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## Commander's Comments

By Chuck Worley, DC

To the Brothers of the Department of Michigan:

For the last ten years, as I would drive around my county, I would see House for Sale signs that read 0\$ Down 0% Interest. I would shake my head and wonder how that could work. I would think, "It just seemed too good to be true. Our economy is based upon capitalism, driven by profit at each level of a transaction. 0\$ Down and 0% Interest didn't seem to fit the traditional method of business and somehow money was being made by hidden costs." It didn't take a lot of thought to conclude that trouble was brewing and some folks were going to get hurt.

The State of Michigan today is feeling that hurt. It wasn't only the Real Estate market that is at fault for our problems, but a combination of market factors that in a perfect storm has heaped enough trouble to last for another decade. Everyone and every organization is going to be affected by what the state government does. We already know that means reduced or no funding for those services that the government is better suited to provide to its citizens. This past year the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have been impacted by at least three decisions, the reorganization of the Department of History, Arts, and Library, little to no support for the organization of events for the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War, 2011 to 2015, and most recently, the inability of our organization to request headstones from the Veterans Administration for Union Civil War Veterans. There may be others and there will likely be more. There is little doubt as to the impact to our Order's projects and the frustration that we feel.

I'm usually an optimist with a sense of perspective to current events. I would like to think that I have the same kind of insight to the matter as Abraham Lincoln did, but that would be dreaming. But I believe that we can still learn from Mr. Lincoln's ability to handle set backs. While he had many friends ready and willing to lend him a hand, Mr. Lincoln took charge of his own destiny. He was his own campaign manager in the Convention of 1860 and pulled the strings that got his nomination. The Department of Michigan SUV needs to keep in sight our mission and find its own voice in moving forward. I'm concerned that this important 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary is going to be overlooked and missed by the State of Michigan. The Sons can be a force to change that, and we can do it by working together.

Mr. Lincoln was underestimated in his early law and political career by those of more wealth, education and stature. But he always treated these people with respect, deferred to their timing, and never harbored a grudge. By not "burning these bridges" these same men would all be able to come together to solve the Union's problems at Lincoln's timing. The brothers of our Department need to remain patient and be ready to work with other agencies even after we weren't first heard. If we remain the voice of reason, and be willing

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to work with new regulations without complaint, our communities and projects will benefit.

The work of the GAR and SUVCW is relevant today as we remind our children and neighbors of the sacrifices made by that generation of Americans that gave so much for the life of the Union. As a brotherhood we are able to provide the ideas, find solutions and confidently continue that work even in these troubled times.

I wish to congratulate all of the Camps of the Department of Michigan for successfully electing and installing the Officers and Staff for 2010. I can say with a high degree of certainty, that this year's Camp Commanders are a great group because of the visions they bring for their camp. To paraphrase the last sentence of the Camp Officers Installation ceremony; our Camps will prosper and their names will be honored.

I also request that according to the Department of Michigan Bylaws, Article XVIII, Section 3, nominations and description for the 2010 Abraham Lincoln Certificate of Appreciation Award be submitted to the Department Secretary. This is a great opportunity to recognize an individual from Michigan that has contributed to the furtherance of the Grand Army of the Republic.

My final comment for this newsletter is that I encourage every Camp of the Department to participate in the upcoming Department Encampment. The Ladies of the Women's Relief Corp is hosting the weekend events. They are planning a fun Friday evening of hospitality with light refreshments and a group game or two. They even encouraged the Sons to have some fun and we could play a few hands of Euchre at a separate table. All this and breakfast too, for the low cost of the very nice accommodations of the Quality Inn Suites of Lansing. I look forward to a productive Encampment and meet with your delegates on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**A Travesty****By PCC Butch Miller Camp 43**

***A thief has once again stolen a part of the history that we swore to maintain.***

***Below you see the cannon located in the veteran's section of Pleasant View Cemetery, Blissfield. Up until a couple of months ago, it included 7 cannonballs and a brass monkey. Today all that remains is the cannon.***

***Please be alerted that these are 8 inch balls, and should show some evidence of being welded together. They and the monkey might show up at a scrap yard or at a show sometime in the future.***

***For further information, or conversation, call Butch at 517-403-1227.***



*Department Orders #6**Series 2009 – 2010*

*Charles L. Worley, Commander  
Headquarters, White Pigeon, Michigan  
1 January 2010*

1. It is my sincere hope that every Brother and his family have a Happy and Prosperous New Year. May the Camps of the Department of Michigan and their Officers continue their work for the Good of the Order in 2010.
2. This is the call for every Camp Patriotic Instructor to visit the National Website, <http://www.suvcw.org/NatPatrioticPage.htm>, download the annual Patriotic Instructors report and fill in the appropriate information that pertains to your Camp for the calendar year of 2009. The due date is **February 1, 2010**. Each Camp Patriotic Instructor should make two copies and mail them to:  
Max Riekse, Department Patriotic Instructor  
P.O. Box 82  
Fruitport, Michigan. 49415
3. A reminder to all Camps that Camp Officer Installations must be completed by January 31, 2009. Installing Officers are to be appointed by the Department Commander, so if there is someone in particular that you would like to request to install your Camp Officers you need to contact me so I can make the appointment. Also, it is the Installing Officer's responsibility to make sure that Form 22, Certification of Election and Installation of Camp Officers is properly completed with all required signatures.
4. All Camps are reminded that Form 22, Certification of Election and Installation of Camp Officers is due to the Department Secretary by February 15, 2009 and is available for download from the National SUVCW Website, <http://suvcw.org/ftp/form22fi.pdf>. I would strongly encourage all Camps to submit Form 22 as soon as possible after Camp Officers have been installed. Each Camp needs to send two copies to:  
Kevin J. Lindsey, Secretary  
Department of Michigan, SUVCW  
6890 Norton Drive  
Troy, MI 48085-1659
5. It is my pleasure to congratulate on behalf of the entire Department, Brother Gary Naugle of Nash-Hodges Camp 43, recipient of the Meritorious Service Award. Brother Gary is recognized for his ten years of service as Parade Marshal for the annual Memorial Day Parade for the City of Tecumseh, Michigan. The National Council of Administration approved the award at their November meeting.
6. Finally, it is my pleasure to officially welcome on behalf of the entire Department, our newest Camp. US Grant Camp No. 67 of Bay City with Brother Bill Morris, Camp Commander. Commander-In-Chief Leo Kennedy approved the charter on December 28, 2009. I would like to congratulate the Brothers of Camp 67 and Camp Organizer Donald Shaw, DSVC, for their persistence and hard work to bring this Camp together.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,  
/s/  
Charles L. Worley  
Commander  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:  
/s/  
Kevin J. Lindsey  
Secretary  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



