

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



141<sup>st</sup> Annual Michigan Department Encampment

March 29, 2025

Okemos Event Center

2187 University Park Drive, Okemos, Michigan

## INDEX

Department Commander:	3
National Officers Visiting	4 to 5
Encampment Photos	6
Memorial Service	7
Minutes of the Encampment:	8 to 16
Appendix A – Roll Call of Department Officers	17 to 19
Appendix B – Encampment Agenda & Rules of the Encampment	20 to 21
Appendix C – Officers Reports	22 to 50
Appendix D – Committee Reports	51 to 54
Appendix E – Correspondence	55 to 57
Appendix F – Department Council’s Report	58 to 60
Appendix G – Resolutions	61 to 68
Appendix H – Credentials Committee Report	69 to 71
Appendix I – Nominating Committee Report	72 to 73

## Michigan Department Commander



**Steven Martin**

## NATIONAL OFFICERS VISITING



**Kevin Martin - Commander-in-Chief**



**Rosemary Martin – Auxiliary National President**



**Brothers attending the Encampment**

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Joint Memorial Service opened at 9:20 PM for the commemoration of those Brothers and Sisters who passed in the previous year.

Chaplain Buckhahn read the names of our deceased Brothers from the past year.

Dale Willett-05/19/2024- Camp No. 58 & 145

Rick Danes-06/22/2024- Camp No. 427

Paul Nelson-08/05/2024-Camp No. 266

Howard Lloyd-09/07/2024-Camp No. 7

Craig Searight-10/10/2024-Camp No. 145

Richard Scott-10/10/2024- Camp No. 3

Robert M. Petrovic-11/28/2024- Dual Brother-Camp No. 17

John Shumway-01/01/2025-Camp No. 17

Carl Lamphere-02/06/2025-Camp 145 & 444

The Ladies of the Auxiliary were greeted.

No Sisters passed this year.

A benediction was offered and the service ended at 9:25 AM.

## Minutes of the Encampment

The 141<sup>st</sup> Annual Michigan Department Encampment (henceforth to be listed as the Encampment) commenced with ceremony by Department Commander Steven Martin at 9:45 AM.

DC Martin introduced the National Officers in attendance.

Commander in Chief Kevin L. Martin, PDC

Banner Editor, Assistant National Counselor-Blue Book, Assistant National Secretary, Assistant National Treasurer, and Past Commander in Chief James B. Pahl, PDC.

National Historian Gary L. Gibson, PDC.

At the invitation of DC Martin, CinC Martin made some brief remarks.

DC Martin introduced the Past National Officers

L. Dean Lamphere, Jr. National Member at Large Coordinator 1996-1997.

Gary Gibson, Council of Administration 1998-2001.

DC Martin asked the Past Department Commanders to rise, state their names and term of service.

Gary Gibson, 1990-2001

Terry McKinch, 2020-2021

Chuck Worley, 2009-2010

Bill Brennan, 1994-1996

Dale Aurand, 2014-2015

David Smith, 2017-2018

Nate Smith, 2021-2023

Dean Lamphere, Jr. 2016-2017

James Pahl, 1992-1993

The Guide and the Color Bearer were instructed to determine if all present were entitled to remain.

The Guide determined all were entitled to remain.

The Secretary was instructed to call the roll of officers.

(The roll is listed in Appendix A).

Rules of the Encampment were relayed.

(The Encampment agenda and the Rules of the Encampment are listed in Appendix B).

The appointment of the Encampment Committees is as follows:

Credentials Committee: L. Dean Lamphere, Jr. PDC (Chair), Chuck Worley, PDC.

Bylaws Committee: David Kimble, SVDC, (Chair), Richard Denney, CC, Nathan Smith, PDC, James Pahl, PCinC.

Officer Reports Committee: James Pahl, PCinC, Dale Aurand, PDC.

Resolutions Committee: Chuck Worley, PDC (Chair), Terry McKinch, PDC, Lloyd Lamphere, Sr. PCC.

Fraternal Relations Committee: James Pahl, PCinC

DC Martin asked if the Credentials Committee report was available for presentation.

The report will be given later in the Encampment.

### **Officer Reports.**

(Officer Reports are listed in Appendix C)

DC Martin turned the gavel over to DSVC Kimble.

DC Martin proceeded to give his report.

SVDC Kimble called for motion to refer this report and all subsequent officer reports to the Encampment Committee on Officer Reports. The motion was offered with a second. Motion was approved.

SVDC Kimble directed the Guide to return the gavel to DC Martin.

DC Martin asked SVDC Kimble if he had any additions to his report. He did not.

DC Martin asked JVDC Cordill if he had any additions to his report. JVDC Cordill stated he did and encouraged all Brothers to reach out in their communities and make the Sons known.

DC Martin asked Department Secretary Denney if he had any additions to his report.

He did not.

DC Martin asked Department Treasurer Gosling if he had any additions to his report. He did not.

Patriotic Instructor McKinch made a request that all Camp Patriotic Instruction reports be submitted as soon as possible.

The Encampment recessed at 10:05 AM.

The Encampment resumed at 10:32 AM.

DC Martin continued to question officers if there were any additions to their reports. There were none.

Eagle Scout Coordinator Lloyd Lamphere, SR. PCC stated a ROTC award needed to be presented to an individual at Michigan Tech. Brother Lloyd was appointed to present the award. Brother Lloyd stated that a ROTC Officer needed to be appointed for the Department.

Terry McKinch, PDC moved to limit floor comments to two minutes. Second. Approved.

A call was made for a counted vote. The Guide proceeded to count the votes.

Twenty-two voted in favor and 11 opposed. Motion approved.

L. Dean Lamphere JR. gave the Credential Committee Report. (The report is in Appendix H)

DCWMO Sheaffer has comments to take up in New Business.

DGRO Worley stated he will be available to give a demonstration of the Graves registry site.

### **Correspondence.**

Correspondence was read by Department Secretary Denney. (Correspondence is in Appendix E)

### **Awards.**

The Abraham Lincoln was awarded to Lloyd Lamphere, Sr. of Gov. Crapo Camp #145, Rick Danes of Sgt. John S. Cosby Camp # 427 (posthumously) and Irma Danes, widow of Brother Rick Danes.

There were no applications for the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award.

The J. Richard Greene Award in honor of the late PDC J. Richard Greene for the outstanding Camp newsletter was awarded to General Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20.

The Austin Blair Award for the greatest member gain (numerical) is awarded to General Benjamin Prichard Camp #20.

The Orlando LeValley Award for the greatest percentage gain is awarded to George W. Anderson Camp #58.

The Encampment recessed for lunch at 11:08 AM.

The Encampment resumed at 1:30 PM.

### **Reports of Standing and Special Committees.**

DC Martin stated that recommendations will be considered by the Officers Report Committee. He called for a motion that if any Committee recommendation other than Bylaws is unopposed that it be adopted at the sound of the gavel. Dick Denney so moved. Second. Motion was approved.

Bylaws Committee: No Bylaws additions or changes were submitted.

Membership Committee: JVDC Cordill, CC had nothing to report but reiterate that membership is every Brothers responsibility. We need to review membership applications as changes have been made. Local community engagement is necessary. Be sure to have to have brochures and membership forms available as people may not want to necessarily sign up on the spot. Make sure the prospective member knows how to contact the proper Brother in the Camp.

Graves Registration Committee: Chuck Worley, PDC gave an overview of the committee report. (The report is in Appendix C).

Civil War Memorials Report: Nothing to report.

Communications and Technology Committee Report: The report is included with the Signals Officer Report. (The report is in Appendix C).

Nomination Committee Report: The report will be given prior to nomination of officers.

(The report is in Appendix I).

Ceremonies and Rituals Committee: Nothing to report.

Military and Veterans Affairs Committee: Nothing to report.

## **Reports of Encampment Committees.**

1. Budget. The budget remains the same for 2025-2026. The Committee recommends this be approved. Approved.

2. The Department continues the Camp Grant and Scholarship Program. The Committee concurs. Approved.

3. That the Department continues to donate to the fund for the Michigan monument at the Antietam Battlefield. The Committee is aware of a Brother who is reporting on the project. The Committee would like an update on the project. A report from Paul Davis, PDC states that the project is in the beginning stages. DC Martin went on the website and reports that \$200,000 is required and \$40,000.00 has been raised. The Committee concurs and recommends that specific amount be designated. A motion was offered by Dam Delmerico for a donation of \$5000.00. Second. Discussion ensued. Motion was approved.

4. The Department Treasurer's request that the 2025-2026 budget be approved. The Committee points out the budget was posted to the Department website at least a week before the Department Encampment. The Committee concurs. Approved.

Terry McKinch, PDC addressed a question to Eagle Scout Coordinator Lloyd Lamphere. Sr. if he had adequate funds to cover his expenses now and in the future. Discussion. Terry McKinch, PDC moved to raise the Eagle Scout Coordinators budget from \$500.00 to \$1000.00. Second. Motion approved.

5. The question of the appointment of a ROTC Officer be left to the incoming Department Commander for his consideration and potential appointment of a Brother to fill the post. The Committee concurs. Approved.

Nate Smith, PDC inquired about the purchase of a sound system. It was conjectured that the system was purchased by the Communication and Technology Committee. Department Treasurer Gosling pointed out the system had not been purchased.

## **Resolution Committee Report**

Chuck Worley, PDC

(Resolutions are in Appendix G).

1. Resolution by the Gov. Crapo Camp #145 an endorsement for SVDC David W. Kimble for the Office of Department Commander of the Department of Michigan. The Committee concurs. Approved.

2. Resolution for the endorsement of Robert R. Payne, PDC for the office of Junior Vice Commander in Chief. The Committee concurs. Approved.

3. Resolution for the endorsement of Gary L. Gibson, PDC for the Office of the Council of Administration. The Committee Concurs. Approved.

4. A resolution from the 141<sup>st</sup> Annual Michigan Department Encampment to the 144th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War concerning Members at Large. Committee concurs. Approved.

5. A resolution concerning the attendance of meetings of the Council of Administration. The committee concurs. Approved.

6. A resolution concerning the addition of a rank bar to the PCinC medal. The Committee concurs. Discussion ensued. Approved.

## **Report of the Department Council.**

The report of the Department Council is in Appendix F.

### **Old Business.**

There was no old business.

