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## **Commander's Comments**

*By Dale Aurand, PCC, DC*

Brothers of the Department of Michigan

On April 30<sup>th</sup> we will be conducting the 132<sup>nd</sup> Department Encampment in Lansing, at the Great Lakes Christian College. Your attendance and participation are helpful in doing the business of the order. Information concerning lodging and meals will be sent out by the Department Secretary and included in this issue of the Messenger.

Please make sure all Camp annual reports are completed and sent to the Department Secretary in a timely manner.

Thank you to all the current and past Department officials who assisted me with the installation of Camp officers.

The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic will be commemorated with an open house at the GAR Hall and Museum in Eaton Rapids on April 9 and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Keep in mind we have a busy year ahead of us in the planning and hosting of the 2017 National Encampment in Lansing.

Hope to see you at the Department Encampment.



*Editor's Note: Why Michigan's Messenger is now distributed electronically:*

*In 2005 the Department was faced with rising printing and mailing costs for the nationally recognized Michigan's Messenger. Very few options were available to Department Officers, so the issue was put on the floor at the Department Encampment.*

*The Members voted to publish Michigan's Messenger in an electronic format, with each edition being forwarded to one person in each Camp (thereafter called a Camp Signals Officer), who would then distribute the newsletter to Camp Members.*

*As a result of this action by the Membership, dues have not been raised.*

***I believe that the Camps have the responsibility to report changes, so that we can continue to serve you, you must provide me with a current contact for electronic mailing.***

*I have tried to include every article that was sent to me prior to publication, so that all future issues will be timely. I welcome all constructive suggestions, and encourage all of you to submit relative news about your committees, your Camps, and your ancestors. This is your newsletter, and its success depends on you. Rick Danes, Editor [mimessrd@aol.com](mailto:mimessrd@aol.com).*

  
**Department Orders #5 Series 2015 – 2016**  
**Headquarters, Traverse City, Michigan**  
**February 2, 2016**

**Camp Commanders and Secretaries:**

**1.** Many of the Camps within the Department of Michigan have already completed the process for the Installation of Camp Officers. Not all of these, however, have filed their paper work with the Department Secretary. All Camps are reminded that their Form 22 along with two copies of your current roster and two copies of the Form 22 MI are due to the Department Secretary by the deadline: **February 15, 2016.**

*The Department Secretary has a great deal of work to do once Camp reports are submitted. If we do not have your reports, he cannot do his job and meet the requirements and deadlines of the National organization.*

*Your attention to these matters are greatly appreciated.*

**2. Nominating Committee:** The following brothers are hereby appointed to serve on the 2016 Nominating Committee: Rick Danes CC Chairman, Keith Harrison PCnC, Don Shaw PDC, Paul Davis, PDC, Dave Wallace PDC.

*Any brother interested in holding a Department elective office should submit his letter of interest, credentials, and any letters of endorsement to the Department Nominating Committee no later than **April 1, 2016.** The chair of the Committee is Brother Rick Danes. Please direct your information to him and he will share the same with the Committee. He may be reached through e-mail at [redanes@aol.com](mailto:redanes@aol.com) or through USPS Mail a 2612 Burns St., Dearborn, MI 48124.*

**3. Department Appointed Positions:** The Department depends on the willing hands of its membership to carry on the work we do. Any brother who is interested in serving the Department in an appointed position for 2016-2017 is encouraged to contact the Department Commander at: e-mail: [daurand321@yahoo.com](mailto:daurand321@yahoo.com) or USPS Mail: Dale Aurand 321 W. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Traverse City, MI 49684

**4. Abraham Lincoln Award:** The following brothers are hereby appointed to the 2016 Abraham Lincoln Award Committee: Dave Wallace PDC Chairman, Chuck Worley PDC, Dave Arnold PDC.

*Nominations may be submitted to the committee via e-mail at [dwallace74@outlook.com](mailto:dwallace74@outlook.com) or through USPS Mail at 507 Oakbrook Circle, Flushing, MI 48433.*

*All brothers are encouraged to submit nominations for the Department's Abraham Lincoln Award. The deadline is: **March 30, 2016.***

*Recipients do not need to be a member of the Order. The award is conferred to any individual or entity who, in the judgment of the Committee has through their actions, words and deeds significantly contributed to the furtherance of keeping green the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic within the State of Michigan.*

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- 5. Dr. Mary Walker Award:** The following brothers are hereby appointed to the 2016 Dr. Mary Walker Award Committee: Dave Wallace PDC Chairman, Chuck Worley PDC, Dave Arnold PDC.