*Department Orders #7*

*Series 2009 – 2010*

*Charles L. Worley, Commander  
Headquarters, White Pigeon, MI  
21 January 2010*

1. I have asked the following Brothers to serve on the Nomination Committee for the 2010 Department Encampment: Chairman Rick Danes, CC Camp 427 Robert Mitchell, Camp-At-Large Coordinator Camp 462, Bill Skillman, SVC Camp 14, Dennis Derr II, PDC Camp 145.  
This Committee may begin its work as it prepares a slate of nominations for the April 24, 2010 Department Encampment. All brothers interested in holding a Department Office need to submit their credentials and endorsements to a member of the Committee.
2. Camp Patriotic Instructors Reports are due by January 31, 2010 and Form 22 is due by February 15, 2010. Please refer to Department Order Number 6 for specific instructions.
3. I would like to thank the Camps for the invitations and hospitality shown to the Department SVC, Department JVC, Past Department Commanders and/or Department Officers, and myself as we assisted the installations of the 2010 Camp Officers and Staff.
4. Finally, I have been honored to serve the Department of Michigan this last year as the Department Commander. I have learned much and see opportunities to grow our Department. Therefore, I have decided that I will not run for a second year as Department Commander, but would prefer to direct my energies to several of the special projects of the Department and Camp 135 in the next year.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,  
/s/  
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Department of Michigan  
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Attest:  
/s/  
Kevin J. Lindsey  
Secretary  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### **Can You Help?**

***Your Department of Michigan Graves Registration Committee is closing in on the completion of a long-time project.....that of identifying the final resting place of each of the Department of Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Commanders.***

***We only have a few of the 67 DCs left to find. Can you help us find:  
L. G. Rutherford, Michael Brown, Charles L. Eaton, Henry S. Dean, Louis Kanitz, William Shakespeare, Russell R. Pealer, Ethan M. Allen, John T. Spillane, Riley L. Jones, Eli Strong, Edwin F. Lamb, Henry Spaulding, J. J. Holmes, William Mears, John Steel, Charles M. Cook, John Killeen, A. F. Chappell, John M. Park, and William H. Ferguson. Further information about these men can be found at our Department Website –  
[www.suvcwmi.org](http://www.suvcwmi.org) – look for the GAR Records project.***

*Department Orders #8**Series 2009 – 2010*

*Charles L. Worley, Commander  
Headquarters, White Pigeon, Michigan  
24 February 2010*

1. I would encourage all brothers of the Department to attend the upcoming Department Encampment on April 24<sup>th</sup> to be held at Great Lakes Christian College in Lansing, MI. Pre-registration forms, reservations for the luncheon and G.A.R. Memorial Banquet, along with Hotel information is available on the Department Website at: <http://www.suvcwmi.org/encampment.html> and the "Michigan Messenger".
2. My appreciation goes to all Camp Commanders, Secretaries and Patriotic Instructors for promptly filling out and submitting their Camp form 22, and annual Patriotic Instructor's Report. At last report there were eleven of 26 PI reports submitted, a 100% increase from 2009. We can still improve on this.
3. I want to now make the first call for all Camps to submit their required Form 27a, Camp Annual Report. Camp Commanders and Secretaries, the due date is April 30, 2010 and should be mailed directly to the Department Secretary, Kevin Lindsey. This form is essential to determine your legal delegate count at the Department Encampment and the Department's delegate count to the National Encampment. The earlier it is sent in, the better.
4. Credential Cards will be required in order to register at the Department Encampment. Brothers planning to attend the encampment will need to obtain a Credentials Card from their Camp Secretary. The Department Secretary will issue Credential Cards to all current elected and appointed Department Officers, Past Department Commanders and Past Commanders-in-Chief.
5. All Camps are requested to bring their Camp Flag and suitable stand to the Department Encampment.
6. I am pleased to announce that Commander-In-Chief Leo Kennedy will be attending the Department Encampment.
7. I am requesting your nominations for a recipient of the Abraham Lincoln Certificate of Appreciation Award. Your nomination needs to be sent to Department Secretary Kevin Lindsey. As I am late in calling for your nominations, I'm extending the deadline to March 23, 2010.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,  
/s/  
Charles L. Worley  
Commander  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:  
/s/  
Kevin J. Lindsey  
Secretary  
Department of Michigan  
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**On November 30, 1864 while awaiting the enemy near Franklin, Tennessee, Captain James A. Sexton of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Infantry wrote: "Look away out yonder, see the flashing, gleaming sunshine on polished steel in front and on the flank – it is the coming of the enemy. In close column by divisions, with flags fluttering and it's army moving in echelon. See how distinct every rifle barrel, bayonet and saber display the gleam of silver and shimmer of brass. We see the swinging motion, noticeable when great bodies of men move together. Thus comes this human battering ram, presenting the appearance of a huge monster closed in folds of flashing steel"**

## Senior Vice Commander's Quips

By Donald Shaw DVC

Brothers,

Over the last few months, I had the honor to attend a lot of Sons meetings. I didn't get to go to all the Camps, but those I attended left me with a very positive feeling about the well being of our Department and our Order. First, let me say thank you to all of the Camps I visited, and Brothers I spoke with, over these last few months. I appreciate the warm welcome I was given in each instance. I also want to thank you for something I took away from these meetings that you may not know about. That would be the terrific sense of energy and enthusiasm I saw when visiting your Camps.

I have had the opportunity to speak with many of you regarding your efforts on behalf of the Order, the progress you have made on local projects, and your ideas for new projects, which would serve to keep green the memory of the Soldiers and Sailors of 1861 to 1865. It's exciting to hear of the new ideas and efforts coming forward to help do the work that we are supposed to be about. Ideas such as the use of seminars and speakers presenting on a variety of topics pertinent to the civil war, widely publicized, and open to our brothers and the general public alike. The use of challenges among brothers to complete the Memorial University program available to us all through the National Website, so as to help us develop our ability to work with and understand the Order. The use of programs where we can produce biographies of persons who served in the Civil War. Be those persons your own ancestor or other persons of interest from the period. This provides encouragement to write down stories that need to be recorded and remembered. I have read unit histories, compilations of burial information, and accounts of individual heroism. I have seen plans for marker replacement and rededication, plans for training camps to encourage a professional appearance by the brothers participating in such services, and plans for parades that will bring much more attention to our ancestors and our Order. And in every Camp I visited, there were brothers who were interested in knowing how they might get involved in various aspects of work at the Department level or in connection with the coming civil war sesquicentennial. In short, we are blessed with numerous ideas and great energy that is being focused to do honor to the soldiers and sailors who fought to preserve the Union.

