the Camps can use to apply to those projects. Motion to amend was approved. Motion with amendment was voted on and approved.

David Wallace brought to the Encampment an endorsement from Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145, Department of Michigan to support the candidacy of SVC-in-Chief Donald Shaw for the office of Commander-in-Chief. Department Secretary Denney read the endorsement to the Encampment. David Wallace moved that Encampment approve and publish the endorsement. William McAfee seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Don Shaw gave his thanks and made a few comments.



Jim Pahl moved that the record show that the vote was unanimous, that the Department Secretary send a copy of the Encampment's endorsement of Brother Shaw to every Department Secretary and Past Commander-in-Chief. Rob Payne offered a second to the motion. The motion was approved.

Nate Tingley moved that \$10,000.00 be moved from the General Fund to the Permanent Fund.

Gary Gibson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

### **Good of the Order**

Commander-in-Chief's remarks.

The Commander-in-Chief spoke on the availability of awards, the use of Memorial University, paperwork, the advent of electronic forms with e signatures, 501.c3 donations, and the B. F. Stephenson Plaza. The Commander-in-Chief handed out streamers for Camps who have donated to the B. F. Stephenson Plaza.

DC Smith discharged the Encampment Committees with his thanks.

DC Smith also wished to thank Great Lakes Christian College for their hospitality.

DC Smith thanked the Sisters of the Allied Orders for making this possible.

Nathan Tingley moved the Department donate \$250 to the Benjamin F. Stephenson Plaza. Rob Payne seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

It was directed to the Department Secretary to send a letter of appreciation to Great Lakes Christian College.

Nathan Smith moved to give a donation of \$250.00 to Great Lakes Christian College. A second to the motion was made by Terry McKinch. The motion was approved.

The National Encampment is being held in Boston on the 9, 10, 11, & 12 of August 2018.

Remembrance Day is November 17, 2018 in Gettysburg.

### **Election of Officers**

Nomination Committee Report: Report was given by Ed Dowd. Those who were placed in nomination are:

|                                  |                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Department Commander             | Robert R. Payne, CC      |
| Department Senior Vice Commander | Terrence L. McKinch, PCC |
| Department Junior Vice Commander | Nathan L. Smith, CC      |
| Department Secretary             | Richard W. Denney, PCC   |
| Department Treasurer             | Bruce S. A. Gosling, PCC |
| Department Council               | Charles L. Worley, PDC   |
| Department Council               | Kevin Lindsey, PCC       |
| Department Council               | Michael Maillard, PCC    |

It was moved by Paul Davis that if there is only one candidate for the office he will be elected at the sound of the gavel. The motion was seconded by Nathan Tingley. The motion was approved.

Nominations were opened to the floor.

There were no Nominations from the floor. Each candidate was asked if he would serve; all assented. All were elected to the offices by the sound of the gavel.

**Election of Delegates to the National Encampment.**

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Dale Aurand, PDC        | 2. Rob Payne, DC       |
| 3. David Smith, PDC        | 4. Lloyd Lamphere, CC  |
| 5. Neal Zabicki            | 6. Nathan Smith, DJVC  |
| 7. Ron Shull, PCC          | 8. Richard Denney, PCC |
| 9. Charles Worley, PDC     | 10. Dean Lamphere, PDC |
| 11. Paul Davis, PDC        | 12. Ed Dowd, PCC       |
| 13. Terrence McKinch, DSVC |                        |

It was moved by Jim Pahl that the remainder of the Department roster be listed as alternates. The motion was seconded by William McAfee. The motion was approved.

Encampment recessed at 4:45 P.M.

Encampment resumed at 5:08 P.M. the

Commander-in-Chief Mark Day proceeded to install the Officers of the Department for 2018-2019 per ritual.

DC Payne's badge was pinned on him by PDC Lloyd Lamphere, Jr.

PDC Smith's badge was pinned on him by Lisa Smith.

PDC Smith made a few remarks in passing.

DC Rob Payne had Secretary Denney read Department Orders No. 1 & 2 to the Encampment.

The Encampment was closed by ritual by Department Commander Robert R. Payne at 5:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Richard Denney  
Department Secretary

APPENDIX A – OFFICER’S REPORTS



David S. Smith, LM, PCC  
Commander - Department of Michigan  
Headquarters - Traverse City  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



05 May 2018

**Report of the Department Commander, 2017-2018**  
134<sup>th</sup> Department of Michigan Encampment  
Lansing, Michigan

Brothers,

First, I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to all of you for permitting me to serve in the Office of Department Commander for the 2017-2018 administrative term. It has been an absolute honor, and something that I will never forget in all of my remaining years. Thank you, Brothers.

Currently, the Department's numbers include about 480 Brothers in 22 Camps (including a Member-at-Large Camp) as of April 2018.

The 2017-2018 administrative term has seen its share of challenges and successes. A cursory accounting of some of these challenges and successes are as follows:

2017 National Encampment

Without a doubt, the 2017 National Encampment hosted by the Department of Michigan was a resounding success. A few statistics and noteworthy items are in order to demonstrate what kind of impact the Department of Michigan had in hosting the National Encampment in 2017. The Department had around 55 Brothers that registered to attend the Encampment. From what has been communicated to me, this has not happened in probably at least 40 years. Additionally, this was the most attended National Encampment in over 20 years, by a decent margin. The National Site Committee along with other National Officers gave high praise for the Department's execution in hosting the Encampment.

Many thanks go to all of you that helped, worked at, supported, and staffed the National Encampment. This event could not have come to fruition without the leadership of Co-Chairs SVCinC Shaw and PDC Davis, and the Department of Michigan Host Encampment Committee for their diligence and planning of all details of this event. The endless hours spent over several years from the beginning of the application process to the final day of the Encampment deserve all of our praise and gratitude.

Mackinac Island Ceremony

A week after the National Encampment, Brothers from across the Department attended and participated in dedicating a new Civil War Veterans monument on Mackinac Island. It was estimated that there was representation from 10 Camps, as well as Michigan's own Company A, 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve, "The Irish Rifles". Additionally, other Allied Orders and Bugles Across America attended and participated in the event, along with American Legion Post 299.



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As most well know, typically a Camp would perform the 1917 GAR monument dedication ceremony. For this ceremony, representatives contacted the Department of Michigan to perform the ceremony. Camp No. 266 was contacted by the Department to see if they would like to take charge of the ceremony (being that it was in their Geographical Area), and they preferred that the Department proceed in leading the event.

It was a wonderful event in a most historic and special location, with one of the largest turnouts that city officials had seen for such an event. Kudos, Brothers.

#### IRS 990 Form Submissions

Currently all Camps within the Department are up-to-date with their 990 form filings with the IRS, or are in a status of an unincorporated association per guidance from the National Organization and National Treasurer. During the term, three Camps were suspended for not timely filing their 990 forms. Additionally, the Camps had not filed their 990 forms for several years, where there was no easily remedied solution to reclaim their 501(c)4 status with the IRS. After obtaining guidance from National, a plan was generated to enable the suspended Camps to immediately take steps to become reinstated. All three Camps quickly enacted the plan, and they were thusly reinstated. Many thanks are given to each of these Camps for their prompt attention to correct the situation.

#### Military & Veteran Affairs

One of the most important initiatives for this administrative term was to work on development of ways in which the Department can engage with and aid members of the Military and Veterans within our community. To further this initiative, a special committee was appointed to brainstorm, discuss, and make discovery, then present recommendations and suggestions to improve our engagement. Additionally, a Military & Veteran Affairs Officer was appointed to oversee this effort and chair this committee.

#### 5-Year Strategic Direction for the Department of Michigan

Per the 133rd Department of Michigan Encampment on 06 May 2017, a new Strategic Direction Plan was recommended by the Department Chief of Staff, and subsequently approved by the Encampment. In fulfillment of the approved recommendation, a 5-Year Strategic Direction Plan was generated for the Department. The plan evaluates current risks and opportunities for development of long-term growth. Other areas of importance are addressed within the plan also. The 5-Year Strategic Direction Plan should be annually reviewed for progress on targets and major goals. The 5-Year Strategic Direction Plan can be found at the Headquarters Menu on the Department website at: <http://www.suvcwmi.org/hq/>





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### Education & Additional Duties for Department Officers

One of the tasks given to the Operating Guidelines Special Committee was to develop information for a document on helpful information and additional duties that are not currently communicated to Department Officers via SUVCW documents or well known. This document was generated with helpful information for most of the elected Department Officers. It is suggested that the helpful information and additional duties for the remaining elected Department Officers, as well as the appointed Department Officers are completed in the future. Additionally, new beneficial information for any of the Offices should be added to this document. This educational document can be found at the Headquarters Menu under Camp & Department Training Aids on the Department website at: <http://www.suvcwmi.org/hq/>

### Communications

As you well know, this term has seen a significant increase in Department Orders from prior years. The rationale for this is that I wanted to ensure that the Department membership was well informed of items that were taking place on the Department level, as well as offering up timely appreciation for the efforts that have enabled a successful year.

- Department Website – On 02 February 2018, the Department's website was maliciously hacked. Nearly every page of the website was hacked and advertising code was placed on those pages. Signals Officer Wallace and JVDC Payne immediately took further security measures and painstakingly removed all of the advertising code on each page. Additional upgraded security measures are being researched at this time.
- Social Media – The Department continues to wade into the usage of social media (specifically Facebook) to convey Department news, event dates, historical information, and other important messages to members and other allowed partners.
- E-Mails – Department Orders and other critical and timely information is sent through the Camp Contacts list via e-mail.
- Michigan Messenger – The Michigan Messenger continues its excellence in communicating Department information, and more importantly, news from the various Camps across the Department of Michigan. Brother Editor Danes' good work marches on, and it highly appreciated.

### Camp Geographical Areas

An item of note across the Department for Graves Registration and Civil War Memorials occurred during this administrative term. After two Camps within the Department had voted to turn in their Charters previously, it was decided at the beginning of this term that the Camp geographical boundaries should be reviewed to ensure that all counties are assigned to Camps in a logical manner after the



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forementioned losses. The boundaries were modified slightly where needed to ensure coverage where there was a current vacuum and to better align the geographic areas to Camp locations.