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[dwallace74@outlook.com](mailto:dwallace74@outlook.com) or through USPS Mail at 507 Oakbrook Circle, Flushing, MI 48433*

- 6. Lincoln Tomb Ceremony:** The Lincoln Tomb Ceremony will be held on **April 16, 2016** at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois at 10 am. Michigan will be represented.

- 7. Camp Annual Report, Form 27:** A reminder that the Camp Annual Report is due on **April 1, 2016**. Earlier is appreciated if you wish to file before the deadline. The annual report must be accompanied by your updated roster and correct payment of both the National and Department per capita taxes. The National fee is \$23.00 and the Department fee is \$8.00. Further adjustment to your total fee payment may vary depending on your filing situation. For example, you may have added a new member which is included on your Form 27. This would include an additional \$5.00 fee to the National organization for the New Member's Application.

*If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the Department Secretary,  
Jerry Jacobs.*

- 8.** In anticipation of a monument to honor the 102<sup>nd</sup> USCT. I have formed a committee: Robert May PCC Chairman, Keith Harrison PCnC, Dave Wallace PDC, Dennis Fyke DMO, and Jeff Blair 102<sup>nd</sup> re-enactor.

- 9. 2016 Department Encampment:** The 2016 Department Encampment will be held on **Saturday, April 30, 2016**. The Encampment site is the Great Lakes

*Christian College located at 6211 W. Willow Highway, Lansing, Michigan 48917. The Encampment Hotel is the Quality Suites Inn located at 901 Delta Commerce Drive, Lansing, MI. Telephone 800-456-6431 or 517-886-0600.*

*Further details including Encampment Registration Forms and luncheon and banquet tickets will be forth coming as we get closer to the Encampment date. As in the past, meal reservations must be made in advance. There will be no tickets sold on the day of the Encampment.*

- 10.** On behalf of myself and the other brothers who acted as installing officers for the Department for camp officer installations these past few months, I would like to thank all those brothers from the various camps who displayed such hospitality and friendliness to us as we visited your camps. Your kindness was appreciated.

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Commander In Chief Eugene Mortorff will be attending the Michigan Encampment to perform the installation of our Department Officers.

*In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty*

/s/

/s/

*Dale L. Aurand*

*Gerald L. Jacobs*

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

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

**Junior Vice Commander**  
*David S. Smith, LM, CC*



Greetings Brothers,

2016 is off to a great start as we begin new projects and celebrate the sesquicentennial of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic.

With the success and highly useful information obtained in the recent New Member Recruitment and Current Member Retention Report (located at:

<http://www.suvcwmi.org/hq/Dept%20of%20Michigan%20Member%20Recruitment%20%20Retention.pdf>) it is planned to further enhance this effort and assembled information by contacting the Department Junior Vice Commanders of each Department in the Order. A questionnaire would be generated and sent to each of them asking for their input on what methods and tools are successful for gaining new members and retaining current ones.

As a reminder, if you need SUVCW brochures, please let me know. When I know the quantity needed, I will send them out as soon as possible. The cost per 100 brochures is \$11.00.

On a different topic, I had the opportunity to install the Officers of Albert and James Lyon Camp 266 in the Upper Peninsula. I truly appreciate their hospitality. I had the opportunity to see old friends and meet new ones. One of the great things about going to different Camps is that you get to renew old friendships, begin new ones, and learn how Brothers conduct business in their Camps. It provides a great avenue for gaining new ideas that can be introduced within your own Camp.

If you get a chance to attend another Camp's meeting, event, or ceremony, I highly recommend it.

Wishing all of the Brothers of the Department of Michigan a successful 2016!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Dave

We refuse to apologize for any "errors" in this publication because a few are left in on purpose to drive any literary perfectionists up the wall. Except for last edition, when we reported Brother Dave Smith as the SVC. The report should have said JVC.



## Junior Vice Commander

By L. Dean Lamphere, Jr, CC

Greetings Brothers,

I hope all is well with you and yours. I apologize for not having a note in the last Michigan Messenger. Since being elected to the office of Department of Michigan Sr. Vice Commander I have participated in several events and services as the Dept. Sr. Vice Commander and as my role as Commander of the 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Sons of Veterans Reserve.

During April I attended the 150<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the Surrender at Appomattox Court House on the 9<sup>th</sup> and then participated in the Lincoln Tomb Service at Springfield and the Dr. Benjamin Stephenson Service at Petersburg, Illinois on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

During May I participated with the Brothers from Camp #20 at the new head stone dedication for Andrew Dee first to lay hands on Jefferson Davis on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

During June I participated with Dept. Commander Aurand and Dept. Jr. Vice Commander David Smith at the headstone dedication for Madison Fisher one of two brothers who served during the war, followed by a picnic with the Daughters of the Union – Carrington Chapter.