The Order is alive and well. In fact, in a number of places it can better be described as alive and kicking. Winter can be a pretty depressing time. There are a lot of grey days and sometimes we wonder if the snow and bitter weather will ever end. The innovations, energy, and enthusiasm that I have seen from my brothers in this Department in, "keeping green the memory," of our Civil War Union forbearers, helps to dissipate winter depression and makes me feel great. You all helped to brighten up my day. For that, once again, I say thank you.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Junior Vice Commander's Musings

By Paul David Arnold DJVC

Greetings Department of Michigan Brothers and Camps:

Spring is nearly upon us. As your Department Junior Vice Commander, it was a pleasure visiting and participating in a number of Camp installations during the past several months. I would like to congratulate all of our new Camp Commanders and Officers, and thank all of you for the incredible effort you have put forth in 2009. As I mentioned in the December Michigan Messenger, the Department of Michigan ranked third nationally regarding new member initiations with (23). Taking into consideration the economic down turn in our state during the past year, I think that is admirable.

As we begin 2010, we have a chance to prepare for an "Incredible Opportunity" for growth within our Department and to solicit new members for your camp. That being the Civil War Sesquicentennial beginning in January of 2011. I would like to challenge each camp to begin planning now, so you have your events/projects in order to hit the ground running once it arrives. To help assist with this; I would like to encourage you to review the Department of Michigan Membership Initiative that has been distributed electronically to each camp.

With Michigan's struggling economy, the state of Michigan's, Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission will be relying heavily on the SUVCW to take the lead with innovative ideas regarding official sesquicentennial events. To do this, we have to be prepared so these events can be promoted well in advance as "Official" events. Some suggested events include trying to get a contingent of at least 100 members of the SUVCW, to march in the Civil War Sesquicentennial kick off parade in Lansing in the spring of 2011. Other events include local Memorial and Veterans Day parades, grave and monument re-dedication ceremonies, living history displays, round table & Civil War history presentations, as well as Civil War cemetery walks. As just one example of activities that can be done during the Civil War Sesquicentennial, my home camp, Curtenius Guard, Camp #17 located in rural Sunfield, has been conducting and is planning on continuing to hold community-based Civil War history seminars. The last seminar had (145) people attend. I am sure your camp can have similar results in promoting the SUVCW in your area. The list of possible activities is limited only by your camps imagination. What a wonderful opportunity to showcase your camp, celebrate the Civil War Sesquicentennial, and solicit new members. I assure you that community interest is there. Finally, I would also encourage you to keep your Department's Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee aware of your planned activities.

### NEEDED – A FEW GOOD MEN!

This note will remind you that nominations are now being received for Department Officers for the 2010-2011 year.

We are blessed to have such qualified individuals available in our Department who step forward to serve. We currently have candidates who have indicated a desire to serve in the following offices – Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Treasurer, and two positions on the Department Council.

We are looking for viable candidates for Secretary and one Council position. Please circulate this information to your Camp members as soon as you can. Remember, a nomination can be made either by the Camp or by the Member himself.

All nominations should be e-mailed (a hard copy is not necessary, but if you must, please see the address below) along with a qualifications sheet to me or one of the nominating committee members. Please include information about how to contact the candidate.

Thank you,

Rick Danes

Nominating Committee Chairman

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## Department Secretary's Remarks

By Kevin Lindsey

Greetings Brothers!

With the Annual Report coming due on or before April 30th, I want to take a few minutes to review some of the provisions of it so that it may clear up any questions.

All reporting for the period of Jan 1 2010- Mar 31 2010 will be on the Camp Annual Report (form 27). A Camp Status Report (form 30) should not be submitted during this time frame. All new Brothers, drops, transfers, etc will be reported with form 27. During this period, please collect dues from existing Brothers, and report any brother who has not paid by Mar 31 as dropped (as per the C & R). For new brothers please be sure to include 2 copies of their applications. Also please include 2 copies of your camps roster. Form 27 with all its supporting documentation and per capita is due on or before April 30 to the Department Secretary. Since form 27 covers the period up to Mar 31, any additions/ changes after that will be reported on Form 30.

The per capita tax for each existing member (with the exception of Life Members and Real Sons) is \$26.00 (\$18 for National and \$8 for the Department of Michigan). For new members also include the \$5 application fee.

Please note that on form 27 where it states "Do not record juniors here" Juniors are reported separately and do not pay per capita, so they are not included in Brothers in Good Standing, which is used to calculate per capita. Do make sure to provide the Juniors birth date, as they will be automatically updated to regular member status when they come of age.

Please also include the date of death for any deceased Brothers.

Finally, "Last Report" on form 27 refers to the last Annual Report, not to the last form 30. Please refer to your last report when filling this section out. Discrepancies will have to be clarified.

There are detailed instructions with Form 27 to help fill it out. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me at [klindsey@comcast.net](mailto:klindsey@comcast.net)

### ***The Two Wolves - submitted by Bill McAfee***

*One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle  
that  
Goes on inside people.  
He said, 'My son, the battle is between two 'wolves' inside us all.*

*One is Evil.  
**It is anger, envy, jealousy, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt,  
resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.***

*The other is Good.  
**It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness,  
benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and  
faith.***

*The grandson thought about it for a minute  
And then asked his grandfather: 'Which wolf wins?'*

*The old Cherokee simply replied,  
**'The one you feed.'***



## Department Graves Registration Committee

by Rick Danes, Chairman

Various members of your Graves Registration Committee have been busy this winter, sorting and researching records for cemeteries that have been walked in warmer weather. At the GRO Meeting I will announce that we now have over 60,050 records in the Department database. Dick Williams is completing Ionia County; Chuck Harthy has been busy in Ottawa County and with War of 1812 records; and Charlie Walters and Bill Lowe have been revisiting records from Jackson County. We hope that all GROs will get motivated by the early spring weather and get your plan to complete your areas in motion.

