

**MINUTES OF THE 117th ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
SATURDAY, 29 APRIL 2006
HILTON HOTEL
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN**

Opening of the Encampment

Department Commander Richard Greene opened the Encampment in accordance to the Ritual at 9:02 am.

Department Commander Richard Greene appointed Brother Bill Brennan, P.D.C., to fill in as Department Chaplain.

Roll Call of Officers

Department Secretary Dennis C. Derr II called the Roll of Officers as follows:

Department Commander:	Richard Greene	Present
Senior Vice Commander:	Robert C. Grove, Sr.	Present
Junior Vice Commander:	Jeffrey Baker	Present
Secretary:	Dennis C. Derr II	Present
Treasurer:	Brian J. Shumway	Present
Council Chairman:	Max L. Newman, P.C.C.	Excused
Council Secretary:	Howard Streeter	Present
Council Member:	Kris D. Kuhlman	Present
Patriotic Instructor:	Kevin J. Lindsey	Present
Chaplain:	William McAfee	Excused
Councilor:	James B. Pahl, P.D.C	Present
Historian:	John Keith	Present
Guard:	Edgar J. Dowd	Present
Guide:	John McFeteeters	Present
Color Bearer:	Blaine Valentine	Present
Graves Registration Officer:	Richard E. Danes	Present
G.A.R. Records Officer:	James T. Lyons, P.D.C.	Present
C.W. Memorials Officer:	Douglas Armstrong	Excused
Communication & Technology Officer:	Matthew L. Adair	Present
Camp at Large Coordinator:	Robert Mitchell	Present
Michigan's Messenger Editor:	Richard Danes	Present
Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator:	Charles Worley	Present
Chief of Staff:	Donald W. Shaw, P.C.C.	Present
Ceremonies and Rituals Officer:	Vacant	N/A

Recognition of Guests

Department Guide John McFeeters presented Commander-in-Chief Donald E. Darby of Ohio, to the Altar for introduction to the Encampment by Department Commander Richard Greene.

Department Commander Richard Greene introduced the following National Officers and Staff Members present:

Senior Vice Commander in Chief:	James B. Pahl, P.D.C.
Past Commander-in-Chief:	Keith G. Harrison, PCinC
Past Commander-in-Chief:	Kent L. Armstrong, PCinC
Past National Secretary:	James T. Lyons, P.D.C.

Appointment of Committee on Credentials

Department Commander Richard Greene appointed the following Brothers to the Committee on Credentials:

Chairman:	Brother Matthew L. Adair
Member:	Brother Edgar J. Dowd
Member:	Brother Bill Skillman

Report of Committee on Credentials

<u>Camp</u>	<u>Attendee Voting Strength</u>
1	2
2	1
3	3
7	2
9	0
14	7
17	7
20	6
22	2
28	0
43	0
58	2
85	0
101	0
120	0
139	0
145	5
160	1
180	0
250	4
255	1
259	0
266	0
427	1
462	1
Total	45

Roll Call of Members as Reported

<u>Camp Number</u>	<u>Delegate's Name</u>	<u>Registered As</u>
Camp No. 1	Tim Kolean William E. Truss	Past Camp Commander Camp Commander
Camp No. 2	Kevin Lindsey	Camp Commander
Camp No. 3	Daniel Grable Jon Scott Richard Scott	Past Camp Commander Delegate Camp Commander
Camp No. 7	John McFeeters Ron Tyrl	Delegate Past Camp Commander
Camp No. 14	Dale L. Aurand Bob Clark Jeff Morse Jim Ribby Bill Skillman Jim Slis Bill Watson	Delegate Delegate Delegate Delegate Camp Commander Delegate Delegate
Camp No. 17	Paul Arnold Keith G. Harrison Paul D. Hodges James T. Lyons James B. Pahl Ron Shull Brian J. Shumway	Delegate Past Commander-in-Chief Past Department Commander Past Department Commander Past Department Commander Camp Commander Past Camp Commander
Camp No. 20	Jeff Baker Bill Brennan William Costello Gary L. Gibson John R. Keith Charles Worley	Past Camp Commander Past Department Commander Past Camp Commander Past Department Commander Camp Commander Delegate
Camp No. 22	Howard Streeter Blaine C. Valentine	Past Camp Commander Delegate

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<u>Camp Number</u>	<u>Delegate's Name</u>	<u>Registered As</u>
Camp No. 58	Kent L. Armstrong Dennis G. Felton	Past Commander-in-Chief Delegate
Camp No. 145	Matthew L. Adair Dennis C. Derr II Edgar J. Dowd Richard Greene Donald W. Shaw	Delegate Camp Commander Delegate Department Commander Past Camp Commander
Camp No. 160	David Hilliker	Delegate
Camp No. 250	Leo Cohoon Victor Finch Robert C. Grove, Sr. Kris Kuhlman	Past Camp Commander Camp Commander Past Camp Commander Past Camp Commander
Camp No. 255	Michael T. Neese	Delegate
Camp No. 427	Richard E. Danes	Camp Commander
Camp No. 462	Robert A Mitchell	Delegate

Appointment of Encampment Committees

Commander Greene appointed the Encampment Committees as follows:

By-Laws:	Chairman:	Donald W. Shaw, P.C.C., of Camp 145
	Member:	Charles Worley of Camp No. 20
	Member:	Richard Scott of Camp No. 3
Officer Reports:	Chairman:	James B. Pahl, P.D.C., of Camp No. 17
	Member:	Gary L. Gibson, P.D.C., of Camp No. 20
	Member:	Robert Mitchell of Camp No. 462
Resolutions:	Chairman:	Keith G. Harrison, P.D.C., of Camp No. 17
	Member:	Kevin J. Lindsey of Camp No. 2
	Member:	William Costello of Camp No. 20

Announcements:

Commander Greene made the following announcements:

1. Fundraiser – Brother James B. Pahl, P.D.C., donated 2 books to be raffled off.
- Brother David Hilliker donated 2 camp lanterns to be raffled off.
2. Due to time constraints, only reports that have specific recommendations will be read to enable the writer to speak to his recommendations.
3. All reports will be referred to the Encampment Committee on Officer Reports.

Rules for the Encampment

Commander Greene announced the following rules for the Encampment:

1. Officers and Staff will be limited to 5 minutes for presenting their Reports.
2. Each Brother may speak only twice on a topic under discussion.
3. All debates and discussions will be conducted in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.
4. Only one Brother will speak at a time.
5. When rising to speak, Brothers will state their name and Camp Number.

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Commander Greene called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the 2005 Department Encampment as distributed. The motion was offered by Brother Keith G. Harrison, P.D.C., of Camp No. 17. Motion was seconded by Brother Howard Streeter of Camp No. 22. The motion was passed by unanimous voice ballot.

Reports of Officers

Department Commander – read – See attachment.

Department Senior Vice Commander – not read – Referred to Encampment Committee on Officer Reports - See attachment.

Department Junior Vice Commander – not read – Referred to Encampment Committee on Officer Reports - See attachment.

Department Secretary – not read – Referred to Encampment Committee on Officer Reports - See attachment.

Department Treasurer – read – See attachment.

Department Chaplain – not read – Referred to Encampment Committee on Officer Reports - See attachment.

Department Patriotic Instructor - not read – Referred to Encampment Committee on Officer Reports - See attachment.

Department Graves Registration Officer – not read – Referred to Encampment Committee on Officer Reports - See attachment.

Department Historian – not read – Referred to Encampment Committee on Officer Reports - See attachment.

Department Monument & Memorials Officer – not read – Referred to Encampment Committee on Officer Reports - See attachment.

Department G.A.R. Records Officer – read – See attachment.

Department Camp at Large Coordinator – not read – Referred to Encampment Committee on Officer Reports - See attachment.

Department Eagle Scout Coordinator – not read – Referred to Encampment Committee on Officer Reports - See attachment.

Department Communication & Technology Officer – not read – Referred to Encampment Committee on Officer Reports - See attachment.

Department By-Laws Committee Report – not read – Referred to Encampment Committee on Officer Reports - See attachment.

Department Chief of Staff – not read – Referred to Encampment Committee on Officer Reports - See attachment.

Report of Department Council (Not Referred to Committee)

Brother Howard Streeter Department Council Secretary presented the Report of the Department Council to the Encampment. – See attachment.

Budget Report

Brother Brian J. Shumway Department Treasurer presented the 2005-2006 Operating Budget Report to the Encampment. – See attachment.

Reception and Reference of Communications

Department Secretary Dennis C. Derr II reported that the only communications that he had received were Resolutions of Endorsement.

Commander Greene referred all the resolutions to the Encampment Committee on Resolutions without debate.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was brought up by the members of the Encampment.

Reading of Reports

Commander Greene read his state of the Department Address. – See attachment.

James T. Lyons, P.D.C., presented the G.A.R. Records Committee Report. – See attachment.

Brian J. Shumway presented the Treasurer's Report. – See attachment.

Recess

Commander Greene adjourned the Encampment from 10:00 am to 10:20 am for a short break.

Reading of Reports - continued

Gary L. Gibson, P.D.C. presented the Report of the Committee on Future Strategic Direction. – See attachment.

Commander Greene directed that the Report of the Committee on Future Strategic Direction be posted on the Department and published in the Messenger Website as soon as possible.

Brother Keith G. Harrison, P.D.C., offered a motion to adopt the proposals presented in the Report of the Committee on Future Strategic Direction. Motion was seconded by Brother Robert Mitchell. Motion was approved by unanimous voice ballot.

Commander-in-Chief Donald E. Darby addressed the Encampment.

Reports of Encampment Committees

Brother Jim Pahl, P.D.C., presented the Report of Encampment Committee of Officer Reports. Brother Pahl thanked all of the Department Officers for the work they did over the year and for submitting reports to the Encampment.

Brother Pahl noted that there were specific recommendations made in 3 of the reports and that he would present those recommendations to the Encampment along with the Committee's recommendations for decision by the Encampment.

Brother Pahl on behalf of the Encampment Committee of Officer Reports expressed great thanks to Brother Rick Danes for taking on the job of Editor of the Michigan Messenger and for a job well done in putting together such a wonderful product.

Brother James B. Pahl, P.D.C., moved that as each recommendation is presented to this encampment, that unless there is an objection, that that recommendation of the committee be endorsed as Department action. Seconded by several. Motion was approved by unanimous voice ballot.

Brother James B. Pahl, P.D.C., reported that Chief of Staff Donald W. Shaw, P.C.C. recommended that a job description for the office of Chief of Staff of the Department be developed. The committee concurred with the recommendation and asked that the Chief of Staff write one.

There were no objections.

The recommendation was approved by the Encampment.

Brother James B. Pahl, P.D.C., reported that Communication & Technologies Officer Matthew L. Adair recommended that the Department will need to consider future funding for the Department Website and domain name www.suvcwmi.org.

The committee thanked Brother Adair for his work on the Department website and recommended that these issues be referred to the Department Council for consideration.

There were no objections.

The recommendation was approved by the Encampment.

Brother James B. Pahl, P.D.C., reported that the Department Commander, Rick Greene made two recommendations in his report.

First Recommendation:

While the Department will continue to offer any reasonable level of assistance to our Camps as they seek to report, it is recommended that the Department Counselor explore all possible alternate means of enforcing compliance and report his findings to the Department Bylaws Committee for action.

The committee endorsed the recommendation.

There were no objections.

The recommendation was approved by the Encampment.

Second Recommendation:

That the next administration be directed to develop a strategic plan to address the challenge of data preservation and present it, at the earliest possibility, to the Department Council for consideration and once that the Department Council and Department Commander approve that, that the recommendation be forwarded to the Department Bylaws Committee for review and possible recommendation of action by the 118th Annual Encampment in 2007.

The committee endorsed the recommendation.

There were no objections.

The recommendation was approved by the Encampment.

Brother James B. Pahl, P.D.C., reported that in the supplement to the Department Council Report, Max L. Newman, P.C.C. made the following two recommendations.

1. That we reduce the Revenues required for the Line Item "Rally Round the Flags" by at least \$700.
2. That we also reduce the Line Item "Messenger, total" by an equal amount to balance the budget.

The committee recommended that these recommendations be referred to the Department Council for action.

There were no objections.

The recommendation was approved by the Encampment.

Brother James B. Pahl, P.D.C., reported that Department Treasurer, Brian J. Shumway in his report made the following recommendations:

1. That Department Per Capita assessments be maintained at the current level, i.e. \$2 per quarter.

The committee recommended that this recommendation be referred to the Department Council.

There were no objections.

The recommendation was approved by the Encampment

2. That a work group undertake analysis of the impact of the change to electronic publication of the newsletter and recommend action to ameliorate negative effects. I would suggest that the Encampment specifically authorize executive action on such recommendations on an interim basis until they can be reviewed at our next encampment, such that Camps are spared negative effects as quickly as possible.

The committee endorsed the recommendation.

There were no objections.

The recommendation was approved by the Encampment.

3. That a member be assigned to work with the Treasurer in order to analyze improved marketing of Department products, review and, as appropriate, improve our product offering. It has been discussed that a “Quartermaster” function be developed to manage Department sales and I anticipate that this function would eventually become a quartermaster.

The committee endorsed the recommendation.

There were no objections.

The recommendation was approved by the Encampment.

4. That the Department continue it’s policy of investment opportunity by re investing at a minimum our initial amount plus the interest it has earned at the best possible rate short term Certificate of Deposit.

The committee endorsed the recommendation.

There were no objections.

The recommendation was approved by the Encampment.

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The Encampment Committee on Officer Reports concluded its' report.

Commander Greene dismissed the Encampment Committee on Officer Reports with his thanks.

Brother Keith G. Harrison, P.D.C., presented the report of the Encampment Committee of Resolutions.

Brother Keith G. Harrison, P.D.C., presented the following Resolutions of Endorsement noting that they would be up for encampment consideration later during election of officers.

Resolution of Endorsement from the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 Endorsing Brother Richard Greene, P.C.C., for Department Commander. – See attachment.

Resolution of Endorsement from the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 Endorsing Brother Dennis C. Derr II for Department Secretary. – See attachment.

Resolution of Endorsement from the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 Endorsing Brother Max L. Newman, P.C.C., for Department Council. – See attachment.