During August participated in the ceremony to return the Loomis Cannon to the State Capitol Lawn with many of my Brothers from across the state on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Then participated in the cemetery walk during the Back to the Bricks celebration in Flint at the Glenwood Cemetery which has several notable Michigan Civil War Colonel Fenton and Colonel Stockton to name a few on the 15<sup>th</sup>. I participated with the Michigan Delegation at the National Encampment in Richmond, Virginia on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

During October we completed the head stone dedications with the Brothers from Camp #250 as Madison Fisher's grave was located in Rosebush, Michigan. Both Fisher brothers were Indians and were unmarked until working with local historical societies to locate them. Together with Dept. Commander Aurand we also presented on behalf of then Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell the Founders Award to Len Thomas for his work on preserving the memory of the Union Soldiers, Sailors and Marines who served during the Civil War on the 10<sup>th</sup>. On the 18<sup>th</sup> I participated with the Brothers of Camp #135 in the headstone dedication for Private Henry Seals. The camp worked with local organizations including the National Guard to provide an excellent service for this veteran.

During November on the 7<sup>th</sup> I attended with the other Department of Michigan Officers the National President of the Auxiliary Linda Kronberg Testimonial Dinner. On the 21<sup>st</sup> participated with a large delegation of Michigan Brothers and Sisters from Allied Orders in the Remembrance Day Events and Parade including the presentation of the wreaths at the Michigan Section of the National Cemetery and the Michigan Monument for this year the 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. We also represented the Department of Michigan at the Woolson Monument Memorial Service, Remembrance Day Parade and Alonzo Cushing's Medal of Honor Service.

I wrapped up the close of 2015 with my Brothers from the Governor Crapo Camp Christmas Dinner which was well attended by Department Commander Aurand, Brothers of other Camps as well as members of the Sons of Veterans Reserves. Also in attendance were Sisters from the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Society of Daughters of the Union 1861-1865.

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I have started 2016 with two bylaws amendments that were submitted to the membership by Department Secretary Jerry Jacobs on February 25, 2016. There are included below:

Both proposed changes are adding sections to their respective articles.

**ARTICLE XVIII**  
Awards and Insignia

Section 4. Authorization for a Department Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Appreciation Award is provided. The Department Commander may confer the award which is presented to Sisters of the Allied Orders in recognition of outstanding, sustained and conspicuous service to the Department of Michigan of the SUVCW in furtherance of its mission and goals. The medal and certificate would be presented to a recipient with a red ribbon to denote it was presented by a Department. The Department Commander may present up to 3 awards per administration upon recommendation of any Past Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commander or current Camp, Department or National elected officer.

**Article XXII**  
Proceedings

Section 5. The Department Commander may appoint an Assistant Department Secretary - Proceedings, to help the Department Secretary compile the official record of each Department Encampment. The Department Proceedings shall include the minutes of the business meeting, each officer's report and other such items so as to make a complete record of the Encampment. The proceedings of each Encampment, when approved by the outgoing and incoming Department Commander, when published, become the official record of that Encampment. The official record of that Encampment shall be published to the Brothers of the Department in an electronic format.

I would like to request that each Camp Senior Vice Commander provide the Senior Vice Department Commander with a copy of their current bylaws. Please either provide in PDF format and email to [ldlampherejr@gmail.com](mailto:ldlampherejr@gmail.com) or a copy and mail to L. Dean Lamphere, Jr. 1062 Four Seasons Blvd, Aurora, IL 60504. I already have the following Camps Bylaws: Camp #17, Camp #20, Camp #135, Camp #250, Camp #266 so those camps will not need to submit them to me again.

Respectfully, in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty  
L. Dean Lamphere, Jr. CC

***Patriotically Speaking***  
*Gary Granger, Department Patriotic Instructor*

The deadline for Camps to submit their PI reports has passed. I am pleased to announce that 20 Camps either mailed, phoned, e-mailed or were contacted for their reports. In 2015 only seven (7) Camps reported. Being able to phone in or to be contacted by phone for the reports has made a difference.

I wish to thank everyone for submitting reports. Based on all of the activities and events, ceremonies and services, holidays and observances and local and state and national events Michigan Brothers are keeping "green" the memory of those who fought to preserve this nation's unity.