#### Treasury

The Department Treasury is in good shape with positive cash flow during the term. I defer to Department Treasurer Gosling for full details and analysis of the Department's financial state.

#### Department Officers

I would like to thank all elected and appointed Officers of the Department for the excellent work that they have conducted during the 2017-2018 term. Their love and passion for this Order is clearly evident to all that know them. Thank you, Brothers.

I must also give special thanks to Secretary Dick Denney. Brother Denney is an excellent administrator and has provided valuable and timely service to the Department and this Office – always with a positive can do attitude and with kind feedback. As many of you know, a good Secretary is absolutely essential for a successful administration. I could not ask for a better Department Secretary than Brother Denney.

#### Final Comments

Brothers, I have long feared that the SUVCW will go the way of our Noble ancestors, the Grand Army of the Republic. It has been an uneasiness based on the graying of our heads, and the smaller and smaller numbers of a younger generation joining our ranks and bringing a new spark. However, while this is still of utmost concern, I greatly fear something else that is a far larger and deeper threat to our existence than that of passing time. I dread the effect of hubris and excessive pride, and what it is doing to our Order. It dissuades potential new members, it drives current members away, and it disheartens good men from serving in Office. It is time that all of us ensure that we cast these dangers away, embrace our tenets of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, and continue our charge to preserve the history and legacy of all Union Veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic.

#### Recommendations

1. File a resolution on behalf of the Department of Michigan with the National Organization to change the dates of Officer Installations, or to open the dates by three additional months. Departments in the northern tier of the United States often face dangerous driving conditions over many miles to perform Camp Officer installations. This was further substantiated by this Department Commander getting into a multiple car accident due to treacherous roads while traveling to a Camp installation. The change should be made to CHAPTER I – CAMPS, Article V-Officers, Section 3. "The officers of Camps shall be installed at a regular meeting of the Camp to be held between the first meeting in ~~November~~, and the first meeting in the following January, inclusive,..." to "The officers of Camps shall be installed at a regular meeting of the Camp to be



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held between the first meeting in **September**, and the first meeting in the following January, inclusive,..." *We Concur*

2. Continue to appoint a Department Military & Veteran Affairs Officer for the 2018-2019 administrative term. *We Concur*
3. Continue to appoint a Military & Veteran Affairs Special Committee for the 2018-2019 administrative term. Make the Military & Veteran Affairs Committee a standing committee starting in the 2019-2020 term via a change to the Department Bylaws. The Military & Veteran Affairs Officer shall Chair the committee. *Refer to Dept Bylaws Comm*
4. Move the Department Encampment on a rotating basis to areas around the Department such as: Holland/Grand Rapids/Kalamazoo Area, Clare/Mt. Pleasant/Cadillac Area, Ann Arbor/Metro Detroit Area, and the Lansing/St. Johns Area. This would provide better opportunity for Brothers to attend that may not be able to normally due to distance, costs, etc. These areas have ample facilities for holding an Encampment, as well as having easy access to major expressways. This should be decided by the Department Commander and the Department Secretary per the responsibilities outlined in the Department Bylaws:
  - a. ARTICLE III – Officers and Their Duties, Section 5 - It shall be the duty of the Commander and Secretary, jointly, to make arrangement for temporary Headquarters and place of meeting for the Annual Encampment. *We Have No Recommendation*
5. Based on the current status of the Department Treasury, maintain the current Department Per Capita ~~Tax~~ for the ensuing year at the current level of \$8. *We Concur*
6. Create a new Department Award outlined in the Department Bylaws for an annual most outstanding Camp newsletter, so named the J. Richard Greene Award. A three-member panel consisting of the Secretary, Department Newsletter Editor, and Chaplain shall decide the most outstanding Camp newsletter based on review of Camp newsletters voluntarily sent to them over the course of the year, with a majority decision made 30 days prior to the Department Encampment. A certificate shall be awarded with the winning Camp's name and the newsletter editor listed. *We Concur*

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/

David S. Smith, LM, PCC  
Commander – Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Commander, Brothers and Honored Guests;

First of all let me thank you for the honor of serving as your Department Senior 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. I am also very happy to report that we have signed By-laws for the Department of Michigan for the first time since 2012. A hearty HAZZAH! and thank you to all the Brothers who assisted me in getting those compiled and submitted. Your assistance was greatly appreciated. Moving ahead, I believe the By-laws committee has several proposals to bring before the 2018 Encampment that will be of great benefit to the order in years to come. I wish to thank Brothers Richard Denney-CC, and Nathan Smith-CC for their diligent work and assistance throughout the year as they served with me on the By-laws committee.

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

I attended and took part in headstone dedications, as well as attending the dedication of a plaque for Civil War soldiers on Mackinac Island.

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.

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. I also assisted in putting on a Civil War Day Camp at the GAR Memorial Hall and Museum in Eaton Rapids.

On Veterans Day I attended two separate events. The first being the celebration to honor our Nations veterans in Jackson, the second was the Veterans Day Parade in Mason.

I was also able to attend the Christmas party hosted by the Governor Crapo Camp No. 145 and share a fun filled evening with not only the Brothers of the Crapo Camp, but from several Camps throughout the Department. Thank you for extending the invitation.

On the whole personally, I believe our Department is strong, but I have some misgivings about the direction it might be heading. I feel that the Brothers and Sisters of all the Allied Orders need to find a way to continue working together to promote and honor the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic as well as all the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, and members of the Coast Guard who have, and continue to serve our Country. I believe the 16<sup>th</sup> President said it better than I ever could ***"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the (nation's) wounds..."*** We need to put aside our petty differences and working together, not apart as some would have us do, move forward toward reaching the goal we all wish for, fraternity, charity, and loyalty for all Brothers and Sisters, not just some while excluding others. Together we are much stronger than we are apart.

I remain to you all, your obedient servant.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty  
Robert Griggs-PCC

Department Junior Vice-Commander  
Department of Michigan  
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During the past year I have visited camps around the state, as my schedule has permitted. I have been able to attend camp meetings at Camps 7, 14, 22, 120, 145, and 180. As I visited camps, they all expressed gratitude toward the visit. I would recommend every brother attempt to visit at least 1 camp meeting of a different camp, this helps foster camaraderie. In the course of the past year I have received a few inquires in regards to membership. Some have been plain inquiries as to the necessary documentation to join, some have been requests to search out their ancestor, without even knowing the name of the ancestor. I have even received a completed application, which I forwarded to the appropriate camp.

In September, I attended a grave marker dedication with Camp 180, November took me to Remembrance Day, in Gettysburg. In December I helped honor the charter members of Gov. Crapo Camp 145 during their Annual Christmas Dinner celebration.

We entered the year with 478 members, with many strong camps. As we end this year, we are looking at, as of April 29, with most camps reporting, 433 Members, 12 Associates, and 6 Juniors. We are still dealing with an aging membership, which will only be remedied at the camp level. We must, as a Department, embrace a camp led resurgence. This will only be possible if each member takes the initiative to reach out to those in their sphere of influence. It is the responsibility of everyone to educate those around us that we are not reenactors, but men passionate about honoring those who fought, bled and died that this country would survive that horrible war, so many years ago. I have no definitive answer on how to reach those in your sphere of influence, but I am open to suggestions on how you have influenced people towards our organization in the past. I encourage you to communicate to others in your camp and around the state as to how you have brought brothers into the Order. This is the only way to insure the continued existence of the Sons of Union the Civil War.

Respectfully Submitted,  
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Robert R Payne, CC  
Department Junior-Vice Commander





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**Office of the Department Secretary**

**Report to the 134<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment**

To Commander Smith and the 134<sup>th</sup> Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The Secretary thanks the 134<sup>th</sup> Encampment for having given him the opportunity to serve as Department Secretary for the 2017-2018 term. The Secretary thanks the Department Commander, the Department officers and Camp officers for their cooperation, counsel, patience, and time in aiding the Secretary in the performance of the duties of the office.

I wish to thank Department Commander David Smith and PDC David Wallace for their aid, counsel, experience, and wisdom in assisting the Secretary in his tasks.

The receiving of properly prepared documents has improved measurably and I thank the Camp Secretaries for their efforts.

This term all Forms and reports due to the National were sent to the National Headquarters well before their deadlines.

The discrepancies between the Department's and National Rosters have been resolved so far at this point of time.

At the present time (April 27, 2018) I received almost all or been in communication with the camps for the Form 27 Annual report. I have not heard from 2 camps in regard to their report.

I have begun the process of developing a program of training and information to assist camp secretaries and future Department Secretaries in the completion of the necessary forms needed for the Department and National Headquarters.

I will also keep myself available to answer questions and assist any camp secretary in the performance of his office.

I have no recommendations or resolutions to offer at this time.

Respectfully in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty.

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



## DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

May 5, 2018

### Report of the Department Treasurer

Commander Smith, Officers and Brothers of the Department of Michigan

The Department of Michigan has concluded the financial business of the 2017 Membership Year and our finances continue to be positive. We posted revenues and expenditures from normal operations during 2017 of \$5,324.50 and \$2,191.78 respectively to the General Fund. This resulted in an excess of revenues of \$3,132.72 for the year. Additionally, the Department of Michigan hosted a very successful National Encampment during the year adding a profit of \$6,486.43 to the General Fund at its completion for a total gain of \$9,619.15 for the year.

Total funds available amounted to \$30,796.26 as of December 31, 2017. Of that total, \$65.42 is restricted for Gettysburg flag replacement and \$182.50 remains in the Greenville Monument restricted account. A total of \$30,548.34 represents unassigned cash that may be disposed of by this Encampment.

The Department of Michigan Permanent Fund reflects a total of \$41,159.47, which consists of a permanently restricted balance of \$40,409.01 and a temporarily restricted income accumulation of \$750.46.

I wish to report:

1. 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 1.823% on our investment for the year after amortization of bond premiums.
2. That the actual expenses incurred for the year were \$4,618.22 under the budgeted amount for the year. This is largely due to officers not submitting for expense reimbursements under the Department Guidelines and not having to reorder Department merchandise held for sale.
3. The National Encampment Fund was a temporary fund created to capture the income and expenses related to the 2017 National Encampment that was hosted in Lansing by the Department of Michigan. Fund raising was very effective and the expenses were tightly controlled yielding a surplus of \$6,486.43 that was deposited to the General Fund.

