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*A Happy and Safe Holiday Season*



*Christmas Morning by Thomas Nast, 1864*

*From Your Department Officers*

**Department Commander***By L. Dean Lamphere, Jr, PCC*

DC L. Dean Lamphere

Greetings Brothers,

In extending my best wishes to you for a safe and blessed holiday season, I want to thank you for your support in our efforts. As we enter the time period for Camp elections and Officer Installations, I want to express my appreciation for the response by the Camps in helping me to schedule and coordinate the requests for Installing Officers. All Camps except two have made a timely request to Department Headquarters. The Department Signals Office, Rob Payne and the members of the Department's Technology Committee have made excellent strides in updating the Department's website. To this end, it is important that each Camp review and submit Form 22MI that authorizes the information for your Camp that the Department will disclose on your webpage.

I also want to extend my appreciation to Brother Dick Denney for stepping up to fill the unexpired term of Department Secretary. As a reminder, all current forms, except for Form 22MI, are located on the National Organization's Governance & Forms page, or by contacting Department Secretary, Dick Denney. Important Camp Report Dates can be found on that page, also.

I also want to extend my appreciation to the Brother and Sisters who came together and participated in the flag placement at the National Cemetery in Gettysburg. We had an excellent turn out, thanks to Dale and Lorraine Aurand for preparing the flags for 2016 and to Connie Horning of the Auxiliary for preparing the wreaths for the cemetery and 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry monument. Next year the Auxiliary will be assisting with the preparation of the flags for placement in 2017. Next year the Michigan Regimental Monument we will visit is the 16<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry.

Finally, as we head into 2017, the Department Encampment is scheduled for 6 May 2017, at the Great Lakes Christian College in Lansing. And in August 2017, the Department is hosting the 136<sup>th</sup> National Encampment, also in Lansing. As with any effort of this type, "many hands make light work," so please consider to lend a hand if called upon by any of these events organizers.

Respectfully your servant, in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

By Order of:

/s/

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

/s/ Attest

David F. Wallace, PDC Chief of Staff  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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**Department Orders #10**  **Series 2016 – 2017**  
**Headquarters, Aurora, IL**  
**October 15, 2016**  
*L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., Commander*

1. Having received the final report of the Department Hearing Council appointed by Past Department Commander Dale Aurand in the matter between Bruce Butgereit, Accused, vs. David Smith, Plaintiff, on August 22, 2016; and
2. Having read the penalty assessed to Bruce Butgereit by the Hearing Council of a two year suspension from membership and participation in any and all Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War activities; and
3. Having reviewed the hearing records and the Constitution and Regulations of our Order, as well as having consulted with the Department Counselor and other members of our Order whose opinions I value; now therefore
4. I accept the sentence assessed by the Department Hearing Council and here by order the final sentence of a two year suspension from membership and participation in any and all Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War activities effective August 22, 2016 through August 21, 2018.
5. I have informed Commander-in-Chief Donald Martin in writing of this order and acceptance of sentence by this office, with a copy being forwarded to the Executive Director at National Headquarters.
6. Since I did not formally state that the sentence was accepted on August 22, 2016, and, in my opinion, upon my review of the Constitution and Regulations, Bruce Butgereit has thirty (30) days from the date of this order, October 15, 2016 to November 14, 2016, to file an appeal to Commander-in-Chief Donald Martin, should he choose to file such an appeal.
7. I will be communicating by written letter to each of the members of John A. Logan Camp No. 1, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, stating that the Department will assist them and support them during this time, and encouraging them to remain strong and faithful to our Order.
8. Brothers, none of these decisions are easy or come lightly and are made with the utmost consideration of what is in the good of our Order. In thanking the devoted members of the Department Hearing Council for their service and care in handling this process, I dismiss this Department Hearing Council, and I request that it submit all materials relevant to this matter to the Department Commanders' Office.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

By Order of:

/s/

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

/s/ Attest:

David F. Wallace, PDC, Chief of Staff  
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Dennis Zank

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**Department Orders #11 Series 2016 – 2017  
Headquarters, Aurora, IL  
1 November, 2016**

L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., Commander  
Headquarters, Aurora, IL

I am pleased to announce that effective this date, in accordance with the Constitution and Regulations, Chapter II - Departments, Article V – Eligibility of Officers, Section 2., the Brothers of the Department Council have met and selected by majority vote, Brother Richard W. Denney of the March to the Sea Camp No. 135, to fill the previously vacated office of Department Secretary, until the next regular meeting of the Department, scheduled for 6 May 2017. Brother Denney brings experience and knowledge through his involvement with several Camp officer positions, including Camp Commander and Camp Secretary, as well as his involvement at the committee level within the Department of Michigan.

Brother Denney may be contacted directly at the following email address:

[secretary@suvcwmi.org](mailto:secretary@suvcwmi.org)

Effective this date, all General Correspondence and Camp Reports should be addressed to:

Dick Denney, Department Secretary Department of Michigan – SUVCW  
30090 Orla Engle Road, Colon, MI 49040

Please note that the Department Headquarters Correspondence address has not changed.

Please join me in congratulating Brother Denney on his selection to fill this post, and also in extending our full cooperation to assist him with this undertaking in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty!