On the State scene, I received the following unsigned advance message from the Michigan Genealogical Council, which was followed by a copy of the original letter. It speaks for itself:

### *Sad news!*

*On Friday, the State Librarian announced the following cuts effective 1 Oct 2010, based on a 23% budget reduction.*

- 1. Elimination of the non-Michigan genealogy collection. Intent is to concentrate on a core curriculum of Michigan material ;*
- 2. Elimination of the Federal Documents collection;*
- 3. Consolidation of the remaining library material and relocation to the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> floors;*
- 4. Approx. 1/3 cut in staffing;*
- 5. Possibility of leasing space vacated.*

*As to what will happen with the collections that are being discarded, one possibility includes finding a willing public institution to accept the material. At the moment, the possibility exists that failure to find a willing institute could result in the physical destruction of the collections. It is unclear from a statutory standpoint of what the law permits on the disposal of library assets. In fact it appears that the State is examining this issue as this very moment to determine their options.*

*This is coming from the State Librarian, not the Governor. Looks like we have another battle on our hands.*

There has been no change in the status of our National Headstone Policy, or in direction. To update you on the situation, below is from the December 2010 *Messenger*, followed by updated information.

"To all Graves Registration Officers and Camp Contacts, Greetings.

Some of you might be aware that on July 1, 2009 the Federal Government changed their regulations concerning who can order and sign the application for headstones for "old wars" soldiers, including those of the Civil War. We have been in contact with the National GRO, and several of us have contacted the VA Office direct. **We have been asked by the National GRO to not contact the VA until our National Officers can meet with them and devise a workable plan that we all can follow as an organization. He has been directed by the National Council of Administration to prepare a policy which will be discussed at the next C-of-A Meeting.**

Therefore, we are asking you to do two things until we get word from National concerning a plan: 1) **do not contact the VA directly**, in spite of who you know, or how familiar you are with the old process. The more people who contact them from our group sends the message that we are not unified in our effort and process; 2) **Do not submit any applications for headstones unless you have a next of kin's signature.** This seems to be the crux of the issue at this time."

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Several of our Brothers had headstone applications in at the same time as the change in policy by the VA, so in addition to the previous request that you do not contact the VA, we have some more experience to share, i.e. as a working tool:

**The VA is now accepting applications were there is a descendent to sign, or a manager/sexton to sign.** If you work with them, be sure that you attach a cover letter describing exactly the conditions, and a photo if the headstone exists - showing if broken, unreadable, etc. In that cover letter you may make reference that you are a member of the SUVCW and working with the manager/sexton.

The VA is not accepting applications for those stones that will not be signed for by a descendent or a sexton.

You should know that in his policy recommendation, National GRO Bruce frail has recommended that all headstone orders must be approved by the Department GRO before they are submitted to the VA.

I hope that this helps you in your initial plans for the summer.

**Please help us to be part of the solution to this issue.**

### **A Success in the Middle of Gloom**

**The auction scheduled for Saturday, January 30th in Lansing by Americana Auctions, had a Lot listing Civil War grave markers.**

**I called the auctioneer from Auction Service and talked with him. I informed him of the Michigan Statue 35.833 concerning Flag Holders. He pulled it up on the internet as we spoke.**

**I got the impression that he was not aware of the Law.  
He indicated that he would like to run it by his attorney.**

**I got on the auction site about an hour later & the Lot, #267 had been removed indicating NO LOT.**

**In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty:**

**Paul "Dave" Arnold  
Dept of Michigan - JVC  
SUVCW**

Again, this illustrates how a concerned Brother made the necessary contacts to stop the sale of our heritage to a collector. I wonder where the markers are now??

**IN MEMORIAM**

1. **Brother Arvis Leroy Dawson**, Russell A. Alger Camp-at-Large No. 462, died November 13, 2009 in West Bloomfield, MI. Brother Dawson was born May 11, 1925 in Clinton, MS. He has been a member of the SUVCW by virtue of his Great Grandfather, 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Oliver Dawson, Co. I, 52d Infantry Regt., USCT.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting his niece, Ms. Rachel Eickemeyer, 5564 Haverhill, W. Bloomfield, MI 48322, phone 248/538-8973.

2. **Brother Paul Mills MacDonald**, Henry E. Plant No.3, died at home in Fremont, MI, on January 1, 2010. Brother MacDonald was born in Fremont on August 26, 1929. He was a member of the SUVCW by virtue of the service of his Great Grandfather, Pvt. George A. Mills, 149<sup>th</sup> NY Infantry.

He served in many camp offices, including Patriotic Instructor, JVC, SVC and Camp Council. An engineer for the CSX Railroad, he was also active in the NRA, Nat'l Muzzle Loading Rifles Assoc., New-Ocea Free Trappers, Muskegon Seaway Gun Club and CW Artillery Re-enactors.

The home address is: 5460 W. 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Fremont, MI 49412-9259. Cremation has taken place.

3. **Brother Ervin H.A. Stahl**, Associate Member of Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17, Lansing/Sunfield, died January 18, 2010 in Haslett, MI. Brother Stahl was born in Seymour, IN on September 21, 1924. A retired Professional Engineer, he served in the U.S. Navy on the destroyer "USS Roy O. Hale" during World War II. His remains were interred in the Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI.

4. **Brother Harry E. Robinson**, Gen. John Logan Camp No. 1, died January 29, 2010 in Grant, MI. He was born July 27, 1937 in Fremont, MI. Burial was in the Ashland Twp. Cemetery, Grant, MI. A member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War by virtue of his Great-Great-Great Grandfather, Enos Parrish, Battery E., 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Artillery, Brother Robinson served on the Camp Council.

Brother Robinson was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of both the Newaygo VFW Post #4249 and the Kent City American Legion. He was also a member of the Sons of the Revolution. He was active in many other local organizations and was elected to the City Council for the City of Grant.

The home address is 80 Exchange Street, Grant, MI 49327.

5. **PCC Brother Dwight Clinton Kennard, Jr.**, died December 10, 2009, in De Bary, FL. Born 3 September 1913 in Santa Rosa, CA, Brother Kennard served as Camp Secretary/Treasurer 1988-90 before being elected to Camp Commander 1997-99. He honored his grandfather, PVT Owen Kennard, Co. F, 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment Minnesota Volunteer Infantry.