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**General John A. Logan Camp 1**

By Thomas Jenkins, Signals Officer

The General John A. Logan Camp 1 met December 8, 2015. On the agenda was the election and installation of the Officers for 2016. The elected officers include: William E. Truss, CC ; John Uplinger, SVC; Tim Korlean, JVC; Phil Rasey, & Harold Becker Council ; Thomas Jenkins Secretary; Bruce Butgereit Treasurer,. Appointed officers for 2016 include John Sullivan, Chaplain; Gerry Christiansen GRO; John Uplinger, Patriotic Instr.; Bruce Butgereit Memorials and Historian.

The new Officers were installed under the direction of PCinC Keith Harrison. In addition, PCinC Harrison installed new member Phil Rasey who joined the Camp Council. The Camp meets in the Grand Rapids Veterans Home.



Commander William Truss being installed by PCinC Keith Harrison



Officers being installed include (L-R) John Sullivan, Gerry Christiansen, Bruce Butgereit, Phil Rasey, William Truss, and Thomas Jenkins. Partially hidden - John Uplinger.

(Photos by Marcia Butgereit)

## **Civil War Monuments and Memorials**

*by Dennis Fyke, Department Officer*

It's no secret that the demographics of America are changing. It doesn't matter if you think it should happen or that it shouldn't happen – ready or not, it's happening.

Prior to the Civil War, immigrants primarily came to America to start over, to plant roots in a new homeland for their children and their children's children. This was true all the way to just before WWI when America was recognized as a great place to raise a family.

We've all heard stories of how new immigrants would insist that their children spoke English and to learn American customs. They were indeed part of the melting pot blending into American culture. No other country in the world would welcome new citizens as readily as America. You could be a new citizen in another country for years and you would still be 'that Italian' or 'that German' but the day after you're sworn in as an American citizen, you were known as Tony or Kurt.



It no longer is so.

There are 149 different languages spoken by immigrants – just in the [United States](#) and there are over 14 million households (60 million people) in the US where English is not the primary language.

According to the government of [California](#), nearly 43% of their students do not speak English at home. It's not just California of course – there are 53 different languages spoken just in the Troy, [Michigan](#) school district.

Many of the recent immigrants come not to become Americans but to earn money in order to improve their old homes in their old country. We can say that that is a noble goal but we have to admit that less and less of them care about the Civil War.

How does this affect us in the SUVCW?

As I mentioned in my last article, you can be a full member of the SUVCW when you're at least 14 years old. What's the average age of your camp members?

As the Jr. Vice Commander of my camp, I'm concerned about membership and what we can do to improve ours. I think this is the same concern in every camp and in every organization that appreciates American history. I was encouraged when Dave Smith, the Jr. Vice Cmdr of the Dept of Michigan made the effort to find out what does and does not work in recruitment and would like to see his work rewarded.

As the Memorials Officer of the Dept. of Michigan, I'm concerned that our CW memorials will be increasingly ignored, both in care and in interest. I can't help but think of the memorial I tracked down that was behind a library and covered in plants with only one, very senior librarian knowing that something was there and it might be what I was looking for.

Soon I will be contacting the new Memorials Officers of individual camps for their help. We need to revisit as many memorials as we can to document their condition and location. Some of our memorials have not been officially documented for years, sometimes decades.

For those that will take over for us, we owe them as much documentation as we can give them.

This year, we need to make sure to revisit as many memorials in our areas as we can. The [Handbook of Instruction for the Civil War Memorials Officer](#), written by Bruce Butgereit, will help to ensure we do this right. All new Memorials Officers should have this. Good Luck.



**Robert Finch Camp No. 14 – March 2016**  
Submitted by: David Smith, LM, CC, DJVC

The Brothers of Robert Finch Camp No. 14 initiated three Brothers at the January meeting. Brothers Gary Manville, Bob O'Hara, and James Walsh, were led through the Ritual by Commander Skip Bryant and Chaplain & Junior Vice Commander John Lantzer. The Brothers received a hearty welcome by the Camp.



Above L-R: Brothers Manville, O'Hara, Walsh, Commander Bryant, PCC Clark (in foreground), and Chaplain Lantzer.

At the end of the January meeting, PDC Paul Davis installed the newly elected and appointed Officers for the 2016-2017 term. The elected and appointed Officers are as follows:

Commander: David Smith, LM, DJVC

Sr. Vice Commander: John Lantzer

Jr. Vice Commander: Ted Mattis

Secretary: Dale Aurand, LM, DC

Treasurer: Patrick Lints

Council: Jan White, PCC

Council: William Skillman, PCC

Council: George Goodrich, PCC

Patriotic Instructor: James Morse, Jr.