By Order of:

/s/

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

/s/ Attest:

David F. Wallace, PDC, Chief of Staff  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

  
**Department Orders #12 Series 2016 – 2017**  
**Headquarters, Aurora, IL**  
**November 7, 2016**  
*L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., Commander*  
*Headquarters, Aurora, IL*

1. Having received order from Commander-in-Chief Don Martin that Department Order No. 10 Paragraph 6 was out of order and not in alignment with the National Constitution and Regulations stating: "Since I did not formally state that the sentence was accepted on August 22, 2016, and, in my opinion, upon my review of the Constitution and Regulations, Bruce Butgereit has thirty (30) days from the date of this order, October 15, 2016 to November 14, 2016, to file an appeal to Commander-in- Chief Donald Martin, should he choose to file such an appeal."
2. I hereby rescind Paragraph 6 of Department Order No. 10.
3. Having rescinded that element of the order Bruce Butgereit appeal period was from August 22, 2016 to September 21, 2016 and
4. Having there been no appeal received the sentence stands as: "a two year suspension from membership and participation in any and all Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War activities effective August 22, 2016 through August 21, 2018".

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

By order of:

/s/

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

/s/ Attest:

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

**Graves Registration**

*Rick Danes, Department Graves Registration Officer*

At the December Graves Registration Committee Meeting, I will announce That the Department Database now has 69,521 Civil War Soldiers' Gravesites recorded, and 3,813 gravesites from "other Wars". This means That we have recorded 1,533 new Civil War gravesites and 238 of those who fought in "other Wars".

We do not need to abandon our task just because winter has come, take His time to do that research to prove service, or even walk a cemetery the ground is still clear. So many opportunities!

We hope that you all have a blessed and safe Christmas and holiday!



**Department Orders #13**  **Series 2016 – 2017**  
**Headquarters, Aurora, IL**  
**November 7, 2016**  
*L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., Commander*  
*Headquarters, Aurora, IL*

Greetings Department of Michigan Brothers and Camps:

On November 19, 2016 we will be honoring the 153<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery. Members of the Camps across the state of Michigan and other Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic will gather to remember the service of our veterans from Michigan during that battle and during the Civil War. The following is the plan as currently laid out for the weekend:

Friday Nov. 18, 2016

+4:00pm placement of flags at the Michigan Section of the Gettysburg National Cemetery. Followed by the laying of a wreath of evergreen and a few words.

Saturday Nov. 19, 2016

+9:00am for those that are interested will be the presentation of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address  
+11:00am Woolson Monument Service  
+1:00pm Step off of Remembrance Day Parade  
+3:30pm Memorial Service at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry Monument at the Peach Orchard  
+5:00pm (Possible pick up of flags at National Cemetery – weather permitting)  
+5:30pm Michigan Delegation Dinner at General Pickett's Buffet Sunday Nov. 20, 2016  
+8:30am (Backup Plan to pick up flags at National Cemetery)

Those attending in Gettysburg, I look forward to seeing you there. Those unable to attend please have a safe and joyful Thanksgiving Holiday with you and your family.

Our current Camp Installations schedule is posted on our website at <http://www.suvcwmi.org/calendar.html> and the installing office assigned.

By Order of and In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

/s/

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

/s/

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

**Senior Vice Commander***David S. Smith, LM, CC, DSVC*

Brothers,

It is hard to believe that it is December already, and we are rapidly approaching 2017!

Over the past few months it has been great to see Camps within the Department of Michigan working together with other Camps, Departments, and organizations on ceremonies, projects, and historical research. I am sure you will find several instances of this are in the following pages. My hat's off to March to the Sea Camp No. 135 for their work recently with the Department of Indiana for a dedication service in Elkhart. This type of outreach will only further strengthen our efforts in honoring our Noble Veterans, but promotes camaraderie and fellowship with others inside and outside of our Order.



2017 is quickly approaching; the National Encampment in Lansing will be here before we know it. I am happy to say that we have the 2017 National Encampment Commemorative Badge in stock, and orders are being taken (see advertisement in this issue). The badge's design has several historical cues of significance from George Armstrong Custer and the 1914 GAR National Encampment in Detroit. There are only 200 badges available for purchase, and once they are gone, they are gone.

As I have mentioned before, thank all of you that send your Camp's newsletter to the Officers of the Department. These newsletters are a great method of communicating Camp activities to all that receive them. If your Camp does not have a newsletter, please consider starting one. It may seem like a lot of work, but they can be quite fun to develop and share with your fellow Brothers on topics of interest within your Camp. Additionally, they provide potential new members with a source of information to highlight your Camp's activities, etc.

I wish all of you and yours a very Merry Christmas, and a safe and wonderful holiday season.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

**Future Michigan's Messenger Publications  
Submittal Dates and Publication Dates**

**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 [mimessrd@aol.com](mailto:mimessrd@aol.com)  
or to 2612 Burns Street, Dearborn, 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!**



### ***Patriotically Speaking***

*Gary A. Granger, Department Patriotic Instructor*

Dear Brothers:

Patriotism isn't something we can touch. It doesn't have substance like a stone that has a shape and a hardness. Patriotism is not like cotton that is soft and pliable.

Patriotism isn't something that is mandated. We don't have to sign a form that says we will be patriotic by acting a certain way or behaving a certain way. We don't need to show our patriotism. Just because we live in this country it doesn't mean we have to be patriotic. The freedom this country provides its citizens allows us all to live our lives the way we choose. Sure, there are laws and "rules of the road" to follow but for the most part as long as we are responsible adults we are relatively free to be who we want to be

and live where we want to live and do what we enjoy doing.