### **New Business.**

Civil War Monuments Officer Leonard Sheaffer reported the Department's Memorials site is under construction. Also, the Headquarters website under special committees still lists the 102<sup>nd</sup> CT monument Committee. The listing needs to be removed. Under Monuments and Memorials, Brother Leonard requested the correction of the spelling of his name. If a Camp is working on a monument, please keep the Department's Civil War Monuments officer in the loop.

### **Recommendations.**

The Resource Allocation Committee in the 2025 fiscal year is directed to evaluate the success of these programs and make recommendations to the 142<sup>nd</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan. Approved.

The Committees created by Department Orders No. 12 and 13, Michigan Camp Grant Committee and Michigan Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee respectively be discharged as their assignments have been completed. Approved.

The incoming Department Commander appoint a Camp Grant Committee and a Scholarship Committee to evaluate applications for approval and promote the programs by submitting articles for the Michigan Messenger regarding availability of the programs and the successful awards made. Approved.

Austin Ingall of Nash Hodges Camp #43 explained about his work of acquiring headstones for Civil War soldiers and his work with the Battlefield Trust.

PDC Gary Gibson discussed the dwindling membership of the Department of Michigan. Brother Gibson proposed placing advertisements in the Michigan History magazine. Brother Gibson moved to allocate \$7000.00 to purchase full page-colored ads in the Michigan History Magazine. Second. Discussion ensued. Matt Adair moved to amend the motion to create a committee to further design the ad. Second. The amendment to the motion was approved.

PDC Dean Lamphere moved to amend the motion by having the committee move forward on the design and once agreement is made to place the ad. Second. Approved.

The motion as amended: The Department of Michigan allocates \$7000.00 to place a full-page colored ad in 6 issues of the Michigan History Magazine and a committee to be appointed to move forward on the design and once approved, place said ad in the Michigan History Magazine being driven by the Outreach Committee. Second. Approved.

(Note: A written copy of the amendments was requested but was not received by the Department Secretary).

Dean Lamphere, PDC proposed that we consider looking into hosting a National Encampment in the near future. Jim Pahl, PCinC pointed out that the 2022 National Encampment in Grand Rapids, MI netted \$10,000.00 in profits and the Lansing, MI National Encampment netted \$5000.00 in profits. The National Organization is having issues in finding Departments willing to hold National Encampments. The National

Organization is hosting the 2026 National Encampment in Gettysburg, Pa. in 2026. The 2027 National Encampment will be held in Franklin, Tn. The 2028 National Encampment is open.

JVDC Todd Cordill reported that the U. S. Grant house in Detroit is in good repair near the Eastern Market and is being placed on a foundation and stabilized. Restoration will be commencing soon, and the premises will be used as a cultural resource center.

The Encampment was visited by Auxiliary National President Rosemary Martin and Michigan Auxiliary President Connie Horning. Presidents Martin and Horning both had remarks for the Encampment.

Jim Pahl, PCinC moved to have the incoming Department Commander form an exploratory committee to host the 2028 National Encampment. Second. Approved.

The Encampment recessed at 2:51 PM

The Encampment resumed at 3:11 PM.

Commander in Chief Kevin Martin, PDC spoke to the Encampment about changes in the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony at Springfield, Il. The Brothers will be staged at Ramada North in Springfield, IL. The VFW will be providing lunch at Springfield after the Lincoln service.

### **Good of the Order.**

Dan Delmerico of Gilluly-Kinsley Camp #120 spoke about a time when the state of Michigan had a monument repair crew that went around the United States repairing Michigan monuments. The crew was disbanded some years ago.

Dan Demerico moved to research the resurrection of the Civil Service crew to repair and maintain the Michigan monuments. Second. Terry McKinch, PDC, moved to amend the motion to have Dan Delmerico be the key person in the effort. Second. Amendment approved. Discussion ensued. Tery McKinch moved to substitute the motion: For Dan Demerico to research the return of the civil service crew for the maintenance and repair of the Michigan monuments. Second. Motion approved.

Dan Delmerico spoke about recruitment and membership retention.

Ron Tyrl informed the Encampment about the Jackson Muster at Jackson, Mi August 23-24, 2025.

DC Martin declared at this time all the Encampment Committees are discharged from their duties and thanked for their work today.

DC Martin also thanked the Okemos Conference Center for their hospitality.

DC Martin would also like to thank everyone that made this Encampment possible.

DC Martin announced the 144<sup>th</sup> National Encampment will be held August 7-10, 2025, in Houston, TX. The remembrance Day in Gettysburg, Pa. will be held on November 15, 2025.

### **Nomination of Officers.**

Department Secretary Denney read the report of the Nomination Committee for the 2025-2026 term.

The nominees are:

For Department Commander-David W. Kimble, PCC.

For Senior Vice Department Commander-Todd Cordill, CC.

For Junior Vice Department Commander- Ronald Shull.

Department Treasurer -Bruce Gosling, PCC.

Department Secretary-Richard Denney, CC.

Department Council- David S. Smith, PDC.

Robert R. Payne, PDC.

Nathan Smith, PDC.

Dean Lamphere, PDC moved that at the close of nominations for any office, if there is only one candidate that the Department Secretary cast a unanimous ballot and declare that person elected. Second. Motion approved.

### **Department Commander.**

SVDC David W. Kimble, PCC

If elected, will you serve? SVDC Kimble answered yes.

What offices do you hold in the Order? Senior Vice Department Commander.

DC Martin called for additional nominations three times. There being none, the Department Secretary cast a unanimous ballot and declared SVDC Kimble elected.

### **Senior Vice Department Commander.**

JVDC Todd Cordill, CC.

If elected, will you serve? JVDC Cordill answered yes.

What offices do you hold in the Order? Junior Vice Department Commander and Camp Commander of George W. Anderson Camp #58.

DC Martin called for additional nominations three times. There being none, the Department Secretary cast a unanimous ballot and declared JVDC Cordill elected.

### **Junior Vice Commander.**

Ron Shull, PCC.

If elected, will you serve? PCC Shull answered yes.

What offices do you hold in the Order? Camp Council, Eagle Scout Coordinator, and Guide for Curtenius Guard Camp #17.

DC Martin called for additional nominations three times. There being none, the Department Secretary cast a unanimous ballot and declared PCC Shull elected.

### **Department Council No. 1.**

David S. Smith, PDC.

If elected, will you serve? PDC Smith answered yes. What offices do you hold in the Order? Department Council No. 1 and Camp Commander of General Orlando M. Poe Camp #444.

DC Martin Called for additional nominations three times. There being none, the Department Secretary cast a unanimous ballot and declared PDC Smith elected.

**Department Council No. 2.**

Robert R. Payne, PDC.

PDC Payne was absent. He indicated to the Department Secretary that he will serve.

The offices he holds in the Order is as follows: National council of Administration, Camp Council No. 2 and Patriotic Instructor for Curtenius Guard Camp #17 and Camp Council No. 3 for Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145.

DC Martin Called for additional nominations three times. There being none, the Department Secretary cast a unanimous ballot and declared PDC Payne elected.

**Council No. 3.**

Nathan Smith, PDC.

Nathan Smith, PDC declined nomination for the office of Council No.3 and nominated DC Steven Martin.

If elected, will you serve? DC Martin answered yes. What offices do you hold in the Order? Department Commander.

DC Martin called for additional nominations three times. There being none, the Department Secretary cast a unanimous ballot and declared DC Martin elected.

**Department Secretary.**

Richard Denney, CC.

If elected, will you serve? Department Secretary Denney answered yes. What offices do you hold in the Order? Department Secretary, Camp Commander of March to the Sea Camp #135 and Camp Council No.1 General Orlando M. Poe Camp #444.

DC Martin called for additional nominations three times. There being none, the Department Secretary cast a unanimous ballot and declared Department Secretary Denney elected.

**Department Treasurer.**

Bruce Gosling, PDC.

If elected, will you serve? Department Treasurer Gosling answered yes. What offices do you hold in the Order? Department Treasurer and Secretary-Treasurer of March to the Sea Camp #135. DC Martin called for additional nominations three times. There being none, the Department Secretary cast a unanimous ballot and declared Department Treasurer elected.

The Encampment recessed at 4:11 PM.

The Encampment resumed at 4:25 PM.

**Election of Delegates.**

The following delegates were elected to represent the Department of Michigan at the 144<sup>th</sup> National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Lloyd Lamphere, Sr.-Gov. Crapo Camp #145

Kim Horning-Austin Blair Camp #7

Dean Lamphere, Jr. moved requesting the election of all other Brothers of the Department of Michigan in alphabetical order as delegates until the quota is filled, then the remaining Brothers be designated as alternates to the 2025 144<sup>th</sup> National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Second. Motion approved.

Commander in Chief Kevin Martin, PDC was chosen by Department Commander-elect David Kimble to install the newly elected officers.

Commander in Chief Martin proceeded to install the officers-elect by Ritual.

The Department Commander's badge was pinned on DC Kimble by former chief of staff Jim Pahl, PCinC.

Commander in Chief Martin made a few parting remarks.

PDC Martin gave a few remarks.

DC Kimble spoke to the Encampment.

DC Kimble closed the Encampment by ceremony at 4:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Richard Denney, CC

Secretary, Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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



141st Annual Michigan Department Encampment  
March 29, 2025

Okemos Event Center  
2187 University Park Drive, Okemos, Michigan

**Appendix A**  
**Roll Call**

Office	Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Department Commander	Steven Martin	X		
Department Senior Vice Commander	David Kimble	X		
Department Junior Vice Commander	Todd Cordill	X		
Member of Council	David Smith	X		
Member of Council	Robert Payne		X	
Member of Council	Nathan Smith	X		
Secretary	Dick Denney	X		
Treasurer	Bruce Gosling	X		
Chief of Staff	James B. Pahl	X		
Counselor	James B. Pahl	X		
Chaplain	Charles Buckhahn	X		
Patriotic Instructor	Terry McKinch	X		
Color Bearer	Ed Dowd	X		
Signals Officer	Robert Payne		X	
Editor "Michigan Messenger"	David Smith	X		
Historian	Gary Gibson	X		
Guide	Leonard Sheaffer	X		
Guard	Lloyd Lamphere, SR	X		
Graves Registration Officer	Charles Worley	X		
GAR Records Officer	Gary Gibson	X		
Civil War Memorials Officer	Leonard Sheaffer	X		
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Lloyd Lamphere, SR	X		
Camp-at-Large Coordinator	L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.	X		
Camp Organizer	David Smith	X		
Military Affairs Officer	Ed Dowd	X		
Aide-de-Camp	L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.	X		
Ceremonies and Rituals Officer	L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.	X		

**Appendix B**  
**Encampment Agenda &**  
**Rules of the Encampment**



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

141<sup>st</sup> Annual Department Encampment Okemos, Michigan March 29, 2025  
Steven S. Martin, Department Commander

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- 8:00 AM – Registration Opens
- 9:00 AM – Encampment  
Convenes & Joint Memorial  
Service
- 12:00 PM – Recess for Lunch
- 12:00 PM – Dept. Chaplains  
Meeting.
- 1:30 PM – Encampment  
Reconvenes
- 5:00 PM – Encampment Closes

## LUNCH INFORMATION

Honey Baked Ham Company  
Boxed Lunches are available to  
Brothers who have pre-paid.  
They will be delivered to the  
Conference Center.