Resolution of Endorsement from the LeValley-Heusted Camp No. 255 Endorsing Brother Richard Greene, P.C.C., for Department Commander. – See attachment.

Resolution of Endorsement from the LeValley-Heusted Camp No. 255 Endorsing Brother Dennis C. Derr II, for Department Secretary. – See attachment.

Brother Keith G. Harrison, P.D.C., moved that as each resolution comes before this encampment, that the recommendation of the committee be approved on the sound of the gavel, unless an objection is voiced from the floor. Motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice ballot.

Brother Keith G. Harrison, P.D.C., presented a Resolution of Endorsement from the Department of Pennsylvania for Charles Kuhn. – See attachment.

The Committee concurred with the resolution.

There were no objections.

The resolution was approved by the Encampment.

Brother Keith G. Harrison, P.D.C., presented a Resolution of Endorsement from the Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17 endorsing Brother James B. Pahl, P.D.C., for the position of Commander-in-Chief. – Read - See Attachment.

The Committee concurred with the resolution and recommended that this resolution be forwarded to all Departments and Camps-at-Large.
There were no objections.

The resolution was approved by the Encampment.

The Encampment Committee on Resolutions concluded its' report.

Commander Greene dismissed the Encampment Committee on Resolutions with his thanks.

Brother Donald W. Shaw, P.C.C., reported that the Encampment Committee on Bylaws had nothing to report.

Commander Greene dismissed the Encampment Committee on Bylaws with his thanks.

New Business

Brother Keith G. Harrison, P.D.C., made a motion to donate \$25.00 to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund. Motion was seconded by Brother David Hilliker of Camp No. 160. Motion was approved by unanimous voice ballot.

Brother Gary L. Gibson, P.D.C., offered a motion to donate \$300.00 to the State of Michigan Archives for the completion of the Preservation of the G.A.R. Charters and Post Records Project.

Brother Keith G. Harrison, P.D.C., offered an amendment to the motion for the Department to send a notice of this donation to other Department level veterans organizations. Amendment was seconded and approved by unanimous voice ballot.

Motion as amended was seconded by several and approved by unanimous voice ballot.

Brother Keith G. Harrison, P.D.C., offered a motion that the Department Secretary and the Department Junior Vice Commander both be bonded along with the Department Treasurer. Motion was seconded by Brother Robert Mitchell of Camp No. 462. Motion was approved by unanimous voice ballot.

Proposed Budget

Department Treasurer, Brother Brian J. Shumway presented the Proposed Budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. – See attachment.

Brother Keith G. Harrison, P.D.C., offered a motion to adopt the proposed budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Brother John McFeeters. Motion passed by unanimous voice ballot.

Recess for Lunch

Brother Keith G. Harrison moved that the Encampment adjourn for lunch. Motion was seconded by Brother Gary L. Gibson, P.D.C. Motion was approved by unanimous voice ballot.

Department Commander Richard Greene adjourned the Encampment for lunch from 11:30 am to 1:20 pm.

Recognition of Brothers and Camps

Gary L. Gibson, P.D.C., presented last year's Abraham Lincoln Awards to the following Recipients who were absent at last year's Department Encampment:

Brother William Lowe of Curtenius Guard Camp No. 7

Brother Robert Hoffman of Curtenius Guard Camp No. 7

Department Commander Richard Greene was prepared to present this year's recipients with the Abraham Lincoln Award, however, neither recipient was in attendance. Therefore, at the request of the nominators, Department Commander Greene withheld the names of this year's Recipients until they could be presented their awards in person later this year.

Department Commander Richard Greene announced that the LeValley-Heusted Camp No. 255 of Mayville was this year's recipient of the Department of Michigan's, Austin Blair Membership Award. As there was no representative currently in attendance, Commander Greene will present the award to Camp No. 255 at a later date.

Good of the Order

Brother James B. Pahl, P.D.C., of Camp No. 17 reported that he and his son, both Members of Camp No. 17, represented the Department of Michigan at the Lincoln Death Day Observances and placed a wreath at the grave of Abraham Lincoln. They then traveled about 15 miles and visited the grave of Dr. Benjamin Stevenson, the founder of the Grand Army of the Republic and laid wreath on his grave during a Department of Illinois ceremony. Afterwards, Brother Pahl and his son also took the time to locate the sight in Decatur, Illinois of the first Organizational Meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic which was held in 1866 on the Anniversary of the Battle of Shiloh.

Brother Bill Skillman of Camp No. 14 updated the Encampment on Camp 14's Confederate Cannon Restoration.

Brother Bill Watson of Camp No. 14 updated the Encampment on the discovery of approximately 20 unmarked graves of Civil War Veterans, the placing of new grave markers on those graves and the upcoming rededication ceremony for the new markers.

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Ron Tyrl of Camp No. 7 updated the Encampment on Camp No. 7's activities.

Brother Matthew L Adair of Camp No. 145 updated the Encampment on Camp 145's Fenton Cannon Relocation and Restoration Project.

Brother Robert C. Grove, Sr. of Camp No. 250 reported to the Encampment that last June, Camp No. 250 participated in the rededication of Francis A. Bishop's new headstone; he was a Civil War Medal of Honor recipient who served in the 57th Pennsylvania and captured a Confederate Flag at Spotsylvania, Virginia.

Brother Grove also asked the Encampment to honor Brother Leo Cohoon of Camp 250 who will be 93 years old next week by singing Happy Birthday to him. The entire Encampment joined in singing Happy Birthday to Brother Cohoon.

Brother John Keith of Camp No. 20 updated the Encampment on Camp No. 20's activities.

Brother William Lowe of Camp No. 7 updated the Encampment on the rededication of the very first Civil War Monument in the State of Michigan to Civil War Veterans which is located in Tipton, Michigan. The monument was originally dedicated in 1866.

Election of Delegates

Brother Jim Pahl, P.D.C., of Camp No. 17 moved that the appropriate number of members, starting at the top, alphabetically, on the Department Roster who are not otherwise entitled by automatic credentials be nominated as delegates to the 125th Annual National Encampment and the remainder of the roster of the Department be nominated as alternates to the 125th Annual National Encampment. The motion was seconded by Brother Keith G. Harrison, P.D.C., of Camp No. 17. Motion was approved by unanimous voice ballot.

Nomination and Election of Officers

Brother Kevin J. Lindsey, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the Nominating Committee's Report. – See attachment.

The following slate was presented:

Department Commander:	Richard Greene	Camp No. 145
Department Senior Vice Commander:	Robert C. Grove, Sr.	Camp No. 250
Department Junior Vice Commander:	Jeff Baker	Camp No. 20
Department Secretary:	Dennis C. Derr II	Camp No. 145
Department Treasurer:	Brian J. Shumway	Camp No. 17
Department Council:	Max L. Newman	Camp No. 145
	Howard Streeter	Camp No. 22
	Kris Kuhlman	Camp No. 250

Commander Greene thanked the Nominating Committee for their service and then dismissed the committee.

Commander Greene asked if there were any nominations from the floor.

Brother Keith G. Harrison, P.D.C., of Camp No. 17 moved to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Brother David Hilliker of Camp No. 160.

Brother James B. Pahl, P.D.C. moved to amend the motion that once the nominations are closed that the slate of Officers proposed be elected by a declaration of the Encampment.

The amendment was seconded and approved by unanimous voice ballot.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice ballot.

Commander Greene appointed the following Brothers as Appointed Officers of the Department of Michigan:

Patriotic Instructor:	Kevin J. Lindsey
Chaplain:	William McAffee
Historian:	John Keith
Guard:	Edgar J. Dowd
Guide:	John McFeteeters
Color Bearer:	Blaine Valentine
Graves Registration Officer:	Richard E. Danes
G.A.R. Records Officer:	James T. Lyons, P.D.C.
C.W. Memorials Officer:	Douglas Armstrong
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Camp at Large Coordinator:	Robert Mitchell
Michigan's Messenger Editor:	Richard Danes
Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator:	Charles Worley
Chief of Staff:	Donald W. Shaw, P.C.C.

Installation of Officers

Commander-in-Chief Donald E. Darby, installed the following elected and appointed Department Officers in accordance to the Ritual:

Department Commander:	Richard Greene	Camp No. 145
Department Senior Vice Commander:	Robert C. Grove, Sr.	Camp No. 250
Department Junior Vice Commander:	Jeff Baker	Camp No. 20
Department Secretary:	Dennis C. Derr II	Camp No. 145
Department Treasurer:	Brian J. Shumway	Camp No. 17
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	Howard Streeter	Camp No. 22
	Kris Kuhlman	Camp No. 250

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Patriotic Instructor:	Kevin J. Lindsey	Camp No. 2
Historian:	John Keith	Camp No. 20
Guard:	Edgar J. Dowd	Camp No. 145
Guide:	John McFeeters	Camp No. 7
Color Bearer:	Blaine Valentine	Camp No. 22
Graves Registration Officer:	Richard E. Danes	Camp No. 427
Communication & Technology Officer:	Matthew L. Adair	Camp No. 145
Camp at Large Coordinator:	Robert Mitchell	Camp No. 462
Michigan's Messenger Editor:	Richard Danes	Camp No. 427
Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator:	Charles Worley	Camp No. 20
Chief of Staff:	Donald W. Shaw, P.C.C.	Camp No. 145

Closing Ceremonies

Department Commander Richard Greene closed the Encampment in accordance to the Ritual at 2:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Dennis C. Derr II
Department Secretary
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
State of the Department Address
April 29, 2006**

Brothers of the Department of Michigan:

Introduction

It is my honor to present the report of the events and issues of the Department of Michigan for the 2005-06 administrative year. It's been an exciting year and, at times, challenging for a rookie Department Commander. Undaunted, and armed with the support and sage advice of a great staff and the wisdom and help of the Order of the Silver Cross—our PDC's I am pleased to report a good and prosperous year. I wish to go back and underscore my gratitude for the help that I received from the Brothers that have walked the road that I now walk. I have always maintained that the body of Michigan PDC's is, beyond doubt, the greatest resource that a Department Commander can have. Knowing that they were always there with advice and reassurance allowed me to face the challenges of my office with confidence. Brothers, thank you.

Membership

Membership is the lifeblood of our Order. Constant influx of new members brings new energy and new ideas serve to keep us from becoming tired and stagnate. Investment of our efforts to bring new members to our Camps yields great dividends down the road as our new Brothers become acclimated and enthusiastic.

After several years of decline, at the beginning of this decade, the previous administration achieved a leveling off of the decline and I am now pleased to report an increase of membership within our Department. Though the upturn is modest and not all Camps have reported, as yet, there is cause for optimism. Cause for concern is in the fact that, amid the general upturn in membership, some Camps are experiencing membership losses. I call on all Camps to unite with the Department Junior Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander-In-Chief to develop and implement sound and strong strategies for recruiting and keeping membership.

Camps

It has been many years since the Department inaugurated a new Camp. In the time since the last Camp formed in Michigan we have seen several Camps fail, often due to lagging recruiting or member participation. On August 6 of last year, as his first official act as C-in-C, Commander-In-Chief, Donald E. Darby endorsed the Application for Charter of the LeValley-Heusted Camp #255, to be located in Mayville, Michigan. I am pleased to see members of this Camp here with us today.

Poised to be the second Camp formed in Michigan in as many years is a Camp in Greenville, Michigan. To be named the William A. Kent Camp #83 it is in the final stages of formation and will be on line shortly. Congratulations to both of these Camps and welcome.

Finances

While the Department Treasurer's report will explore the details of the Department's finances, I am pleased to report that the overall fiscal condition of the Department is sound and healthy. We are able to meet our day-to-day financial obligations and, with judicious use of our available funds, we may expect to remain in a similar position for the coming year.

Michigan's Messenger

The Messenger was one of the more interesting areas of work for the administration over the past year. After a rocky start the Messenger got on track with the Winter issue under the pen of new Editor, Brother Rick Danes. With a new look and fresh approach, Rick's first issue arrived just in time to be the first all electronically distributed Department newsletter.

You will recall that the 116th Annual Encampment mandated that the Department cease the postal mailing of the Messenger beginning January 1, 2006. Electronic copies of the Messenger are now sent to selected members of each Camp who forward the newsletter to the balance of their Camp. The measure enables the Department to maintain this vital link with our membership at a realistic and manageable cost.

Until now, printing and mailing costs of the Messenger had been, far and away, the most costly item of the annual budget. Electronic mailing of the Messenger now frees upwards of \$2000, annually, which can now be used to advance the true mission of the Order which is to keep green the memory of the GAR.

Mid Winter Conference

With regret, the Mid Winter Conference was not held this year. With growing evidence that the conference was no longer serving the original purpose—to educate newly elected Camp officers of the obligations and expectations of their new offices—and with soaring costs, the Mid Winter Conference could no longer be justified. The mission of educating new Camp Officers calls for renewed effort to establish a "Battalion" system to place needed help for Camps close by. This establishment should be an early priority of the next administration.

The Future

In accordance with the recommendation of the previous administration and of the 116th Annual Encampment, this administration has set about to create and develop a strategic plan for the future of the Department. The need for a vision into the next few years and the necessity of forming a sight line for future administrations is great. Such standards serve to promote continuity and supply new administrations with a sense of a common goal. It allows a new Commander to call upon the experience and knowledge of his predecessors as he looks toward the future. To this end the Special Strategic Direction Planning Committee was formed to offer proposals in this direction.

The Department Web Presence

The Department of Michigan now enjoys one of the broadest and most comprehensive web sites of any of the entire Order. Building the site, from the ground up, at the onset of the administrative year Department Signals Officer, Matt Adair unleashed the new look in July of last year. Moved from its old home on the National server the new site employs state of the art electronic features to present the work of our Department including GAR Records, Monuments and Memorials and Graves Registration. For the first time, on line searching of databases such

as the Graves Registration database are possible. Fast and intuitive, the Department can be justly proud of our new web site.

Annual Camp Reporting

Despite best efforts of the Department, many Camps continue to fail to meet their obligation to report accurately and in a timely fashion. While it is not the desire of the Department to be punitive with the Camps, to continue in the current direction is not acceptable. The progress of fully a month was lost last spring as we called, begged, and cajoled lagging Camps to move them to completion. While some improvement was noticed this year, this morning, with only one day left until the filing deadline ____ of our 25 Camps are in a state of non-compliance. The Department cannot file its annual report with the National Organization until it can include the Camp reports of ALL of its Camps. Tardiness here can risk the good standing of the Department and the seating of its delegates at the National Encampment. Remedies are few. Suspension of Camps that fail to adequately report is the only option offered in current Bylaws. Though distasteful, should all else fail, this administration will use this option in order to protect the good standing of the Department with the National Organization.