Patriotism is something we feel. It is that feeling that surges in our hearts when we think of this country as a united collection of states. Keeping the unity of the states is the reason our forefathers (and some foremothers) fought during The Civil War. Knowing our personal history brings us closer to those who wanted to unite The North and The South to preserve our fledgling country.

Patriotism is that feeling when we see The Flag furling and unfurling during a parade held aloft by veterans and active duty military. It is that feeling when we say the Pledge of Allegiance ... not just repeat the words mindlessly but truly "say" The Pledge every time we say it. "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands. One Nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all." A simple pledge. It's one we don't have to sign or have tattooed on our forehead. It's one we feel in our hearts that acknowledges our gratitude to those who serve to assure our liberty and those who are elected to provide justice for all of us.

Let us continue to work together to preserve that unity. Let us warm our patriotic hearts by remembering those who have served in the military or are currently serving. Let us support the wives and husbands (and families)...those who are waiting for a loved one to come home from his/her tour of duty.

Let us do our patriotic duty and express our patriotism.

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### **REMINDER**

Camps may begin getting their Patriotic Instructor Reports together. Activities from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. Then answer the seven questions on the Patriotic Instructor form.

- +It is EASY to file your Camp PI Report! Seven yes or no questions.
- +The next deadline for your Camp's PI Report is January 15, 2016.
- +There is a fill-in enabled form on the Department website.
- +The form can be e-mailed to me at: [hagranger@hotmail.com](mailto:hagranger@hotmail.com). My wife and I share this e-mail and it is viewed daily.
- +You may also fax the report. Please call before faxing because it is connected to my home telephone and we have restrictions on it so I don't get a lot of junk mail and I will need to press a button to accept the fax.
- +You can mail your report to me at: Gary Granger PI, PO Box 41, Corunna, MI 48817.
- +Also, you can telephone me at: (989) 494-4993 and place your report over the phone with either my wife, Helen, or me and if I am not there please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

It is our responsibility to report our Patriotic Activities that help keep our non-profit status.

Thank you Brothers





## **Brother Lost**

*Submitted by the Rev. Charles F. Buckhahn, PCC  
Department Chaplain*

### **Gerald A. (Gerry) Christiansen**

Brothers

Gen. John A. Logan Camp No. 1 has lost a Brother—Gerald A. Christiansen. He was born May 16, 1947, in Greenville, MI. He died on October 7, 2016, also in Greenville. Formerly a charter member of William A. Kent Camp No. 83 of Greenville, MI, serving as Grave Registration Officer. When that Camp disbanded, Brother Gerry transferred to the Russell A. Alger Camp No. 462, Camp-at-Large. Brother Christiansen served as Grave Registration Officer for the Gen. John A. Logan Camp No. 1 after transferring in 2012.

Gerry was an Associate Member.

Brother Gerry and his wife Paula (a Sister in the Champlin Corps No. 41, Woman's Relief Corps) spent considerable time researching the Civil War graves in Montcalm County, especially in Forest Home Cemetery in Greenville. They have compiled a database of over 200 soldiers just in the Forest Home Cemetery but didn't stop there. They formed the Friends of Forest Home Cemetery, a group of dedicated volunteers, who cleaned and reset headstones and ordered new ones when necessary. They instituted an "Adopt a Veteran" program wherein people could sponsor the care of a soldier's headstone with a donation.

One of the highlights of Gerry and Paula's work was the restoration of the William A. Kent Post No. 83 G.A.R. Memorial in Forest Home Cemetery in 2013.

Please send your thoughts and prayers to:

Paula Christiansen  
108 W. South St.  
Greenville, MI 48838

And please keep our grieving brothers of Logan Camp in your thoughts and prayers.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!" Revelation 14:13

Yours In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

The Rev. Charles F. Buckhahn PCC  
Department Chaplain  
Department of Michigan, SUVCW

## **Monuments and Memorials**

*Dennis Fyke, Department Memorials Officer*

Brothers,

Recently, I wrote to you about taking pictures of Civil War Monuments whenever the opportunity arose. Below you'll see a good example of how revisiting a memorial can document how it has changed over the years.

The first picture was taken probably 15 years ago while the second was recently taken and sent to me for our records. A special thank-you goes out to Greg Sebring of Camp 43 who took the time to document a dozen memorials in his area.

This memorial in Clinton, Michigan is especially satisfying to see because it was not only maintained well but the site was greatly improved.



You can see more photos of monuments that have been documented on our memorials website:

<https://suvchwdeptofmichiganmemorials.shutterfly.com/>

Once more, I'd like to encourage everyone to use the camera in your phone to take a picture and send it to [defyke@comcast.net](mailto:defyke@comcast.net). All I need to know is when and where you took it. Using a little common sense about what to take a picture of, e.g. overall area, any plaques, front and back, etc., means your information will add to our overall knowledge of the memorials in Michigan and help to fulfill one of our organization's goals.

For those of you, who do not use their phones for picture taking, please remember that you can send your photos to me and I'll scan them in for our records.