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

1. That a transfer of funds be made to the Permanent Fund out of the General fund in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. *We Concur*
2. That the proposed 2018 operating budget for the General Fund, attached to this report, be accepted as presented. *We Concur*

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, Treasurer  
Department of Michigan, SUVCW

## Report of the Department Chaplain

It is my duty to report to the 2018 Encampment of the passing of our brothers in the Son of Union Veterans. Since the last Department Encampment there have been eight deaths which have been reported to me. They are the following:

Brother Richard Eldren Spriks of the Albert and James Lyon Camp No. 266, who passed on June 2, 2017, in Escanaba, Michigan;

Brother Norman H. Knight, of the General Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20, who passed on July 16, 2017, in Kalamazoo, MI;

Brother Thomas C. Elegeer of the Albert and James Lyon Camp No. 266, who passed on July 27, 2017, in Marquette, Michigan;

Brother Paul David Hodges, Sr., PDC, of the Lansing/Sunfield Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17, who passed on September 16, 2017 in Lansing, Michigan;

Brother Gary Roland Grout, PCC, of the General Israel B. Richardson, Camp No. 2, who passed on December 11, 2017, in Harsens Island, Michigan;

Brother Alton F. "Corky" Conrad of the Albert & James Lyon Camp No. 266 who passed on January 12, 2018;

Brother Daniel Doyle of the Austin Blair Camp No. 7, who passed on January 3, 2018, in Somerset Township; and

Brother Dennis Durwood Zank, PCC, of the Curtenius Guard Camp No.17, passed on January 28, 2018, in Detroit, MI.

I thank the Camp Commanders, Secretaries, and Chaplains who notified me of these passings and I urge the various Camps to use the death notice form when a death occurs in your Camp. The form is found in the Department of Michigan website in The Bugle Call section.

During the past year, I attended as a delegate the National Encampment, hosted by our Department, I helped with the Memorial Service at the opening of the Encampment and preached at the Encampment's Sunday Service. I also served on this year's Abraham Lincoln Award Review Committee.

I am honored that I have been called to serve the Department these past several years. May the Heavenly Father continue to bless us and our work in the year ahead.

The Rev. Charles F. Buckhahn  
Department Chaplain  
Department of Michigan, Sons of the Union Veterans



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

**OFFICE OF  
DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR  
Nathan L. Smith, CC**



**DEPARTMENT COUNSELORS REPORT**

**DATE:** 05 May 2017  
**SERIES:** 2017-2018

Department Commander David Smith, fellow brothers, and honored guests,

It has been my pleasure to serve the 2017-2018 term as the Department Counselor and I want to personally thank Department Commander David Smith for the opportunity to do so.

During the 2017-2018 term I was briefed on and provided counsel on various items/issues that arose during the term. I was also requested to provide two (2) official Opinions (Attached) regarding the following:

- **Opinion No. 2018-01**  
SUVCW citizens serving on Special Committees of the Department of Michigan;
- **Opinion No. 2018-02**  
Would it be appropriate to present a Past Camp Commander Badge to a brother who has served over ten (10) consecutive years in the capacity of Camp Secretary and has had the Past Camp Commander rank conferred upon him by the membership of his camp?

Respectfully Submitted

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Nathan L. Smith, CC  
Department Counselor  
Department of Michigan, SUVCW



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

**DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN**

**2018 REPORT OF THE CAMP-AT-LARGE COORDINATOR**  
**FOR RUSSELL A. ALGER CAMP NO. 462**

TO: DEPARTMENT COMMANDER DAVID S. SMITH and THE  
134<sup>TH</sup> ENCAMPMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

I appreciate the opportunity to have been of service over the past year. My principal tasks have been to keep the members informed of Dept. and National Orders and to record and report changes in status of members. The Camp has gained new members, but unfortunately has lost one more than the number gained. Consequently, current membership is 11 members, 10 of whom have e-mail access for communication. Several membership inquiries have been received and answered – hopefully to result in new membership applications in the future. The Camp has three Life Members. 2018 Membership Cards have been mailed to all current members.

The Camp records which I was given are fairly well organized and go back into the 1990's. However, some reorganization of files and culling of obsolete documents should be made.

Respectfully submitted,



George L. Boller

May 5, 2018

Camp-at-Large Coordinator

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2017 - 2018 Color Bearer Report

5 MAY 2018

COMMANDER, STAFF AND BROTHERS here Assembled,

I bring this REPORT AS THE COLOR BEARER FOR  
the DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, SUVCW, FOR THE  
YEAR 2017 - 2018.

IT HAS BEEN MY HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO THE COLOR  
BEARER AGAIN THIS YEAR. THIS AN HONOR WHICH I  
THOROUGHLY ENJOY.

WHILE I WISH I COULD BE AT EVERY CEREMONY THAT  
INVOLVES THE DEPARTMENT, IT IS PHYSICALLY AND LOGISTICALLY  
IMPOSSIBLE. CLOWING IS AN OPTION, BUT, THANKFULLY  
IS NOT A CONSIDERATION.

RECENTLY, THE 'COLORS' WERE IN SPRINGFIELD TO  
PAY TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT LINCOLN. A FITTING CEREMONY  
AND HONORS PAID TO A FALLEN PRESIDENT. LATER WE WENT  
TO THE GRAVESITE OF DOCTOR STEPHANSON, FOUNDER OF  
THE GAR, AND HELD A SERVICE THERE.

IN NOVEMBER, THE 'COLORS' AND I WERE IN GETTYSBURG  
FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY. IF YOU HAVE HEARD OR READ SOME OF  
THE 'AFTER ACTION' REPORTS IT WAS WET NOT JUST DAMP  
BUT VERY VERY WET.

5 MAY 2018

IF THEY HAD STOCKED THE GUTTERS WITH FISH, WE COULD HAVE SET OUR POLES AND CAUGHT OUR LIMIT.

THE RAIN STARTED AS WE PLACED NATIONAL COLORS AND STATE OF MICHIGAN FLAGS ON THE GRAVE SITES OF THE 'BOYS IN BLUE' FROM MICHIGAN. THE RAIN CONTINUED DURING THE CEREMONY AT ALBERT WOOLSON'S MONUMENT AND ON THROUGH ~~THE~~ ~~RA~~ PARADE. NEEDLESS TO SAY, WE WERE WET, NO NOT JUST WET, SOAKED IS MORE LIKE IT.

I HEARD SEVERAL SAY THEY WOULDN'T WANT TO BE IN MY PLACE, STANDING AS I DID IN THE RAIN. BUT THE THOUGHT I HAD WAS THIS. THOSE WE HONORED AT GETTYSBURG COULDN'T GET OUT OF THE RAIN, AND WE COULD DO NO LESS.

IN JUNE, I WENT TO A VFW POST IN CLARKSTON TO PARTICIPATE IN A FLAG DISPOSAL SERVICE. WHILE THERE WERE NOT MANY IN ATTENDANCE, IT WAS STILL A MOVING CEREMONY TO RETIRE FLAGS WHICH COULD NO LONGER SERVE AS THE EMBLEM OF OUR COUNTRY.

COMING IN JUST A FEW WEEKS, WE WILL CELEBRATE MEMORIAL DAY. ONCE AGAIN, WE WILL FOLLOW GENERAL LOGAN'S ORDER TO 'REMEMBER OUR HONORED DEAD'. WE WILL HONOR NOT ONLY THOSE FROM THE CIVIL WAR BUT ~~GO~~ CONFLICTS OF ALL ERA'S.

5 May 2018

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE HONOR. IT IS MY WISH THAT I HAVE CONTINUED, IN A SMALL WAY, TO GIVE PROPER TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO HAVE GONE ON BEFORE.

I LEAVE YOU WITH THIS THOUGHT FROM A BOOK CALLED 'TRAVELLER', A TALE OF THE CIVIL WAR AS TOLD BY ROBERT E. LEE'S HORSE. 'TRAVELLER' IS TALKING TO TOM, THE RESIDENT BARN CAT -

'THEY'D COME MARCHING THROUGH THE STREETS - BANDS A-PLAYING AND ALWAYS A FECLA OUT IN FRONT CARRYING ONE OF THESE HERE COLORED CLOTH'S ON STICKS. YOU SEE, THEY'RE REAL IMPORTANT, TOM - THEM COLORED COL CLOTH'S ON STICKS, SOLDIERS CAN'T BE SOLDIERS UNLESS THEY'VE GOT ONE OF 'EM GOING IN FRONT. WHAT? OH, NEVER MIND WHY, I DO KNOW, MIND YOU, BUT I CAN'T TELL YOU. 'CAUSE IT'S A MILITARY SECRET.'

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

EDGAR DAVID

COLOR BEARER

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, SUVCW



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Subject: Annual Report of the Department Guide, 2017-2018 term

Commander Smith, Officers and Men of the Department of Michigan,

The official responsibilities as prescribed by the Job Descriptions of the Order for the Department Guide are limited to the Department Encampment. As a result, there has been no activity to date to report.

/s/

*Nathan K. Tingley*

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Subject: Annual Report of the Department Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, 2017-2018 term

Commander Smith, Officers and Men of the Department of Michigan,

It has been an honor this past year to serve as the Department Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator for the State of Michigan. A total of 10 certificate applications have been reported and processed from this office from many SUVCW Camps in the Department. I would encourage all Camps to keep 10 certificates on hand at any given time so that they are able to process any applications they would receive without delay of mail.

No recommendations.