## 142<sup>nd</sup> Annual Encampment

**Save the Date:**  
Saturday, April 25, 2026

**Location:**  
Okemo's Event Center  
2187 University Park Dr.  
Okemos, MI

## ENCAMPMENT AGENDA & INFORMATION

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Opening of Encampment
2. Introduction of National Officers & Allied Orders in Attendance
3. Joint Memorial Service
4. Roll Call of Officers
5. Report of the Credentials Committee
6. Appointment of Encampment Committees
7. Department Officer's Reports
8. Reception and reference of communications (Bylaws and/or Resolutions)
9. Department Awards
10. Membership Awards
11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
12. Report of the Department Council
13. Old Business
14. New Business
15. Commander-in-Chief's Remarks
16. For the Good of the Order
17. Nomination of Officers
18. Election and Installation of Officers
19. Election of Delegates to the National Encampment
20. Installation of Officers
21. Closing of the Department Encampment

*"Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty"*

### RULES OF THE ENCAMPMENT

- Officer reports shall be as submitted with the exception of the Department Commander, Department Treasurer, Department Secretary, and Department Council. Officer Reports shall be limited to five (5) 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 the voting card issued to delegates upon arrival
- The Department Commander reserves the right to institute other methods of voting as the circumstances dictate.
- Please turn off or silence your cell phones. If you need to take an incoming call please exit the meeting room.
- Past C-in-C James Pahl is appointed Encampment Parliamentarian
- Past C-in-C James Pahl is appointed Encampment Counselor
- Lunch will be at 12:00 PM or thereabouts.

**Appendix C**  
**Officer Reports**



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

STEVEN S. MARTIN DC

400 CATHOLIC CHURCH ROAD, LESLIE, MI 49251-9519



DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S REPORT  
SERIES: 2024-2025

DATE: 25 March 27, 2025

### Brothers of the Department of Michigan

I would like to take a moment and thank you for the opportunity that you all bestowed upon me as your elected Commander of the Department of Michigan for the 2024-2025 term. I can honestly say without question, that I have had the privilege to work with some of the most knowledgeable and giving members of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. So many of you gave so generously of your time to further the ideals of our order. Many of you accepted assignments even when you were dealing with so many personal challenges, and I believe that shines onto your character as a person and as a brother who loves our organization. Again, I say thank you for your sacrifices and dedication.

Over the last year, we dealt with several camp suspensions which were due to submissions of reports. We also had to deal with the restructuring of camp geographical boundaries, which were due to the closing of the Carpenter-Welch Camp #180. With the assistance of several brothers, we were able to assist those camps with coming into compliance with their paperwork. With the closing of camp #180, the brothers of Nash-Hodges Camp #43 and Sergeant John Cosbey #427 were able to amicably assist in the new geographical boundaries. I think both examples reflect the spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

While this year, I was able to represent the Department of Michigan at several events. I was invited to attend the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony in Tecumseh, Michigan. I have to say, the people of Tecumseh, Michigan alongside of the Nash-Hodges Camp# 43 do an outstanding job of keeping "green" the memory of the "Boys in Blue". I was also extremely proud to march with many brothers from different camps as well as several 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan SVR members on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We had the privilege of marching with over 150 descendants of Michigan Civil War Veterans as we returned the replica battle flags to the rotunda in the Michigan State Capital. The event at the Michigan State Capital was a grand event that was well documented on film for future generations to see.

I believe our membership numbers have remained steady from last year's membership for the Department of Michigan. We possibly are a few members over last year's numbers. I know the Outreach Committee has continued to work on ways to increase our membership numbers and like

many organizations it is a difficult task. I know the answer to increasing our membership numbers has never been uncovered. I also know that several camps have very limited membership numbers and have had some very difficult times. Some to the point of inquiring about if a camp closure is inevitable. I would encourage any brother that knows of a camp struggling, that they consider becoming a dual member of that camp. I know the main goal is to increase our membership numbers, but the survival of our existing camps is paramount.

I would like to propose the following recommendations as we look forward to next term.

1. That the budget remains the same for the Outreach Committee for 2025-2026
2. That we continue with the Camp Grant and the Department Scholarship Program.
3. That we consider another donation for the Michigan at Antietam Monument.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty



Steven S. Martin, PCC  
Commander, Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:

/s/

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



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE  
CIVIL WAR  
DEPARTMENT OF  
MICHIGAN

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE  
COMMANDER

DAVID W. KIMBLE DSVC, PCC

910 QUEEN ST, OWASSO, MICHIGAN 48867



2024-2025

February 12, 2025

Department of Michigan  
Senior Vice Commander  
Annual Report

Commander-in-Chief Martin, Department Commander Steve Martin, Fellow Officers, Brothers, and Honored Guest.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as your Senior Vice Commander for the Department of Michigan for the term of 2023-2024. I also would like to thank you all for putting your trust in me by electing me to this position.

During this past year I was also the chair of the bylaws committee, and am happy to inform you all that no recommendations were submitted, therefore there are no changes to the bylaws at this time.

I was also tasked with swearing in two camps new officers this past year and was happy to do so, especially getting to meet some of the brothers in different camps.

I would like to once again thank you all for allowing me to serve our order. I look forward to working toward growing and strengthening our order in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

David W. Kimble DSVC, PCC

## SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Report of the Junior Vice Department Commander (2024-2025 term)  
Department of Michigan Encampment- March 29, 2025

To: Department Commander, Brothers, and Distinguished Guests

It has been my pleasure to serve as Junior Vice Department Commander of the Department of Michigan. I thank you for the opportunity to serve the department in this office.

During this term of office I have had the opportunity to interact with numerous men that expressed interest in our order. Several of these interactions resulted in the submission of applications for membership. In most cases, I was able to assist an interested individual with contacting a camp to initiate the membership process.

In order to encourage interest in our order I took part in some outreach efforts toward veterans and service organizations as well as at local history events. In June 2024 I addressed the entire delegation at the annual convention of the Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Michigan. My remarks about our order were well received. A meeting of the Membership Committee of our department was organized and conducted online via Zoom. Various ideas to increase interest in our order were discussed.

If you haven't done so in quite awhile, I highly encourage each brother and each camp to reach out to the general public in their own community. This could be done by approaching local librarians, veterans organizations, service clubs, churches, schools, and even barber shops. This might result in our brochures about our order being available in various venues.

Nothing beats building good rapport at the local level.

Respectfully submitted.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Todd Cordill, CC  
Junior Vice Department Commander



Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of  
the Civil War  
Office of the Department  
Secretary



**Report to the 141<sup>st</sup> Annual Department of Michigan Encampment**

**February 13, 2025**

**To Commander in Chief Martin, Department Commander Martin and the Brothers of the 141<sup>st</sup> Annual Department of Michigan Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Greetings.**

**I wish to thank the 141<sup>st</sup> Encampment for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Department Secretary for 2024-2025 term.**

**I wish to thank Department Commander Steven Martin, Executive Director David Demmy, the Department and Camp officers for their aid and Brother Jim Pahl, PCinC, for his valuable assistance in assisting me in compiling the 140<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment Proceedings.**

**In the 2024-2025 term all reports, forms and necessary documents have been submitted well before their required deadline.**

**I encourage anyone who has questions regarding form preparation and processing of forms or the operations of the Secretary office, please contact me.**

**Please promptly inform the Department Chaplain and me of the passing of a Brother. The attending Form 30 should be rapidly sent.**

**Please be sure to use the current forms. The best practice is to go to the National website and download the current document to your PC. By doing this, we will have the necessary information for the form submittal.**

**It would be appreciated if the Form 27 Camp Annual reports were submitted as soon as possible.**

**As of compiling this report, we have 363 Brothers in the Department of Michigan. Since the filing of Form 35 Department Annual report in May of 2024, to the date of this report, we have gained 13 new Brothers and lost 9.**

**I have submitted my name to the Nominating Committee for another 3-year term as Department Secretary.**

**Thank you and best regards,  
Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,**

**Richard (Dick) Denney, PC  
Secretary, Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**



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

March 29, 2025

### Report of the Department Treasurer

Commander Martin, Officers and Brothers of the Department of Michigan

The Department of Michigan has concluded the financial business of the 2024 Membership Year and our finances continue to be positive. We posted revenues and expenditures from normal operations of the General Fund during 2024 of \$5,011.87 and \$4,573.31 respectively to the General Fund. This resulted in a surplus of revenues over expenses from normal operations of \$438.56 for the year. Additional expenses of the donation of \$2,000.00 toward the placement of a Michigan monument at Antietam and \$1,662.14 for computer and scanning equipment for the Department Historian created deficit for the year of \$3,223.58.

Total Net Assets available amounted to \$31,459.71 as of December 31, 2024. Of that total, \$65.42 is restricted for Gettysburg flag replacement. A total of \$30,374.71 represents unassigned cash that may be disposed of by this Encampment, \$634.50 is inventory of Department merchandise available for sale.

The Department of Michigan Permanent Fund reflects a total of \$56,065.44 in total assets, which consists of a permanently restricted balance of \$54,666.59 and a temporarily restricted income accumulation of \$1,398.85.