*On October 22 Linda Kronberg chaired a meeting of organizers for the 2017 Department Encampment at the GAR Hall in Eaton Rapids. Photo by D. Fyke.*



**Governor Austin Blair Camp No. 7**

*By Bob Griggs, DJVC*

Throughout the fall members of Camp No. 7 took part in many events, and presented programs in the Jackson and surrounding area (as well as traveling to Gettysburg for the Remembrance Day event) to honor the Boys in Blue.

On Veterans Day members of our Camp split forces to attending three different events. Falling in with Brothers from Camps 17, 145, and the 14th Michigan SVR we took part in the Jackson Event, the Re-Dedication of the GAR Monument in Flushing, and the Mason Veterans Day Parade.



PCC Howard Lloyd      JVC Nathan Tingley      PCC Ron Tyrl      DJVC Bob Griggs



JVC Nathan Tingley at the Flushing dedication



The headstones of private's Bullard and Lovell  
PCC Ron Tyrl and GRO Charles Waters III clean up the area after the installation

**Robert Finch Camp No. 14**

*Submitted by: David S. Smith, LM, DSVC*

Robert Finch Camp No. 14 has been quite busy in support of honoring our noble Union Veterans during the year-long celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic. Over this Fall, Camp No. 14 has been working with various organizations and other Camps in Michigan, including one that wears the Gray. On a blustery Saturday, 08 October 2016, Robert Finch Camp No. 14 assisted by Alexander French Camp No. 28, Bugles Across America, and Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 held a rededication ceremony for George Hinkley, Co. G, 20th Michigan Infantry at the Rose Lake Township Cemetery. Mr. Hinkley is the great-grandfather of Camp No. 14's Brother Don Hinkley. There was a nice turnout, including many members of the Hinkley family. After the ceremony, all of the participants and family were treated to a wonderful luncheon by Brother Don and Sister Darlene at the Rose Lake Township Hall. Fellowship and good food was had by all.



Above: Members of Robert Finch Camp No. 14, Alexander Finch Camp No. 28, Bugles Across America Bugler Thelma Paul, and MOLLUS Michigan Commandery Commander Paul Davis.

Robert Finch Camp No. 14 had the unique opportunity to have a joint Blue & Gray ceremony with the General Patrick Ronayne Cleburne Camp No. 2257, Sons of Confederate Veterans. Several Compatriots of Camp No. 2257 made the trek from the Grand Rapids area to Oakwood Cemetery in Traverse City on Sunday, 23 October 2016 to honor CSA Veteran and Traverse City resident, Sgt. David Duane, Co. F, 53<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Infantry. In attendance and participating were three generations of Sgt. Duane's grandchildren.

Sgt. Duane was a valued member of the Traverse City community, and was well liked and respected by the Comrades of McPherson GAR Post No. 18. The Comrades of Post No. 18 attended his funeral per old newspaper articles. Thus, as our fathers shared the bonds of the war and their post-war years, we as their sons, an SUVCW Camp and an SCV Camp, renew their fellowship and respect for each other in honoring an American Veteran.

Commander Smith served as Master of Ceremonies with SCV Commander Perkins and Captain Fragala giving the biography, poem, and leading the Canteen Ceremony and Rifle Squad. Brothers Bill and Chris Skillman dressed as CSA to help honor Sgt. Duane. Great-Granddaughter Kim Armanini gave a warm heartfelt speech on behalf of the Duane family. Bugler Thelma Paul of Bugles Across America performed Taps.



Right (L-R): Kneeling: SVC Lantzer, SCV Camp No. 2257 Commander Jim Perkins, Br. Chris Skillman, SCV Compatriot Kirk, PCC Bill Skillman. Standing: Br. Don Gray, Captain Fragala (SCV Rifle Squad Captain), Bugler Thelma Paul (Bugles Across America), Br. Don Hinkley, JVC Mattis, PDC Aurand, SVDC & CC D. Smith, Br. Conger, Br. H.G. Smith, PCC Breugh, Sister D. Downey, Sister L. Smith. (Missing from photo: Sisters Darlene Hinkley, Dorothy Roush, Mary Rose, and Emily Breugh)



Above (L-R): SCV Camp No. 2257 Commander Jim Perkins, G-G Granddaughter Kim Armanini, and Camp No. 14 Commander David Smith.



Camp 14's new flag

Camp No. 14 added another flag, and a special one, to its collection. Camp No. 14 commissioned a local flag manufacturer (the same company that produces Camp flags and station banners for the National) to recreate the colors for the McPherson GAR Post No. 18 of Traverse City. This will be posted at all Camp No. 14 meetings and ceremonies, and be used for historical teaching. Seen below is Junior Vice Commander Mattis holding out the new flag.

Elections were held during the November meeting. The officers-elect for Robert Finch Camp No. 14 for 2017 are:

Commander: Ted Mattis  
 Senior Vice Commander: John Lantzer  
 Junior Vice Commander: Joseph Conger  
 Secretary: Dale Aurand, PDC  
 Treasurer: Patrick Lints  
 Council: George Goodrich, PCC  
 Council: William Skillman, PCC  
 Council: Jan White, PCC

Installation will occur at the January 2017 meeting.