Chaplain: John Lantzer

Color Bearer: Doug Hulbert

Guide: Michael Kolbusz

Guard: H.G. Smith

Guard: Alan Werdehoff

Historian: George Goodrich

Eagle Scout Coord. & FB Admin.: Jeff Morse, PCC

Website Admin: Jan White, PCC

Military & Veteran Affairs Officer: Calvin Murphy

Graves Registration Officer: Anthony Bonecutter

Civil War Memorials Officer: John Sawyer

Signals Officer & Rec, Secretary: Wm. Skillman, PCC

Newsletter Editor: David Smith, LM, DJVC

Welfare Committee:

John Lantzer, Chair

Ted Mattis

Dale Aurand, LM, DC

Patrick Lints

Calvin Murphy

David Smith, LM, DJVC, ex-officio

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Above: PDC Paul Davis installing the Robert Finch Camp No. 14 Officers for 2016-2017.

Robert Finch Camp No. 14 has recently created a Facebook page. This page has been created by PCC Jeff Morse. He diligently serves as the Camp's Facebook Administrator. The Facebook page can be found at:

[www.facebook.com/robertfinchcamp](http://www.facebook.com/robertfinchcamp) Robert Finch Camp No. 14 can also be found on the web at: [www.robertfinch14.org](http://www.robertfinch14.org)

The next meeting will be on 05 March 2016 at the Elks Lodge #323 in Traverse City.

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**Future Michigan's Messenger Publications  
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**Winter - March 1 for a March 15 Publication**

**Spring- June 1 for a June 15 Publication**

**Summer - September 1 for a September 15 Publication**

**Fall - December 1 for a December 15 Publication**

**Send all articles to Rick Danes, Editor, preferably at  
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Michigan 48124-3204**

**ALL PUBLICATIONS WILL BE MADE ON TIME**

**Please do not send me photos without the names of persons in  
the photo and a suggested caption. Thanks for your support!**

## Graves Registration Committee

by Rick Danes, Department Officer

Greetings, Brothers, I saw the first green thing coming out of the ground last weekend, and you know what that means – time to get the “digging tools” out and get outside (hopefully to uncover some gravesites).

The Committee continues to meet quarterly, in fact at our Quarterly Department GRO Meeting (12<sup>th</sup> of March) I will announce that we now have over 68,340 Civil War And 3576 Other War burials registered our Department database.

The VA has loosened it's rules for ordering headstones if you are not a direct descendent, But of course your Camp gro has shared that. We do have some Department requirements that don't show up on the VA site, so if you need more information contact me at [suvmidgro@aol.com](mailto:suvmidgro@aol.com).

Stay safe, and keep your powder dry!



## “Buried at Sea” or in a Land-Based Cemetery?

Submitted by Len Thomas

Tilson Columbus Barden was born on 3 Oct 1833 and died 5 Nov 1877. In between, he joined the 2 Michigan Infantry B and rose to the rank of Captain. He is buried in Preston Cemetery, Wharton Co., Texas (the cemetery is now under water at Lake Texoma. The lake was formed in 1938 when the county decided to flood the area to create the lake).

A post office was set up in Preston in 1839 with Huff as the first postmaster. However, the post office was discontinued in 1857. The under-the-lake cemetery contains nine graves, Eliza Merrit (d. 1851), Tilson C. Barden (d. 1877), three members of the Bradshaw family (d. 1848, 1854 and 1854) and four members of the Thompson family (d. 1845 1852, 1856 and 1860). For some reason, some of the initial burials were moved to the New Preston Cemetery as the lake was being formed.

**Is this man buried at sea, or in a land-based cemetery?**

### Another Editor's Note:

In order that we maintain the high level of excellence that we have set for this publication, it is important for each of you to become owners of this effort.

To that end, some helpful hints are: make sure that your articles are submitted on time – that is before the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month that Michigan's Messenger is due for publication; in order that each Camp has equal opportunity to have their information published, please limit your submissions to two pages including photos; do not use exotic photo programs, .pdf or .jpg works just fine, and do not use “editor” programs, a simple word program is good.

We have been very fortunate to have such dedicated brothers that keep this effort fresh, and that effort is evident by the recognition that we have received by the National Organization.