/s/

*Nathan K. Tingley*

Nathan K. Tingley  
Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator  
Department of Michigan  
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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Communications & Technology Committee



5 May 2018

Signals Officer/Communications and Technology Committee Report

Brothers of the 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan. 2017 was an eventful year for the Department of Michigan with hosting the National Encampment. The Brothers of the Communications and Technology Committee were directly involved in supporting the efforts of the encampment committee through web page support and PDF forms design. All in all, a successful event. There were, however, some unintended occurrences after the encampment that can be attributed to the Department's increased exposure from hosting the National Encampment. There was a "phishing attempt" where the perpetrator attempted to impersonate PDC Davis and request that money be forwarded to a "vendor" that hadn't been paid. Fortunately, the sharp eye of Department Treasurer Gosling recognized this for what it was, and it went no further. About 45 days later there was another attempt from the same perpetrator that was also ignored. At 2:46 AM on February 2, 2018, the Department's website was successfully attacked by a perpetrator who injected an advertising script into the code of every file on the Department's website. Although not malicious, the code did contain a link that would redirect a user to a malicious site if it were to be accessed. This injection involved hundreds of the website's files. Steps were taken to begin remediation using backup files where practical or by deleting the injected text. Administrative passwords were changed and the code that allowed the injection to take place was immediately removed. There was no compromise of any individual's personal data, as we do not maintain anything of that nature on the website. The attack ultimately failed as the injected code inserted itself into an area of each webpage that did not directly display the malicious content (non-HTML pages were not affected).

In my report to the Department Commander, the Brothers of the Department Council and the Brothers of the Communications and Technology Committee, I emphasized that Department needs to reconsider what the purpose of maintaining its web presence in its current format is. We admittedly have a lack of expertise within the discipline of SQL database administration (our website relies on 9 separate SQL databases). We have been unable to update the graves registration database for two years due to it being formatted using a proprietary program, although I can report that a Senior Database Administrator has volunteered his services this past April to assist in resolving this (hopefully by the end of June given his time constraints). The current format of our site does require individuals with web coding skills; the type of individuals that we are not attracting as members. The site is beneficial to the camps that do not have a web presence in establishing a presence for them. It also benefits the Department in disseminating valuable information to the camps and the public. However, we are not attracting and keeping the skilled individuals needed to fill these positions (i.e., men under 45). I do believe that an Internet and social media presence by the Department is vital to our continued existence.



As the Department has an Internet presence through its website and a social media presence through its "group" on Facebook, statistical data is available that profiles who typically accesses our information. Below is a typical profile of a person that interacts with the Department's Internet presence (sample size = 15,000+).

| GENDER               |       |       |     |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-----|
| Men                  |       | Women |     |
| 84%                  |       | 16%   |     |
| AGE GROUP (Men Only) |       |       |     |
| 35-44                | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ |
| 9%                   | 22%   | 29%   | 24% |

The Department uses Bluehost as its hosting service for its website. This is one of the top hosting sites that specialize in non-profit organizations and is competitive in its cost of services. The Department uses shared services, which means that it doesn't have a dedicated server for our files. The Department does have a dedicated IP address. The Department supports 3 domains (2 are "parked") and 10 subdomains, with suvcwmi.org being the main domain name. As mentioned previously, there are 9 SQL (Structured Query Language) databases supporting the website. Annual costs for the website run approximately \$375. If the Department receives a 501(c)3 designation from the IRS, we will be able to apply for additional discounted services and programs.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

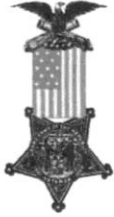
- That the Department authorize the purchase of a Positive SSL Certificate at the annual cost of \$50;

*Rational:* Internet users are becoming more aware of the need to see an "https" prefix in their address bar, or the padlock icon on their browser when accessing websites. An SSL (Secure Socket Layer) certificate is a standard security technology for securing an encrypted link between a server and a browser. This ensures that all data passed between the web browser and the server remain private and integral. This certificate would apply SSL security to the primary domain and subdomains.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,



David F. Wallace, PDC  
Department Signals Officer



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

**Office of the Editor – *Michigan's Messenger***



May 5, 2018

To Department Commander David S. Smith, LM, PCC and  
Attendees of the 134<sup>th</sup> Department of Michigan Encampment

Greetings,

This being my 13<sup>th</sup> year as editor of our exceptional Department newsletter, I submit:

This will serve as a report for the recent activities of the Editor of Michigan's Messenger.

Currently, Michigan's Messenger is sent electronically to all Camps within the Department on a quarterly basis. 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.

Last year, a new Department e-mail address was established exclusively 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



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

**OFFICE OF THE GRAVES REGISTRATION  
OFFICER**



May 5, 2018

To Department Commander David S. Smith, LM, PCC and  
Attendees of the 134<sup>th</sup> Department of Michigan Encampment

Greetings,

This being my 18<sup>th</sup> year as Graves Registration Officer for the Department, I submit:

This will serve as a report for the recent 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 period'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. The Camps that did not attend meetings during the past year are: 3, 43, 85, 160, 180, 255, 250, and 266. Camps 3, 85, and 250 have not made a report or otherwise contributed in the past few years.

The Committee meets every quarter, realizing our 72<sup>nd</sup> meeting in September of this year, as we achieved an average attendance of over 50% of the total camps in the Department at each meeting. These meetings created meaningful dialog that is useful to Camp Graves Registration Officers (CGRO) 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 74,471 records (an increase of over 4,470 in the past year) of heroes buried both in Michigan and in outstate locations.

In addition, the Committee continues its work on the "Last Soldier" project, created by Committee member Jim Petrimoux from Camp 67. 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.

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

*Keeping Green the Memory*

## Report of the GAR Records Officer / Committee

glgsuvcw@aol.com

Tue 5/1/2018, 11:54 AM

To: cwsonvet@hotmail.com <cwsonvet@hotmail.com>;

Brother Dick,

My report is included in this email. I have been without a computer at home for some time, and am unable to save files on my computer at work. I apologize for this. As soon as personal finances improve, I will be able to replace my tower and go back to business as usual.

Fraternally,

Gary

May 5, 2018

Report of the G.A.R. Records Officer and Committee  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Commander Smith, Officers, Delegates and Brothers,

Another year has come to a close. The work of this office and the committee is continuous. Inquiries requesting information on Posts and individual comrades of the Grand Army continue to be received and answered to the best of our ability. No expenses have been incurred by this office or this committee this fiscal year.

As a side note, I have been without a home computer for about three months. My desktop tower's ON/OFF button quite working. Having all data backed up, nothing has been lost. I even went as far as removing the hard drive and having the IT Department at the college that I work for backup everything again to be certain all data was preserved. As soon as finances permit, the tower will be replaced and everything restored. In the meantime, I have been conducting correspondence on my wife's tablet.

For the last few years, it has been my intention to update the list of found GAR Records which appears on the Department website. I am pleased to report, and at the same time embarrassed, that the listing of all found Michigan GAR Records has been completely transformed from a word document, and is now in Excel spreadsheet format. I did not create this. Brother Dean Enderlin, the National G.A.R. Records Officer, took it upon himself to create the spreadsheet, and utilized the updated information in the annual reports submitted by myself over the last few years. Brother Dean has created an outstanding and very usable document. This document has been posted on the National Organization's website, GARRecords.org. In this format updates will be very simple. I am personally very grateful to Brother Enderlin.

In the last year, group photographs of comrades of several GAR posts of Michigan have been appearing in various places. Three of these have been composite photos, and fortunately, the individual photos in those composites are identified. I have been successful in obtaining copies of these photographs. A few have been of Posts that we do not know the location of any surviving records. Thus, these photographs do at least provide us with some kind of record for these posts. Copies of composite photos for Lincoln Post No. 19 of Bangor, and Ellsworth Post No. 20 of Hartford, both located in Van Buren County, are now part of the Department's collection. These have been deposited in our archives located at Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall & Museum and the photo of Post No. 19 is currently on display. A large, (2 foot x 3 foot) composite photo of the comrades of Zach Chandler Post No. 35 currently resides at the South Haven, Michigan Historical Society museum. Once again, the individual photos are identified with the comrade's name; however, this composite also identifies the comrade's regiment. The staff at the historical society will be making arraignments for a professional scan and print of this to be made by a blueprint printing company, at our expense. This will be completed this summer, and the print and scan file will be deposited in our collection. Most likely, the print will go on display at the GAR Museum. We are indebted to the South Haven Historical Society for their enthusiastic cooperation.

Additionally, group photos of the R.P. Carpenter Post No. 41 of Chelsea and William Richardson Post No. 214 of Milford have come to light. Unfortunately, no one in the photos is identified. Copies are forthcoming.

Several other leads on GAR Records are being pursued. I look forward to reporting on further successes in the future.

I do have one recommendation. That the current level of funding for this office remain the same. *We concur*  
Considerable expenses are anticipated with the scanning of the Post No. 35 composite.

Yours in F., C. & L.,

Gary L. Gibson, PDC  
GAR Records Officer

2018 Department Council Annual Report  
For the 134th Encampment of the Department of Michigan, SUVCW  
May 5, 2018

Commander, Brothers, and Distinguished Guests of the Order; The brothers of the Department Council are pleased to offer our report to today's Encampment.

For the administrative year of 2017-2018, your Department Council approved two expenditures that were not budgeted. The first was for an advertisement promoting the Department of Michigan in the National Encampment program. The second was to ask approval to cover the room and meal expenses of Commander-in-Chief Mark Day's visit to our 134<sup>th</sup> Encampment.

Quarterly and Annual Department Treasurer reports were usual and customary revenues and expenditures.

The Department Council was asked to seek an interim Department Senior Vice Commander at the time of Department Order No. 26. While there are a number of Brothers we could have asked that would fill the remaining term, we approved PDC Dale Aurand to fill the office. It is with regret that we accepted Brother Bob's resignation and subsequent honorable discharge from the Order.

The Department Council audit of the Department Accounts and Ledgers finds them accurate and in order as of May 5, 2018.

Recommendation of the Department Council:

Whereas the Department of Michigan budget presently doesn't include an item to cover expenses of visiting National Officers of the SUVCW at our Encampment.

And whereas, the overnight accommodations may change from year to year that may require room expense,

The Department Council recommends a budget item to hedge toward visiting a National Officer's room and meal expenses.

Decisions need to be made to direct restricted Greenville Fund of \$182.50 toward a worthwhile project. Likewise, a cash amount of \$29.58 leftover from disbanded Phil Kearney Camp 67.