*On October 22 Don Shaw, PDC chaired a meeting of organizers for the 2017 National Encampment at the GAR Hall in Eaton Rapids. Photo by D. Fyke.*



**Per Capita Tax and Application Fee Submission Summary  
as of 1 November 1, 2016 Department of Michigan – SUVCW  
Submitted by David F. Wallace, PDC, Chief of Staff**

This table outlines the costs for new Brothers that need to be included when submitting Form 30 from the Camp up to the Department. Camps are responsible for setting their application fees and annual per capita tax in an amount sufficient to cover the assessed per capita tax and new member fees of the Department and National Organization. Once received, the Department retains its pro-rated per capita tax amount, and then forwards remaining pro-rated per capita tax and application fees up to the National Organization. Failure to submit the correct amount to Department Headquarters could result in delays in processing a new Brother's application.

The Department of Michigan's fiscal year begins on January 1 and ends on December 31. The "Camp Status Report" (Form 30) is to be used for actions occurring between January 1 and December 31, except during the month of submittal of the "Camp Annual Report" (Form 27), when member updates are included on that report.

The first column corresponds to the month the new Brother is elected by the Camp. The second column indicates the amount of Department Per Capita Tax due by quarter and month, decreasing quarterly. The third column indicates the amount of National Per Capita Tax due by quarter and month, decreasing quarterly; this amount is forwarded by the Department to the National Organization. The fourth column is the New Member fee assessed by the National Organization for each application, and remains constant (please note that the Department does not currently assess a new member fee). The last column is a summation of columns two, three and four, and represents the amount that the Camp must submit to the Department for any new Brother. Refer to the Constitution and Regulations, Chapter I – Camps, Article IX – Finances, Section 1 for the minimum Camp dues and fees.

Month that New Member Application is Submitted	Pro-rated Department Per Capita Tax	Pro-rated National Per Capita Tax	National New Member Application Fee	Total Amount That Must Be Forwarded to Department Headquarters with Form 30
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b>				
January	\$8	\$23	\$5	\$36
February	\$8	\$23	\$5	\$36
March	\$8	\$23	\$5	\$36
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b>				
April	\$6	\$17.25	\$5	\$28.25
May	\$6	\$17.25	\$5	\$28.25
June	\$6	\$17.25	\$5	\$28.25
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>				
July	\$4	\$11.50	\$5	\$20.50
August	\$4	\$11.50	\$5	\$20.50
September	\$4	\$11.50	\$5	\$20.50
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>				
October	\$2	\$5.75	\$5	\$12.75
November	\$2	\$5.75	\$5	\$12.75
December	\$2	\$5.75	\$5	\$12.75

**Sgt. John S. Cosby Camp No. 427**

Submitted by: Rick Danes, CC

Cosbey Camp 427 will conclude 2016 with an annual dinner on December 14. Brothers participated in the Cathedral of Saint Paul's Veteran's Day Service on November 6,



At the October meeting, the following incumbent slate of officers were nominated for the 2017 year and were elected by acclamation in November. They will be installed at the January meeting.

Commander – Rick Danes, Sr.  
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, Sr.  
JROTC Officer – Rick Danes, Sr.  
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

Submitted by John Keith, CC Camp 20

FOUND IN SEATTLE, 2016  
James M. Powers

Born: 1 MAY 1843 in Kalamazoo County, MI  
Death: 30 JUN 1921 in Seattle, King County, WA  
Spouse: Irene Hannah Keyes  
Her Birth: 23 OCT 1847 in New York  
Her Death: 26 JAN 1928 in Seattle, King County, WA

--Seattle Times, July 1, 1921

#### DR. POWERS' FATHER DIES

##### Former Michigan Legislator Passes Away at Age of 78 Years

James Powers, 78 years old, a veteran of the Civil War and a former member of the Michigan State Legislature, died at the home of his son, the Rev. J. D. O. Powers, pastor of the Peoples Church of this city, yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Powers came to Seattle from their ranch near Climax, Mich., a year ago to make their home with their son. Mr. Powers was a well-known figure in Republican political circles in Michigan and held about every office in his county in addition to serving in the State Legislature. He also was a public school teacher for a number of years.

During the Civil War he served with the 12th Michigan Infantry.

Mr. and Mrs. Powers recently celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from the chapel of the Bonney-Watson Undertaking Company. Dr. George J. Grant, who served as a chaplain during the late war, will officiate.

Mr Powers was found (in a storage facility) by Loretta Marie Dimond of Kent Washington, at Lake View Cemetery based in Seattle, Washington with help of Missing in America . Mr Powers and his wife will be given full military honors at:

Tahoma National Cemetery  
18600 SE 240th Street  
Kent, WA 98042-4868  
Phone: 425-413-9614





**20<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.)

"Our country calls! We join this league.  
And pledge ourselves with earnest zeal—  
With loyal hearts and lifted hands,  
To firmly state, come woe or weal."

The 20<sup>th</sup> was raised in the third congressional district, composed of the counties of Washtenaw, Jackson, Calhoun, Eaton and Ingham, forming camp at Jackson and the organization supervised by the Hon. Fidus Livermore.

Recruitment commenced July 15, 1862 and the muster into United States service was accomplished on August 19<sup>th</sup>, Col. Adolphus W. Williams of Lansing commanding. They left for Washington on September 1 with 1,012 officers and men. Upon arrival, they were sent to camp at Fort Lyon, near Alexandria, Virginia with orders to report to General Burnside who commanded the 9<sup>th</sup> Corp. They set out on the march September 8 and finally caught up with the corp at Sharpsburg on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. They were assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> division, 9<sup>th</sup> Corp.