I wish to report:

1. All bills have been paid, funds received deposited and all required reporting to the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have been submitted in a timely manner.
2. As directed by 2017-2018 Dept. Order #11, all IRS form 990N filings for Camps not opting to be treated as unincorporated associations have been timely filed by the Department Treasurer.
3. All permanent fund assets have been invested in government-backed securities, mutual funds invested in government backed securities or insured certificates of deposit through an Edward Jones account. A net yield of 2.50% on our investment for the year after amortization of bond premiums is improving as older investments mature and are replaced with higher rate ones.

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

I offer this recommendation for consideration by the Encampment for the coming year:

1. That the proposed 2025 operating budget for the General Fund, attached to this report, be accepted as presented.

I appreciate the trust placed in me by the Brothers of this Department in electing me to the position of Treasurer for this past term of office. 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

**Department of Michigan**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
**Financial Report-General Fund**  
**For the Year ended December 31, 2024**

**Statement**

**Assets**

Cash in bank	30,374.71
Undeposited Funds	25.50
Site Deposit for 2024 Dept. Encampment	425.00
Merchandise Inventory - Badges & Blazer Patches	634.50
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><u>31,459.71</u></u>

**Liabilities**

0.00

**Net Assets**

Unrestricted Balance	31,394.29
Restricted Balances	
Rally Round the Flag	65.42
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<u><u>31,459.71</u></u>

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity

31,459.71

**Statement of Revenues and Expenses**

For the Year Ended  
December 31, 2024

**Revenues**

Per-capita	2,117.50
Departmental Sales	1,110.00
Dept. Encampment Registration	270.00
Dept. Encampment Meals	486.00
Perm Fund Support-Encampment Costs - 2024	1,028.37
Donations	0.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u><u>5,011.87</u></u>

**Expenses**

Cost of Goods Sold	404.50
Advertising - Banner & National Encampment	240.00
Shipping Costs	79.25
Department Encampment Costs	1,784.37
Insurance	90.00
Office Supplies	60.58
Donation to GAR Hall	200.00
Antietam MI Monument Donation	2,000.00
Technology Costs	158.89
Dept. Historian Equipment	1,662.14
Eagle Scout Awards	949.00
ASUVCW Gift	49.84

CinC Gift	52.98
Gettysburg Wreaths	106.00
Officer & Committee Expenses per Guidelines	292.90
Past Dept. Commander Jewel	105.00
Total Expenses	<u>8,235.45</u>
Net Revenue (Expense)	<u><u>-3,223.58</u></u>

**Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Final Budget  
Year ending December 31, 2025**

	Actual December 31, 2024	Proposed 2025 Budget
<b>Revenues</b>		
Per-capita	2,117.50	2,100.00
Departmental Sales	1,110.00	900.00
Dept. Encampment Registration	270.00	250.00
Dept. Encampment Meals	486.00	400.00
Donations	0.00	100.00
Permanent Fund Encampment Support	1,028.37	1,150.00
	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>5,011.87</b>	<b>4,900.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Cost of Goods Sold	404.50	300.00
Advertising	240.00	240.00
Postage & Shipping	79.25	140.00
GAR Records	0.00	500.00
Department Archives Project	1,662.14	0.00
Department Encampment Costs	1,784.37	1,800.00
Outreach - MI History Magazine Advertising	0.00	7,000.00
Insurance	90.00	90.00
Supplies	60.58	50.00
Technology Costs	158.89	100.00
Graves Registration Project	0.00	500.00
Eagle Scout Awards	949.00	1,000.00
Donations- Michigan Antietam Monument	2,000.00	5,000.00
Donations-Eaton Rapids GAR Hall	200.00	200.00
Camp Grants	0.00	500.00
Scholarships	0.00	2,000.00
Gettysburg Wreaths	106.00	110.00
Officer & Committee Expenses (Per guidelines)	292.90	2,550.00
Expected Officer & Committee shortfall in requests		(3,000.00)
National Encampment Gifts	102.82	100.00
PDC Badge	105.00	124.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>8,235.45</b>	<b>19,304.00</b>
<b>Net Revenue (Expense)</b>	<b>-3,223.58</b>	<b>(14,404.00)</b>

Budgeted Officer & Committee expenses per Operating Guidelines are \$4,150.  
Of this budgeted amount, \$792.90 was submitted for reimbursement leaving  
\$3,357.10 of the budgeted expense not applied for.  
Officer & Committee expense line item does not match \$4,150 total due to several  
committee amounts appearing separately on the budget

**Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Proposed Budget  
Year ending December 31, 2025**

	Actual December 31, 2024	Proposed 2025 Budget
<b>Revenues</b>		
Per-capita	2,117.50	2,100.00
Departmental Sales	1,110.00	900.00
Dept. Encampment Registration	270.00	250.00
Dept. Encampment Meals	486.00	400.00
Donations	0.00	100.00
Permanent Fund Encampment Support	1,028.37	1,150.00
	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>5,011.87</b>	<b>4,900.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Cost of Goods Sold	404.50	300.00
Advertising	240.00	240.00
Postage & Shipping	79.25	140.00
GAR Records	0.00	500.00
Department Archives Project	1,662.14	0.00
Department Encampment Costs	1,784.37	1,800.00
Bank Fees	0.00	0.00
Insurance	90.00	90.00
Supplies	60.58	50.00
Technology Costs	158.89	100.00
Graves Registration Project	0.00	500.00
Eagle Scout Awards	949.00	500.00
Donations- Michigan Antietam Monument	2,000.00	0.00
Donations-Eaton Rapids GAR Hall	200.00	200.00
Camp Grants	0.00	500.00
Scholarships	0.00	2,000.00
Gettysburg Wreaths	106.00	110.00
Officer & Committee Expenses (Per guidelines)	292.90	2,550.00
Expected Officer & Committee shortfall in requests		(3,000.00)
National Encampment Gifts	102.82	100.00
PDC Badge	105.00	124.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>8,235.45</b>	<b>6,804.00</b>
<b>Net Revenue (Expense)</b>	<b>-3,223.58</b>	<b>(1,904.00)</b>

Budgeted Officer & Committee expenses per Operating Guidelines are \$4,150.  
Of this budgeted amount, \$792.9 was submitted for reimbursement leaving  
\$3,357.10 of the budgeted expense not applied for.  
Officer & Committee expense line item does not match \$4,150 total due to several  
committee amounts appearing separately on the budget



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



**Office of the Color Bearer**

**Edgar J. Dowd, PCC**

**March 29, 2024**

**Commander, Staff and Brothers here assembled.**

**I bring this report as the Color Bearer, Department of Michigan, SUVCW for the year 2024-2025. It has been a grand honor for me to do so.**

**When writing a report, it is always good to start at the beginning. Now let's see. The year 1954, the month of September, oh wait, that's a bit too far. Wrong beginning! There's not enough time nor am I inclined to cover the last 70 years.**

**This is the beginning where we should start. The "Colors" have been in many places this year. Memorials services, parades, and dedications to name a few. I think this coming year will offer just as many opportunities as the previous year.**

**In just a few weeks, we will honor President Abraham Lincoln in Springfield, Illinois and over to Rose Hill Cemetery in Petersburg, Illinois to honor Dr. Benjamin Stephenson, the founder of the Grand Army of the Republic.**

**A few short weeks after that, we will honor the memories of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. I am sure there will be many memorials and recognitions on Memorial Day. I am certain the "Colors" will be displayed tall and proud.**

**In closing, let us be proud of those "Colors" and the country they represent. Borrowing the words of George M. Cohan: "You're a Grand Old Flag,  
You're a high-flying Flag,  
And forever in peace may you wave.  
You're the emblem of the Land I love,  
The Home of the free and the brave."**

**Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
Edgar Dowd, PCC  
Color Bearer  
Department of Michigan  
SUVCW**

Signals Officer /Communications and Technology Report  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Department of Michigan

During this past year, I have worked on maintaining communications and ensuring we have the technology needed to function as a Department.

I was instrumental in purchasing a document scanner and computer to assist in the digitization of the Department records. This equipment is currently in the hands of the Department Historian.

I made recommendations for the purchase of a new computer for the Department Secretary.

I sent recommendations to the Department Council regarding the purchase of recording and sound reinforcing equipment for the Department Secretary. Unfortunately, due to the email chain being lost, it was not purchased. This needs to be purchased prior to June 2025, for the Secretary to learn the system for next year's Encampment.

I discovered that, according to TechSoup, our Department has only a 501(c)(4) status. We have 501(c)(3) but are supposedly listed as a 501(c)(4) status. This needs to be pressed further to be corrected.

Recommendations:

1. Purchase Sound system and microphones for the Department Secretary
2. Purchase 3 large solid state hard drives
  - a. 1 for the Department Secretary for storage of documents
  - b. 2 for the Department Historian for storage of scanned historical records
3. Continue the pursuit of recognition by TechSoup as a 501(c)(3) status.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Robert R Payne, PDC

Webmaster Report  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Department of Michigan

I have been able to maintain the Department Website through this past year, updating it as necessary.

1. Draping the site when called upon by National or Department Orders.
2. Posting all Department Orders and Special Messages.
3. Posting General Orders. This led to the new practice of posting links to the National Website for General Orders, which leads to a uniform way of accessing them.
4. Changing links to National Forms to links on the National Website. This ensures all Forms accessed through our Department site are the most up to date.
5. Posting Department Encampment Information on the site.
6. Posting New Camp Officers, when I receive their information, to the Camp pages which are maintained by the Department. All others are updated by the individual Camps.
7. Working with the Website Redesign Committee, we have been discussing and working on a redesign of the current website format.

Recommendations:

1. We are currently paying for three Domain names that we no longer use: suvcwmidb.org, suvcwmidb.net, and suvcwmidb.com. Each of these were associated with the Old Michigan Graves Registration Data Base. We have not been actively using these for a couple of years. A decision must be made whether to keep paying for them, if so, how long.
2. It must be decided what to do with the graves information we have on our database sites.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Robert R Payne, PDC



David S. Smith, LM, PDC  
Council (Chair), Camp Organizer, & Newsletter Editor  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
david.smith@suvwmn.org



## 2024-2025 NEWSLETTER EDITOR ANNUAL REPORT – DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

Department Commander Martin, Secretary Denney, and the Brothers of the Department of Michigan,

It has been my honor and privilege to serve for the 2024-2025 administrative term of the Department of Michigan. Newsletter Editor Rick Danes, PCC left very large shoes to fill, and it has been my desire to carry on Michigan's Messenger in a way that would make him proud.