Recommendation

While the Department will continue to offer any reasonable level of assistance to our Camps as they seek to report, I recommend that the Department Counselor explore all possible alternate means of enforcing compliance and report his findings to the Department Bylaws Committee for action.

Technology

As in business and industry within this country, electronic technology is a mainstay of our Order and its work. So pervasive is it in our work that we can scarcely think of any reversion to the paper and pencil methods that we widely used less than a decade ago. It allows us to easily record, sort, edit and share the information that we have worked hard to gather. With this widespread use of electronic data collection and exchange comes a new task of reliably saving and backing up our electronic information. Currently, the Department has no standardized provision for regular and reliable data back up to a remote and centralized location. Brothers are now using methods of their own device to back up their work—in most instances to the same geographic location as the primary data source is located. Among others, the work of the GAR Records Committee, Graves Registration Committee, and the Monuments and Memorials Committee represents untold hours of work that would be, literally, impossible to recreate, should a tragedy occur. Acceptable methods of backing up the gathered data of the Department include, but are not limited to uploading to a remote web location, and passing a Department owned external storage device among select Brothers for periodic back up of their data files. The method selected by the Department should be affordable to the Department and easy enough to use so that appropriate Department Officers or Committee designees can be easily taught to use it. Further, Department Bylaws and/or Guidelines should be amended to force compliance with archiving schedules. The issue is brought forth today to sound the alarm of this pressing need.

I recommend that the next administration be directed to develop a strategic plan to address the challenge of data preservation and present it, at the earliest possibility, to the Department Council for consideration. Further, I recommend that any plan endorsed by the Department Council and approved by the Department Commander be forwarded to the Department Bylaws Committee for review and possible recommended action by the 118th Annual Encampment in 2007.

Officers and Staff

In closing I wish to thank the officers and staff of the Department for the fine work that they have done in the past year. Many were serving in offices or other capacities that they had not served in prior to this year and yet they came through with colors flying. I am immensely pleased and proud of each and every one. Perhaps the sincerest testimony that I might offer is the profound belief that the Department would be best served if each of them were to return to their stations for the coming year. Brothers, well done.

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

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TO: Commander Richard Greene.

DATE: 28 April 2006.

My dear brother: Herewith I submit my report as Senior Vice Commander of this Department. It necessarily will be brief.

I desire to express my thanks to the 116th Annual Encampment for the honor they conferred by electing me to this honorable position. There are no excessive duties to perform. I, however, performed some work—S. U. V. C. W. work—but of purely local nature that is of some value now and will be of greater value in the years to come.

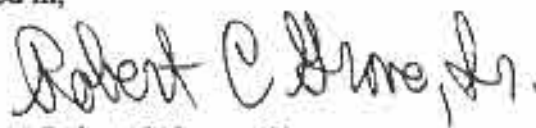
The above paragraph is adapted from the beginning of the report of Senior Vice Commander John A. Miller, of Grand Rapids, Mich., which was written on June 10, 1924, and Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L., to the 46th Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic. This encampment was held in Lansing, Michigan, on 11-13 June 1924.

I also have done some work of local nature that is of some value now. I attended and participated in several headstone dedications, (it was cold in Sault Ste. Marie), and, the meetings of Graves Registration Committee. With other members of Camp 250, I attended the dedication of the Traverse City Civil War Soldier Statue, and led the dedication service for a new Medal of Honor headstone for Civil War veteran Francis A. Bishop. He died in Port Angeles, Wash., on 11 Oct. 1937, and was returned for burial in the Blanchard Cemetery, Blanchard Michigan, in Isabella County. When he died he may have been longest living recipient of a Civil War Medal of Honor.

Hopefully my work of greater value for the years to come will in the copying and digitizing of the Memorial or Death Rolls from the Journals of the Annual Encampments of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic.

Because of the Poor condition of the paper of these Journals, I also have undertaken the project of copying and digitizing all 70 of these journals.

Respectfully submitted in,
F. C. & L.



Robert C Grove, Sr.
Senior Vice Commander

Wednesday April 19th 2006

To : Dennis Derr & Don Shaw
Dep't Secretary Dep't Chief of Staff
From : Jeff Baker , Junior Vice Commander
Department of Michigan S.U.V.C.W.
Subject : Annual Report

During the term , April 2005 to April 2006 , I held the office of Junior Vice Commander , Department of Michigan , S.U.V.C.W.. As such my role was to assign applications received from the National Organization to camps in Michigan , appropriate to the applicants address. An additional role was that of recruiting new members.

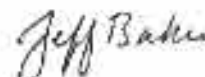
This past year I received 3 (three) applications from the National Organization. The first 2 were received on August 8th. These were from Ralph N. Baughn and William Winemiller. I contacted both of these gentlemen by phone and asked what camps , by location , they would like to join. Then I sent their applications on to the camps on August 13th. Ralph N. Baughn's application was sent to Camp 2 and William Winemiller's was sent to Camp 180.

The third application was received on February 12th for William Ambos. Again I called Mr. Ambos and then on February 16th. I sent his application on to Camp 145.

During the month of August I attended the Jackson Muster for 2 days. There I attempted to interest those who passed by our tent in joining the " Sons " however success in doing so eluded me.

In the coming year I hope to receive more applications from the National Organization than in 2005. In addition to this I plan to follow up on the applications I send on to the camps to be certain that the applicants have in fact joined those camps and that they have been initiated. With regards to recruiting I will again attend the Jackson Muster as well as other re-enactments. This year I also plan on contacting re-enactors themselves to see if some of them could be the " Sons of Union Veterans ". I will also be open to any suggestions my brothers in the organization wish to give me.

In F. C. & L.



Jeff Baker
Dep't Jr. Vice



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



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29 April 2006

Subject: Annual Report of the Department Secretary

Officers and Brothers of the Department of Michigan,

While the office of Department Secretary this last year has been busy at times, there really is not a lot to report.

There is however, one area that is in need of improvement within the Department of Michigan and that is the accurate and timely submission of reports by the Camps. While several Camps over the last year have done an excellent job of submitting properly completed reports on time, including the required number of copies, far too many Camps have struggled and continue to struggle with this. Per the Constitution and Regulations of the Order, all Camp Annual Reports are to be submitted to the Department Secretary by April 30th. As of April 28th, there are 12 Camps that have not submitted their Annual Reports. It should be noted, that last year's Department Annual Report, which is due at National Headquarters by May 31st, was late because some Camp Annual Reports were not received until the first week of June. By not submitting their Annual Reports on time, these Camps placed the Department of Michigan's Delegation to the National Encampment of the SUVCW in jeopardy of not being seated.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Dennis C. Derr II
Secretary
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Organized in 1881 – Legal Heir of and Representing the Grand Army of the Republic

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

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APRIL 27, 2006

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT TREASURER

COMMANDER GREENE, OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN:

THE DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN HAS CONCLUDED THE FINANCIAL BUSINESS OF MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2005-2006 AND OUR FINANCES REMAIN ON THE SOLID GROUND ESTABLISHED BY PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS AND PRACTICED BY OUR CURRENT LEADERSHIP. WE POST A NET INCOME OF \$375 FOR THE YEAR, AND TOTAL FUNDS OF \$18,483, WHICH SUPPORT THE IMPORTANT BUSINESS OF THE DEPARTMENT IN THE COMING YEAR.
DETAILS ARE APPENDED.

I AM PLEASED TO REPORT:

1. IN MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2005-2006 THE PUBLICATION OF THE *MICHIGAN'S MESSENGER* NEWSLETTER "WENT ELECTRONIC". RESULTING IN SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS FROM ANTICIPATED EXPENSES, WHICH WERE BASED ON "HARDCOPY" PUBLICATION. WHILE I AM AWARE THAT THIS CHANGE HAS POSED BURDENS FOR OUR CAMPS, THE SAVINGS ARE SIGNIFICANT AND MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO REDUCE THE COST OF ITS OPERATION AND/OR TO CONSIDER FUNDING OTHER IMPORTANT PROJECTS THAT FURTHER THE MISSION OF THE ORDER. I TRUST THAT WE WILL BE ABLE, THROUGH SINCERE DIALOGUE AND SOUND PLANNING, TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR CAMPS AND TO CONTINUE ON THIS SOUND TRAJECTORY OF CONTINUED COST-EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION.
2. IMMEDIATELY IN HIS ADMINISTRATION, COMMANDER GREENE ORDERED THAT ACTION BE TAKEN TO MORE EFFECTIVELY USE OUR FINANCIAL RESERVES. A COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED TO REVIEW FISCALLY SOUND ALTERNATIVES AND BASED UPON ITS FINDINGS A CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT FOR \$12,000 WAS PURCHASED ON JULY 8. SINCE THAT TIME, \$292 IN INTEREST HAS BEEN GENERATED FOR THE DEPARTMENT TREASURY.
3. OUR SALES FUNCTION IS HEAVILY RELIANT ON THE NATIONAL MAGAZINE FOR MARKETING; A DELAY IN PUBLICATION RESULTED IN A DROP IN SALES THAT RESULTED IN NO SALES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER. ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.
4. THE TREASURER IS NOW BONDED UP TO \$25,000 AS HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED BY PDC LYONS IN HIS REVIEW OF NOVEMBER, 2004. COMMANDER GREENE AND I DISCUSSED BONDING ADDITIONAL OFFICERS AND CONCLUDED THAT EVEN THE SMALL ADDITIONAL COST WAS NOT WARRANTED AT THIS TIME.

I WISH TO RECOMMEND FOR YOUR ACTION:

1. THAT DEPARTMENT PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS BE MAINTAINED AT THE CURRENT LEVEL, I.E. \$2 PER QUARTER.
2. THAT A WORK GROUP UNDERTAKE ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT OF THE CHANGE TO ELECTRONIC PUBLICATION OF THE NEWSLETTER AND RECOMMEND ACTION TO AMELIORATE NEGATIVE EFFECTS. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE ENCAMPMENT SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS ON AN INTERIM BASIS UNTIL THEY CAN BE REVIEWED AT OUR NEXT ENCAMPMENT, SUCH THAT CAMPS ARE SPARED NEGATIVE EFFECTS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
3. THAT A MEMBER BE ASSIGNED TO WORK WITH THE TREASURER IN ORDER TO ANALYZE IMPROVED MARKETING OF DEPARTMENT PRODUCTS, REVIEW AND, AS APPROPRIATE, IMPROVE OUR PRODUCT OFFERING. IT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED THAT A "QUARTERMASTER" FUNCTION BE DEVELOPED TO MANAGE DEPARTMENT SALES AND I ANTICIPATE THAT THIS FUNCTION WOULD EVENTUALLY BECOME A QUARTERMASTER.
4. THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONTINUE IT'S POLICY OF INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY BY RE INVESTING AT A MINIMUM OUR INITIAL AMOUNT PLUS THE INTEREST IT HAS EARNED AT THE BEST POSSIBLE RATE SHORT TERM CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT.

IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH COMMANDER GREENE AND YOUR OFFICERS. I WISH TO OFFER MY CONTINUED SERVICES AS TREASURER AND HAVE PROVIDED MY NOMINATION FOR THE COMING YEAR. I WOULD WELCOME YOUR AND YOUR OFFICERS ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FOR THE EFFECTIVE PERFORMANCE OF THESE DUTIES, SHOULD I BE ELECTED.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY AND LOYALTY


BRIAN J. SHUMWAY
DEPARTMENT TREASURER

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
ACCOUNTS

	BEGINNING BAL	30-Jun	30-Sep	31-Dec	31-Mar-06
	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	
	End BAL	End BAL	End BAL	Balance	Balance
Checking	\$ 965.14	\$ 12,192.87	\$ 5,423.17	\$ 5,333.56	\$ 5,010.95
Savings	\$ 15,744.71	\$ 15,763.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Deposited Funds	\$ -	\$ 28,696.37	\$ 18,237.72	\$ 18,260.74	\$ 18,050.03
			cash	\$ 233.00	
			receivable	\$ 200.00	
			Total Funds	\$ 18,483.03	

Restricted Use Report* Beginning 1st Quarter Total 2nd Quarter Total Total Funds

*special purpose funds included in the checking account.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

QUARTER FINANCIAL STATUS

	Period	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	TOTAL	Memo
REVENUES							
DEPARTMENT PER CAPITA, NET		3,502.00	124.00		102.00	3,728.00	
NET SALES		820.00	(1,274.34)	-	385.00	(69.34)	
INTEREST		22.73	75.00	112.27	111.53	321.53	
cash (Sales)					350.73	350.73	
TOTAL REVENUES		4,704.73	(1,075.34)	112.27	949.26	4,690.92	
EXPENDITURES							
NET ENCAMPMENT (this yr)		1,070.24	-	-	-	1,070.24	
OFFICER		102.61	97.92	-	8.34	208.87	
Ceremony					77.50		
COMMITTEE EXPENSES		133.33	169.45	76.72	700.00	1,079.50	
BANK CHARGE		11.00	72.35	-	-	83.35	
MESSENGER		384.58	692.58	-	-	1,077.16	
Net Pl, SVC Funds			50.00	-	-	50.00	
Membership, unbudgeted			10.00	-	-	10.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		1,701.76	1,092.30	76.72	785.84	3,578.12	
NET INCOME/ (LOSS)		3,002.97	(2,167.64)	35.55	163.42	1,034.30	