In October, they took part in the attempt to cut off Stuart's cavalry, but they had already made their escape. They took part in the movements of the Corp and in mid-November, moved toward Fredericksburg, reaching there on the 19<sup>th</sup> and went into camp near Falmouth.

Soon thereafter, the regiment receives an elegant silk flag from the ladies of Jackson, with the presentation taking place on Thanksgiving Day with a patriotic address by Mrs. Governor Blair. This flag remained with the regiment through the campaigns until the spring of 1864, when it was returned to the state due to the torn and tattered condition.

The regiment crossed the Rappahannock on December 13, but remained in reserve during the battle of Frederickson, only suffering 11 wounded, most of them slight. The regiment suffered from much sickness after the return to camp. They moved to Newport News in mid-February 1863 and located favorably at that point and the health and spirits of the men rapidly improved.

Leaving Newport News on March 19, the regiment moved with the 9<sup>th</sup> Corp to Kentucky. On the 9<sup>th</sup> of May, a detachment was attacked by rebel forces under command of General John H. Morgan and was obligated to fall back with considerable loss. The following morning, the entire force under Morgan attacked the 20<sup>th</sup> in its position at the narrows of Horse Shoe Bend on the Cumberland River. The fight lasted all day and the enemy finally retiring with a loss of between 300 and 400 hundred. The 20<sup>th</sup> had 5 killed, 19 wounded and 5 missing. The 20<sup>th</sup> was acting without support, retreat cut off by a deep and rapid stream, without entrenchments, repulsing the charge of a large brigade and then maintaining a fight with an entire division, but able to withdraw in good order and save their only piece of artillery and bring off their wounded, finally crossing the Cumberland under fire.

The regiment, now in the 3<sup>rd</sup> brigade, afterwards fell back to Columbia. On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, they received orders along with the 9<sup>th</sup> corp, to reinforce General Grant at Vicksburg. They aided in fortifying Hayne's Bluff and Oak Ridge and upon the surrender of Vicksburg, the regiment moved with the army to Jackson.

The next month was spent in skirmishing, suffering from terrible heat, many fainting on the march, losing many to disease with up to one half of the regiment sick at any one time.

In early August, the regiment proceeded to Kentucky and on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September participated in the movement on Knoxville, Tennessee via the Cumberland Gap. They took part in the engagement at Blue Springs on October 10 with one killed and two wounded.

November saw the regiment at Lenoir Station, East Tennessee until the 14<sup>th</sup>. The enemy was making their advance toward Knoxville, so the regiment was ordered to Hough's Ferry to check the advance, but fell back to Lenoir Station with the regiment covering the retreat. They continued the retreat to Knoxville and with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Michigan, constituted the rear guard. The enemy hit them with great vigor and pressed them heavily. At Turkey Creek, they were attacked by the enemy in force, but successfully sustained the attack, being reinforced after two hours of fighting. The 20<sup>th</sup> lost 33 men killed and wounded, including the loss of their commanding officer.

Now under the command of Major Cutcheon, then continued their march towards Knoxville and arrived on the 17<sup>th</sup>, having marched all night over bad roads, being the third night they had been without rest. The enemy forces began their siege on the 17<sup>th</sup>, continuing until December 5. Upon the raising of the siege, the regiment participated in the pursuit. During the siege in Knoxville, the regiment suffered in very cold weather, lived on one quarter rations and suffered greatly from want of clothing. Some were entirely without shoes and a large number without overcoats, only a few having a change of underwear.

The regiment remained in the Knoxville area, participating in skirmishes and reconnaissance. On the 21<sup>st</sup> of April, the regiment moved to Nicholasville, KY and thence by railroad to Annapolis, Maryland, the corp having been ordered to join the eastern armies.

Back with the Army of the Potomac, the regiment was now assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> division of the 9<sup>th</sup> Corp. They crossed the Rappahannock on May 4 and the Rapidan at Germania Ford on the 5<sup>th</sup>. It participated in the Battle of the Wilderness on the 6<sup>th</sup> with 1 killed, 5 wounded and 2 missing. They were part of the rear guard in the movement to Chancellorsville and on the 10<sup>th</sup>, participated in attacking the enemy's works at Spotsylvania Court House, sustaining 30 killed, 82 wounded and 31 missing.

The regiment then reached the North Anna River on the evening of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and remained there until the 27<sup>th</sup>. They crossed the Pamunky River on the 28<sup>th</sup> and then they were second in line in the engagement near Bethesda Church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June. They arrived in the front of Petersburg on the 16<sup>th</sup> and on the next day were engaged as support to the force attacking the enemy's works.

The regiment continued in the trenches until the 25<sup>th</sup> when it was withdrawn to the rear. On July 30, they participated with Willcox's division in the action following the springing of the mine near Petersburg, charging into and planting its colors on the rebel works. The 20<sup>th</sup> played a conspicuous part in the charge; courage, endurance and indomitable pluck marked their course; the advance desperate; they charged over open ground; the enemy's fire thick, withering, and murderous and when they reach the pit, it soon becomes a slaughter-pen. There was no escape except through the leaden hail; charges and counter-charges rapid and desperate. The final rebel charge comes with a yell. Most of the troops alive had reached their main line, but about 30 of the 20<sup>th</sup> were in the crater, defending their colors. While ten escape, the remainder were captured. The colors were cut and hurriedly buried deep in the sand.