Holding a Masters Degree in Aeronautical Engineering from M.I.T., Brother Kennard finished his career with NASA, working on unmanned spaceflights. In addition to the SUVCW, he was a member of several professional and historic associations.

Although his wife of 65 years preceded him in death, he is survived by a son, three daughters, a sister, four grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place in Florida, but a memorial service will be planned for the summer in Traverse City. A more detailed obituary was printed in the Traverse City "Record-Eagle" on December 12, 2009.

The home address is: 138 Barrington Ave., Deland, FL 32724-8332.

### **Private Property - No Trespassing**

*A true story about how a landlocked cemetery was freed.*

*By Rick Danes, Department Graves Registration Officer*

*If you go to the end of Swan Creek Road, just off LaBo in Ash Township, Monroe County, Michigan, you will be stopped by the posted signs which say Private Property - No Trespassing. Most of these are meant to deter family members from visiting the estimated 200 ancestors (records were destroyed) who are memorialized at the 1.06 acre Potter Cemetery. This includes the remains of Civil War heroes Benjamin Bulger, Co M 3<sup>rd</sup> Ohio Cavalry; Joseph Cackett, Co L 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Engineers and Mechanics; Martin L. Chaplin, Co K 130 Ohio Infantry; Daniel Griffy, Co L 9<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry; Frederick Mainard (Manor), Co A (th Michigan Cavalry; Benjamin F. Southworh, Co K 15<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry; and a memorial to Royal L. Potter, Co F 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry – one of the men who gave land for the cemetery - who never returned from imprisonment at Libby Prison.*

*First used as a cemetery prior to 1860, by 1940 the rural burying ground was vandalized and abandoned. Soon the area around the cemetery was sold to families who wanted to live "in the country" and included the small access road. In 1998 a group of descendents formed a non-profit corporation called The Friends of Potter Cemetery Association to "restore, maintain, and preserve Potter Cemetery", but in 2000 the surrounding homeowners permanently denied access.*

*In 2001 seven members of "the Friends" and an Ash Township resident were appointed as Trustees of the cemetery.*

*In 2006 I joined the "Friends" organization at a Monroe County Historical event, and although unable to attend meetings and events, I did share the frustration of the battle, and was charged by PCinC James Pahl to closely monitor the actions and outcome of the effort.*

*At the urging of the Potter Group, legislation of House Bill 5589 was introduced in 2008 by State Representatives Kathleen Law, Kate Albi, and Kathy Angerer to insure that cemeteries could not be landlocked. This proposed Bill was passed in the House but was stopped in the Senate committee by the Michigan Realtor's Association. It was re-introduced in 2009, but did not clear the House Committee. Lawsuits were introduced for access, for disinterment, for damages .....countless hours in court.....and many dollars spent.*

*And then, on February 5, 2010, I received an e-mail titled VICTORY AT LAST !!!!!*

*Judge LaBeau of the Monroe Circuit Court ruled that an easement agreement between Ash Township, the landowners around the cemetery, and the Trustees of Potter Cemetery had been reached and filed. The agreement is for a twelve foot easement, including surveying, culverts and clearing by the Township. A gated entrance will be maintained by the Township, and hours and days of access will be posted. This agreement is permanent and perpetual.*

*It should be mentioned that currently there is no access to this cemetery, as there is no existing road, but that too shall change as spring time comes.*

*In the wake of this success, the Trustees have amassed over \$35,000 in legal fees over the past 9 years, most of which have been paid by the proceeds of garage sales, spaghetti dinners, and nut and candy sales. Now that they have access to the cemetery, they are wondering where they will get the money to accomplish the reclaim and cleanup. If you would like to contribute to this continued effort at a cemetery where some of our honored heroes lie, please send your donations, large or small to: Friends of Potter Cemetery, 30066 Marr Street, Gibraltar, MI 48173, or contact Sue Donovan, Secretary [cemeterylady1@comcast.net](mailto:cemeterylady1@comcast.net) .*

## Henry E. Plant Camp #3

Submitted by Daniel Grable  
Secretary/Treasurer

The Henry E. Plant Camp #3 has been grieving since January 1, 2010 the loss of one of our Charter Members Paul Mills McDonald of Fremont. Paul became a charter member of our camp on May 25, 1993. His membership was based on his Great Grandfather George A. Mills who served as a Private in Company G 149<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry. George Mills mustered in September 17, 1862 and served till the end of the war. George received a pension on April 8, 1890 while living in Fremont, Michigan. George's brother Joshua also served in an artillery unit during the Civil War. Paul also had a Great Grand Uncle Robin B. Douglas who served in the 6<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry. He was captured and sent to Andersonville Prison where he died on March 21, 1864. He was buried in the Andersonville Prison Cemetery. Paul served in the camp offices of Junior Vice Commander, Camp Council, Patriotic Instructor and Senior Vice Commander. Paul always thought of Memorial Day as the most important thing of the Sons and even at the end he made sure he was present with the camp to be part of the firing squad for the Spring Lake area Memorial Day Ceremonies. He was cremated and the family will have a get together later this year which the camp hopes to also attend.

Later in January Brother John Baldus of Grand Haven suffered the loss of his wife. So please keep our camp and the brothers of our camp in your prayers.

Also in January we held our Tenth Holiday Muster at Vic's Restaurant in Spring Lake. During the Muster Department Commander Charles Wholey installed our 2010 elected and appointed officers which include the following

Commander	Richard Scott
Sr. Vice Commander	Donald Ogden
Jr. Vice Commander	John Baldus
Secretary/Treasurer	Daniel Grable
Camp Council	Clifford Owen (replacement for Paul MacDonald)
	John Baldus
	Jon Scott
Chaplin	Michael Boschaert
Asst. Chaplin	John Baldus
Civil War Memorials and Monuments	Richard Scott
Color Bear	Ronald Bellenger
Counselor	Max Rieskie PCC
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Daniel Grable
Grave Registration Officer	Lynn Hahn
	Jon Scott
Guide	Jon Scott
Guard	Ronald Bellenger
Historian	Clifford Owen
Patriotic Instructor	Ronald Bellenger
Signals Officer	Daniel Grable
Genealogist	Clifford Owen



(L to R) Brothers Cliff Owen, Richard Scott (Camp Commander), Ron Bellenger, Jon Scott and Daniel Grable of the Henry E. Plant Camp #3 displaying their newly donated Camp Banner.