*red denotes restricted fund

OPERATING BUDGET PERFORMANCE Department of Michigan, SUVCW FY2006-2006

REVENUES	Approved	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	Difference	Remarks
Per Capita, Net	3,768	3,502.00	124.00	-	115.00	3,741.00	(27.00)	#1
Sales, net	734	820.00	(1,274.34)	-	722.73	268.39	(465.61)	#2
Interest	-	22.73	75.00	112.27	111.53	321.53	321.53	#3
Rally Round the Flag	1,200	360.00	-	-	-	360.00	(840.00)	
Total Revenues	\$ 5,702	\$ 4,704.73	\$ (1,075.34)	\$ 112.27	\$ 949.26	4,690.92	(1,011.08)	
EXPENSES								
Messenger, total	1,966	394.58	692.58	-	-	1,077.16	(888.84)	# 4
Supplies and Materials	120	-	-	-	-	-	(120.00)	
Bank Charges, checking	132	11.00	72.35	-	-	83.35	(48.65)	
Dept. Encampment, net	240	1,070.24	-	-	-	1,070.24	830.24	#5
Committee Expenses	600	133.33	169.45	76.72	700.00	1,079.50	479.50	#6
Natl Encampment	90	-	-	-	-	-	(90.00)	
National Funds	50	-	50.00	-	-	50.00	-	
Officer Expenses	950	102.61	97.92	-	6.34	208.87	(741.13)	
Ceremony Expenses	100	-	-	-	77.50	77.50	(22.50)	
Transfer to Savings	254	-	-	-	-	-	(254.00)	
Membership, Cent Reg Conf	-	-	10.00	-	-	10.00	10.00	
Rally Round the Flag	1,200	-	-	-	-	-	(1,200.00)	#7
Total Expenses	\$ 5,702	\$ 1,701.76	\$ 1,092.30	\$ 76.72	\$ 785.84	3,656.62	(2,045.38)	

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116th Department Encampment Summary

Revenues

Registrations	340.00
Dinners	2,177.50
Allied Order Reimbursements	343.20
Department Budget	238.74
	\$ 3,099.44

Expenses

Printing	170.40
Postage	26.88
Ribbons	72.30
Holiday Inn	2,803.86
Reimbursements	26.00
	\$ 3,099.44

Department of Michigan

MY2005-06 Proposed Budget

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>MY2005-2006</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	<u>Approved</u>	<u>MY2005-2006</u>	<u>MY2006-2007</u>
REVENUES			
Per Capita, Net	3,768	3,728.00	3,728.00
Sales, net	734	-69.34	588.00
Interest	-	321.53	500.00
Rally Round the Flag	1,200	360.00	-
Total Revenues	\$ 5,702	\$ 4,340.19	\$ 4,816.00
EXPENSES			
Messenger, total	1,966	1,077.16	150.00
Supplies and Materials	120	0.00	120.00
Bank Charges, checking	132	84.00	-
Dept. Encampment, net	240	1,070.24	500.00
Committee Expenses	600	1,092.03	750.00
Natl Encampment	90	0.00	100.00
National Funds	50	50.00	50.00
Officer Expenses	950	196.26	1,215.00
Ceremony Expenses	100	77.50	100.00
Transfer to Savings	254	0.00	513.00
Membership, Cent Reg Conf	-	10.00	10.00
Project 1 Rally Round the Flag	1,200	0.00	708.00
Project 2 GAR Charter Restoration			300.00
Project 3 GAR Records Copying			300.00
Total Expenses	\$ 5,702	\$ 3,657.19	\$ 4,816.00

Project 1 - Rally Round the Flag funds are available for projects to place flags at civil war veterans graves

Project 2 - Support for restoration and preservation of GAR charters in Michigan Archives.

Project 3 - Cost of copying GAR records uncovered in Michigan repositories.

Per Capita net is based up 471 Michigan members. Enrollment for this year is not complete, stood at 517 at last contact, with Life Member numbers not deducted. Actual enrollment may vary.

Officer Expenses	
Commander	\$ 200.00
SVC	\$ 150.00
JVC	\$ 150.00
Council	\$ 150.00
Secretary	\$ 150.00
Treasurer	\$ 140.00
Editor, MM	\$ 50.00
Historian	\$ 100.00
Eagles Coord	\$ 125.00
Total	\$ 1,215.00

Committee Expenses	
Graves Reg	\$ 200.00
Membership	\$ 50.00
GAR Rec.	\$ 100.00
CW Memorials	\$ 100.00
Comm&Tech	\$ 200.00
Nominations	\$ 50.00
ByLaws	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 750.00



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REPORT of the DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN
April 10, 2006

Commander Greene:


1. Listed below are all of the death dates and names of departed brothers, as they were reported to the Department Chaplain since our last Department Encampment:

2005:

- 5/5 Floyd E. Wallace, Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145, Flint.
 - 10/5 Harold Hodges, Nash-Hodges Camp No. 43, Blissfield.
 - 11/3 Douglas F. Colley, Gen. John A. Logan Camp No. 1, Grand Rapids.
2. During this fiscal year I have attended and/or participated in the following activities related to my position as Department Chaplain:
 - Department Encampment April 23, 2005.
 - Mt. Evergreen Cemetery graves rededication with Camp No. 7, May 21, 2005.
 - National Encampment in Manchester, NH August 4-7, 2005, where I filled in for the National Chaplain.
 3. I submitted appropriate reports of the deaths of Michigan brothers to Department and National officers, as required.

It has been my honor to have been appointed to this office. I appreciate having been able to serve our Order and to have done what I was able in order to perpetuate its ideals and promote its agenda. I sincerely regret the mix-up that prevents my attendance at the 2006 Departmental Annual Encampment. Hopefully, I can prevent the same thing from happening for any future activities for which I am expected to be present.

Respectively submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty.


William B. McAfee

"Serve the Lord with gladness."

NECROLOGY REPORT
Department of Michigan

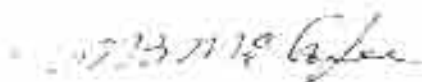
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Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,



William B. M^e Afce, PCC, Chaplain
The Department of Michigan SUVCW



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Michigan
Patriotic Instructor

April 23, 2006

To: Department Commander Greene and the Encampment
Re: The report of the 2006 Department Patriotic Instructor

Commander,

As you are aware, I assumed the position of Department Patriotic Instructor at your request late last year. I thank you for asking, as I am honored to serve the Department.

In the brief period I have been in Office, I have submitted 2 articles to the Michigan Messenger.

Using the contact information on the Department's website I forwarded to all the camps a blank copy of the Annual Report of the Camp Patriotic Instructor, requesting a response by April 1st. I also had an article in the Spring Issue of the Messenger along the same lines.

As of this date, I have heard from 8 camps; Camps number 1, 2, 20, 43, 58, 145, 160, and 427. I thank these camps for their response. Below is a summary of their reports.

Of the 8 responses, one camp said they did not have a Patriotic Instructor due to their size, while all the others reported they did have one.

Six reported they had programs at most meetings; one did not.

Three said they participated at schools, three did not, and one had offered but had no response.

Seven participated in Community Memorial Day and/or Veteran Day services.

All participated in Living History Events.

None participated in the ROTC program.

Three camps were involved with Eagle Scouts; three were not.

While two camps had some activity in the Adopt a School program, five camps had none.

Four camps did share activities with some of the Allied Orders while 3 had none.

Also noted was an impressive list of varied activities the camps had participated in.

Respectfully Submitted In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

Office of the Graves Registration Officer



April 29, 2006

Richard Greene, Commander
Department of Michigan
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Greetings Commander Greene,

Please accept the attached as a final report for the year 2005-2006 of activities from the Department of Michigan Graves Registration Committee.

The achievements of Committee during the past year although significant, did not meet the stated goals from the 2005 Report. We were not able to recover all records held in the Camps, and although we have encouraged the Camps were not able to contact an active Graves Registration Officer (GRO) for each Camp, nor an active program throughout the Department.

The significance of our work year can be recognized with an additional 4385 records entered into the Department database reflecting a total of 55,694 records. Approximately 500 records currently await input or revision.

The committee met for 24th consecutive time in March of this year, as we achieved a core attendance of approximately 50% of the Camps. Like the 2004-2005 year, these meetings achieved meaningful dialog that is useful to the Camp GROs and allows them a forum to express ideas, concerns, and spend time learning more about the resources available to them. We have created a living list of abbreviations, sources, and resources, a handbook designed to aid each GRO in keeping consistency in our work, and each attending Camp received an updated CD containing the most current Department db for their use.

I have mentioned at the last 5 Department Encampments the lack of participation from some camps, and although that fact has not changed, certain proactive members and friends outside of the Order continue to overcome the hurdle by working outside their normal areas.

The National database, which requires a double entry of all records, has limited our submissions to them.

Under your leadership and support, the Department of Michigan Graves Registration Program and its members continue to provide a program that is second to none.

I appreciate the opportunity that I have been given, and hope that you, as well as future Commanders allow me to remain as Chairman of this Committee with the goal of completing the task at hand. I remain,

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Richard E. Danes,
Department of Michigan
Graves Registration Officer

CC: Robert C. Grove, Department SVC
Dennis Derr, Department Secretary
Donald William Shaw, Chief of Staff
Attendees

GRAVES RECORDS SUBMITTED, JUNE 2000 – APRIL 2006

Date	Records Submitted to National	Records in Department Database	Records Awaiting Input
June 2000	18,583*	18,021*	2000*
February 2001	20,146	19,881	7324
February 2002	30,282	33,289	12,000
February 2003	38,659	42,374	2000
April 2004	43,253	47,180	1000
April 2005	50,228	51,309	1000
April 2006	50,228	55,694	500
Total Change Since April, 2005	0	4385	500

*3007 records deleted as a result of record reconciliation per National Officer Request

DEPARTMENT of MICHIGAN
SONS of UNION VETERANS
of the CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN'S
2006 ANNUAL REPORT

April 4th, 2006

Sir:

This past year has been a slow one for the Department of Michigan office of the Historian.

I have received items from Bro. Neil Breaugh, compact discs concerning the past year's information on the Robert Finch Camp 14. Also Bro. Bruce Butgereit, of the Gen. John Logan Camp 1 sent me two compact discs, one of the Andersonville Event and one of the rededication of the G.A.R. Monument in Detroit.

I have requested through the Michigan's Messenger that all brothers can send items to me relating to their Department Office or items from their Camps and I will add them to our archives of our Department.

The question of where our Department's Civil War artifacts and items of interest are located and being are stored, was discussed between Department Commander Greene and myself. He asked if I had a list concerning these items, what items the Department had and the location of these items. I informed him I received some ringed notebooks and such from Bro. Hodges (past Department Historian), but other than that I had no idea on what items the Department has or where they were.

Commander Greene then directed me to contact certain brothers he thought might have this information or maybe they send me the right direction to locate these items in question!

Bro. Hodges contacted me with the following information.

Quote:

"Much if not most of the Department's historical information has been stored at the G.A.R. Hall in Marshall, the home of Colegrove- Woodruff Camp No. 22. A metal storage cabinet in the upstairs or attic was filled with papers of all kinds. Lacking space for even more Departmental material there, some of us were able to store red notebooks full of historical material in the Camp's filing cabinet in the main floor back room by the stairway. We tried to bring in fire-resistant filing cabinets for the Department's papers, but the local historical society turned down our request, fearing that the weight would jeopardize the building structure."

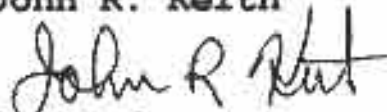
End Quote.

I want to thank him for this information, it is a start!

As of this date this is what I have concerning the year 2006 for Office of the Department of Michigan Historian!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty:

John R. Keith



Commander

Gen. Benj. Pritchard Camp 20

Department Historian

Department of Michigan

SUVCW

**CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE REPORT
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN – S.U.V.C.W.
ENCAMPMENT OF APRIL 22, 2006**

Douglas R. Armstrong, Chair
Bruce Butgereit Fred L. Knoodle Michael W. McMillan Richard A. Williams
Chris P. Czopek

We are again proud to report continued progress by our Department's Camps, in support of the Civil War Memorials Assessment Project. Though we have received only moderate participation from most Camps we have had an increase with individual Brothers with the locating of Civil War Memorials and the submitting of memorial assessment forms. As a result we have seen some increased growth to the Department's Civil War Memorials Database. The entering of this information into our database is ongoing. To date we have registered 240 monuments and memorials located within 37 counties across the State. This is an increase of 30 memorials since last year. A photo of each monument is included within the database along with the condition assessment information.

This year the database has grown too large for our software's capability to store the records. A request was made to the Department Council to provide funds for the purchase of an updated version of Microsoft Access, the program in which the assessments are stored. Much discussion was had as to what provisions are made by this committee to back-up the data and what provisions should be made for future software solutions. We currently back-up the database by copying it to an external hard drive. The new software will allow us to continue to enter assessments and include photos of each monument to a size double of the original database. The Department's communications and technology committee is currently working on a solution to any future storage developments. The committee would like to thank members of the council and the Department Commander for granting our request that will allow us to continue this important work.

At the 2005 National Encampment in Nashua, New Hampshire, a report was submitted by this committee to the National Civil War Memorials Officer. Included within the report was the Michigan Department's current memorial assessment program status. Also shared were the several memorial restoration projects being conducted by Camps across the state. A copy of the department's database was enclosed for inclusion into the national database as well.

This committee would like to again acknowledge the accomplishments of those Camps who have continued to honor the Boys in Blue by restoring and rededicating the monuments erected in their honor. Our efforts will ensure that future generations will not forget the sacrifices our ancestors endured in saving the Union. Any Camp with a current or past restoration project is encouraged to contact this office with the details of the project, so that a permanent record can be created for the Department Archives.

The Department's Cannon Inquiry Project is still ongoing. This office is continuing to contact those communities in which Civil War era cannon are located. A history of the cannon and the important significance of these pieces as a symbol of their community's historical heritage are shared. Several have replied favorably to our inquiries with appreciation for the shared information. By doing so, it is the hope of this committee to bring to the attention of proper authorities the threat of possible theft or sale of these cannon.

With that, this committee would like to recommend that the Department of Michigan draft a press release to share with the public the threat to all veterans' memorials. An example has been included with this report that was recently issued by the Commander-in-Chief, Donald Darby.

Respectfully submitted in
Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas Armstrong", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Douglas Armstrong, Chairman
Civil War Memorials Committee
Department of Michigan, S.U.V.C.W.



NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS
Post Office Box 1865
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IS YOUR LOCAL CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL FOR SALE?

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War wishes to take this opportunity to alert the public to an unfortunate trend in recent years to desecrate Civil War Memorials erected in honor of the men who fought in the Civil War.