Moving to the rear, the regiment rested until August 14 when they again took up position in the trenches. They were removed on the 19<sup>th</sup> and engaged in the movement on the Weldon railroad with slight loss. They also took part in the action near Poplar Spring Church, losing a number in prisoners.

The 20<sup>th</sup> continued in various duties around Petersburg. They found their trenches sometimes as close as 200 yards and the sharpshooters made life interesting. Owing to the insufficiency of shelter and scarcity of fuel, the men in the trenches suffered much hardship while their duties arduous, being engaged on picket or fatigue duty every other day.

About March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1865, the enemy was observed strengthening his works as if he expected an assault. The regiment remained under arms anticipating an attack and received orders to be ready to move at a moment's notice. On the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup> about 4 o'clock A.M., the sentinel's cry of "A Charge!" was heard and the men were immediately in the works. Irregular firing was heard a short distance to the left and it was soon ascertained the enemy had captured Fort Stedman and was swinging around to the right in the rear with the intention of capturing all on the right of the captured fort. Nothing but the vigilance and bravery of this regiment prevented the success of this movement. The enemy, seeing that success was impossible, became utterly demoralized and retreated in great disorder to their works. The 20<sup>th</sup>, along with the 17<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Michigan charged and succeeded in capturing about 350 of the retreating enemy.

At 3 o'clock A.M. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April, the 20<sup>th</sup> was ordered to support the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Sharpshooters in a charge on the enemy works. On arriving at the point indicated, followed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Michigan, they charged into the city, capturing a number of prisoners, guns and small arms. At 4:10 A.M., the flag of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Sharpshooters was raised on the court-house of Petersburg, that being the first regiment to enter the city. The 20<sup>th</sup> was immediately detailed on provost duty.

On the 8<sup>th</sup>, the regiment with its brigade was relieved from this duty and ordered to the front. They were detailed as safe-guards around Ford's Station to prevent outrages. On the 20<sup>th</sup>, the regiment began the journey to City Point, then Alexandria and then Washington, where they participated in the Grand Review of the Army of the Potomac. The regiment was mustered out of service on the 30<sup>th</sup> and traveled by rail for Michigan, arriving in Jackson on the 4<sup>th</sup>. They were paid off and disbanded on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

The regiment had a total of 1,157 officers and men in its membership, lost 290, being 74 killed in action, 40 who died of wounds and 176 died of disease.

### **2016 Lincoln Award**



*Two of the 2016 Lincoln Awards were presented to Dick Williams and Ed Houghtaling by Department Graves Registration Officer Danes at the December Department Graves Registration Meeting. Photo by Mark Hoffman.*

## **Information about the 2017 National Encampment**

Please join us in Lansing, Michigan  
or the **136th National Encampment**  
of The Sons Of Union Veterans Of The Civil War  
and the Allied Orders

**August 10 - 13, 2017**

Host Hotel is the Radisson located in down town Lansing just  
a few blocks from the State Capitol.  
For more information please visit: [suvcwmi.org/2017encampment](http://suvcwmi.org/2017encampment)

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Gentlemen,

As the Department of Michigan has the honor of planning and hosting the upcoming 2017 National Encampment, the Program committee members are offering you first chance to place and/or renew an Ad/Memorial in the National Encampment Program Book. Following this page is the form that needs to be submitted, which contains all the guidelines and costs for the Ads and Vendor tables. Please note that the Ads need to be **print-ready**, and submitted in digital or paper form to the address listed. Receipt of Ad and payment will be confirmed via email. Deadline for submitting ads and memorials for the program book is July 15, 2017.

Thank you for your time and consideration, any time you could give your Department in this regard would be very greatly appreciated.

Karen Hamann, PDP  
Dept of MI ASUVCW,  
Vendor Room Committee  
Program Book Committee  
Fundraising Committee

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The Department of Michigan is looking for volunteers.

Michigan is hosting the National Encampment for the SUVCW this coming summer. We are looking for volunteers to work on the Encampment programs both leading up to and during the Encampment which will be held in Lansing from Thursday, August 10 to Sunday, August 13, 2017. If we all pitch in, it will make for a great time without too much burden on any single individual or group. Many hands make light work, as they say.

If you can help, please contact Don Shaw, Committee Co-chair at [P31713@aol.com](mailto:P31713@aol.com) or Paul Davis, Committee C0-chair at [pdmarcomm@aol.com](mailto:pdmarcomm@aol.com).

## 2017 Allied Orders National Encampment Program Book Advertisement Order Form

Please help us defray the cost of hosting the 2017 National Encampment by placing an advertisement, memorial or booster ad in the Official Program Book of the 2017 Allied Orders National Encampment to be held in Michigan.

Express your pride and honor your Civil War ancestors and their units. Send greetings on behalf of your Auxiliary, Camp, Tent, Circle or Department. Congratulate the Commander In Chief and/or National Presidents on a job well done. Pre-2018 National Encampment Host Committee ads are also welcome.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

### Ad Specifications and Requirements:

- Size of the Program Booklet is 8 ½" wide by 11" high (vertical)
- All ads are **black and white**
- No bleed ads will be accepted. Ad must fit within the 8 ½" by 11" page size.
- All ads must be complete and supplied in an electronic format. **A digital copy, 300 dpi or more in a jpg or pdf file format, and at the final size the ad is to be reproduced.**
- All ads must include all graphics, photos and any design elements in place as well as all type fonts must be imbedded.
- You may request a type only add and ads of this type will require that you send all text in either a Microsoft .doc or .docx file.
- Photo copies of ads or formerly printed ads, especially if they are already half-tone screened are not recommended and if submitted as such, the quality will not be guaranteed.