The camp decided when and where to hold their meetings. We decided to hold them on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of March, April, July, August, September, October, and November at 2:00 P. M. At the Tri-Cities Historical Museum in Grand Haven and the Holland Museum alternating between the two museums starting in March in Grand Haven

At our meeting in October we elected the first Honorary Member of our Camp Maj. Perry Bennett. Maj. Bennett is a Army historian and an expert on the Battle of Utoy Creek in Georgia and he was the battle expert at the Holland Museum's reenactment of the battle where Benjamin Van Raalte, son of Rev. Van Raalte founder of Holland, rescued his units flag. Maj. Bennett is an Associate Member of the General James B. McPherson Camp #1, Department of Georgia and South Carolina. He has several Civil War ancestors but they fought on the Southern side. He currently is serving as the camp's Senior Vice Commander. Maj. Bennett wrote a book on the Battle of Utoy Creek which was to be released in 2010 and he was to speak on the Battle of Utoy Creek at his camp's January meeting. We hope all the fellow brothers in Michigan had a nice holiday season and are surviving the typical Michigan winter.

### Robert Finch Camp 14

Submitted by Wm. E. Skillman, Patriotic Instructor ~Signals Officer

Camp 14's roster as of January 1, 2010 shows 49 Brothers present. 40 are Members and 9 are Associates. Our March meeting will be held on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Elks Lodge, 625 Bay St. (intersection Grandview Parkway/Division) in Traverse City. Camp 14 would like to welcome new Brother Paul Timmerman of Traverse City.

Camp 14 regrets to report the passing of Brother Dwight Clinton Kennard, who died on December 10, 2009 in DeBary, Florida. He was 96 years old. Brother Kennard joined the SUVCW on February 28, 1978 and was longest serving member of Camp 14 (31 years). He was one of the four Brothers who voted in October 28, 1988 to move our Camp from Grand Rapids to Traverse City. Brother Kennard was elected the first Secretary/Treasurer of the newly established Camp 14, serving from 1988 to 1990. He also served as Camp Commander from 1997 to 1999.

On January 9, 2010; Camp 14 was honored with a visit by Department Commander Chuck Worley. DC Worley installed the officers of Camp 14. They are:

CC	Dale Aurand	<a href="mailto:daurand321@yahoo.com">daurand321@yahoo.com</a>
SVC:	George Goodrich	<a href="mailto:Gc_Goodrich@yahoo.com">Gc_Goodrich@yahoo.com</a>
JVC:	Joe Conger	<a href="mailto:K2rider@chartermi.net">K2rider@chartermi.net</a>
SEC/TRS	Neal Breaugh	
COUNCIL:	Jan White, Robert Clark and Bill Skillman	

Although the Camp has been in Winter Quarters since January, CC Aurand and his officers have been busy making plans for the upcoming year. I have listed a few of the events below:

On January 15<sup>th</sup> CC Aurand, Sec-Treas Breaugh and GRO-Jenkins met with Msrs. Bob Gunther and Bob DeKorne of Hagerty Insurance, who are the organizers of the Hagerty Classic Car show and sponsors of Traverse City National Cherry Festival. Mr. Guenther invited Camp 14 and other Michigan and regional SUVCW Camps to participate in the festivities from July 2-4th. In addition to one of the largest gatherings of antique collectable automobiles, the Cherry Festival will host the Blue Angels and USMC Marching Band. Sons who are members of Civil War reenacting units are also invited to camp along the Boardman River and put on demonstrations for the public. For more details, please contact Neal Breaugh [nbreaugh@charter.net](mailto:nbreaugh@charter.net) and Mr. Bob Gunther [BGuenther@HAGERTY.com](mailto:BGuenther@HAGERTY.com). If your Camp has members who would like to set up a table along with Camp 14, please let us know.

April 9, 2010 (Friday evening) Jim Ribby, will perform his program of Civil War Poetry at the Elk Rapids township Hall. Jim's poetry recitations are always well attended and received. Camp 14 and Frances Finch members will be attending in uniform to provide more information about the contributions made by Elk Rapids citizen-soldiers.

June 12<sup>th</sup>: Camp 14 and the Grand Traverse District Library will host author Richard L. Hamilton, who will discuss his book "Oh Hast Thou Forgotten?" Mr. Hamilton's historical novel is about his great-great grandfather, George Thomas Patton, who in 1862 left his family farm Kent County, Michigan to join the 6<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry. Using a combination of his ancestors surviving letters and historical accounts, Mr. Hamilton describes Sgt. Patton's experiences up until his death at the close of the Gettysburg campaign.

**The opponents were not well regarded by their union counterparts – Lt. Asa B. Isham of the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry wrote that “the secessionists had been brutalized by the time the war was a few months old...Union soldiers who were taken prisoners didn't have a chance”. “Upon the battlefield they (the prisoners) were beaten, shot, or bayoneted, made the recipients of the most vile and blasphemous epithets, and robbed of personal property, jewelry, money. Pocket articles, mess utensels, blankets, overcoats, hats, coats, pants, or boots; in not a few instances stripped nearly naked.”**

## Colegrove – Woodruff Camp 22

By Blaine C. Valentine, CC

The elected officers for 2010 at Camp 22 are:

Blaine C. Valentine	Commander
James N. Jackson	Senior Vice Commander
Steven P. Datema	Junior Vice Commander
Craig E. Berg	Secretary – Treasurer
Louis E. Cuyler	Chaplain
Kenneth R. MacNevin	Graves Registration
John E. Lohrstorfer	Historian
James N. Jackson	Monuments and Memorials
Craig E. Berg	Eagle Scout Coordinator
Howard W. Streeter	Council Members
Louis Cuyler	
William M. Wheaton	

Camp 22 will be hosting a book signing with Richard L. Hamilton who is author of "Oh Hast Thou Forgotten" the story of his ancestor in the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry. The signing will be at the Marshall G.A.R. Hall on Thursday, June 10 at 6 PM. All are welcome to attend and bring a guest.



Joining the Michigan delegation at the Gettysburg Remembrance were PCinC Jim Pahl, Don Shaw, Ed Dowd, Ron Shall, Terry McKinch, Dean Lamphere, Bill Morris, Bob Boquette, Paul Davis, and Jack Frost. Not shown are PCinC Keith Harrison, PDC Bruce Butgereit, and Joe Bickley.