The biggest problem centers on Civil War Memorials that include Civil War Cannons. In an all too typical scenario, individuals, claiming to represent a Civil War museum, approach local officials they perceive to be responsible for the Civil War Memorial. In point of fact, these individuals are private collectors or persons acting on behalf of private collectors. They make the local officials aware of how valuable the cannon are and suggest they may be in danger of being stolen or damaged. They offer to buy the cannon and place them on display at a museum where they will be safe for everyone to enjoy. They agree to substitute a reproduction so the local community will still have a cannon, and one that will require little or no maintenance.

The price offered to the local officials is always far less than the real value of the cannon memorial. However, it is always in the thousands of dollars and the local officials, often being pressured for operating funds, see nothing wrong with the arrangement since they will still have a cannon reproduction for display purposes.

In most cases the local officials, be they government, civic or veterans groups, are unaware that they probably do not hold legal title to the cannon they propose to sell. Most of these Memorial cannons were placed in cemeteries, public squares or community parks by local Civil War Veteran's organizations (GAR) or their descendants such as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). The SUVCW is a Congressionally Chartered Organization and the legal heir to the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). Many of these cannons were either given to the GAR or loaned to the GAR or SUVCW by the United States Government. Those on loan from the United States Government must be returned to the government if they cease to be a Civil War Memorial.

Regardless of ownership, these Civil War memorials should not be desecrated. They are priceless relics placed by our ancestors to remind us of the sacrifices they made not only for themselves, but also for future generations. The placement of these Civil War Memorials generally involved impressive dedication ceremonies attended by the entire community, including widows and children of the fallen soldiers. The understanding everyone had at the time of placement of these Memorials was that they would remain as a permanent memorial – not until the community felt an economic need to sell them.

The public would be outraged if a modern memorial to military veterans were to be sold just because it had a monetary value. When the SUVCW discovers the desecration of a Civil War Memorial, it takes an active role in trying to preserve the memorial and recover the cannon. In several cases, not only have local officials been embarrassed, regarding their actions relating to Civil War memorials, but also in recovering the cannons, it proved costly. Those who buy these cannons from local officials are always willing to sell them back, but at a much higher price.

Every community should be vigilant and avoid involvement in trying to enhance their General Funds at the expense of our Civil War veterans.

Questions: Please contact Donald E. Darby, Commander-in-Chief, National Organization SUVCW, 1382 Western Avenue, Chillicothe, OH 45601-1107, Ph: (740) 772-6081 or, E-mail: CinC@SUVCW.org

Michigan

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County: BenzieCounty Total 3

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County: CheboyganCounty Total 3

County: ClareCounty Total 2

County: ClintonCounty Total 7

County: EatonCounty Total 14

County: EmmetCounty Total 9

County: GeneseeCounty Total 4

County: Grand TraverseCounty Total 3

County: GratiotCounty Total 6

County: HillsdaleCounty Total 2

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County: Midland
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County: Monroe
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County: Otsego
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County: Shiawassee
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County: Van Buren
County Total 1

County: Washtenaw
County Total 14

County: Wayne

County Total 37

State Total 201

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

G. A. R. RECORDS COMMITTEE

April 29, 2006

TO: Richard Greene
Department Commander

It is a pleasure to once again report on an active and productive year, with many things accomplished.

We have added much new material to the committee files. This includes a CD from Brother Matt Adair covering the Memorial Book and other material from Post 145 in the Sloan Museum in Flint. He also photographed and placed on a CD the Descriptive Book and the Memorial Book of Col. Fenton Post 24 and the Dexter Horton Camp 102, SV, Descriptive Book. The originals of these books are at the Fenton Historical Museum. There is more material there to copy.

Brothers Fred Knoodle and Charles Harthy have each been sending a good bit of material from their respective areas of the state, including obituaries of veterans and news items concerning local G.A.R. Posts.

We have acquired copies of the Foster Post 42 materials from the Clarke Historical Library at CMU. We now have copies (or originals) of all known material from Post 42. Copies of the Minute Book of Woodbury Post 45 at the Clarke Library were also added to the files.

The Howe Memorial Library, in Breckinridge, provided us with copies of 101 applications of members of Billy Cruzon Post 347. The Quartermaster dues records for most of these men were also provided.

We have acquired a copy of the 1889-1901 Minute Book of the William D. Wilkins Post 91 of St. Louis. Carol Douglas of the Gratiot County Genealogical Society has also been sending copies of obituaries and other information from that county.

In the past week we have added copies of all known material of Post 283 to the files. We have been asked to participate in a Sunfield Historical Society project to write the history of this Post, the Hall and the Allied Orders there. They will publish the book and share the proceeds to be used for Hall restoration and preservation.

A project of some consequence has been completed and posted to the National web site. Though not directly related to the work of this Committee, it will be helpful in a broad

sense. The data base of SUVCW Camps as recorded in the Card File of the National Secretary's office (3708 records) has been completed as well as the information in the two ledgers listing Approved Charter Applications (2008 records). This was finished with the information contained in the National Secretary's Consolidated Report records (475 records). The records cover Camps formed from the beginning of the Order to June of 1973. Thanks to Brother Matt Adair for preparing this material for posting.

Interaction with other organizations continues through presentations. Five were presented this year. The most recent was for the Stockbridge Genealogical/Historical Society on April 18. Perhaps the most impressive was the dedication of the Flag of Post 272 at the District Library in Chase. We now have two identified Post Flags in Michigan. The other is the Post 2 flag at the Quincy Public Library.

Requests for research assistance numbered about 50 this year, but some resulted in a considerable amount of material coming to light. As a result of this type of activity and a number of things sent to us by others, we now have some anecdotal material on file for 183 different Posts. It is fragmentary, at best, but it keeps coming and expands our resources.

We have nearly completed the identification of the Department and Post officers listed in Comrade I. M. Cravath's book recounting the Memorial Day programs of 1869. We have added the listing of the Charter members of Post 50 (from 1869) to this group bringing the count to nearly 230 men. We have no other indication of who the members were in the 1867-1872 operation of the Michigan Department. Included will be an indication of those, from this group, who became members again after the Department was reorganized in 1879. When completed, and verified, this information will be posted on the Committee web page.

Work on the G.A.R. member data base project continues at a good pace. We are now working on Post 67, but because several numbers were used multiple times, there are actually the records of 77 Posts completed. There are 17,308 records of individuals included as well as 3437 annual Post officer rosters.

Efforts have continued with regard to cultivating and expanding our working relationship with the State Archives of Michigan. Last fall we discussed the development of a program to review the Graves Registration files from the Civil War Centennial efforts and add them to our existing data base. One of the staff is running their card file listing against our data base listing and forwarding information from the card file not already in our collection. Brother Danes will probably comment further on this project.

This spring I arranged to do an inventory of the Post Charters on file in several locations of holdings at the Archives. The list of over 200 Post Charters is posted on the G.A.R. Records page of our Department web site. This inventory turned up several important discoveries, including Charters from three Posts that were listed in the Finding Aid as not having any records. The Charters of French Post 28, Carver Post 28 and Thomas Oldfield

Post 344 were in the files. We now, at least, have the names of the Charter members of these three Posts.

The Charters were filed in two main groups. One had about half of them stored flat in a series of folders. The remaining half were folded and stored in the Post record boxes. The condition of the Charters varied greatly, partly due to the varying quality of paper used, but also, those folded needed to be flattened. This listing is now posted on the Committee page of our web site.

Mark Harvey, the State Archivist took this as an opportunity to establish a conservation and preservation program at the Archives. The Post Charters would be the first project to be tackled. Funding was not available in the budget and a request was made to the Department to provide the "seed" money for the project to purchase needed supplies. I have observed the work to date and it has really stabilized these fragile documents.

Work has progressed to dealing with those in the worst condition. Some of these are literally in a dozen or more pieces. A special rice paper made by the Japanese is used for the repair of these badly damaged documents. Some will be placed on material that will absorb the acid from the paper. Some will be "encapsulated" to give them greater stability. The repaired Charters are being stored in new individual folders.

I feel that the completion of this project fully exemplifies that part of our "Purpose" as stated in our Congressional Charter, second only to maintaining the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic;

"... to assist in every practicable way in the preservation and making available for research of documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members; ..."

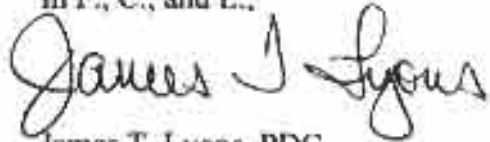
CONCLUSION

It has been my pleasure to head this team again this past year. Much has been accomplished, but there is much more to do. I would hope that I can continue on this project for some time to come and that we can continue to break "new ground" to facilitate the important work in which we are engaged.

A copy of the updated listing of "FOUND" G.A.R. Post Records in the State of Michigan is included as an attachment to this report. A copy has been sent to the Webmaster for posting on the web site.

Respectfully submitted,
For the Committee,

In F., C., and L.,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James T. Lyons". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "J".

James T. Lyons, PDC
G.A.R. Records Officer
Department of Michigan

G.A.R. Records Committee

Gary L. Gibson, PDC
J. Douglas Park, PDC
Paul D. Hodges, PDC
Fred Knoodle
Charles Harthy
Matt Adair

FOUND

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

POST RECORDS

The information below, on the location of G.A.R. Records material found to date, is presented in the following format.

Posts are listed in numerical order followed by the name of the Post, the name of the community where the Post was based and the county in Michigan. The material is listed by type and followed by the LOCATION of the material. When Post records are found in multiple locations, the listing is continued by type of record and location under the initial heading for that Post.

Post 2 - C. O. Loomis - Quincy - Branch County

Memorial Book

Minute Book

Financial Record Book

Post Flag

LOCATION - Quincy Public Library

Post 5 - Custer - Grand Rapids - Kent County

Descriptive Book

LOCATION - Archives of Michigan - Lansing - Record Group 71-98

Constitution and By Laws

LOCATION - Bentley Historical Library - University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

Post 6 - C. J. Dickerson - Hillsdale - Hillsdale County

Minutes

Financial Records

Membership roster

Constitution and By Laws

Misc. notes and clippings

LOCATION - Bentley Historical Library - University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

Post 15 - Pap Williams - Ludington - Mason County

Minute Book - 1894 - 1921

By Laws

LOCATION - Archives of Michigan - Record Group 63-37

Post 16 - Sedgwick - Ewart - Osceola County

Descriptive Book

LOCATION - Archives of Michigan - Lansing - Record Group 71-98

Post 17 - Fairbanks - Detroit - Wayne County

Minute Books (2) 1923 - 1941 & 1935 - 1937

LOCATION - Archives of Michigan - Record Group MS 68-56 (Box 3)

Post 22 - Wm. Perrott - Buchanan - Berrien County

Minute Books (2)

LOCATION - Western Michigan University Archives - Kalamazoo

- Post 24 – Col. Fenton – Fenton – Genesee County
 Memorial Book
 Registration Book
 Minute Book
 Officer Reports
 LOCATION – Fenton Historical Museum
- Post 31 – Broadhead – Paw Paw – Van Buren County
 Not inventoried
 LOCATION – American Legion Post – Paw Paw
- Post 32 – Farragut – Battle Creek – Calhoun County
 Charter
 Memorial Book
 Misc. records and publications
 LOCATION – G. A. R. Records Committee files
- Post 39 – Kilpatrick – Berrien Springs – Berrien County
 Minute Book – 1899 – 1918
 LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Record Group 56-8 (Box 3)
- Post 40 – A. S. Williams – Charlotte – Eaton County
 Memorial Book
 Photos of Post members – identified
 Book of maps and misc. material
 LOCATION – American Legion Post – Charlotte
 Post Descriptive Book
 LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Lansing – Record Group 71-98
- Post 41 – R. P. Carpenter – Chelsea – Washtenaw County
 Memorial Book
 LOCATION – History Room – Chelsea Public Library
- Post 42 – Charles T. Foster – Lansing – Ingham County
 Descriptive Books (4)
 Minute Books, including death rolls (1926 – 1931)
 Account Book – dues payments
 LOCATION – Clarke Historical Library – Central Michigan University – Copies in G. A. R.
 Records Committee Files
- Applications (103)
 Memorial Book
 Minute Books (2) 1865 – 1896 & 1909 – 1915
 LOCATION – G. A. R. Records Committee Files
- Post 45 – Woodbury – Adrian – Lenawee County
 Minute Book – 1889 – 1902
 LOCATION – Clarke Historical Library – Central Michigan University – Copy – G. A. R. Records
 Committee Files
- Record Book – dues paid and obituary notices 1915-1943
 LOCATION – Bentley Historical Library – University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
- Post 46 – Jacob Fry – Ganges – Allegan County
 Descriptive Rolls (2) 1882 – 1905
 LOCATION – Western Michigan University Archives – Kalamazoo

- Post 48 – Edward Pomeroy – Jackson – Jackson County
 Memorial Book
 LOCATION – Austin Blair Camp 7 – SUVCW
- Post 55 – Capt. Hiram Barrows – Armada – Macomb County
 Descriptive Book
 LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Lansing – Record Group 71-98
- Post 63 – G. K. Warren – East Tawas – Iosco County
 Membership records
 Reports and correspondence
 LOCATION – Clarke Historical Library – Central Michigan University
- Post 70 – James D. Morgan – Onaway – Presque Isle County
 Descriptive Book
 LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Lansing – Record Group 71-98
- Post 72 – Ed M. Prutzman – Three Rivers – St. Joseph County
 Descriptive Book
 LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Lansing – Record Group 71-98
- Post 74 – Sterling – Wayland – Allegan County
 Memorial Book
 LOCATION – Moline Elementary School, Office of the Then and Now Historical and Genealogical Society of Eastern Allegan County - Wayland – Copy in the G.A.R. Records Committee files
- Post 79 – Orcutt – Kalamazoo – Kalamazoo County
 Complete records of Post – 1882 to 1943
 LOCATION – Kalamazoo Valley Museum – Kalamazoo
 Memorial Book
 Burial Book
 LOCATION – Kalamazoo Public Library
- Post 96 – Carter – Union – Cass County
 Descriptive Book
 LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Lansing – Record Group 71-98
- Post 109 – Butterworth – Coldwater – Branch County
 Not inventoried
 LOCATION – Wing House Museum – Coldwater
- Post 111 – James B. Brainard – Eaton Rapids – Eaton County
 Memorial Book
 Descriptive Book
 LOCATION – Eaton Rapids Public Library
- Post 120 – Waddell – Howell – Livingston County
 Descriptive Book
 Minute Books (2) 1883 – 1926
 LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Record Group 56-8 (Box 4)
 Roll Book – sign-in
 LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Record Group 66-74
- Post 124 – John C. Joss – Constantine – St. Joseph County

Membership Records (25 pages) partially burned
LOCATION - Sturgis Public Library

Post 125 - Fitzgerald - Hastings - Barry County

Descriptive Book

Cash Book - 1913 - 1932

Dues Book - 1913 - 1941

LOCATION - Archives of Michigan - Record Group - 56-8 (Box 4)

Post 135 - David Oaks - Centerville - St. Joseph County

Record Book - Dues payment

LOCATION - Western Michigan University Archives - Kalamazoo

Post 137 - Welch - Ann Arbor - Washtenaw County

Minutes

Financial Records

Memorial records of deceased members

LOCATION - Bentley Historical Library - University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

Post 143 - Whiteside - Caro - Tuscola County

Minute Book

Ritual Book of Orlando LeValley

Song book

LOCATION - Historical Museum - Watrousville

Post 144 - Turrill - Lapeer - Lapeer County

Membership lists

Minutes

Financial Records

Photograph of members

LOCATION - Bentley Historical Library - University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

Descriptive Book

LOCATION - DeAngeli Library - Lapeer (Original in Archives, copy in the stacks.)