Respectfully submitted.  
Department Council members

Michael Maillard,  
Kevin Lindsey,  
Charles Worley

Appendix B  
Treasurer's Reports



**Department of Michigan**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
**Financial Report-General Fund**  
**For the Year ended December 31, 2017**

**Balance Sheet**

|                                     |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                       |                  |
| Cash in bank                        | 30,796.26        |
| Merchandise Inventory - Kepi Badges | 1,616.39         |
| Total Assets                        | <u>32,412.65</u> |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                  |                  |
|                                     | 0.00             |
| <b>Fund Equity</b>                  |                  |
| Unrestricted Balance                | 32,164.73        |
| Restricted Balances                 |                  |
| Rally Round the Flag                | 65.42            |
| Sesquicentennial                    | 0.00             |
| Greenville                          | 182.50           |
| Total Fund Equity                   | <u>32,412.65</u> |
| Total Liabilities & Fund Equity     | <u>32,412.65</u> |

**Statement of Revenues and Expenses**

|   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
|   | For the Year Ended       |
|   | <u>December 31, 2017</u> |
| <b>Revenues</b>                             |                          |
| Per-capita                                  | 3,284.50                 |
| Departmental Sales                          | 1,520.00                 |
| Dept. Encampment Registration               | 400.00                   |
| National Encampment Fund Transfer           | 6,486.43                 |
| Donations                                   | 100.00                   |
| Brochure Sales                              | 20.00                    |
| Total Revenues                              | <u>11,810.93</u>         |
| <b>Expenses</b>                             |                          |
| Cost of Goods Sold                          | 600.00                   |
| Advertising - Banner & National Encampment  | 235.00                   |
| Shipping Costs                              | 55.71                    |
| Office Expenses & Postage                   | 36.60                    |
| Department Encampment Costs                 | 250.75                   |
| Insurance                                   | 90.00                    |
| Donation to GAR Hall                        | 200.00                   |
| Department Records Project                  | 0.00                     |
| Gettysburg Wreaths                          | 21.18                    |
| Website Costs                               | 359.52                   |
| Donations                                   | 0.00                     |
| Gettysburg Flags                            | 0.00                     |
| Officer & Committee Expenses per Guidelines | 231.02                   |
| Past Dept. Commander Jewel                  | 112.00                   |
| Total Expenses                              | <u>2,191.78</u>          |
| Net Revenue (Expense)                       | <u>9,619.15</u>          |

**Department of Michigan**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
**Financial Report-Permanent Fund**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 2017**

**Assets**

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Edward Jones Money Market Fund | 2,910.22                    |
| TVA Power Bond                 | 5,095.70                    |
| Farm Credit Bank Bond          | 7,068.42                    |
| Farm Credit Bank Bond          | 6,071.67                    |
| Glens Falls NY Pub Impr GO     | 10,082.37                   |
| Federal Home Loan Bank Bond    | 9,931.09                    |
| Accrued Interest Purchased     | 0.00                        |
| <br>Total Assets               | <br><u><u>41,159.47</u></u> |

**Fund Equity**

|                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Restricted Balance             | 40,409.01               |
| Temporarily Restricted Balance | <u>750.46</u>           |
| Total Fund Equity              | <u><u>41,159.47</u></u> |

**Statement of Revenues and Expenses**

For the Year Ended  
 December 31, 2017

**Revenues**

|                                    |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Interest Income                    | 1,107.86      |
| Amortization of Bond Premiums      | -357.40       |
| Gain (Loss) on Matured Investments | <u>0.00</u>   |
| Total Revenues                     | <u>750.46</u> |

**Expenses**

|                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Total Expenses        | <u><u>0.00</u></u>   |
| Net Revenue (Expense) | <u><u>750.46</u></u> |

Department of Michigan  
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
 National Encampment Fund  
 December 31, 2017

**Balance Sheet**

**Assets**

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| Cash in Bank | 0.00        |
| Total Assets | <u>0.00</u> |

**Liabilities**

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Due to General Fund | 0.00 |
|---------------------|------|

**Fund Equity**

|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Temporarily Restricted Balance | 0.00        |
| Total Fund Equity              | <u>0.00</u> |

**Statement of Revenues and Expenses**

|                               | For the Year Ended<br>December 31, 2016 | For the Period Ended<br>December 31, 2017 | Nat'l Encampment<br>Totals |
|-------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------|
| <b>Revenues</b>               |   |   |                            |
| SUVCW Contribution            | 0.00                                    | 1,500.00                                  | 1,500.00                   |
| ASUVCW Contribution           | 0.00                                    | 550.00                                    | 550.00                     |
| LGAR Contribution             | 0.00                                    | 300.00                                    | 300.00                     |
| Program Advertising           | 40.00                                   | 2,465.00                                  | 2,505.00                   |
| Table Rents                   | 75.00                                   | 325.00                                    | 400.00                     |
| Custer Badge Sales            | 717.00                                  | 4,325.00                                  | 5,042.00                   |
| GAR 150th Badge Sales         | 1,715.00                                | 30.00                                     | 1,745.00                   |
| Encampment Badge Sales        | 0.00                                    | 519.00                                    | 519.00                     |
| GAR Shirt Sales               | 0.00                                    | 1,444.33                                  | 1,444.33                   |
| Postage & Handling            | 0.00                                    | 469.20                                    | 469.20                     |
| Banquet Reservations          | 0.00                                    | 8,036.50                                  | 8,036.50                   |
| Lansing Tours                 | 0.00                                    | 1,416.70                                  | 1,416.70                   |
| Donations & Misc. Fundraising | 1,019.75                                | 257.50                                    | 1,277.25                   |
| Total Revenues                | <u>3,566.75</u>                         | <u>21,638.23</u>                          | <u>25,204.98</u>           |
| <b>Expenses</b>               |   |   |                            |
| Cost GAR Badge                | 756.00                                  |   | 756.00                     |
| Cost Custer Badge             | 1,600.00                                |   | 1,600.00                   |
| Cost Canteen Pin              | 663.00                                  |   | 663.00                     |
| Cost Michigan Badge           | 2,465.00                                |   | 2,465.00                   |
| Cost of GAR Shirts            | 0.00                                    | 1,124.28                                  | 1,124.28                   |
| Cost of Encampment Ribbons    | 0.00                                    | 351.40                                    | 351.40                     |
| Encampment Badges             | 0.00                                    | 188.39                                    | 188.39                     |
| Flowers                       | 0.00                                    | 93.53                                     | 93.53                      |
| Entertainment                 | 0.00                                    | 500.00                                    | 500.00                     |
| Hotel Costs                   | 0.00                                    | 8,499.00                                  | 8,499.00                   |
| Bus for Tour                  | 0.00                                    | 212.23                                    | 212.23                     |
| Tour Meals                    | 0.00                                    | 464.75                                    | 464.75                     |
| Printing Program              | 0.00                                    | 1,132.50                                  | 1,132.50                   |
| Bank Charges                  | 37.05                                   | 13.00                                     | 50.05                      |
| Postage & Handling            | 43.30                                   | 417.75                                    | 461.05                     |
| Nat'l Encampment Table Rent   | 25.00                                   |   | 25.00                      |
| Supplies                      | 0.00                                    | 132.37                                    | 132.37                     |
| Close Fund to General Fund    | 0.00                                    | 6,486.43                                  | 6,486.43                   |
| Total Expenses                | <u>5,589.35</u>                         | <u>19,615.63</u>                          | <u>25,204.98</u>           |
| Net Revenue (Expense)         | <u>-2,022.60</u>                        | <u>2,022.60</u>                           | <u>0.00</u>                |

| OPERATING BUDGET PERFORMANCE |                 | Department of Michigan SUVCW 2017 |                    |                  |                  |                    |                    |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| REVENUES                     | Budget          | 1st Quarter                       | 2nd Quarter        | 3rd Quarter      | 4th Quarter      | Total              | Difference         |
| Department Per Capita        | 4,000           | 96.00                             | 3,172.50           | 8.00             | 8.00             | 3,284.50           | (715.50)           |
| Sales                        | 1,200           | 400.00                            | 325.00             | 370.00           | 425.00           | 1,520.00           | 320.00             |
| Brochure Sales               | 20              | 20.00                             |                    |                  |                  | 20.00              | -                  |
| Donations                    | 50              |                                   |                    |                  | 100.00           | 100.00             | 50.00              |
| Encampment Receipts          | 375             |                                   | 400.00             |                  |                  | 400.00             | 25.00              |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>        | <b>\$ 5,645</b> | <b>\$ 516.00</b>                  | <b>\$ 3,897.50</b> | <b>\$ 378.00</b> | <b>\$ 533.00</b> | <b>\$ 5,324.50</b> | <b>\$ (320.50)</b> |

| EXPENSES                          | 1st Quarter          | 2nd Quarter      | 3rd Quarter        | 4th Quarter        | Total              | Difference           |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Cost of Goods Sold                |                      | 160.00           | 240.00             | 200.00             | 600.00             | (1,700.00)           |
| Advertising                       | 195.00               |                  | 40.00              |                    | 235.00             | 35.00                |
| Officer Expenses                  | 100.44               | 108.99           | 21.59              |                    | 231.02             | (1,843.98)           |
| Insurance                         |                      | 90.00            |                    |                    | 90.00              | -                    |
| Past C-in-C Gift                  |                      |                  | 359.52             |                    | 359.52             | (50.00)              |
| Website                           |                      |                  |                    |                    | -                  | 84.52                |
| Department Archives Project       |                      |                  |                    |                    | -                  | (100.00)             |
| Project GAR Records               |                      |                  |                    |                    | -                  | (300.00)             |
| Postage                           | 7.80                 | 47.91            |                    |                    | 55.71              | (24.29)              |
| Dept. Encampment Exp.             |                      | 250.75           |                    |                    | 250.75             | (139.25)             |
| Bank Fees                         |                      | 13.00            |                    |                    | 13.00              | 13.00                |
| Supplies & Other Expenses         |                      |                  |                    | 23.60              | 23.60              | (26.40)              |
| Gettysburg Wreaths (1)            |                      | 21.18            |                    |                    | 21.18              | 21.18                |
| 102 USCT Monument Pledge          |                      |                  |                    |                    | -                  | (500.00)             |
| PDC Jewell                        |                      |                  |                    |                    | 112.00             | 12.00                |
| Donations Eaton Rpd's GAR         |                      | 200.00           |                    |                    | 200.00             | -                    |
| Memorial Donations                |                      |                  |                    |                    | -                  | (100.00)             |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>             | <b>\$ 6,810.00</b>   | <b>\$ 415.24</b> | <b>\$ 891.83</b>   | <b>\$ 661.11</b>   | <b>\$ 2,191.78</b> | <b>\$ (4,618.22)</b> |
| <b>Excess Revenues (Expenses)</b> | <b>\$ (1,165.00)</b> | <b>\$ 100.76</b> | <b>\$ 3,005.67</b> | <b>\$ (283.11)</b> | <b>\$ 3,132.72</b> | <b>\$ 4,297.72</b>   |

**REMARKS:**

1. This was non-budgeted but is provided for under the Rally Around the Flag fund balance
2. Analysis excludes transfer from National Encampment Fund in the amount of \$6,486.43.