## U. S. Grant Camp 67

By Paul Davis, Commander

The U.S. Grant Camp is now officially open and functioning. We just received our official notification of our Charter late in December of 2009, but we are off and running at full speed.

We have 21 members at this time.

Our Camp Officers are:

Camp Commander: Paul Davis  
 SVC: Bill Morris  
 JVC: Ken Martin  
 Council Members: Jack Frost, Duaine Phillips,  
 and Charles Buckhahn  
 Secretary: Tim VanRaemdonck  
 Treasurer: Keith Markstrom  
 Patriotic Instructor: Joe Bickley  
 Chaplain: Charles Buckhahn  
 Graves Registration and Memorial Officer: James Petrimoulx

As far as our geographical reach, we are concentrating on the counties of Bay, Midland and Saginaw.



Attending Grant Camp's first meeting are (L to R) Len Mcinerney, Bill Morris, Keith Markstrom, Charles Buckhahn, Paul David Arnold DJVC, Duaine Phillips, and CC Paul Davis

**Sgt. John S. Cosbey Camp 427**

By Rick Danes, CC

Camp Officers have been busy submitting all of the required reports and a new set of By Laws, revised to guide the Camp into the next decade. Camp 427 was honored to host DC Chuck Worley, SVC Don Shaw, and Department Secretary Kevin Lindsey at our officer's installation dinner and ceremony.

Officers for 2010 are:

Commander - Rick Danes; Senior Vice Commander – Jon Reed; Junior Vice Commander - Howard Fite; Treasurer - Rick Danes; Recording Secretary – Jerry Jacobs; Camp Council - Jerry Olson, Keith Kushnir, and Gus Sherwin; Chaplain - Ed Binkley; Patriotic Instructor - George Boller; Guard/Color Bearer – Aaron Schrader; Monuments and Memorials - Dennis Fyke; Historian – Allan Treppa; Eagle Awards Coordinators – Jerry Olson and Rick Danes; Graves Registration – Jerry Jacobs and Gus Sherwin; Communications/Webmaster - Jerry Jacobs; and Camp Musician - Ian Kushnir.



CC Danes, Department Secretary Kevin Lindsey, DC Chuck Worley, and SVC Don Shaw prepare to install this year's Camp Officers

**"The galleries are full of critics. They play no ball. They fight no fights. They make no mistakes because they attempt nothing. Down in the arena are the doers. They make mistakes because they try many things. The man who makes no mistakes lacks boldness and the spirit of adventure. He is the one who never tries anything. He is the break in the wheel of progress. And yet it cannot be truly said he makes no mistakes, because his biggest mistake is the very fact that he tries nothing, does nothing, except criticize those who do things."**

**David M. Shoup, General, United States Marine Corps**

**Future Michigan's Messenger Publications  
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**Summer – June 1 for a June 15 Publication**

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



**CHANGES...**

Submitted by Bill Lowe, Camp 7

Our world is changing so fast many of us find it difficult to either understand or to "keep up" in our daily lives. Now change in our efforts as members of the SUVCW has been greatly affected in achieving our goals in the area of graves registration and learning more about the "boys who wore the Blue", in many cases our ancestors! For the majority of us who have wanted to look at the histories of Michigan Regiments in the Civil War it has meant a trip to a library, not always in their local area, to document their service to our Country.

Just recently it was learned that 42 of the 46 individual volumes of the Records of Michigan Men in the Civil War have been digitized and are now online. This has been done by the Bentley Library at the University of Michigan. The remaining four volumes are in the process of being completed. Already available is the Index with the names, regiment, volume and page number for those from Michigan. These include Michigan men who volunteered here and were sent to other states for service in their regiments. What a bonanza! Additionally, Michigan in the War, by John Robertson, has been digitized to study even more about the activities of our men during the war, as well as the 27 volumes of THE ROLL OF HONOR, published by the U. S. Quartermaster Department after the war. These list the men and where they are buried, who died during the war, on the battlefields or in the hospitals, who were buried in either Battlefield or National Cemeteries.

With the availability of these resources "online", accessible at your home and free of charge, it will make it for much easier for everyone.

For the Graves Registration Officers it will provide easy access for documenting the service of many of the men whose graves we locate. This is especially valued with the Veterans Administration no longer accepting information from the various online sources such as the CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS & SAILORS (CWSS) database.

For the JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS it will expedite assisting new memberships applicants to our Camps. NOTE: Applications for membership are no longer acceptable without copies of original documents again eliminating data from sites such as the CWSS.

For the individual who just want to learn more about the "boys who wore the Blue" from Michigan you will find other significant information.

To access the websites first go to:

<http://bentley.umich.edu/research/genealogy/cw>

Then to look for the individual soldier's information go to the Index to learn the volume and page number:

<http://hdl.handle.net/2027/mdp.39015071160413>

This is most helpful for those not very familiar with the volume number and the regiment number You can now click on the applicable volume number

To access MICHIGAN IN THE WAR go to:

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=uc1.b4517945;page=root;seq=1;view=image;size=100>

To access the ROLL OF HONOR go to:

<http://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/000832751>

Again, our Thanks go to the Bentley Library at the University of Michigan, hopefully they will be adding more items to this website. If you "discover" any other states that have digitized and placed online their Civil War Rosters of the soldiers please advise me that we may share the information.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry (Heavy Artillery) Regiment

Submitted by James B. Pahl, PCinC

This is the ninth installment in my regimental history series, the service of the Sixth being a very interesting study. The Sixty Infantry was organized at Kalamazoo and mustered into United States service on August 20, 1861. The following companies were assigned to the 6<sup>th</sup>: Co A, Berrien County Rifles, Niles; Co B, St. Joseph Volunteers, St. Joseph; Co C, Schoolcraft Light Guard, Schoolcraft; Co D, Dowagiac Light Infantry, Dowagiac; Co E, Wolverine Rifle Rangers, Marshall; Co F, Saline Sharpshooters, Saline; Co G Littlejohn Light Guard, Allegan; Co H Eaton Rifles, Charlotte; Co I, Albion Rifle Rangers, Albion; Co K, Beardsley Guard, Niles.

The regiment left Michigan for the Potomac on August 30, 1861.