I must thank the various Camps that have submitted materials on their activities for then newsletter. Additionally, I would like to thank Brother Mark Hoffman, PCC for his historical article submissions. This work by Camps and Brothers across the Department inform readers on what is happening in the Department, but also provides topics of interest and highlights interesting subjects in Civil War history. It is my sincere hope as we move forward that more Brothers submit articles, and that Department Officers will contribute information regarding their individual offices.

DEPARTMENT PROPERTY: during this administrative term, I have had no Department property in my possession.

RECOMMENDATIONS: there are no recommendations at this time.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/

David S. Smith, LM, PDC  
Newsletter Editor – Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



David S. Smith, LM, PDC  
Council (Chair), Camp Organizer, & Newsletter Editor  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
david.smith@suvewmi.org



## 2024-2025 CAMP ORGANIZER ANNUAL REPORT – DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

Department Commander Martin, Secretary Denney, and the Brothers of the Department of Michigan,

It has been my honor and privilege to serve for the 2024-2025 administrative term of the Department of Michigan. During the 2024-2025 administrative term, there were no inquiries to organize any new Camps within the Department.

DEPARTMENT PROPERTY: during this administrative term, I have had no Department property in my possession.

RECOMMENDATIONS: there are no recommendations at this time.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/

David S. Smith, LM, PDC  
Camp Organizer – Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Report of the Department Historian  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
March 29, 2025

Commander Martin, Officers & Brothers,

This has been a good year for this office. In working with the Department Signals Officer, Brother Rob Payne, we have taken steps to permanently preserve the records of our Department

With the recommendations of Past Commander-in-Chief Bruce Frail, we have purchased a laptop and scanner for the purpose of digitizing our records. This will allow us to preserve several copies in different places, to ensure their survival in case of an unforeseen event. It will also clear a great amount of space from our storage space at the G.A.R. Museum in Eaton Rapids. After the digitization is complete, we will be able to discard / destroy the paper documents. This does not include any items deemed to be of historical value. Those would be digitized and then also preserved. These records include the years 1986 to 2020 and cover the records of the Department Commanders, Department Secretary and Department Treasurer. They will be cataloged by year, with the subheadings aforementioned.

As a side note, we have very few records of the Department that have survived previously to 1986. The original records of establishing camps, officers of same, and the officers of the Department from 1883 to about 1890 are preserved in the University of Michigan Archives. We do possess digitized copies of those records.

In my spare time, I have researched two of our Past department Commanders – Frederick C. Stillson, who served in 1891 to 1892, and Fred Martin Williams, who served 1889 – 1890. A biography has been written for Stillson, and Williams' is in the works. These will eventually appear on our website.

I have also reviewed copies of the National Tribune, a newspaper published in Washington, DC, in the 1880's and 1890's, with news relating to the Grand Army of the Republic and the Allied Orders. I have found several articles about the activities of the Department of Michigan, and even a few portraits of Past Department Commanders that we did not previously have. My personal goal is to eventually put together a history of the Department, using any available records like the Tribune, past issues of The Banner, its predecessor The National Reveille, and other documents. This project will take several years to complete.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Gary L. Gibson, PDC  
Department Historian

# Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department of Michigan Graves Registration



Charles Worley, PDC, DGRO  
68341 Crooked Creek Rd.  
White Pigeon, MI 49099

January 28, 2025 Annual Report to the 141st Department Encampment

Department Commander and Brothers of the Department,

I am reporting that the Graves Registration Committee and its activities have been in good hands and have been handed to me in good orderly condition for the continuation of the Committees work.

Department Commander Steve Martin asked me if I would consider the DGRO responsibilities following the untimely passing of Brother Rick Danes. I accepted the request and he confirmed the appointment with Department Order No. 9.

Department Order No. 9 asks Brothers Mark Hoffman, Gary Swain and Gene Taylor to guide and help me as we discover where this program currently is situated. I appreciate the help so far offered and continue to seek additional help from this corps.

To date:

I have developed a contact list to email the Camp GRO's and or the Commander in the cases where the GRO doesn't provide an email address.

I established contact with Irma Danes and set a time for Gary Swain and myself to visit her and take possession 30 bank boxes and several miscellaneous books and items. The bank boxes contain Graves Registration hand written documents that this group has researched over the years.

This is a good time to describe the Database situation as much as I understand it currently. Brother Rick's Michigan Database (Excel Spreadsheet) is discontinued and unavailable online. My last CD of the Spreadsheet still works. The collected information included 83 Michigan Counties plus National and Out of State finds. Over 3800 Michigan Cemeteries and 75,000 plus Civil War and "Other Wars" records. The CD's are a cross reference and you should keep them handy.

The National Organization of the SUVCW has set aside a server for a National Graves Registration Database. This database has over 800,000 entries for your research. It is currently available and it works. The entries of the Michigan Spreadsheet have been transferred to the National Database, although not perfectly. Essential information such as Name, Military Unit, Grave location transferred to the National Db. Additional Miscellaneous information such as aka, additional enlistment, spouses, rank, etc. didn't transfer as there are no fields for that information currently. The Danes were entering this miscellaneous information up to the time of Rick's diagnosis of thyroid cancer. They entered 32 counties from A to Kalamazoo. The remaining 30 boxes can be entered after this group discusses the scope of task.

You can open the National Graves Registration database at [suvcwdb.org](http://suvcwdb.org) or from the home page menu of [suvcw.org](http://suvcw.org)

Please do and get curious about it. The Camp GRO's will be the submitters of data from now on. Feel free to page through the home page information and the users' guide. Sign up for an account as a submitter, we will ask for higher permissions as we get comfortable and need remove duplicates or fix errors.

At the recent National Encampment in Lexington, KY, I made an appointment to meet the National GRO, Henry Duquette from the Department of North Carolina. The conversation helped me to frame some of the vision and direction of the Graves Registration Project. The National Database will capture more of the miscellaneous information in the near and long term. It is designed to be easy to search and submit records. The administrators will be able to query our submissions and autofill information into new added fields such as aka or spouse or Find-a-Grave numbers. So don't let your preconceptions of "Database" scare you yet. The near term goal is to cull out duplicate records, allow for batch entries, remove the User Verification entry along with other development and maintenance improvements.

The Camp GRO's met two times during 2024 at the Library of Michigan.

I have taken possession of Graves Registration Documents found within various Department Records and reviewed them against the Database for inclusion.

Several Camp GRO's have verified known rosters of Veterans for inclusion within the Database.

I have documented and catalogued the miscellaneous notebooks in Brother Rick's stored documents. The catalogue includes the many of the records Colegrove-Woodruff Camp 22's documented in their cemetery walks.

I have entertained four requests for record corrections and Headstone requisitions from others with vested interest in Civil War Veterans.

I'll conclude by saying Irma Danes encouraged us to create this work in our image and style. Brother Rick left us a strong structure and method, but he intended it to evolve as the needs revealed themselves. I'm kind of a Status Quo guy, but growth and change are two sides of the same coin. I'm open to implement suggestions that benefit the program.

I offer myself in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty to each of you,

Sincerely,

Charles Worley, PDC, DGRO

Report of the G.A.R. Records Officer and Committee  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
March 29, 2025

Commander Martin, Officers & Brothers,

For the first time in many years in this position, I have to report that no new records pertaining to the Posts or Department of the Grand Army of the Republic have been found, nor have we been notified of the discovery of same.

Inquiries into the location of Post records, or information on an individual veteran do continue to be received. That is the rewarding part of the job – when an inquiry can be answered with the desired information.

I have no recommendations.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Gary L. Gibson, PDC  
G.A.R. Records Officer

Report of the Civil War Memorials Officer for the 141<sup>st</sup> Annual  
Department of Michigan Encampment

Saturday, March 29, 2025

I would like to report that the records of the Michigan Memorials and Monuments erected to the Veterans of the Civil War is in my possession and secure.

In October of 2023 restoration started on the Dahlgren Cannon in Bangor, Michigan. It was removed from it's foundation, sandblasted, and repainted, along with 2 stacks of cannon balls (brass monkeys) and a new base was constructed and the cannon mounted upon it. Total cost of refurbishment was \$32,000.00. Upon completion the city of Bangor held a dedication ceremony on Memorial Day, May 27, 2024.

As I reported last year, they moved the 1904 statue of the Union Civil War soldier in downtown Allegan. The statue is now in it's final resting place on the northwest corner of Walnut and Trowbridge Streets. On November 11, 2024 (Veteran's Day) I attended and spoke at the rededication ceremony.

The Civil War Marker on Egleston Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan honoring the 25<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry is pretty much illegible and arrangements are being made to have a new plaque made replacing the old one.

I had one inquiry in October from the US Grant Camp 67 concerning two Civil War pieces awarded to the VanFliet Post #368 one of them was a 3 inch Ordinance Rifle located in Denmark Cemetery in Reese, Michigan, I am trying to find the

other award. Lt. VanFliet is buried in Blumfield Cemetery about 2 miles from Denmark Cemetery. There is a GAR Monument in this cemetery. I believe it may be the second award, but research is still being done.

My last order of business would be for the Monuments and Memorials Officer from the various camps to keep the Department of Michigan Monuments and Memorials Officer updated of repairs, dedications, etc. as they come up as would be willing to be more involved as far as attending and/or receiving pictures and articles so the records can be better kept up to date.