**Department of Michigan**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
**Proposed Budget**  
**Year ending December 31, 2018**

|   | Actual<br>December 31, 2017 | Proposed 2018<br>Budget |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Revenues</b>                               |                             |                         |
| Per-capita                                    | 3,284.50                    | 4,000.00                |
| Departmental Sales                            | 1,520.00                    | 1,200.00                |
| Dept. Encampment Registration                 | 400.00                      | 400.00                  |
| Dept. Encampment Meals                        | 0.00                        | 0.00                    |
| Donations                                     | 100.00                      | 100.00                  |
| Brochure Sales                                | 20.00                       | 20.00                   |
| Total Revenues                                | <u>5,324.50</u>             | <u>5,720.00</u>         |
| <b>Expenses</b>                               |                             |                         |
| Cost of Goods Sold                            | 600.00                      | 1,000.00                |
| Advertising                                   | 235.00                      | 200.00                  |
| Postage & Shipping                            | 55.71                       | 80.00                   |
| GAR Records (500 less GAR Donation below)     | 0.00                        | 300.00                  |
| Department Archives Project                   | 0.00                        | 100.00                  |
| Department Encampment Costs                   | 250.75                      | 390.00                  |
| Insurance                                     | 90.00                       | 90.00                   |
| 102 USCT Monument Pledge                      | 0.00                        | 500.00                  |
| Website Costs                                 | 359.52                      | 375.00                  |
| Donations-Eaton Rapids GAR Hall               | 200.00                      | 200.00                  |
| Other Donations                               | 0.00                        | 100.00                  |
| Officer & Committee Expenses (Per guidelines) | 231.02                      | 2,075.00                |
| Gettysburg Wreaths                            | 21.18                       | 0.00                    |
| Office Expenses & Supplies                    | 36.60                       | 50.00                   |
| Past C-in-C Gift                              | 0.00                        | 50.00                   |
| PDC Badge                                     | 112.00                      | 124.00                  |
| Total Expenses                                | <u>2,191.78</u>             | <u>5,634.00</u>         |
| Net Revenue (Expense)                         | <u>3,132.72</u>             | <u>86.00</u>            |



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



Resolution Number one  
Approved at the 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Department Encampment

The 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Department Encampment files this resolution with the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It requests to change the dates of Officer Installations, or to open the dates by three additional months. Departments in the northern tier of the United States often face dangerous driving conditions over many miles to perform Camp Officer installations. This was further substantiated by Past Department Commander David Smith getting into a multiple car accident due to treacherous roads while traveling to a Camp Installation. The changes should be made to CHAPTER I-CAMPS, Article V-Officers, Section 3. “The officers of Camps shall be installed at a regular meeting of the Camp to be held between the first meeting in **November**, and the first meeting in the following January, inclusive,” to “The officers of Camps shall be Installed at a regular meeting of the Camp to be held between the first meeting in **September**, and the first meeting in the following January, inclusive,”

*Committee concurs 5/5/18 JAV*

Amend National Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 5:

Old Section 5. In case of the surrender or forfeiture of a Charter, all the Camp property and money shall be turned over to the Department Commander or to his duly authorized representative, and become the property of the Department. Any transfer or disposal of any of its property by a Camp in arrears for its per capita dues shall be fraudulent and void, and any such transfer or disposal by a Camp of its property in contemplation of disbandment or surrender of its Charter shall also be fraudulent and void. All property of a Camp is held by it as a charitable trust that is to be held and used for the purpose for which the Order exists, and any such transfer or disposal within six months of disbandment or surrender of its Charter without consent of the Department shall be conclusively presumed to be in contemplation of such disbandment or surrender. No Camp shall divide its property among its Brothers.

Proposed Section 5: In the case of surrender or forfeiture of the Camp Charter, all Camp property and assets shall be turned over to the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War via the Department Commander of the affected Camp acting as his duly authorized representative to collect and hold all such property in trust for the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization exempt from taxes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Any transfer or disposal of any of its property by a Camp in arrears for its per capita dues shall be fraudulent and void, and any such transfer or disposal by a Camp of its property in contemplation of disbandment or surrender of its Charter shall also be fraudulent and void. All property of a Camp is held by it as a charitable trust that is to be held and used for the purpose for which the Order exists and any such transfer or disposal within six months of disbandment or surrender of its Charter without consent of the Department shall be conclusively presumed to be in contemplation of such disbandment or surrender. No Camp shall divide its property among its Brothers.



*committee concurs 5/5/18 JMW*

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Resolution to amend the National Constitution, Article V, Section 2b

The current language is:

Section 2b. If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of the last proceeding National Encampment is in violation of or in conflict with our Congressional Charter, and/or the Constitution, and/or National Regulations, and/or United States Law, he may propose such General Order(s) to delay implementation of such action or suspend such action if previously implemented, until such time as the violation or conflict can be corrected. A two-thirds majority vote of the Council of Administration is required to support the proposed General Order authorizing the Commander-in-Chief to proceed, the Commander-in-Chief abstaining from participating in such vote and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief may only vote to break a tie. Such presentation and vote may be taken by electronic means of communication. The Commander-in-Chief must propose a resolution to the conflict by the next National Encampment.

It is proposed to amend this language as follows: (deleting the ~~strike thru~~ and adding in red)

Section 2b. If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of ~~the last proceeding~~ any National Encampment is in violation of or in conflict with our Congressional Charter, and/or the Constitution, and/or National Regulations, and/or United States Law, and/or any State's Law, he may propose such General Order(s) to delay implementation of such action or suspend such action if previously implemented, until such time as the violation or conflict can be corrected. A two-thirds majority vote of the Council of Administration is required to support the proposed General Order authorizing the Commander-in-Chief to proceed, the Commander-in-Chief abstaining from participating in such vote and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief may only vote to break a tie. Such presentation and vote may be taken by electronic means of communication. The Commander-in-Chief must propose a resolution to the conflict by the next National Encampment.

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity and loyalty,

James B. Pahl, PCinC

*The committee does not concur 5/5/18 JPH*

RESOLUTION

From: James B. Pahl, PCinC  
Treasurer  
Curtenius Guard Camp #17

Department Order #11, Series 2017-2018, issued by Department Commander David Smith on September 10, 2017, requires all Camp 990Ns be filed by the Department, with information gathered each year by the Department Treasurer

As a Camp Treasurer, complying with Department Order No. 11 will place me in violation of National Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 23. This language was approved at the 2017 National Encampment in Lansing.

"Section 23. It is the responsibility of the Camp's Treasurer to file the appropriate Form 990 on time each year. It is the ultimate responsibility of the Camp's Commander that the appropriate Form 990 has been filed.

This language does not lay upon the Department any obligation or responsibility, but clearly places the obligation and responsibility with the Camp Treasurer, under the watchful eye of the Camp Commander. I believe the role of Department Commander in this area is limited to suspending the Camp if the Camp in the Department fails to file their appropriate 990.

I therefore ask this Encampment to overrule and declare void Department Order #11, Series 2017-2018.

*ruled out of order by the OC 5/5/18*

RESOLUTION

Resolved: The Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War endorses the operations of the Michigan Allied Orders Encampment Convention Committee (AOECC) and;

The Michigan Allied Orders Encampment Convention Committee is empowered to set dates, negotiate and sign contracts on behalf of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War when the AOECC is acting on behalf of all participating Allied Orders to further the mission of organizing and operating the annual Michigan Allied Orders Department Encampment/Conventions, and;

The AOECC shall adopt such guidelines and procedures as it deems prudent to further the mission of organizing and operating the annual Michigan Allied Orders Department Encampment/Conventions and upon the committee's approval and the endorsement of each Department Commander/President, shall become effective.



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Department of Michigan  
Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145  
507 Oakbrook Circle  
Flushing, Michigan 48433-1706  
www.govcrapocamp145.org



A Resolution of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 of Flint  
Endorsement of Donald W. Shaw, PDC  
for the Office of Commander-in-Chief

Now comes before the Brothers of the 134th Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan at Lansing, their Brothers of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 of Flint, with the following Resolution of Endorsement of Brother Donald W. Shaw, PDC, for their consideration;

*Whereas*, Brother Donald W. Shaw, PDC, is a member in good standing of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 of Flint; and

*Whereas*, Brother Shaw previously honorably served as Camp Commander of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 of Flint, and in most other elective and appointive Camp positions; and

*Whereas*, Brother Shaw has previously honorably served as Commander of the Department of Michigan, and has also served in most other elective and appointive Department positions; and

*Whereas*, Brother Shaw is currently honorably serving as the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, having also served in several other elective and appointive National Organization positions; and

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

*Now, therefor be it resolved*, that we, the Brothers of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 of Flint, hereby heartily endorse our Brother, Donald W. Shaw, PDC, for election to the office of Commander-in-Chief, at the 137<sup>th</sup> Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and

*Be it further resolved*, that the Camp Secretary be directed to spread this endorsement upon the permanent record of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 of Flint, and that a copy of this endorsement be forwarded to our Brothers of the 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan for their informed consideration.