In advance, thank you for your continued help in making this a multiple-award winning publication,  
Rick

## 2016 Detroit Veterans Day Parade

By Jerry Jacobs, Camp and Department Secretary

Camp 427 will coordinate the members march in the 2016 Metropolitan Veteran's Day parade for all who are interested in joining us. In spite of the problems cited by parade coordinators last year, they have corrected those this year so this will be a good experience. The parade will start at 12: PM on Sunday November 6, and follow the Jefferson Avenue route. The parade will be proceeded by a 4 mile Armed Forces Salute run, in the hopes that more of a crowd will attend.

If your Camp, either as a group or as individuals are interested in participating, contact Commander Danes at 313-363-3560 or [redanes@aol.com](mailto:redanes@aol.com), and he will see that you get more information as it is available.

## Sgt. John S. Cosby Camp 427

By Rick Danes, CC

At the January meeting, officiated by Department Commander Aurand, the following officers were installed:

Commander –	Rick Danes
Senior Vice Commander –	Jon Reed
Junior Vice Commander –	Dennis Fyke
Secretary –	Jerry Jacobs
Treasurer –	Rick Danes II
Patriotic Instructor –	George Boller
Graves Registration –	Jerry Jacobs
Chaplain -	Richard Bower
Monuments and Memorials –	John McGill
Eagle Scout Coordinator –	Rick Danes
JROTC Officer –	Jerry Radloff
Color Bearer –	Aaron Schrader
Guide –	Ken Roberts
Signals –	Jerry Jacobs
Councilor-	Jack Underwood
Camp Council –	Jerry Olson
-	Jerry Radloff
-	Keith Kushnir
Principal Musicians –	Richard Bower
	Ian Kushnir
Guard-	Aaron Schrader

The Camp has re-registered 100% of its 39 Members for the coming year.

After General Meagher left the famed New York Irish Brigade, the Regiment found themselves at Gettysburg on the second day of fighting. Father William Corby, brigade Chaplain stepped on a large rock and gave the troops absolution, urging the men to do their duty and acquit themselves bravely. He concluded that the Catholic Church refused Christian burial to those who played a coward. The regiment lost one third of their number at the base of Little Round Top. One Confederate Irishman cried out "Oh God! What a pity we have to fire at Meagher's men".

## 19<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry

By James B. Pahl, PCinC

(The account is based upon and quotes frequently from "Michigan in the War" compiled by J. Robertson, Adjutant General.)

"Come! Come ye braves – aye, come!  
The battle dawn is nigh;  
And the Screaming trump and the thundering drum  
Are calling thee to die!"

The 19<sup>th</sup> was assigned to the Second Congressional District, to be recruited in the counties of Branch, St. Joseph, Cass, Berrien, Kalamazoo, Van Buren and Allegan. Its camp was at Dowagiac, with the Hon. Henry Gilbert as commandant of the camp and subsequently commissioned as colonel of the regiment.

Recruiting was commenced July 15, 1862 and was accomplished September 5<sup>th</sup>, when the regiment was mustered into U.S. service.

The regiment departed September 14<sup>th</sup> and made its way to Cincinnati with 995 aggregate strength. The regiment was attached to the 1<sup>st</sup> division of the Army of the Ohio. January 1, 1863 saw the regiment assigned to Colonel Coburn's brigade, Baird's division, Army of Kentucky, located in Danville. This army was transferred to the department of the Cumberland as the reserve corps, moving to Nashville thence to Franklin. The first engagement followed shortly, as the regiment was part of a brigade reconnaissance in force with 600 cavalry and 200 additional infantry. Confederate pickets were engaged, but retired. The next day, the enemy were met in force at Thompson's Station, nine miles from Franklin. The 19<sup>th</sup>, with others, fought stubbornly against immense odds. Attack after attack was repulsed and struggling nobly without hope, defeat and capture became inevitable. The colonel offered his sword, which was refused.

The contest was severe and the fighting terrific. Three charges had been made and at one point, the colors of the 4<sup>th</sup> Mississippi were captured. After five hours, with ammunition exhausted, the entire Union force surrendered with a very few making their escape. The rebel force proved to be the entire cavalry force of Bragg's army, some 18,000 strong under General Van Dorn. The 19<sup>th</sup> went into action with 512 officers and men, which 113 were killed or wounded. The enlisted men were soon paroled and sent north with the commissioned officers exchanged on May 25.

The regiment was reorganized at Camp Chase, Ohio on June 8, 1863. They left Columbus and arrived at Nashville on the 11<sup>th</sup>. It took part in the advance on Tallahoma in June and on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, was ordered to Murfreesboro and went upon garrison duty in the fortifications.

Company D of some 50 men were stationed at a stockade on the Nashville & Chattanooga railroad at Stone River and were attacked on October 5 by a large force. After a gallant but hopeless resistance, the company surrendered. After having been plundered, they were released.