It has been an honor to serve as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as the Monuments and Memorials Officer.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Len Sheaffer

Department of Michigan Memorials and Monuments Officer

Camp Commander General Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

March 29, 2025

Department of Michigan Web Page Maintenance

1. On the Monuments and Memorials page it says that the  
“Department of Memorials Website is currently unavailable we  
are working to reestablish the site”  
Is this going to be resolved?
2. If you go to the web page under Headquarters under the  
heading Special Committees it still lists the 102<sup>nd</sup> USCT  
Memorial. This project was deemed inactive at the 140<sup>th</sup>  
Encampment on April 27, 2024.
3. On the Monuments and Memorials website it says contact  
“Leonard Schaeffer CC” the correct spelling should be  
Leonard Sheaffer CC.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Len Sheaffer

Department of Michigan Monuments and Memorials Officer

**TO: MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF SUVCW**  
**FROM: LLOYD D. LAMPHERE, SR EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATOR**  
**DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2025**  
**SUBJECT: ANNUAL EAGLE SCOUT REPORT**

**MILES DRIVEN: 1,436 MILES**  
**43 EAGLE SCOUT AWARDS PRESENTED**

**2-10-24 CONNOR JAMES O'NEIL**  
**2-10-24 MICHWAL MASON HULL**  
**2-10-24 HARVEY JACOB LEBAU**  
**3-2-24 ZACHARY DOUGLAS WIELER**  
**3-15-24 JOHN OSTRANDER**  
**2-29-24 HUNTER CHARLES HUSTEDE**  
**2-29-24 CHARLES R. WEAVER**  
**2-29-24 COOPER GRESKOWIAK**  
**2-29-24 DOUG OSMER (BROTHER AND 2 SONS)**  
**3-04-24 DOUG OSMER**  
**4-04-24 ROBERT ERIC WILLIAM BOALS**  
**5-11-24 SEA SCOUT**  
**5-11-24 TIMOTHY H. HALLEAUX**  
**5-11-24 JOSHUA LEE EDWARD SUTFIN**  
**5-09-24 TYLER BROWN**  
**5-09-24 JACOB BELLAIRE**  
**5-09-24 DEVIN BARBIER**  
**5-09-24 GEORGE DYER**  
**5-09-24 FORD BROWN**  
**5-09-24 MADDAX FITZGERALD**  
**5-09-24 MATTHEW MIEHLKE**  
**5-09-24 BENJAMIN LEMAN**  
**5-09-24 RORY O'GRADY**  
**5-09-24 JACK JOYCE**  
**5-09-24 AARON NIEDECKEN**  
**5-09-24 BENJAMIN OWENS**  
**5-09-24 SAMUEL PATTERSON**  
**5-09-24 JOSHUA SOMERO**  
**5-09-24 KAL WVN SEGELIND**  
**5-09-24 DANEK SCHWACH**  
**5-09-24 JONATHAN VANDINETE**  
**5-09-24 MIRANDA ASHLEY**  
**5-09-24 ANDERSON SPENCER**  
**6-01-24 ALEXANDER URANGA CANTON**  
**6-01-24 HUNTER L. CLOUGH**

**6-01-24 CARTER ROMERO**  
**6-02-24 ISHAAN MANDAR MARFATIA**  
**6-02-24 ABISNAK BANFERJI**  
**6-02-24 PETER ANTHONY SANITA**  
**6-02-24 PARKER JOHN BAVER**  
**6-02-24 WILLIAM JOSEPH OBRZLT**  
**8-15-24 JASON BABB**  
**8-15-24 CADEN DODDE**

**SUPPLIES ON HAND AT START 1-01-24**  
**492 EAGLE SCOUT CHALLENGE COINS**  
**7 SMALL 3" PATCHES**  
**24 LARGE 6" PATCHES**  
**21 CHALLENGE COINS (METAL)**  
**14 CERTIFICATES**

**SUPPLIES ON HAND AT START 1-01-25**  
**19 3" PATCHES**  
**35 6" PATCHES**  
**232 POKER CHIP CHALLENGE COINS**  
**19 CHALLENGE COINGS (METAL)**  
**30 EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATES**

**A BIG THANK YOU TO DAVID WALLACE WHO PRINTS OUT THE  
CERTIFICATES AND LETTERS OF COMMENDATION FOR EACH EAGLE SCOUT**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**  
**LLOYD D. LAMPHERE, SR**  
**EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATO**

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Department of Michigan  
Terrance L. McKinch, Patriotic Instructor  
3278 S, Duffield Road  
Lennon, Michigan 48449  
(810) 553-3509  
tmckinch@outlook.com

Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

March 29, 2025

Brothers of the 141<sup>st</sup> Annual Department of Michigan SUVCW, I bring you Greetings and Salutations from the Village of Lennon. I want to commend all the Brothers and Camps for their hard work for our order and encourage them to think outside the box when recruiting for our order. I had a tough 2024, with me and my wife both being in the hospital numerous times. I was unable to attend the Department or National Encampment, though I was able to make my report to the National. I am looking forward to a productive year with all our camps. I know others have had considerable hardships too, but unlike me, they were able to overcome their difficulties. I am the National eBay chairman, and I do look for GAR, SUVCW and other Veterans items that should belong to the order. This includes grave markers, Camp Charters and other items that are our property by way of conveyance. If so appointed, I will dedicate myself to being a better Patriotic Instructor. I want to thank those who helped us in my time of need.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty  
Terry McKinch, Patriotic Instructor



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**Appendix D**  
**Committee Reports**

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Report of the Membership Committee (2024-2025 term)  
Department of Michigan Encampment- March 29, 2025

To: Department Commander, Brothers, and Distinguished Guests

It has been my pleasure to serve as chairman of the Membership Committee of the Department of Michigan. I thank you for the opportunity to serve the department in this office.

During this term, a meeting took place online. Although no official action took place, discussion ensued. The discussion addressed the review and processing of membership applications, local community engagement, and referrals between the department and camps.

Respectfully submitted.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Todd Cordill, CC  
Junior Vice Department Commander  
Chairman of the Membership Committee



The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Department of Michigan  
Resource Allocation Committee  
and related sub-committees  
Annual Report

Bruce S. A. Gosling, Chairman  
20388 US Highway 12  
White Pigeon, MI 49099

**Report of the Resource Allocation, Scholarship and Camp Grant committees:**

Brothers,

Recommendations to create Camp Grant and Scholarship programs were approved by the 140<sup>th</sup> Encampment of the Department of Michigan. Subsequently, Department Commander Martin issued Department Orders 12 and 13 creating committees to develop applications for each of these programs.

The approved programs may be summarized as follows:

**Dept. of Michigan Scholarship Program**

This program is designated to provide scholarships to youths residing in the State of Michigan who members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) or one of its Allied Orders. Qualified applications will be reviewed for approval by a committee appointed annually by the Department Commander.

The total pool for making scholarships will be for a maximum of two \$1,000 awards for the 2025-26 academic year. The success of this program will be reviewed and recommendation made to the 141<sup>st</sup> Department of Michigan Encampment for determination of continuing or terminating the program. Qualifying youths would be residents of the State of Michigan who have graduated high school and are members in the SUVCW or one of its Allied Orders.

### **Dept. of Michigan Camp Grant Matching Program**

This program creates a pool of funds to provide Camps of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War with matching grants for funding projects furthering the objectives of the Order. Qualified proposals would be reviewed for approval by a committee appointed annually by the Department Commander.

The total pool for making grants will be \$5,000. Grants will be on a dollar-for-dollar matching basis for funds raised for the project by the applying Camp up to a maximum of \$500 annually. Total grants available for award in any given year to all Camps of the Dept. of MI will be a maximum of \$1,000.

Once the \$5,000 pool is expended, the program will be terminated unless renewed by a future Encampment of the Department of Michigan.

Qualifying Camps would be members of the Department of Michigan SUVCW that are not under suspension by the Department Commander or National Organization of the SUVCW.

I am pleased to report that these applications have been developed and have been approved by the Department Council as well as Department Commander Martin. With thanks to Brother Robert Payne, the applications have been converted to fillable pdf formats and are now posted under the Special Projects section on the home page of the Department of Michigan website.

#### **Recommendations:**

That the Resource Allocation committee be reappointed for the 2025 fiscal year of the Department to evaluate success these programs and make recommendations to the 142nd Department Encampment accordingly.

That the committees created by Department Orders 12 and 13 be discharged as their assigned tasks have been completed.

Finally, that the incoming Department Commander appoint a Camp Grant Committee and a Scholarship Committee to evaluate applications for approval and promote the programs by submitting articles for the Michigan Messenger regarding availability of the programs and successful awards made.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Bruce Gosling, Chairman

**Appendix E**  
**Correspondence**



Dick Denney <rdenney@suvcwmi.org>

## Submission of Resolutions and Recommendations By Departments

1 message

alanruss2825@gmail.com <alanruss2825@gmail.com>

Fri, Jan 10, 2025 at 6:17 PM

To: "SUVCW-DEPT-AL-SEC/TREA (McEuen 3rd, Marshal Malin)" <MacEuen@bellsouth.com>, "SUVCW-DEPT-CA-SEC/TREA (Harinder, Randy Dhindsa)" <secretary@suvpac.org>, "SUVCW-DEPT-CH-SEC/TREA (Bogino, Charles)" <chbogino@gmail.com>, "SUVCW-DEPT-CL-SEC/TRE (O'Neal, Timothy James)" <toneal52@yahoo.com>, "SUVCW-DEPT-CO-SEC (Barker, James)" <barker944@msn.com>, "SUVCW-DEPT-CT-SEC (Motola, Brian)" <brimotola@aol.com>, "SUVCW-DEPT-FL-SEC (Oppenheimer, Larry E)" <loppen@verizon.net>, "SUVCW-DEPT-GA-SEC/TRE (Hale, Mark A)" <markhale101@msn.com>, "SUVCW-DEPT-IA-SEC-TRE (Rittel, Daniel)" <iowasignals@gmail.com>, "SUVCW-DEPT-IL-SEC (Sherman Jr, Donald W)" <Secretary.SUVCW.IL@gmail.com>, "SUVCW-DEPT-IN-SEC (Adams, William R)" <adamswr949@gmail.com>, "SUVCW-DEPT-KS-SEC (Russ, Alan L)" <secretary@suvcwks.org>, "SUVCW-DEPT-KY-SEC/TRE (Fortin, Bruce)" <bfortin59@gmail.com>, "SUVCW-DEPT-MA-SEC/TRE (Dupre, John Joseph)" <jdupre5762@aol.com>, "SUVCW-DEPT-ME-SEC/TRE (Boothroyd, Eric J)" <ejboothroyd@gmail.com>, "SUVCW-DEPT-MI-SEC (Denney, Richard W)" <secretary@suvcwmi.org>, "SUVCW-DEPT-MO-SEC/TRE (Crandell, Dale)" <dcrandell@swbell.net>, "SUVCW-DEPT-NC-SEC/TRE (Ewalt, William M)" <wiewalt35@yahoo.com>, "SUVCW-DEPT-NE-SEC/TRE (Stermenschky, Gage)" <gagestermenschkycivilwar@gmail.com>, "SUVCW-DEPT-NH-SEC (Naughton, Bill)" <billsland@aol.com>, "SUVCW-DEPT-NJ-SEC/TRE (Martin, David G)" <dmartin@peddie.org>, "SUVCW-DEPT-NY-SEC (Pugsley, Robert)" <nydeptsec@gmail.com>, "SUVCW-DEPT-OH-SEC (Edelmann, John)" <sherman93secretary@gmail.com>, "SUVCW-DEPT-OK-SEC (Anderson, Clint)" <steelrep4jc@gmail.com>, "SUVCW-DEPT-PA-SEC/TRE (Koenigsberg, Robert J)" <rkoenigsberg3@gmail.com>, "SUVCW-DEPT-RI-SEC (Frail, Benjamin)" <civilwarfan@msn.com>, "SUVCW-DEPT-SW-SEC/TRE (Enlow, Dale E)" <dale\_enlow@hotmail.com>, "SUVCW-DEPT-TN-SEC/TRE (Huttick, George Andrew)" <deptsectreas@suvcwdepttn.org>, "SUVCW-DEPT-TX-SEC/TRE (Gates, Donald L)" <d\_gates@verizon.net>, "SUVCW-DEPT-VT-SEC (Amsden, Bruce)" <memphre@gmx.com>, "SUVCW-DEPT-WI-SEC/TRE (Peters, Brian G)" <bpeterssuvcw@gmail.com>, "SUVCW-HQ (Demmy, David)" <execdir@suvcw.org>  
Cc: Jim Pahl <jbpahl0824@yahoo.com>