Unanimously adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, at the regular Camp Meeting held at the Historic Depot Museum, in Flushing, Michigan.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

*David F. Wallace*

David F. Wallace, PDC  
Camp Secretary

# Appendix D

## Delegates

## **Delegates to the 2018 National Encampment**

1. Dale Aurand, PDC
2. Rob Payne, DC
3. David Smith, PDC
4. Lloyd Lamphere, CC
5. Neal Zabicki
6. Nathan Smith, DJVC
7. Ron Shull, PCC
8. Richard Denney, PCC
9. Charles Worley, PDC
10. Dean Lamphere, PDC
11. Paul Davis, PDC
12. Ed Dowd, PCC
13. Terry McKinch, DSVC

Appendix E  
Proposed Bylaws



Proposed By-law changes 2018 Department Encampment.

Preamble

We, the descendants of Soldiers, Sailors or Marines who served in the Army or Navy of the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-1865,

PROPOSED CHANGE TO:

We, the descendants of Soldiers, Sailors or Marines who served in the Army, or Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-1865,

THE COMMITTEE AGREES WITH THE ABOVE CHANGE

GENERAL CHANGE

In various places the Encampment is called by four different names, the (1) Department Encampment, (2) Annual Department Encampment, (3) Encampment of the Department of Michigan, and (4) Encampment of the Department of Michigan - Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO:

Where ever found with-in the By-laws these all be changed to:

There are 2 suggestions for this:

1. Annual Michigan Department Encampment.
2. Department of Michigan Allied Order Annual Encampment

THE COMMITTEE HAS NO RECOMMENDATION ON THIS CHANGE.

Article II---Meetings

Section 1. ~~The Encampment of the Department of Michigan — Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic~~, Delete crossed out wording and insert: *Annual Michigan Department Encampment or Department of Michigan Allied Orders Annual Encampment shall be held on a day between the first day of January and the first day of July.* Insert/Add: “The Department Commander will appoint the appropriate number of Brothers, being no less than three, to serve on the *Annual Michigan Department Encampment Site Committee, or Michigan Allied Orders Encampment/Convention Committee*” Insert/Add: The Annual Michigan Department Encampment Site Committee shall select the time and place for the *Annual Michigan Department Encampment or Michigan Allied Orders Encampment/Convention Committee* and report their findings to the Department Commander before May 1st in any year.

THE COMMITTEE AGREES WITH ABOVE CHANGE  
BUT WILL LEAVE THE NAME CHANGE UP TO THE ENCAMPMENT

Section 2. In the event of the failure to fix the time and place of the Annual Encampment before July 1st, the same shall be determined by the Department: Commander, Secretary, Treasurer and the members of the Council; by a majority vote of those present at a meeting; duly called by the Commander at least 30 days prior to July 1st in any year.

**Section 2: Change to:** In the event of the failure of the *Annual Michigan Department Encampment Site Committee, or Michigan Allied Orders Encampment/Convention Committee* to fix the time and place of the *Annual Michigan Department Encampment or Department of Michigan Allied Order Annual Encampment* before May 1st, the time and place shall be determined by the Department Commander, Secretary, Treasurer and the members of Council; by a majority vote of those present at a meeting; duly called by the Commander at least 30 days prior to June 1st in any year.

THE COMMITTEE AGREES WITH THE ABOVE DATE CHANGE  
BUT WILL LEAVE IT TO THE ENCAMPMENT TO CHOOSE THE NAME

### ARTICLE III - Officers and Their Duties

Section 1. The elected officers of the Department shall be as follows: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, three (3) members of the Council, a Secretary and a Treasurer. They shall serve for the term of one (1) year or until their successors are duly elected and installed. The Commander and the Treasurer or Secretary-Treasurer shall not serve on the Council. The same member may hold the office of Secretary and the office of Treasurer simultaneously. All subsequent officer and committee references in these Bylaws shall be regarded as Department related unless described otherwise.

#### PROPOSED CHANGE TO:

Section 1. The elected officers of the Department shall be as follows: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, three (3) members of the Council, ~~a Secretary and a Treasurer.~~ They shall serve for the term of one (1) year or until their successors are duly elected and installed. Beginning in 2019 the terms of office of the Department Secretary and Department Treasurer (or Department Secretary-Treasurer) shall be for three (3) years. The Commander and the Treasurer or Secretary-Treasurer shall not serve on the Council. The same member may hold the office of Secretary and the office of Treasurer simultaneously. All subsequent officer and committee references in these Bylaws shall be regarded as Department related unless described otherwise.

THE COMMITTEE AGREES WITH THE ABOVE CHANGE

### ARTICLE VII – Reports

Section 2. The Secretary shall make and keep a record of the proceedings of the Annual Encampment and provide a copy of the proceedings to all Department Officers, Camp Commanders and Secretaries as well as all attendees of the Encampment within 60-days following. He shall submit any approved amendments to the Department Bylaws to the Department Commander for proper signature and forward same to Commander-in-Chief for approval and signature within 60-days following Annual Encampment. He shall make a regular report of the correspondence received and sent, and other

activities as required by his office, to the Commander as often as required by the C&R. He shall also make special reports, as may be deemed necessary by the Commander and/or Council.

CHANGE TO:

Section 2. The Secretary shall make and keep a record of the proceedings of the Annual Encampment and provide a copy of the proceedings to all Department Officers, Camp Commanders and Secretaries as well as all attendees of the Encampment within 60-days following. ~~He shall submit any approved amendments to the Department Bylaws to the Department Commander for proper signature and forward same to Commander-in-Chief for approval and signature within 60-days following Annual Encampment.~~ He shall make a regular report of the correspondence received and sent, and other activities as required by his office, to the Commander as often as required by the C&R. He shall also make special reports, as may be deemed necessary by the Commander and/or Council.

THE COMMITTEE AGREES WITH THE ABOVE CHANGE

ARTICLE IX - Committees

Section 4. 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. 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. The Committee 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

PROPOSED CHANGE: MOVE FROM ARTICLE VII, Section 2

Section 4. 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. 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. The Committee shall annually review these Bylaws, bringing any necessary revisions to the attention of the Department membership. The Senior Vice Department Commander or Committee Chair shall submit any approved amendments to the Department Bylaws to the Department Commander for proper signature and forward same to Commander-in-Chief for approval and signature within 60-days following Annual Encampment. 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 an electronic copy of the newly amended Bylaws.

THE COMMITTEE AGREES WITH THE ABOVE CHANGE

ARTICLE XIX - Awards and Insignia

Section 3. Authorization for a Department certificate of appreciation award is provided. The award shall be known as the Abraham Lincoln Certificate of Appreciation Award. The award shall be conferred by the Commander upon any individual or entity who, in the judgment of a three-member panel appointed by the Commander, has through his/her actions, words and/or deeds significantly contributed to the furtherance of the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic within the State of Michigan. Recommendations for possible recipients of said award shall be submitted, along with a one-page description of the contribution made, to the ~~Secretary~~ no later than two (2) months prior to the Annual Encampment. Recipients of the award shall be publicly announced and a certificate presented at the Annual Department of Michigan, SUVCW Encampment Banquet. No more than three (3) recipients shall be selected for the award in any one-year.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO:

Section 3. Authorization for a Department certificate of appreciation award is provided. The award shall be known as the Abraham Lincoln Certificate of Appreciation Award. The award shall be conferred by the Commander upon any individual or entity who, in the judgment of a three-member panel appointed by the Commander, has through his/her actions, words and/or deeds significantly contributed to the furtherance of the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic within the State of Michigan. Recommendations for possible recipients of said award shall be submitted, along with a one-page description of the contribution made, to the Committee Chair whose e mail address shall be included with the notice that nominations are open, no later than two (2) months prior to the Annual Encampment. Recipients of the award shall be publicly announced and a certificate presented at the Annual Department of Michigan, SUVCW Encampment Banquet. No more than three (3) recipients shall be selected for the award in any one-year.

THE COMMITTEE AGREES WITH THE ABOVE CHANGE

THE BELOW CHANGES ARE INCLUDED AS ITEMS THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED PER  
C-in-C Day

ARTICLE II MEETINGS

~~Section 3. The National Council of Administration shall have authority to grant exceptions to the dates prescribed by these Regulations for Camp elections and installations of Officers, and for Department Encampments, when requested, for adequate reasons, by a Department.~~

PROPOSED ADD Section 4

Section 4. The National Council of Administration shall have authority to grant exceptions to the dates prescribed by these Regulations for Camp elections and installations of Officers, and for Department Encampments, when requested, for adequate reasons, by a Department. Request for permission to hold

a Department Encampment must be submitted to the National Council if the Encampment cannot be held by July 1st.

THE COMMITTEE AGREES WITH THE ABOVE CHANGE

THE ABOVE IS A CORRECTION TO THE PROPOSAL SENT ON 6 March 2018 as our by-laws already have a Section 3 and it does not match the Article II – Section 3 listed in the previous document

#### ARTICLE VIII Camp Charter Fees and Per Capita Tax

Section 4. Camps shall be exempt from Department Per Capita Tax assessment on Real Sons, Life Members, and Juniors.

#### PROPOSED CHANGE TO:

Section 4. Camps shall be exempt from Department Per Capita Tax assessment on Real Sons, Life Members, ~~and Juniors~~, and Brothers serving in the Armed Forces in an active combat zone as defined by the United States Department of Defense.

THE COMMITTEE AGREES WITH THE ABOVE CHANGE

#### ARTICLE IX - Committees

Section 7. The Graves Registration Committee shall seek and identify all graves of Civil War veterans in the State of Michigan. The Committee shall bring to the attention of the Department any disrespect or lack of attention shown to any Civil War grave. The Committee shall be chaired by the Graves Registration Officer.

#### PROPOSED CHANGE TO:

Section 7. The Graves Registration Committee shall seek and identify all graves of Civil War veterans in the State of Michigan. The Committee shall work with other Departments, and Camps within those Departments to identify the graves of Michigan Veterans buried outside the State of Michigan. The Committee shall bring to the attention of the Department any disrespect or lack of attention shown to any Civil War grave. The Committee shall be chaired by the Graves Registration Officer.

THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT AGREE WITH THE ABOVE CHANGE

#### ARTICLE XX – Discipline

Disciplinary activities are addressed and governed by the National Constitution and Regulations (“C&R”) in Chapter V (General Regulations), Article VI (Discipline).