### Ad sizes are:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Page (ad area not to exceed 7" wide by 9-3/4" high)        | Price: \$40 each |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Half Page (ad area not to exceed 7" wide by 5" high)            | Price: \$25 each |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Page (ad area not to exceed 3-1/4" wide by 4-1/4" high) | Price: \$15 each |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Ad 1-1/2" high by x 6" wide                            | Price: \$10 each |

TOTAL ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form and a check payable to the DEPT. OF MICHIGAN, SUVCW 2017 to:  
**Karen Hamann, 2312 Gady Road, Adrian, Michigan 49221.** Also please include a printed copy of your ad.

Send all ad electronic files to:karenhamann31@gmail.com. If your files are too large to Email send a CD or other recordable media to the mailing address above.

**DEADLINE : All orders must be received prior to July 15, 2017**

## 2017 Allied Orders National Encampment Vendor And Display Table Order Form

There are a limited number of tables available. They are offered on a first-come-first-served basis.

All tables are standard 8 foot tables. The \$25.00 fee per table covers the duration of the Encampment. Vendor Tables will be in a secured room. Display tables will not be in a secured room.

### **Reservation Deadline:**

Reservations and payment must be received before July 15, 2017.

Reservations will be conformed via Email.

***Please Note: Vendors must have their goods packed up and removed from the Vendor area by 5:00 pm on Saturday, August 12, 2017.***

Please Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Secured Tables @ \$25.00 each

Please Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Display Tables @ \$25.00 each

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this Form with check payable to **Dept. of Michigan, SUVCW 2017** to:

2017 National Encampment Vendor Tables  
Karen Hamann  
2312 Gady Road  
Adrian, Michigan 49221



## 2017 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT SOUVENIR BADGE

The Department of Michigan presents the 2017 National Encampment of the Allied Orders Custer Souvenir Badge.

The badge is approximately 2.25 inches wide and 5 inches in length. The Custer medallion at the top is sculptured in bas relief. It is approximately 2.25 inches in diameter and is made of bronze tone metal. The GAR star and Custer badge are also made of metal and enameled in the colors as shown in the example. The ribbon is grosgrain in yellow.

This handsome, elegantly crafted badge will be available for pre-sale orders and will be delivered to you by USPS Priority Mail before the Encampment. Or you may pre-order the badge and pick it up when you arrive at the encampment.

To pre-order your badge, send a check in the amount of \$25.00 plus \$7.00 for postage and insurance.

You may also pre-order your badge for a payment of \$25.00 and pick it up at the Encampment.

Actual badge not shown. Please note these badges are not sequentially numbered.

### 2017 National Encampment Custer Souvenir Badge Order Form

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Badges Ordered @ \$25.00 each plus \$7.00 postage and insurance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Badges Ordered @ \$25.00 each for pick-up at the Encampment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email if you wish to have your Order confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_

Send this Order Form and check or money order made payable to: Department of Michigan SUVCW  
to Jan Davis P.O. Box 6517 Saginaw, Mi 48608

# INFORMATION SHEET FOR MICHIGAN STATE ENCAMPMENT

**DATE:** May 5-6, 2017

**PLACE: HOTEL:** Quality Suites 901 Delta Commerce Lansing MI 48917

**MEETINGS:** Great Lakes Christian College 6211 W Willow Hwy Lansing MI 48917

You may **register** for your **hotel rooms now until April 1, 2017...** (517-886-0600).

Register under Allied Orders-GAR. **Guest rooms are \$97.00 + tax.**

This price includes a hot or continental breakfast every morning.

**FRIDAY EVENING MEAL AT HOTEL:** \$12.95...Best of the Southwest...flour tortillas, corn tortilla chips, iceberg lettuce, seasoned ground beef, seasoned chicken Mexican ride, black beans, shredded cheese, tomatoes, onions, black olives, jalapenos, sour cream.

## **SATURDAY MEALS AT COLLEGE:**

Lunch...Sandwiches, 2 soups, salad bar, dessert and beverage.

Banquet...Pot roast and one other meat, veggies, potatoes, salad bar, dessert, beverage.

**TIMES OF MEALS AND PRICES NOT YET AVAILABLE. WILL BE ANNOUNCED WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.**

**THIS SHEET IS FOR INFORMATION ONLY AT THIS TIME. MORE INFORMATION AND ORDER FORMS WITH ALL PRICES WILL BE OUT AFTER THE NEW YEAR.**

**ADS FOR PROGRAM:** Must be in to Helen Granger by **April 1, 2017.**

**PRICES:** ¼ page...\$15.00....½ page...\$25.00.....full page...\$40.00.

**Helen's address:** PO Box 41, Corunna MI 48817.....**EMAIL...**[hagranger@hotmail.com](mailto:hagranger@hotmail.com)

**Phone:** 517-494-4993

**IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT LINDA KRONBERG AT 517-423-3439**

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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 1, 2017 to:**

**Robert Payne, CC, Chairman, Dept. Credentials Comm.,  
3940 Keller Road.  
Holt, MI 48842**

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.