From the National Parliamentarian, James B. Pahl, Esq, PCinC

Brothers are reminded of a new requirement in presenting any Resolution to the upcoming National Encampment, which includes any recommendation to amend the C&R.

Found in National Regulations, Chapter III, Article III, Section 7:

“All Resolutions and Recommendations for consideration at a National Encampment must first be approved by Resolution of a Department Encampment in regular meeting, except procedural recommendations of a National Officer may still be presented in his annual report. Resolutions and Recommendations that would amend the Constitution and Regulations must be filed as provided for in Chapter IV, Article 1, Section 2 of these Regulations. All other Resolutions are to be forwarded to the National Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the National Encampment.”

**In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,**

**Alan L. Russ, PDC**

*National Secretary, SUVCW*

*2825 Crystal Lake Drive*

*Salina, Kansas 67401-6458*

## Robert R Payne for Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief



Tracing my lineage back to the Civil War, my 3x Great Grandfather, Private John W. Webster of Co. K, 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry. I also discovered my 3x Great Grandfather, Private John W Wilson, Co. B., 26<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry, who was killed in action at Spotsylvania Courthouse, and Private Francias Beehler, Co. F, 49<sup>th</sup> NY Volunteer Infantry.

In September 2010, I joined Curtenius Guard Camp 17, Dept. of Michigan. Later, I became a Dual Member with Gov. Crapo Camp 145, Dept. of Michigan and in 2024, Maj. Sullivan Ballou Camp 3 in the Dept of Rhode Island. I have been a Life Member since 2019.

## ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

### SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

- Council of Administration (2022-present)
- National Webmaster (2022-present)
- National P&P Committee (2022-present)
- Chair, Website Development Committee(2022-2023)
- Dept of Michigan
  - Department Commander(2018-2020)
  - Dept JVC(2017-2018)
  - Signal Officer(2016-2018,2020-present)
  - Credentials Committee(2015-present, Chair 2017)
  - Webmaster(2016-2018,2020-present)
  - Department Council(2021-present)
- Curtenius Guard Camp 17
  - Commander(2015-2018, 2020-2022)
  - Chaplain(2013-2015)
  - Color Bearer(2011-2013)
  - Camp Council (2022-present)
  - Webmaster(2021-present)
- Gov. Crapo Camp 145
  - Camp Council(2020-present)
- Cornelius F. Whitehouse National Brother of the Year Award Recipient 2023

### OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

- Utility Workers Union of America
  - Local 123 Secretary(2015-2023)
  - Delegate, Constitutional Convention(2019,2023)

Local Church Leadership Team(2015-2016,2019-2021,2023-present)

### EDUCATION

- BA in Computer Science, Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonais, IL

### Expirience

- Field Artillery Officer, US Army(1985-1991)
- Journeyman Electric Lineworker(1997-2025)

**Appendix F**  
**Department Council Report**



Department Council  
2024-2025  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



11 February 2025

Department Commander Martin and the Brothers of the Department of Michigan,

During the 2024-2025 administrative term, the Department Council has performed the following activities:

- Per the Department Bylaws, the Department Council set the dues for the Camp-at-Large to remain as the current Department and National per capita with no additional increase.
- Reviewed the Department Financials and proposed budget throughout the year as submitted by Department Treasurer Gosling.
- Reviewed and approved a 22 August 2024 request from the Department Historian for equipment to digitize the Department's records currently stored at the GAR Museum in Eaton Rapids. The recommended equipment and associated items were recommended from PCinC Frail and National Webmaster (and Department Webmaster) PDC Payne. An initial approval on the laptop and associated peripheral items came from Chairman D. Smith, PDC with a not to exceed \$1200 for the laptop and a not to exceed \$500 for the associated peripherals. This was also voted for approval by Vice Chairman N. Smith, PDC and Secretary R. Payne, PDC.
- On 28 September 2024, Department Webmaster R. Payne, PDC requested the purchase of the recommended scanner (per PCinC Frail) for the Department Historian from the Department Council. As Brother Payne is on the Department Council, he recused himself from the vote. Chairman D. Smith, PDC and Vice Chairman N. Smith, PDC voted to approve the expenditure of \$569 + tax (free shipping).
- The Department Council was asked to review the scholarship application generated by the Department of Michigan SUVCW Scholarship Committee. The Council reviewed the application and made minor suggestions.
- The Department Council was asked to review and approve the application for the Camp Grant Program for the Department of Michigan. The Council reviewed and approved the application.



Department Council  
2024-2025

Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



In closing, the Department Council would like to thank Department Treasurer Gosling for his continued diligent work in administration of the Department Treasury, filing of 990Ns for Camps across the Department of Michigan, and timely reporting of the quarterly financials and proposed budgets.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Department of Michigan Council

David Smith, LM, PDC – Chair  
Nathan Smith, PDC – Vice Chair  
Robert Payne, LM, PDC – Secretary

**Appendix G**  
**Resolutions**



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 David W. Kimble, PCC  
for the Office of Department Commander

Now comes before the Brothers of the 141<sup>st</sup> 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 David W. Kimble, for their consideration.

*Whereas*, Brother David W. Kimble has honorably served as Commander of the Austin Blair Camp No. 7 of Jackson, having previously served in other elective and appointive Camp positions; and

*Whereas*, Brother Kimble currently honorably serves as the Senior Vice Department Commander of the Department of Michigan, and has served as Junior Vice Commander, and on committees of the Department of Michigan; and

*Whereas* Brother Kimble is currently honorably serving as a member of Co. A, 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry Regiment, Sons of Veterans Reserve in support of the activities and ceremonies of the Department of Michigan;

*Now, therefore it is resolved*, that we, the Brothers of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 of Flint, hereby heartily endorse our Brother, David W. Kimble, for election to the office of Department Commander, at the 141<sup>st</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, 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 141<sup>st</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan for their informed consideration.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

David F. Wallace, PDC  
Camp Secretary

A Resolution of the Department of Michigan  
Endorsement of Robert R. Payne  
for the Office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Now comes before our Brothers of the 144<sup>th</sup> Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at Houston, Texas, their Brothers of the Department of Michigan, with the following Resolution of Endorsement of our Brother Robert R. Payne, for their thoughtful consideration.

*Whereas*, Brother Robert R. Payne has honorably served as the Commander of the Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17 of Lansing/Sunfield, having previously served in other elective and appointive Camp positions; and

*Whereas*, Brother Payne honorably served as the Commander of the Department of Michigan, having also served in other elective and appointive Department positions; and

*Whereas*, Brother Payne is currently honorably serving as a 2LT within Co. A, 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry Regiment, Sons of Veterans Reserve in support of the activities and ceremonies of the Department of Michigan and its Camps; and

*Whereas*, Brother Payne was an honored and respected officer within the United States Army, achieving the rank of CPT while serving with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 320<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment;

*Now, therefore be it resolved*, that we, the Brothers of the Department of Michigan, hereby heartily endorse our Brother, Robert R. Payne, for election to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, at the 144<sup>th</sup> Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and

*Be it further resolved* that the Department Secretary be directed to spread this endorsement upon the permanent record of the Department of Michigan, and that a copy of this endorsement be forwarded to our Brothers of the 144<sup>th</sup> Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for their informed consideration.

Unanimously adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025, at the 141<sup>st</sup> Annual Department of Michigan Encampment held at the Okemos Events Center, in Okemos, Michigan.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Richard W. Denney, PDC  
Department Secretary

**A RESOLUTION FOR THE ENDORSEMENT OF  
BROTHER GARY L. GIBSON, PDC  
FOR THE OFFICE OF  
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION**

**WHEREAS,**

Brother Gary L. Gibson was mustered into the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1978, and has been a member of the Order for over 46 years, and

**WHEREAS,**

Brother Gibson helped to organize and is a charter member of the General Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20, located in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and

**WHEREAS,**

Brother Gibson has continuously demonstrated leadership qualities and was instrumental in rebuilding the Department of Michigan in the 1980's and 1990's, and served three terms as Department Commander 1990 to 1991, 1991 to 1992 and 2004 to 2005, and

**WHEREAS,**

Brother Gibson has served in several offices and on committees for the National Organization, including serving on the Council of Administration from 1998 to 2001, and

**WHEREAS,**

Brother Gibson became a life member of the Order in 1988, and his exemplary practice of the principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty demonstrate his unquestioned dedication to the Order, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**

That the Brothers of General Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War hereby unanimously endorse our Brother, Gary L. Gibson, for election to the office of National Council of Administration at the 144<sup>th</sup> National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to be held at Houston, Texas in August, 2025, and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the 142<sup>nd</sup> Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, requesting their endorsement of Brother Gibson.