Post 145 - Gov. Crapo - Flint - Genesee County

Memorial Book

Minute Books (2) 1921-1925 & 1925-1936 (Vol. 31 and Vol. 33)

Roll of Members (Vol. 28)

Records - Genesee Co. Comm. - Soldiers and Sailors Monument 1894-1895 (Vol. 32)

LOCATION - Sloan Museum - Flint

Post 146 - Capt. Wilson - Waldron - Hillsdale County

Memorial Book

LOCATION - Reference Section - Lapeer County Public Library

Post 147 - Dick Richardson - Pontiac - Oakland County

Records - no inventory

LOCATION - Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society Library

Post 157 - Albert Anderson - Cassopolis - Cass County

Descriptive Book

LOCATION - G. A. R. Records Committee files

Post 166 - Calvin Colgrove - Marshall - Calhoun County

Applications

Misc. records

LOCATION – Marshall Historical Society – G. A. R. Hall – Marshall

Post 180 – Carpenter – Ypsilanti – Washtenaw County

Minutes

Financial Records

LOCATION – Bentley Historical Library – University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

Post 197 – John Tucker – Ortonville – Oakland County

Descriptive Book

LOCATION – Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society Library – Copy in G. A. R. Records

Committee Files

Post 205 – Quackenbush – Owosso – Shiawassee County

Applications – 1883-1927

Descriptive Book

Minute Book (11) 1884 - 1924

Letter Book

Financial Record Books 1883-1901

LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Lansing – Record Group 77 – 113

Post 210 – E. W. Hollingsworth – Albion – Calhoun County

Applications

Descriptive Book

"Memorial Record"

Photographs (50)

Constitution and By Laws

LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Lansing – Record Group 76-12

Post 211 – Wm. H. Borden – Ionia – Ionia County

Memorial Book

LOCATION – Blanchard House Museum – Ionia

Post 216 – Harry D. Terry – Mount Clemens – Macomb County

Memorial Book

LOCATION – Mount Clemens Public Library

Index to Memorial Book

LOCATION – G. A. R. Records Committee files

Post 220 – Geo. L. Acker – Vicksburg – Kalamazoo County

Memorial Record of 11 Members

Speech by Col. Wm. W. Scott on becoming Post Commander in 1886

LOCATION – Vicksburg Public Library

Post 237 – Peter A. Weber – Rockford – Kent County

Descriptive Book

LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Lansing – Record Group 71-98

Post 239 – Bryon Stoddard – Concord – Jackson County

Minute Book

LOCATION – Private holding – Contact Bill Lowe

Post 252 – J. T. Jones – Howard City – Montcalm County

Minute Book

LOCATION – Private Collection – Copy – G. A. R. Records Comm. Files

Post 266 – Lyon – Menominee – Menominee County

Minute Book
LOCATION - Spies Public Library
War and Burial Record
LOCATION - Spies Public Library - Copy - G.A.R. Records Comm. Files

- Post 269 - Mark Thompson - Plainwell - Allegan County
Memorial Book
Ledger - Dues payment record
Descriptive Book (Rules Regulation and By Laws)
Burial Book
LOCATION - Western Michigan University Archives - Kalamazoo
- Post 283 - Samuel W Grinnell - Sunfield - Eaton County
Applications
Photos, identified
Minutes
Misc. record books
LOCATION - G. A. R. Hall - Sunfield - Copies - G.A.R. Records Committee files
- Post 384 - Detroit - Detroit - Wayne County
Memoirs
LOCATION - Clarke Historical Library - Central Michigan University
- Post 289 - Henry C. Pratt - Mackinac Island - Mackinac County
Descriptive Book
LOCATION - Archives of Michigan - Lansing - Record Group 71-98
- Post 361 - Kilbourne - Sherwood - Branch County
Descriptive Book
LOCATION - Archives of Michigan - Lansing - Record Group 71-98
- Post 382 - V. O. Bretz - Bonanza/Lake Odessa - Ionia County
Descriptive Book
LOCATION - Archives of Michigan - Lansing - Record Group 71-98
- Post 410 - Wm. T. Sherman - Vassar - Tuscola County
Descriptive Book
LOCATION - Archives of Michigan - Lansing - Record Group 71-98
- Post 419 - H. P. Merrill - Bay City - Bay County
Descriptive Book
LOCATION - Archives of Michigan - Lansing - Record Group 71-98
- Post 441 - Steele Brothers - Mason - Ingham County
Minute Book - 1911 - 1924
LOCATION - Archives of Michigan - Record Group 90-273

RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

Calhoun County Veterans Battalion
Minutes - 1889-1930
Quartermaster Reports - Registration of Members at Reunions - 1908 -1928
Roster and Cash Book - 1896 - 1922
LOCATION - Archives of Michigan - Record Group 66-78

Eaton County Battalion

Minutes
LOCATION – Eaton Rapids Public Library

Ingham County Soldiers and Sailors Union
Minutes and Officer Lists – 1874 – 1881
LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Record Group 58-25

Mich. Corps of the Blue & the Gray
Notes and Officer List – May 16, 1888
LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Record Group 58-25

Shiawassee County Battalion
Minute Book 1890 – 1924
Memorial Records of Veterans of the County
LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Record Group – 77-113 (Series 3)

As a result of answering requests for research assistance, there is some anecdotal information that has been gathered and filed in a folder for the appropriate Post. There have been contributions of dated Post rosters and other material relating to a particular Post and this has been handled in like fashion. Thus, there are a total of 183 Posts for which this type of material is on file.

The records and files of the Michigan Department Headquarters, G. A. R. are housed at the Archives of Michigan in Lansing. These records consist primarily of the Adjutant's Reports (new members, transfers, suspensions, drops, discharges and deaths) filed by the Posts (Quarterly until 1891, semi-annual until 1918, annual thereafter). Also included are miscellaneous Officers reports; correspondence (mostly related to the reports filed); Post Charter Applications; Reports of new Post Mustering Officers and in some instances, the Post Charter. (Record Group 63-19)

The Finding Aid developed by the Archives staff lists 463 Posts for the Department. However, there are no surviving records for five Posts (not listed in the Finding Aid) dropped during or shortly after the re-activation of the Department in 1879. Also, there appear to be no records for the 50, or so, Posts that were organized during the first period of the Department operation from 1867 to 1872.

The project to develop a computer database listing the members of the Michigan Department G. A. R. continues. Work is presently under way on Post 67. There are now 17,308 names entered and 3437 annual Post officer rosters. Because of the multiple use of Post numbers, in different locations and times, there are actually rosters for 77 Posts now in the database. Reports can be generated for individuals, an entire Post or the complete listing of officers for a Post.

James T. Lyons, PDC
G. A. R. Records Officer
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

December 15, 2003
Updated April 23, 2006

G.A.R. Records Committee

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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
The Russell A. Alger, Camp No. 462
Department of Michigan
Camp-at-Large

Saturday, April 29, 2006

To the Department Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, all Elected and Appointed Department Officers, any National Officers present, Camp Officers and members,

Greetings:

I herewith submit my annual report as Coordinator of Russell A. Alger Camp No. 462, the Michigan Camp-At-Large.

We increased our membership by 1 this year by receiving Bro. Jack W. Gibson into our ranks. Our total membership is now 15.

All members have E-mail to contact has been maintained via E-mail in keeping with the practice started by Bro. Kevin Lindsey, Past Camp Coordinator.

Information was provided to our new member on how to obtain a marker for his ancestor's grave. The Michigan Messenger was sent electronically to all members. Soft copies of the SUV Recruiting Guide as well as the National Constitution and Regulations and the Michigan Department By-Laws were sent for the member's files.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

Robert A. Mitchell

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**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Michigan
May 2005-April 2006**

**Report of the
Eagle Scout Coordinator
Charles Worley**

It has been my privilege to serve as the Department Eagle Scout coordinator for the 2005-2006 year. I personally was blessed to interact with so many parents that devote their time to keep young men engaged with not only Scouting's principles but the values of this great nation. Every Letter of Commendation and Certificate of Achievement that was sent to these young men is a statement recognizing those principles and values.

What is so satisfying is that our certificate along with many other organizations is presented in a keepsake scrapbook that will carry the memories of all their Good Deeds through the years.

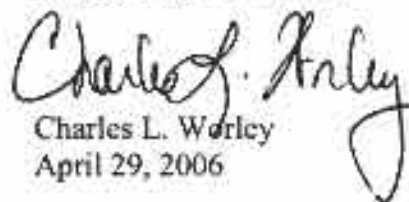
Activity for the year:

83 Certificates have been sent to Michigan Eagle Scouts
Of those 7 were requested by Michigan Sons Camps.
1 Certificate was sent to the Camp-at-Large Georgia.

Expenses for the year:

\$113.82 has been turned into the Department.

Respectfully Submitted,


Charles L. Worley
April 29, 2006



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



**Report of the Department Signals Officer
117th Encampment, April 29th, 2006**

Brothers,

I have the honor to submit the following report concerning the activities of the Department Signals Officer for the 2005-2006 year:

By far the greatest achievement was the design and implementation of a new website for the Department of Michigan. The associated expenses for the server and domain name were donated anonymously by brothers of the Department, and will cover the operation for another year. A very sincere "thank you" goes out to these Brothers who stepped forward to make this project possible. "Thank you" also goes out to Brother Eric Kirchberg for his tenure in maintaining the previous website.

Some highlights of the new website include:

- Completely new look and feel
- An online photo album of past and current events, memorials, and historic photos. This area of the website could use some expansion. If any brothers have any photos they would like included, please contact me.
- An updated and dynamic events calendar which includes an events submittal form.
- In cooperation with the Graves Registration Committee, the Department's Graves Registration Database is now online and searchable with the data being updated every quarter. The current implementation gives researcher the opportunity to contact the appropriate GRO in order to request or submit additional information.

Additional improvements for the website are in the works, most notably:

- The scanning and conversion of all available proceedings from previous Department Encampments
- The scanning and conversion of all previous editions of *Michigan's Messenger*. (These first two items are courtesy of Brother Jim Lyons and his personal collection.)
- Updated historical information concerning the Past Department Commanders, courtesy of Brother Gary Gibson.

In addition, our current server has many capabilities which have yet to be fully explored. They include:


- Department email addresses (ie. jvc@suvcwmi.org).
- Email lists which could be implemented for various Department committees and groups. These lists would allow users to send an email to one address, which would then redistribute the email to of the subscribed members.
- Sufficient space to provide backup of important documents and information from Department officers and committees.

Individual camps are encouraged to examine their camp web pages under the Camps & Membership portion of the website. At least ten of the camp web pages have not been updated since July of 2005, and the data used then was from the old website. Since the website is the online, public face of our camps and department, we need to make sure that the information presented is as accurate as possible. Along this line of thinking, if any brother has suggestions for improvements, constructive criticism, or notices problems with the website, please contact me. At the bottom of every page is a link for sending an email to the webmaster.

Looking forward to the future, the Department will need to consider funding for the website. The web hosting account currently costs \$6.95 a month, payable in two year increments, which works out to \$166.80 every two years. Our current account will need payment again in June of 2007. In addition, the yearly cost of the domain name (www.suvcwmi.org), which will also expire in June 2007, is currently \$35 year, with discounts for ordering multiple years. As stated previously, the website is our public face in an increasingly technologically focused society. It is my sincere hope that we will continue to fund the website in a way that will bring honor and praise to our Department.

I appreciate the trust conferred upon me, and hope that I will be given the opportunity to serve again.

Respectfully submitted,
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



Matthew L. Adair
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Signals Officer

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**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
BY LAWS COMMITTEE**

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**TO: Commander Richard Greene.
DATE: 28 April 2006.**

No by law changes were submitted by any of the Camps of the Department.

As Chair I submit this report for the Committee.

**Respectfully submitted in,
F. C. & L.**


**Robert C Grove, Sr.
Senior Vice Commander, Chair**



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Michigan
Chief of Staff

April 23, 2006

To: Department Commander Greene and the Encampment
Re: The Report of the 2006 Department Chief of Staff

Commander and Brothers,

In all honesty I must report the Office of the Chief of Staff has not been that busy this year. That is not a bad thing however. Rather, it is a very good thing.

The duties of the Chief of Staff that I was able to find, detailed a post that was meant to provide assistance to the individuals who comprised the staff of an organization, to provide needed coordination between those individuals, and to fix, or aid in fixing, problems that arose on the staff. The organization this year has been blessed with a group of individuals who needed very little assistance in those areas. There were, nevertheless jobs tackled by the Office of the Chief of Staff. Those are as follows:

First, at the beginning of the year a list of the duties of the various officers and committee chairs was distributed to the individuals assuming those posts so as to aid the in understanding the jobs they had undertaken. Second, problems with the Editor of the Messenger were examined, a personal visit was made to the individual involved, and a report made to the Department Commander for his use in determining a course of action. Third, problems as regard the Patriotic Instructor were examined, a personal visit in the company of the Department commander was undertaken and a report made to the Department Commander for his use in determining a course of action. At various times throughout the year, discussions as regard Department matters were had with the Commander. These discussions were on various topics and held as needed. Finally, the dreaded call for Department Encampment Reports and marshalling their collection was accomplished, to some extent by this office.