October 25, the regiment, then in the 2<sup>nd</sup> brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> division, 20<sup>th</sup> corps, was ordered to McMinnville, Tennessee where it was employed in the construction of fortifications. Here it built several forts, constructed a railroad bridge, repaired a locomotive and put a steam saw-mill into operation.

April 30, 1864, the regiment was ordered to join its division and then with the army then about to enter upon the Georgia campaign. They took part in a demonstration on Buzzards' Roost and then took part in the battle of Resaca on May 15. They participated in a charge on and capture of one of the enemy's batteries with the loss of 14 killed and 66 wounded – one of the mortally wounded being Col. Henry Gilbert who was commanding.

The regiment was also engaged at New Hope Church on May 25, Golgotha Church on June 15, Culp's Farm on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and after crossing the Chattahoochee, they participated in the battle at Peach Tree Creek on July 20. While they took part in the siege of Atlanta, from July 22 to August 25, the regiment did not participate in any of the engagements.

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September 2 part of the regiment was participating in a reconnaissance toward Atlanta, the force advanced to the city limits and finding it evacuated by the enemy, they took possession. On the following day, the remainder of the regiment entered the city with its corps.

From September 5 to October 30, the regiment was assigned as guard for the quartermaster, commissary and ordnance department. On November 15, the regiment moved with its brigade in the great march toward Savannah, passing through Madison where they assisted in destroying railroads, bridges, factories, furnaces, mills and every kind of property that could be made useful by the enemy. The regiment was part of the siege of Savannah until its evacuation on December 21.

The 20<sup>th</sup> corp moved out of Savannah, marching through South Carolina and into North Carolina, arriving on March 11, 1865. After destroying the arsenal and other public buildings in Fayetteville, they crossed the Cape Fear river and moved toward Raleigh. They participated in the engagement at Averysboro, capturing artillery and many prisoners.

They moved on to Raleigh, where they remained until after the surrender of Johnston's army. They marched north and participated in the grand review of General Sherman's army in Washington. They remained near Washington until June 10, when they were mustered out of service. Arriving at Jackson, Michigan June 13, they were paid off and disbanded.

The entire membership of the regiment was 1,238, of which it lost 237 either killed in action or to disease.

### **An Organization is Born – The Sesquicentennial of the GAR**

Seeing a need for a support organization, several small veterans groups soon emerged: the Society of the Army of the Tennessee encouraged officers of that group to gather together and continue the camaraderie of their previous association; the Third Army Corps Union raised funds so that the remains of every officer would be sent home and receive a proper funeral with a headstone; the Military Order of the Loyal Legion (MOLLUS) was formed and still exists today for the descendants of Union officers honorably discharged; another, a strictly political group, was called the "Boys in Blue"; another supported widows and dependent children; and finally, an organization which ultimately wielded the power of several hundred thousand comrades into a political hammer, the Grand Army of the Republic.

Formed in 1866 in Decatur, Illinois and lead by two former Union Soldiers, the national organization which held the first National Encampment in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 20, 1866, reached a peak national membership in 1890 of 409,489. The 83<sup>rd</sup> and final Encampment was held on September 1, 1949 where it started, in Indianapolis. It should be noted that the total membership noted in 1949 was 16 men.

By October of 1866, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Iowa, and Minnesota all had Departments established, and posts were organized in Ohio, Missouri, Kentucky, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Massachusetts, New York, and Pennsylvania. Michigan followed her sister states with a Department (state) Charter in 1868, and held the First Michigan Department Encampment in Detroit, where Department Commander and General Russell Alexander Alger resided. In 1879 the number of Posts in the Department of Michigan was 6, and the number of Members was 127. Michigan reached its highest number of members one year earlier than the national Organization did, posting 21,413 men signed in 1889.