Unanimously adopted by the General Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20, in Camp assembled, on March 4, 2025.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Leonard Sheaffer, Commander  
Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20  
Kalamazoo, Michigan

RESOLUTION  
141<sup>ST</sup> Annual Michigan Department Encampment  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Whereas, the current National Regulations require each brother to belong to a Camp or the Department MAL located within the Department where they reside, making no allowance for brothers who belong to Camps located in a Department where they do not reside,

Therefore be it resolved, The Department of Michigan in Encampment assembled, proposes to the 144<sup>th</sup> National Encampment, the following change to National Regulations, Chapter II, Article I, Section 13, by eliminating the language in strikethrough and in red below.

Chapter II, Article I, Section 13

Section 13. Each Department shall make provisions for Department Members-at-Large (DMAL). DMAL shall include all Brothers (Members, Associates, Juniors and Junior Associates) residing within the jurisdiction of the Department who are not a Brother of a Camp ~~within the Department~~. Such provision may be 1) Department MAL, 2) a Camp established by the Department for the purpose of administering the DMAL, or 3) a requirement in the Department bylaws that all Brothers belong to a Camp of their choice or assigned to the nearest Camp if the Brother does not choose a Camp.

RESOLUTION  
141<sup>ST</sup> Annual Michigan Department Encampment  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Whereas, the current National Regulations are unclear as to whether a Brother of the Order may attend and observe meetings of the Council of Administration,

Therefore be it resolved, The Department of Michigan in Encampment assembled, proposes to the 144<sup>th</sup> National Encampment, the following change to National Regulations, Chapter III, Article VIII, Section 1(A) by adding the language in red below.

Article VIII  
Council of Administration

Section 1. (A)The Council of Administration shall consist of the Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Quartermaster and five (5) elected members of the Council of Administration and the immediate Past Commander-in-Chief. All other Past Commanders-in-Chief, the National Counselor, The Banner Editor, The National Signals Officer, and the Washington D.C. representative shall be non-voting members of the Council of Administration. Non-voting members of the Council of Administration have full rights to attend all meetings and internet discussions of the Council of Administration (including while in executive session with the exception of the Banner Editor, and the National Signals Officer) and be recognized and heard on all issues before the Council of Administration. They shall not be counted for the purposes of establishing a quorum, nor shall they be able to make or second motions. The Commander-in-Chief may invite other non-voting Brothers from whom he or the voting members wish to receive advice and counsel or information. **Any Brother of the Order in good standing may attend and observe, without**

voice, any in person meeting of the Council of Administration, space permitting. The Council of Administration shall have and shall exercise all powers of the Board of Directors, except in so far as such powers may be assigned to other persons in these Regulations.

RESOLUTION  
141<sup>ST</sup> Annual Michigan Department Encampment  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Whereas, the current National Regulations allow for a Past Department Commander to add a top bar with appropriate device to the Past Department Commander Badge and there is a desire to allow the same to a Past Commander-in-Chief,

Therefore be it resolved, The Department of Michigan in Encampment assembled, proposes to the 144<sup>th</sup> National Encampment, the following change to National Regulations, Chapter V, Article VI, Section 3 N by adding the language in red below.

N. Past Commander-in-Chief Badge. Brothers who have served a full term as Commander-in-Chief or who have been elected to fill a vacancy and who serve to the end of that term may wear the Past Commander-in-Chief badge and are entitled to use the suffix PCinC in conjunction with their name. This badge shall have the ribbon as prescribed for National officers, without top bar. The drop shall be the gold star of the Order, with jewel. *A Past Commander-in-Chief may at his own expense, attach a top bar to the badge, being a gold bar fashioned as a rank strap with gold border, black enameled background and bearing four silver stars. Such device shall be purchased from the National Quartermaster.* A miniature Past Commander-in-Chief Badge with a regulation ribbon 5/8 inch in width may be worn in accordance with Article III.

**Appendix H**  
**Credential Committee Report**

# Encampment Credentials Committee 2025 Final Report

From Dean Lamphere <ldlampherejr@gmail.com>

Date Sat 3/29/2025 3:38 PM

To Dick D <cwsonvet@hotmail.com>

Camp No.	Camp Name	Membership	Allowed Delegates							Present Delegates									
			D	PCC	CC	PDC	DC	PCnC	CnC	Total	D	Alt.D	PCC	CC	PDC	DC	PCnC	CnC	Total
2	Gen. Israel B. Richardson	18	3	5	1	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3	Henry Flint	6	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
7	Austin Blair	19	3	8	1	0	0	0	0	12	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	5	
14	Robert Finch	32	4	6	1	1	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
17	Curtenius Guard	42	5	10	1	3	0	1	0	20	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	7	
20	Gen. Benjamin Pritchard	39	5	8	1	2	0	0	0	16	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	4	
28	Alexander French	10	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
43	Nash - Hodges	12	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	7	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	
58	George W. Anderson	12	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
67	U.S. Grant	21	3	6	1	0	0	0	0	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	
85	Frederick H. Heckeman	13	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
120	Gilluly - Kingsley	20	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
135	March to the Sea	14	2	4	1	1	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	4	
145	Gov. Henry Crapo	42	5	11	1	4	0	0	0	21	4	0	2	0	2	0	0	8	
250	Wa-Bu-No	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
255	LeValley - Heusted	10	2	5	1	0	1	0	0	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
266	Albert & James Lyon	17	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
427	Sgt. John Cosby	26	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
444	General Orlando M. Poe	15	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	
462	Russell A. Alger	15	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals			383	59	83	19	14	1	2	0	178	17	0	6	7	9	1	1	41

Registrant's Name	Checked into Encampment (Yes/No)	Camp No	Camp#	Camp Name	Location
Martin, Kevin L.	Yes	000	0	Headquarters	National Organization
Kimble, David	Yes	007	7	Austin Blair	Jackson
Horning, Kim Paul	Yes	007	7	Austin Blair	Jackson
Maillard, Michael	Yes	007	7	Austin Blair	Jackson
Tyr, Ronald D.	Yes	007	7	Austin Blair	Jackson
Waters III, Charles	Yes	007	7	Austin Blair	Jackson
Armstrong, Jon	Yes	017	17	Curtenius Guard	Lansing-Sunfield
Carr, Steve	Yes	017	17	Curtenius Guard	Lansing-Sunfield
Hanes, Marvin	Yes	017	17	Curtenius Guard	Lansing-Sunfield
Hobbes, Harold E.	Yes	017	17	Curtenius Guard	Lansing-Sunfield
Martin, Steven	Yes	017	17	Curtenius Guard	Lansing-Sunfield
Pahl, James B.	Yes	017	17	Curtenius Guard	Lansing-Sunfield
Shull, Ronald G.	Yes	017	17	Curtenius Guard	Lansing-Sunfield
Ashly, Raymond L.	Yes	020	20	Gen. Benjamin Pritchard	Kalamazoo
Brennan, Bill	Yes	020	20	Gen. Benjamin Pritchard	Kalamazoo
Gibson, Gary L.	Yes	020	20	Gen. Benjamin Pritchard	Kalamazoo
Shearffer, Jr, Leonard	Yes	020	20	Gen. Benjamin Pritchard	Kalamazoo
Sible, Brent T.	Yes	028	28	Alexander French	Big Rapids
Ingall, Austin	Yes	043	43	Nash - Hodges	Blissfield
Ingall, David	Yes	043	43	Nash - Hodges	Blissfield
Cordill, Todd	Yes	058	58	George W. Anderson	Michigan Camp-at-Large
Buckhahn, Charles	Yes	067	67	U.S. Grant	Saginaw, Bay City, Midland
Frost, Jack	Yes	067	67	U.S. Grant	Saginaw, Bay City, Midland
Bigham, Richard	Yes	120	120	Gilluly - Kingsley	Howell
Davis, Elden	Yes	120	120	Gilluly - Kingsley	Howell
Delmerico, Daniel A.	Yes	120	120	Gilluly - Kingsley	Howell
Bennett, John	Yes	135	135	March to the Sea	Centerville
Denney, Dick	Yes	135	135	March to the Sea	Centerville
Gosling, Bruce	Yes	135	135	March to the Sea	Centerville
Worley, Charles	Yes	145	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Flint
Adair, Matt	Yes	145	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Flint
Dowd, Ed	Yes	145	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Flint
Katz, Eric G.	Yes	145	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Flint
Lamphere Sr, Lloyd D	Yes	145	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Flint
Lamphere Jr, L. Dean	Yes	145	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Flint
McKinch, Terrance	Yes	145	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Flint
Minor, John H.	Yes	145	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Flint
Taylor, Gene	Yes	145	145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Flint
Smith, Nathan	Yes	255	255	LeValley - Heusted	Mayville
Aurand, Dale L.	Yes	444	444	General Orlando M. Poe	Cadillac
Smith, David S.	Yes	444	444	General Orlando M. Poe	Cadillac
Walker, Jeffery M.	Yes	444	444	General Orlando M. Poe	Cadillac

In F., C., and L.,  
L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., PDC  
Credentials Committee  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**Appendix I**  
**Nomination Committee Report**



**Dept. of Michigan Nominating Committee**

**Dale L. Aurand, LM, PDC**

Chairman

321 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Traverse City, MI 49684

Home: 231-941-1817 Cell: 231-645-1093

E-mail: [daurand321@yahoo.com](mailto:daurand321@yahoo.com)



To: Department Commander Steven S. Martin and attendees of the Department of Michigan 2025 Encampment.

This is the final report of the year 2024-2025 for the Department Nominating Committee.

This year the committee appointed by Commander Martin included Chair- Dale L. Aurand PDC, Charles Worley PDC, Gary Gibson PDC, Gary Naugle PCC and Ron TyrI PCC.

Notice was sent to the camps for any Brother interested in running for Department office to submit a letter of nomination.

The recommended slate for the 2025-2026 term of office is:

Commander	David W. Kimble PCC
Dept. Sr. Vice Commander	Todd Cordill CC
Dept. Jr. Vice Commander	Ron Shull PCC
Treasurer	Bruce S. A. Gosling PCC
Secretary	Richard Denney PCC
Dept. Council	David S. Smith PDC Robert R. Payne PDC Nate Smith PDC

Nominations may be taken from the floor at the Department Encampment.

Thank you to the Brothers for stepping forward.

Dale L. Aurand LM, PDC  
Chairman Nominating Committee 2024-2025  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War