My recommendation to the Encampment as regards this post is that a, "Job Description," for it be generated, similar to those currently directing the activities of other department functionaries. While it is nice to allow for some flexibility in the post so as to utilize it as needed, an unchecked grant of authority is no way to run a position. There should at least be guidelines set for the position.

Respectfully Submitted In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Donald W. Shaw
Chief of Staff

Department of Michigan - SUVCW



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April 19, 2006

Officers and Brothers of the Department of Michigan,

In the past year, the Department Council has been called upon to advise the Department Commander on a few issues of importance to the Department Budget and Finances, the Operations of the Department, and the Department Committees.

May-June, 2005: Your Council Chairman participated in A Special Committee which was assigned the task to find an investment opportunity in which to invest part of the Department's Funds. The Special Committee found an 11 Month CD with Republic Bank which would earn income at the rate of 3.76% Interest, Compounded Daily. The Special Committee advised that the Department take advantage of this offer since, at the time, interest rates were very low. Additionally, at the advice of the Bank, the Special Committee did not invest for a longer period of time since interest rates were very fluid.

On July 2, 2005, \$10,300 was invested at 3.76% Interest Rate for 11 Months with earnings of approximately \$362 on the June 3, 2006 Maturity Date. At that time, the Department funds can be reinvested, at hopefully a new higher rate of Interest, for another 11 to 13 months maximum.

Additional funds were placed into a new Interest Bearing Savings Account, and the remaining funds were placed into a Checking Account which has no monthly service charges for an annual savings of \$120 to \$130 per year.

September-October, 2005: The Department Council was alerted to the fact that the "Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)" would not be participating in the upcoming Mid-Winter Conference 2006, and that the Room rates would be at \$90 per night and the Conference Room cost would be \$470 without the assistance and participation of the SAR. However, there may also have been a chance that the Department could obtain a 10% discount, but that would still leave a cost of over \$400 to be paid by the Department.

Since approximately 40 Brothers attended the event in 2005, most of whom have been repeat attendees for the past several years, the Department Council advised that the Mid-Winter Conference be skipped for a year. (Basically this event was intended for new Camp Officers to learn their new Camp Duties.) If the event is to be held in 2007, consideration might be given toward a "per person cost", for each Brother who attends, to pay for the cost of the conference room for the Department's Mid-Winter Conference.

December, 2005: The Department Council recommended the expenditure of \$600 to underwrite the conservation of the GAR Post Charters that are with the State Archives. With this recommendation, the Department has acted in the finest ideal of what we stand for. Many of our Great Grandchildren will now be able to gaze upon the Charters that our Great Grandfathers revered and did their solemn work under. We can all feel assured that our GAR ancestors are pleased with this action and that all our Department Brothers are participants in "Keeping Green the Memory" of the Grand Army of the Republic. We especially thank the GAR Post Records Committee for their efforts in this outstanding endeavor.

December, 2005: The Department Council recommended a short term solution for the expenditure of funds for a software database upgrade of the Monuments and Memorials Committee to further their efforts in this important work of the order. The current software being used has reached its capacity and although we respectfully realize that this recommendation is not the final solution to the problem, the long term solution lies in the hands of more computer-knowledgeable Brothers in the Department.

December, 2005 – February, 2006: Past and Current Department Officers and the Department Council have been in discussion about a new Department fund raiser and have held a meeting at the Michigan Historical Library, in Lansing, on February 23, 2006. While a good idea was on the table, no final resolution has taken form, since it would take considerable funds to finance the endeavor and therefore to make money for the Department. Further ideas and discussions will be needed for a successful fund raiser.

Item for Fiscal Year 2006-2007: New Department Fund Raisers

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



Max L. Newman, PCC
Council Chairman
Department of Michigan, SUVCW
National Treasurer, SUVCW

PS: Although I am registered to attend the Department Encampment on April 29th, 2006, I extend my sincere regrets in that I will not be able to attend the Encampment. Nancy had her complete left knee joint replacement surgery on March 27th, 2006, and though she is progressing slowly in her recovery, she is not yet progressed as well as she would like to be. Her therapy trainers have the same notion, so it is advised that I stay home and take care of her daily needs, especially in the evenings and at night. Nearly seven and a half years ago, when she had her right knee joint replacement surgery, recollection has it that she was progressing better than this time. However, that is not the case today. In light of this, we have today decided that even though she would like to be able to make it on her own without my assistance, I shall remain at her side to assist in her recovery.

On another note, I extend my sincere wishes that you all have a successful Encampment and if my Brothers of the Department of Michigan see fit, I would be honored & proud to continue and serve again as a Member and Chairman of the Department Council.

Respectfully,



Rick Greene

From: Min145suv@aol.com
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2006 5:06 PM
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Cc: jtkof@voyager.net; streeterla@cbpu.com; Kuhimans@aol.com
Subject: Re: MY2005-2006 Treasurer's Report

Gentlemen of the Department,

After my review of the Financial Documents supplied to me this afternoon, it is my conclusion and judgement that all is in order and my audit review passes the test.

It is also my recommendation, which is in agreement with the other Officers of the Department, that the Current Budget be carried over for another year, with only two (2) exceptions:

- 1.) That we reduce the Revenues required for the Line Item "Rally Round the Flags" by at least \$700.
- 2.) That we also reduce the Line Item "Messenger, total" by an equal amount to balance the budget.

Both of these recommendations take into account the Department Treasurer's Remarks with regard to the entire 2005-2006 Financial Report and his written recommendations.

I am also in agreement that the entire Department Membership needs to put on it's Kepi and brainstorm some effective, but inexpensive, Revenue Projects for the Department Budget and the Work of the Department as whole. There's still a lot of work to do, and we are pledged to "Keep Green the Memory" of the Boys in Blue of the GAR.

End of Review

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

Max L. Newman

Max L. Newman, PCC
Department Council, Chairman



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
OFFICE OF THE EDITOR, MICHIGAN'S MESSENGER



April 29, 2006

Richard Greene, Commander
Department of Michigan
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Greetings Commander Greene,

Please accept the attached as a final report for the year 2005-2006 of activities from the Editor of *Michigan's Messenger*, the official Newsletter of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The goals that were set by Commander Greene upon my appointment and acceptance of this position were simple: 1) produce an attractive, impartial, and informative newsletter; 2) deliver the newsletter on a proscribed schedule in an electronic format as directed by the vote of the 116th Department Encampment; and 3) try and incorporate suggestions of the Membership into future editions.

Goals number one and two were achieved by the publication of Volume XV, Number III during the first quarter of 2006. Taking into consideration the (mostly) constructive criticism of the Membership, goal number three was realized in Volume XV, Number IV, the second quarter or Spring, 2006 issue.

Currently, *Michigan's Messenger* is sent electronically to all 26 Camps in the Department of Michigan. Each Camp contact then emails the Messenger to their Camp email list, and arranges for copies to be delivered to those who do not have email. Many Brothers prefer to read the news on the Department Website at home, and some Brothers who do not have email of their own stop by a local library and use their email service rather than getting a paper copy of their own. *Michigan's Messenger* is also emailed to all Department Officers that I have a current address for.

The challenges for the coming year are minor and few, and concern the linchpin of the continued success for *Michigan's Messenger*. Camp contacts and Officers will need to keep sending news articles in on time, and camp contacts will need to continue to provide this Editor with a current email address to ensure prompt delivery and communication, so their Members get the "news" on time.

Under your leadership and support, the Department of Michigan Official Newsletter, *Michigan's Messenger* will continue to be a quality publication provided to our members at no cost.

I appreciate the opportunity that I have been given, and hope to be able to serve the membership of this Department. I remain,

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Richard E. Danes,
Department of Michigan
Editor, *Michigan's Messenger*

CC: Robert C. Grove, Department SVC
Dennis Derr, Department Secretary
Donald William Shaw, Chief of Staff

Reminder: AOL will never ask you to send us your password or credit card number in an email. This message has been scanned for known viruses.

From: JBAHL@aim.com
To: P31713
Subject: Re: Department Encampment Reports
Date: Mon, 24 Apr 2006 13:52:13 -0400

Don:

Not sure if I mentioned something about the Michigan Monument project or not.

I was appointed a special committee of one to gather together photographs of all of the Michigan civil war monuments outside of the state of Michigan. The goal is to then publish this in some form. I have not yet collected photographs of all. There is one battlefield where there are reports of Michigan monuments that has not been covered. I personally have visited over a dozen battlefields to gather these photos. Just as soon as this final battlefield is surveyed, I will submit a report to the Department Commander.

Jim

-----Original Message-----

From: P31713@aol.com
To: Mln145suv@aol.com; rgreen@tds.net; DDERR@chartermi.net; JBAHL; mladair@usol.com; jtlcof@voyager.net; worleyc@net-link.net; wilgrove@msn.com; Sturmwarnung69@aol.com; streeterla@cbpu.com; Kuhlmans@aol.com; brianne127@sbcglobal.net; Thistleis@sprynet.com; Bcv10357@webtv.net; Hardtackcw@aol.com; kayjay@modempoll.com; Edowd@torcausa.com; SUVVIDGRO@aol.com; DOUG24MICH@aol.com; klindsey@comcast.net; Mimesrd@aol.com; rmite02@ameritech.net
Sent: Sun, 23 Apr 2006 1:58:55 PM Eastern Daylight Time
Subject: Department Encampment Reports

Brothers,

This e-mail is going out to all Department Officers as a follow up to the request that you send in your Encampment Reports to Department Secretary Derr and myself. The rationale behind this is to make sure we have reports from each individual who needs to submit one, to allow us to get those reports to the folks who will be reviewing them as early as possible so as to make that job easier, and to avoid the need to chase people down at the Encampment for reports.

Further, all of you have worked hard and have views to offer on the jobs you have done, and the direction of things to come in the departments you managed. By getting a written report in ahead of time, it allows the Encampment to consider your thoughts on the matters you have dealt with and how we can best respond to similar tasks in the future. A report, carefully written and submitted ahead of time, is obviously taken more seriously than one that is hastily scribbled out on the back of an Encampment agenda. For these reasons we asked you to get reports into the mail by April 20, 2006.

We have had a pretty decent response, having heard from the Department Counselor, JVC, Department Council, Nominating Committee, Eagle Scout Coordinator, Chaplin and Historian. If you have mailed your report and it has simply not yet reached us, I am sure the trusty, rusty wheels of the postal service will still get it in, in time for the Encampment. To all of those brothers, please accept our thanks for taking care of these duties. If you have not yet had the opportunity to write up and submit your report, could I ask that you take a bit of time now to do that?

While you still may mail the reports as was previously asked, please bring two copies to the Encampment with you as well as at this point the postal service may not move quickly enough to have them into our hands on time. Please submit those reports directly to me and I will see to their distribution.

I wish to take the opportunity to thank all of you for the jobs you have done this year. Part of my job as Chief of

Staff was to help, "take care of concerns or problems," with the staff. The fact that you all do the excellent jobs you do, made my job that much easier. For that, brothers, I thank you very much.

Yours in F, C & L,
Don Shaw
Chief of Staff
Dept. of Michigan - SUVCW

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Report of the Committee on Future Strategic Direction

April 29, 2006

J. Richard Greene, Commander
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
117th Encampment, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Commander Greene, Delegates & Brothers:

Last year, this committee was appointed with the task of developing a statement focusing on goals and ideals for the Department of Michigan. Your committee submits the following for the consideration of the Encampment:

Strategic Imperatives Statement

The Department of Michigan's strategic direction is directly aligned with the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in achieving the goal of perpetuating the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the soldiers, sailors and marines who fought to preserve the Union during the American Civil War of 1861 to 1865. The strategic imperatives are:

Service Excellence: The department must continue to focus on supporting the camps and its membership in the various programs and projects undertaken to carry out the goals of the Order.

Officers must be dedicated to the position they are elected and appointed to, and be willing and able to do the work.

Innovation: To develop assistance in the form of information and tools for the camps to meet the goals of the Order.

The work of the Order happens in the Camps. The Department's function is to make available the tools necessary for the success of the camp. The ultimate success of the camp, and ultimately the Order, lies with the members of the camp.

Well-Run Organization: To operate the Department efficiently, using its financial resources in the most prudent, yet effective, manner.

The Department Council is charged with the financial and material prosperity of the Department. It must see to the investment of the financial resources to ensure security for the future. Likewise the Department Commander is also charged with overseeing the management of funds by his officers and staff.

Guiding Principles: Fraternity – To promote the culture of brotherhood throughout the Department; Charity – To encourage Camps to network with each other in activities from supporting each others programs, to assisting a brother or his family in need; Loyalty – To stand together as one Department in a united front, to face the many challenges presented as we move the organization forward.

Organizational Priorities

Promote Growth by concentrating on organizing new camps in counties not currently served by the Order.

Within five years, there will be an increase of five new camps in Michigan, bringing the total number of camps to 30.

Develop the talents of Brothers in the several camps, thereby ensuring a source of leadership for the future the Department.

The membership must be engaged in the mission and the work of the Order. Members who are not lose interest, and fall by the wayside. The camps must promote those brothers who demonstrate leadership and dedication to the Order. Likewise, the department must recognize and encourage these brothers.

Invest in the tools needed to carry on the work of the Order.

The Department must avail itself of the latest technology, while remaining fiscally prudent.

Recruit new members, who bring with them new perspectives on how to achieve our goals.

Within five years, the membership of the department will stand at 700 members.

Expand our relationships with other veteran's organizations, local governments and historical societies throughout Michigan.

It is the duty of each camp to make itself known within its respective community, through participation with other like-minded organizations, and sharing the mission of the Order with others.

Foster and maintain a reputation as a strong, viable organization within Michigan, and be recognized as such by the general public throughout the state.

We must use every opportunity afforded us to promote the Order. When we place a headstone and dedicate it, or restore a monument and celebrate it, we will say "it was accomplished by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." Everything we do should be for the good of the Order, not for an individual.