#### PROPOSED CHANGE TO:

Disciplinary activities are addressed and governed by the National Constitution and Regulations (“C&R”) in Chapter IV Articles 1-17 (Discipline)

THE COMMITTEE AGREES WITH THE ABOVE CHANGE

## ARTICLE XXV-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.

### PROPOSED CHANGE TO:

## ARTICLE XXV-Minors

Section 1. 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. (The following is the text of General Order 22 Series 2013-2014 be included in this section.) Regarding this issue, Departments and Camps will, at a minimum, comply with all State and local laws dealing with Child Protection until such time as the Order can complete this task. Consideration should be given having parents or legal guardians attend meetings and events."

Section 2. Here are the initial objectives of the policy that all Brothers should use as MINIMUM requirements for having Juniors and Junior Associates in our Camps and at our events.

A. All Brothers under the age of 18 years of age should be accompanied by a parent or person designated as a Guardian (Grandfather, Brother over the age of 18 years, or Uncle) when participating in ANY SUVCW activity.

B. At no time will a non-related Brother be permitted 'one on one' contact with a Brother under the age of 18. Any interaction with a Brother under the age of 18 must include at least two (2) Brothers over the age 18 at all times.

C. Any Brother who witnesses or suspects in good faith any type of physical, mental or sexual abuse of any member under the age of 18 will immediately report such suspicion to local authorities first and local Camp and Department Commanders immediately.

D. Every Brother over the age of 18 who may have contact with a Brother under the age of 18 should complete training related to protecting children from abuse of any type. Free training is available from the Boy Scouts of America at <http://www.myscouting.org> , You will need to create an account, then select the Training, E-Training, then choose the youth protection training. It takes about 30 minutes to complete. Upon completion, you will be able to print a certificate along with a wallet-size certification card which is good for a period of 2 years. While this training is not a requirement, it is highly suggested that it is completed to be used as a tool to protect our youth and Brothers.

E. Ultimately, all Brothers also need to comply with all applicable Local and State laws pertaining to child abuse. 6. I also want to thank all the Brothers for the understanding and conformance

THE COMMITTEE AGREES WITH THE ABOVE CHANGE

# The below are mandated changes that shall to be made to all Department and Camp's By-Laws

THE FOLLOWING SECTION HAS BEEN REFORMATTED TO INDICATE THE LOCATION IT  
WILL BE PLACED IN THE BY-LAWS

## ARTICLE I - Organization

**This Department shall be constituted as provided by the Constitution and Regulations (C&R) governing the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and shall be known as the DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR.**

### PROPOSED CHANGE TO:

## ARTICLE I – Organization

The Department shall be constituted and remain constituted as provided by the Constitution and Regulations (C&R) governing the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and shall be known as the DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR. The department is organized as an unincorporated association under the laws of the State of Michigan. The organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

THE COMMITTEE AGREES WITH THE PROPOSED CHANGE

## ARTICLE X

### ADD

Section 7. Activities not in furtherance of exempt purposes: No part of the net earnings, if any, of this unincorporated association, shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the unincorporated association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes described in section 501(c)3. No substantial part of the activities of the unincorporated association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the unincorporated association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these by-laws, the unincorporated association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an unincorporated association exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an unincorporated association, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)2 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.



THE COMMITTEE AGREES WITH THE PROPOSED ADDITION

ARTICLE XXIV - Dissolution and Disposition of Assets

Section 1. In the case of surrender or forfeiture of the Department Charter, all Department property and assets shall be turned over to the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or to his duly authorized representative and shall become the property of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Section 2. All property of the Department shall be held by the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as a charitable trust that is held and used for the purpose for which the Order exists. Any such transfer or disposal within six (6) months of disbandment or surrender of the Department Charter without the written consent of the National Commander-in Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is prohibited. The property and funds of the Department shall not be divided amongst its members.

Section 3. In the event the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War no longer exists, said property and funds shall revert to the benefit of the first and any remaining organization of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic or in their absence, to the holdings of the State of Michigan Historical Museum and Archives.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO

ARTICLE XXIV: Separation, Dissolution and Disposition of Assets:

Section 1: In the case of surrender or forfeiture of the Department Charter, all Department property and assets shall be turned over to the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War via the Department Commander of the affected Department acting as his duly authorized representative to collect and hold all such property in trust for the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization exempt from taxes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 2: All property of the Department shall be held for the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as a charitable trust that is held and used for the purpose for which the Order exists. Any such transfer or disposal within six months of disbandment or surrender of the Department Charter without the written consent of the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is prohibited. The property and funds of the Department shall not be divided among its members.

Section 3: In the event the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, no longer exists, said property and funds shall revert to the benefit of the first and any remaining organization of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic or in their absence, to the State archives of Michigan.

Section 4: Notwithstanding the above language, upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)3 of the Internal



Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose.

THE COMMITTEE AGREES WITH THE ABOVE CHANGE

2. The numbering and insertion of these articles should follow the form and structure of the current bylaws of each Department, Camp, or other subordinate unit.
3. Department Commanders are directed to complete the insertion of these articles within their Department by-laws no later than 30 June 2019. By-laws presented to the CinC will not be approved without the inclusion of this language.
4. Department Commanders are directed to ensure that Camps under their command take the necessary action to include these articles in their by-laws no later than 31 May 2019 and to file a report with the National Treasurer stating that all Camps in their Departments are compliant by 30 June 2019.
5. Multi-state Departments in which Department Headquarters migrates should acknowledge in their bylaws that they also operate in (provide a list other states here) and activities within those states shall be in accordance with the laws of those states for an unincorporated voluntary association.
6. As Departments and Camps which have previously gained a separate 501c3 tax-exempt status are required by the IRS to have this language in their by-laws and camps seeking to obtain a separate 501c3 status will be likewise required by the IRS to include this language in their by-laws; they shall, as subordinate entities of the SUVCW, be expected to have these articles in their approved by-laws.



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

**Office of the Nominating Committee**



May 5, 2018

To Department Commander David S. Smith, LM, PCC and  
Attendees of the 134<sup>th</sup> Department of Michigan Encampment

Greetings,

This being my 6<sup>th</sup> year as Department Officers Nominations Chairman, I submit:

This will serve as a report for the recent activities of the Officers Nominations Committee.

Each year the Department Commander appoints a Committee Chair and 5 Brothers to present a list of at least one good man for each of the annual Department Officers' positions for the Department Encampment's consideration.

In the 2017-2018 year, Brothers Gary Gibson, PDC, Ed Dowd, PCC, Dale Aurand, PDC, Nathan Tingley, CC, and Richard Danes, CC as chair were appointed as committee members.

All committee members work as a team and achieved the desired goal.

Brothers who placed their name in consideration were:

|                                    |                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Department Commander –             | Robert R. Payne, PCC     |
| Department Senior Vice Commander – | Terrence L. McKinch, PCC |
| Department Junior Vice Commander – | Nathan L. Smith, CC      |
| Department Secretary –             | Richard Denney, PCC      |
| Department Treasurer –             | Bruce Gosling, PCC       |
| Department Council –               | Charles L. Worley, PDC   |
|                                    | Kevin Lindsey, PCC       |
|                                    | Michael Maillard, PCC    |

A webpage containing information about Brothers who seek office is 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.

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, 2012 - 2018 Nomination Committee  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



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

**Military and Veterans Affairs Committee**

Nathan L. Smith, CC – Chair, Rob Payne, CC/JDVC, Lloyd Lamphere, Sr., CC  
Max Riekse, PCC, Ed Dowd, PCC, Paul Nelson, PCC,  
Calvin Murphy, David Ramsey



**COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER &  
134<sup>th</sup> DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN ENCAMPMENT**

05 May 2018

Department Commander David Smith and fellow brothers, and honored guests,

In 2017 Commander David Smith charged the Military of Veterans Affairs Committee with brainstorming on how the Department can better aid, serve, and work with our Veterans and active duty Military and posed the Committee the following questions:

- What kind of partnerships and outreach can be made with various Veteran organizations (e.g. VFW, American Legion, AMVETS, VVA, etc.)?
- Are there additional events that the SUVCW can participate with various Veteran organizations?
- Adoption of military units from a local standpoint (Michigan based or stationed), or deployed units based anywhere? Camp and/or Department level adoption?
- Are there Veteran related charities that the Department should fundraise for, or find other ways to aid them?
- What ways can the Department and Camps help the families of Veterans and those that are deployed?

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. It is the committee's belief that partnerships and outreach can be beneficial at the camp level. Most Fraternal and Veterans organizations today have seen a great decline in membership recruiting and membership retention. The need to form partnerships for Memorial Services is beneficial and forms everlasting partnerships.
- B. It is the committee's belief that partnerships with Veteran's Organizations will be beneficial to support events such as: Memorial Services, Burial Services, Memorial Day and special events/activities that are educational in nature.
- C. It is the committee's belief that adoption of military units at the Camp level would be beneficial to the Camps and the Department as a whole. Such adoption builds team work at the camp level and can aid in future recruitment and retention of members through the positive activities of the camp.
- D. It has been suggested by Committee member Lloyd Lamphere, Sr. that it would be beneficial if Camps would host a Veteran's appreciate dinner. Veteran's could be recognized for their service. It was further suggested that the Department design a SUVCW Veterans pin that could also be presented to the veteran's for their service.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Military and Veterans Affairs Committee



David S. Smith, LM, PCC  
Commander - Department of Michigan  
Headquarters - Traverse City  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



05 May 2018

**Report of the Legislative Committee, 2017-2018**  
134<sup>th</sup> Department of Michigan Encampment  
Lansing, Michigan

Brothers of the Department,

There were no legislative items of note or concern that were discovered or identified during the 2017-2018 administrative term.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Department of Michigan, SUVCW – Legislative Committee

David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC – Chair  
Richard Denney, PCC  
George Boller  
William Morris, PCC

APPENDEX F  
Delegates to the  
134th Annual Michigan Department Encampment  
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Howard Lloyd, PCC  
Nathan Tingley  
David Kimble, CC  
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Ted Mattis, CC  
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Jon Armstrong  
Tim Kolean  
Keith Harrison, PCinC  
Mark Hoffman, CC  
Harold Holcomb  
Steven Martin  
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