# 2016 Department of Michigan Allied Orders Encampment

Saturday, April 30, 2016 Lansing, Michigan  
Hosted by the Allied Orders

## Encampment Location:



Great Lakes Christian College  
6211 W. Willow Hwy.  
Lansing, MI 48917

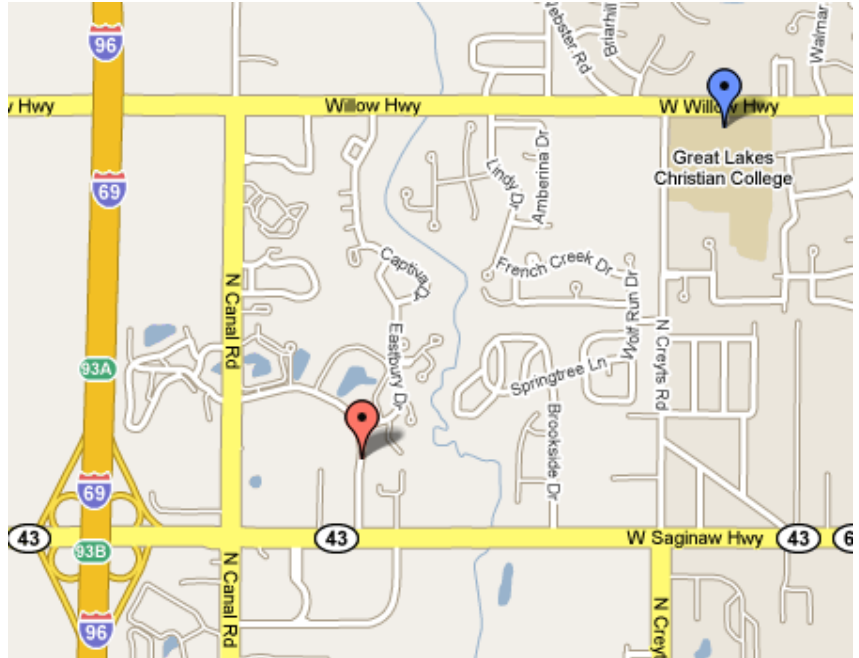
## Accommodations:



Quality Suites Inn  
901 Delta Commerce Drive  
Lansing, MI 48917  
Phone: (517) 886-0600

Allied Orders room rate \$90.00 per night,  
(extra for hot breakfast) plus tax.  
Reservations deadline **April 15, 2016** to get  
the group rate.

When making reservations, be sure to tell  
them you are with the **Allied Orders**.



## Meal Information:

### *Saturday Luncheon — 12:30 pm — \$11.00*

Chicken salad/deli meats for croissant sandwiches, 2 soups, salad bar, finger desserts, beverage.

### *Allied Orders Banquet — 6:30 pm Saturday Evening — \$25.00*

Choice of Swiss Steak or Turkey Tetrazzini with mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad bar, rolls & butter, plated desserts, and beverage.

*Note: The college cannot accommodate requests for meals that are not pre-paid as they have to arrange for the appropriate quantities of food in advance. Meal reservations **MUST** be made in advance.*

## Schedule: (Anticipated)

Friday, April 29th

5:30 PM: “Cheeseburger in Paradise” Meet and Greet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Lobby Level Garden Café area. Cost is \$11.00 per person. Includes a 1/3 pound cheeseburger or veggie burger, mac and cheese, cole slaw, chips.

Saturday, May 10th

8:00 AM: Registration opens  
8:00-10:00 AM: Tea, coffee, and donuts available for purchase in the cafeteria  
9:00 AM: Encampment Begins  
12:30 PM: Luncheon  
5:30 PM: Allied Orders Banquet  
Following the Banquet, entertainment (TBD) will be provided.

**2016 Department of Michigan  
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**Meal Reservation Form for the 2014 Department Encampments / Conventions**

*Please indicate quantity for each meal. Reservations must be received by **April 11, 2016**. No refunds after this date.*

**Saturday Luncheon — 12:30 p.m.**

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$11.00 per person = Total for Luncheon \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Allied Orders Banquet — 6:30 pm Saturday Evening — Dinner Buffet**

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$25.00 per person = Total for Dinner Banquet \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Check Total* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:

**AOECC**

Mail To:

Vicki Weiss

1420 Gerry Road

Jackson, Michigan 49202

Phone: 517-784-2504

Email: lonereb@hotmail.com

Please indicate which organization you are with:  SUVCW  DUVCW  WRC  ASUVCW  LGAR

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**SUVCW Department Encampment Pre-Registration Form**

**(Check only one!)**

Camp Delegate

Camp Commander

Department Commander

Alternate Camp Delegate

Past Camp Commander

Past Department Commander

Past Commander-in-Chief

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Camp Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

SUVCW Pre-Registration Fee is \$5.00 (\$10.00 at Door) — Make Checks Payable To: **Dept. of Mich. – SUVCW**

**Mail by April 15, 2016 to:**

**L. Dean Lamphere, Chairman, Dept. Credentials Comm.,**

**1062 Four Seasons Blvd.**

**Aurora, Illinois 60504**

This form covers only the pre-registration fee. You will still be required to present at the door, a current Membership Card and Credentials Card issued by your Camp Secretary in order to register at the Encampment.