Now, what usually happens, is that we sit here year after year and say, "yes, this is what we need to do!" Then, we get back to our camps and we forget all about it until the next year. We cannot do this. We must constantly remind ourselves and the brothers of our camps, that we have set goals for ourselves. These goals are attainable.

Our parent organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, left us more than a legacy. They left us two examples. Both of which are important lessons that we must keep in mind as we move forward.

When the Grand Army of the Republic was organized, it, in effect, secured its own demise. It was destined to die. Its life span was limited to only however long the last member would live. This lesson is that, if you do not grow in membership, you will die as an organization. It is as simple as that. Secondly, and as important as the first, the Grand Army left us an example of how to "be" an organization. Past Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison said it best many years ago. He said, "we are called to emulate the Grand Army of the Republic. Not as tired, old men in their declining years, but the strong, vibrant organization that it was when it was at its zenith." We need to remember that the GAR was, in its day, a young, strong organization, that was universally recognized and influential in the culture of its day. We must work to change the image not only in the public's mind, but ours as well. When we start thinking and acting like a strong, organization, then we can be one. Our own perception of ourselves is what we must change. As we see ourselves, so will our communities see us. A new attitude is the first step.

Augustus P. Davis, the founder of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, said on August 25th, 1890:

"The Order is stronger, healthier and in better condition today than ever, and another year will show progress greater than any other year in the past. The Order will go on and increase until I am unable to see when the flood tide will be reached. There was a time when it was an experiment, and a good many did not agree with me. I had a great deal to discourage me and cast me down, but I never had a fear of its ultimate success."

Brothers, we cannot be afraid of success.

For the Committee:

Gary L. Gibson, PDC
Charles Worley, Camp 20
Brian Shumway, Camp 17

Pennsylvania Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Office of Secretary/Treasurer

March 12, 2006

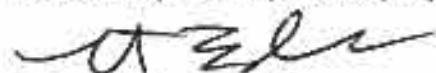
To the Brothers of the Department of Michigan:

We, the Brothers of the Pennsylvania Department, heartily support and endorse Charles Kuhn, Jr., PDC and current Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief in his running for the position of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Brother Kuhn has served our Order as Camp Commander, Department Commander and serves on the National Council of Administration. He Co-Chairs the National Committee on Civil War Heritage Defense Fund and the National Committee on Remembrance Day. In our Department, Brother Kuhn Chairs the Cannon Tube Committee and has fought tirelessly to protect our history by returning stolen cannon tubes, with most notable success in Summitt Hill, Pennsylvania. Wherever our Order is at work, Brother Kuhn is there, leading by example.

We ask you, our Brothers, to consider Brother Kuhn as he runs for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, at the National Encampment in August of 2006.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,



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CURTENIUS GUARD CAMP #17
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS



RESOLUTION OF ENDORSEMENT

March 28, 2006

Whereas, James B. Pahl is a member in good standing of the Curtenius Guard Camp, #17, Michigan Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), being a direct descendant of Private John Boyer of Company A, 29th Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry; and

Whereas, Brother Pahl has served the Curtenius Guard Camp #17 as Counselor, Secretary, Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and Commander, along with being awarded the Curtenius Guard Camp #17 *Samuel W. Grinnell Award* for outstanding service; and

Whereas, Brother Pahl has served the Department of Michigan as Counselor, Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and Commander, along with being awarded the Department of Michigan's *Abraham Lincoln Certificate of Appreciation Award* for outstanding service; and

Whereas, Brother Pahl has served the SUVCW National Organization as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor for 10 years, member and chair of the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations, and National Treasurer for four years, along with being awarded the SUVCW National Organization's *Cornelius F. Whitehouse Outstanding Brother of the Year Award*; and

Whereas, Brother Pahl is a member of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, currently serving as the Judge Advocate General; and

Whereas, Brother Pahl is the Co-National Counselor to the National Auxiliary to the SUVCW; and

Whereas Brother Pahl is a member of the Board of Administration of his church, and is active in Civil War reenacting, the Gideon's International, and the Michigan Association of District Court Magistrates; and

Whereas, Brother Pahl has served the state of Michigan for some 20 years as a police officer, and further, after having been admitted to the Michigan Bar, has practiced law for the past 23 years and is currently presiding as Magistrate in and for the 55th Judicial District Court;

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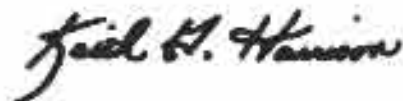
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Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that we, the Brothers of the Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, hereby endorse Brother James B. Pahl for the office of Commander-in-Chief at the 126th annual (2006) National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and

Be it Further Resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Michigan for affirmative disposition at its April 2006 Annual Encampment, and that this resolution then be forwarded to all Departments and Camps-at-Large within the SUVCW National Organization.

The above Resolution of Endorsement of Past Department Commander James B. Pahl for the high office of Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was introduced by Past Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison and unanimously adopted by Brother Pahl's fellow Brothers of the Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War assembled in regular meeting this 28th day of March 2006.



Keith G. Harrison, PCinC, Camp Secretary,
Curtenius Guard Camp #17
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
March 28, 2006

Fraternal greetings from your Brothers of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 of Flint. At the regular April meeting of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145, the Brothers of the Camp unanimously adopted the following resolution endorsing the candidacy of Richard Greene, PCC, for the position of Department Commander for the 2006-07 term. We present it for your valued consideration:

Resolution of Endorsement for
Richard Greene, PCC
For Department Commander

Whereas Brother Richard Greene has faithfully served the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 as Camp Commander, two occasions, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Secretary of Camp Council, Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain and Editor of "Camp Fire and Post Room"; and

Whereas Brother Richard Greene has faithfully served the Department of Michigan as Department Commander, Junior Vice Commander, member of Department Council, Chairman of Credentials Committee, Chairman of Nominating Committee, member of 2002 Host Committee; and

Whereas Brother Richard Greene has faithfully served the National Organization as National Camp & Department Organizer, Assistant National Camp & Department Organizer, Chairman of the Credentials Committee and National Aide and

Whereas Brother Richard Greene has been a tried, true and faithful Life Member of our Order since his induction on October 14, 1992 as a Charter Member, now

Therefore, we the Brothers of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 of Flint, Department of Michigan, do hereby unanimously endorse the candidacy of Brother Richard Greene, PCC, for the position of Department Commander for the 2005-06 term. Furthermore, we direct the Camp Secretary to spread this endorsement upon the permanent record of the Camp and to disseminate it to our Brothers within the Department of Michigan for their valued consideration.

Adopted this 19th day of April, 2006 at the regular meeting of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 of Flint.

Attest:

Matthew L. Adair
Secretary

Fraternal greetings from your Brothers of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 of Flint. At the regular April meeting of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145, the Brothers of the Camp unanimously adopted the following resolution endorsing the candidacy of Dennis C. Derr II, for the position of Department Secretary for the 2006-07 term. We present it for your valued consideration:

Resolution of Endorsement for
Dennis C. Derr II
For Department Secretary

Whereas Brother Dennis C. Derr II has faithfully served the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 as Camp Commander, Camp Secretary, Camp Counselor, and Camp Guide; and

Whereas Brother Dennis C. Derr II has faithfully served the Department of Michigan as Department Secretary, Secretary of the Department Council and Department Eagle Scout Coordinator ; and

Whereas Brother Dennis C. Derr II has been a tried, true and faithful member of our Order since his induction on October 14, 1992 as a Charter Member, now

Therefore, we the Brothers of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 of Flint, Department of Michigan, do hereby unanimously endorse the candidacy of Brother Dennis Derr, II for the position of Department Secretary for the 2005-06 term. Furthermore, we direct the Camp Secretary to spread this endorsement upon the permanent record of the Camp and to disseminate it to our Brothers within the Department of Michigan for their valued consideration.

Adopted this 19th day of April, 2006, at the regular meeting of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 of Flint.

Attest:

Matthew L. Adair
Secretary

Fraternal greetings from your Brothers of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 of Flint. At the regular April meeting of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145, the Brothers of the Camp unanimously adopted the following resolution endorsing the candidacy of Max L. Newman, PCC, for the position of Member, Department Council for the 2006-07 term. We present it for your valued consideration:

Resolution of Endorsement for
Max L. Newman, PCC
For Member, Department Council

Whereas Brother Max L. Newman has faithfully served the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 as Camp Commander, Camp Junior Vice Commander, member of the Camp Council, Camp Chaplain, and Camp Graves Registration Officer; and

Whereas Brother Max L. Newman has faithfully served the Henry Wallace Camp #160 as Camp Commander, and

Whereas Brother Max L. Newman has faithfully served the Department of Michigan as a member and later Chairman of the Department Council; and

Whereas Brother Max L. Newman has faithfully served the National Organization as National Treasurer and a member of the National Council of Administration; and

Whereas Brother Max L. Newman has been a tried, true and faithful member of our Order since his induction on March 17, 1999; now

Therefore, we the Brothers of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 of Flint, Department of Michigan, do hereby unanimously endorse the candidacy of Brother Max L. Newman, PCC, for the position of Member, Department Council for the 2005-06 term. Furthermore, we direct the Camp Secretary to spread this endorsement upon the permanent record of the Camp and to disseminate it to our Brothers within the Department of Michigan for their valued consideration.

Adopted this 19th day of April 2006, at the regular meeting of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 of Flint.

Attest:

Matthew L. Adair
Secretary



LeValley-Heusted Camp No. 255

*Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Mayville, Michigan*

*C/o Secretary / Treasurer Michael T. Neese
320 Norman Street
Caro, MI 48723*

Fraternal greetings from your Brothers of the LeValley-Heusted Camp #255 of Mayville. At the regular April meeting of the LeValley-Heusted Camp #255, the Brothers of the Camp unanimously adopted the following resolution endorsing the candidacy of Richard Greene, for the position of Department Commander for the 2006-07 term. We present it for your valued consideration:

**Resolution of Endorsement for
Richard Greene
For Department Commander**

Whereas Brother Richard Greene has faithfully served the LeValley-Heusted Camp No. 255 as the Organizer of the Camp, Patriotic Instructor, and Chaplain and

Whereas Brother Richard Greene has faithfully served the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 as Camp Commander, two occasions, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Secretary of Camp Council, Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain and Editor of "Camp Fire and Post Room", and

Whereas Brother Richard Greene has faithfully served the Department of Michigan as Department Commander, Junior Vice Commander, member of Department Council, Chairman of Credentials Committee, Chairman of Nominating Committee, member of 2002 Host Committee; and

Whereas Brother Richard Greene has faithfully served the National Organization as National Camp & Department Organizer, Assistant National Camp & Department Organizer, Chairman of the Credentials Committee and National Aide and

Whereas Brother Richard Greene has been a tried, true and faithful Life Member of our Order since his induction on October 14, 1992, now

Therefore, we the Brothers of the LeValley-Heusted Camp No. 255 of Mayville, Department of Michigan, do hereby unanimously endorse the candidacy of Brother Richard Greene, for the position of Department Commander for the 2006-07 term. Furthermore, we direct the Camp Secretary to spread this endorsement upon the permanent record of the Camp and to disseminate it to our Brothers within the Department of Michigan for their valued consideration.

Adopted this 1st day of April, 2006 at the regular meeting of the LeValley-Heusted Camp #255 of Mayville

Attest:

Michael Neese
Secretary



LeValley-Heusted Camp No. 255

Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Mayville, Michigan

C/o Secretary / Treasurer Michael L. Neese

320 Norman Street

Caro, MI 48723

Fraternal greetings from your Brothers of the LeValley-Heusted Camp #255 of Mayville. At the regular April meeting of the LeValley-Heusted Camp #255, the Brothers of the Camp unanimously adopted the following resolution endorsing the candidacy of Dennis C. Derr II, for the position of Department Secretary for the 2006-07 term. We present it for your valued consideration:

Resolution of Endorsement for
Dennis C. Derr II
For Department Secretary

Whereas Brother Dennis C. Derr II is a faithful, Charter Member of the LeValley-Heusted Camp #255 since August 6, 2005 and

Whereas Brother Dennis C. Derr II has faithfully served the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 as Camp Commander, Camp Secretary, Camp Counselor, Camp Guide and Camp Guard Commander; and

Whereas Brother Dennis C. Derr II has faithfully served the Department of Michigan as Department Secretary, Secretary of the Department Council and Department Eagle Scout Coordinator; and

Whereas Brother Dennis C. Derr II has been a tried, true and faithful member of our Order since his induction on October 14, 1992 as a Charter Member of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145, now

Therefore, we the Brothers of the LeValley-Heusted Camp #255 of Mayville, Department of Michigan, do hereby unanimously endorse the candidacy of Brother Dennis C. Derr, II for the position of Department Secretary for the 2006-07 term. Furthermore, we direct the Camp Secretary to spread this endorsement upon the permanent record of the Camp and to disseminate it to our Brothers within the Department of Michigan for their valued consideration.

Adopted this 1st day of April, 2006 at the regular meeting of the LeValley-Heusted Camp #255 of Mayville.

Attest:

Michael Neese
Secretary



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Michigan
Oakland County, Michigan

April 19, 2006

To: Department Commander Greene and fellow Brothers
Re: The report of the 2006 Department Encampment Nominating Committee

Commander,

First I thank you for entrusting me with again chairing the committee for this year's encampment. The other members of the committee are:

John Keith Camp #20

Jim Appleton Camp #120

Robert Mitchell Camp #462

The Committee communicated with each other through email and phone calls.

We heard from all the current officers, who all sought to serve again. Although endorsements are not required for incumbent officers, we received one endorsement from Camp 250 for DC Greene. We did not receive any nominations from challengers. Thus the current officers make up our slate for this Department Encampment. Those nominations are:

Department Commander -Richard Greene - Camp 145

DSVC - Robert Grove Sr. - Camp 250

DJVC - Jeff Baker - Camp 20

Secretary - Dennis Derr II - Camp 145

Treasurer - Brian J. Shumway Camp 17

Council - Max L. Newman Camp 145, Howard Streeter 22, Kris Kuhlman Camp 250

The committee wishes to thank these Brother's for their service during the past year, and their willingness to serve again.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Kevin Lindsey, Camp 2

2006 Nominating Committee Chair

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