Col. Frederick W. Curtenius of Kalamazoo was the first commander of the 6<sup>th</sup>. The citizens of Kalamazoo procured an elegant banner of regulation size. On a blue field were fine decorations in gold letters and among the stars, the single inscription "Do your duty". The flag was sent to the regiment while in camp at Baltimore, where it was formally presented. This flag was carried through several battles and finally sent back to Kalamazoo as the gift of the regiment to Col. Curtenius. A handsome silk U.S. flag was presented to the regiment by Union ladies of Baltimore.

After a short stay, including one expedition to Virginia's eastern shore, the regiment was transferred to Louisiana for service in the expedition against New Orleans. The regiment saw service in this campaign, finally entering New Orleans on May 2, taking possession of the U.S. Mint in that city. The 6<sup>th</sup> was one of the first regiments to enter New Orleans after its capture.

The regiment remained in Louisiana and took part in several operations, including the expedition against Baton Rouge. Upon arriving in Baton Rouge, the troops were quartered in barracks. Very shortly thereafter, they were ordered to quit the barracks and move without tents to adjoining woods, so that a regiment (which had tents) could occupy the barracks. Pleas for tents were refused, resulting in the officers of the regiment refusing to obey the order. The senior officers of the regiment were all placed under arrest and the regiment occupied the woods (without tents) under the command of a Captain. The arrested officers were sent to New Orleans for trial, but eventually released on order of General Butler and returned to their regiment.

On August 5, the place the 6<sup>th</sup> was defending (along with some 2,000 Union troops) an area near Baton Rouge, when they were heavily attacked by some 6,000 confederate troops. The regiment was still without their senior officers and operated as three separate detachments. This Union force was under the command of Detroit's Major General Thomas Williams. General Williams was killed in this battle, leading the 21<sup>st</sup> Indiana after all of their senior officers were killed. In his report of the battle, General Butler wrote in his report that the 6<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry deserves the fullest commendation for the gallant behavior of its officers and men. The 6<sup>th</sup> recaptured a lost battery and captured the colors of the 9<sup>th</sup> Louisiana Battalion. They also defended the right of the line from heavy attack, checking the rebel advance.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment remained in active service in Louisiana, participating in the siege of Port Hudson. The regiment received the thanks of General Banks for gallant and efficient service during the siege and was by his order, on July 10, 1863, converted into a regiment of heavy artillery, "to retain, until otherwise officially designated, its infantry number and to have the organization, pay, clothing and equipment prescribed by law and regulations for troops of the artillery arm." On July 30, this order was approved by the Secretary of War.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Michigan Heavy Artillery regiment remained at Port Hudson until March 11, 1864, where 247 reenlisted, being sufficient number of veterans to preserve the organization. The regiment traveled to Kalamazoo, where they were given a 30 day furlough. Upon re-gathering, they returned to Port Hudson with a very large number of new recruits enlisted while in Michigan.

On June 6, the regiment was ordered to Morganzia (serving as infantry) and then onto Vicksburg, where there were assigned to the engineer brigade. They left Vicksburg on July 23, again serving as infantry and moved to Arkansas for a short time. They then returned to Morganzia (again acting as engineers), but then ordered to report to the chief of artillery and given duty as heavy artillery. They were then stationed in two detachments, one at Fort Gains and the other at Fort Morgan in Mobile Bay.

December 23<sup>rd</sup> saw the regiment join an expedition under Major General Gordon Granger to operate from Pensacola against Mobile, again as infantry. They participated in the capture of Spanish fort, where they were able to turn captured artillery, firing upon Forts Huger and Tracy, until those forts were reduced and Mobile surrendered.

July 11, the regiment was returned to New Orleans, where they were furnished with new camp equipment and wagons, anticipating service in Texas. However, August 5 saw the regiment receive orders to muster-out, which was accomplished on August 20. They started for Michigan on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and arrived in Jackson, Michigan on the 30<sup>th</sup>. They were paid off and discharged September 5. Total enrollment was 1,957 officers and men, with 2 officers and 43 men killed in action, 21 died of wounds and 6 officers and 470 men died of disease – total 542.

# 2010 Department of Michigan Allied Orders Encampments / Conventions

April 23-24, 2010 Lansing, Michigan Hosted by the Women's Relief Corps, Auxiliary of the  
Grand Army of the Republic



## Encampment Location:



Great Lakes Christian College  
6211 W. Willow Hwy.

## Accommodations:



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

Allied Orders room rate \$82.00 per night,  
plus tax. Reservations deadline April 9,  
2010 to get the group rate.

When making reservations, be sure to tell  
them you are with the Department of  
Michigan Allied Orders and which  
Order you are with.



## Meal Information:

**Saturday Luncheon — Noontime — Brunch Buffet — \$7**

Full salad bar, deli sandwiches, (chicken, tuna, carved beef), beverages, and dessert line.

**GAR Memorial Banquet — 6:00 pm Saturday Evening — Dinner Buffet — \$17.50**

Lemon herb chicken breast, veal parmesan with pasta, salad bar, desserts, and beverages.

## Schedule:

Friday, April 23th 7:30-10:00 PM: Hospitality Night hosted by the Women's Relief Corps in the Hotel Hospitality room located in the basement. Fun, Food, and Fellowship!

### Saturday, April 24th

- 8:00 AM: SUVCW Registration opens
- 9:00 AM: Encampment Begins
- 12:00 Noon: Brunch
- 6:00 PM: GAR Memorial Banquet

**2010 Department of Michigan Allied Orders  
Encampments / Conventions**

**Registration Forms**

*Tear off sections are color coded - cut out as needed*

**Encampment Location:**

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

**Accommodations:**

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

***Meal Reservation Form for the 2010 Department Encampments / Conventions***

*Please indicate quantity for each meal. Meal Reservations must be received by April 13, 2010. No refunds after this date.*

**Saturday Luncheon — Noontime — Brunch Buffet**

*Full salad bar, deli sandwiches, (chicken salad, tuna salad, or carved beef), desserts, and beverages.*

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$7.00 per person = Total for Luncheon \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GAR Memorial Banquet — 6:00 pm Saturday Evening — Dinner Buffet**

*Lemon herb chicken breast, or veal parmesan with pasta, salad bar, dessert, and beverages.*

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$17.50 per person = Total for Dinner Banquet \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Make checks payable to:

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

Mail to:

Gracanne Smith, WRC Treasurer  
613 N. Broadway  
Union City, MI 49094-1144

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

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

**Please note any special dietary needs or restrictions**

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

**SUVCW Department Encampment Pre-Registration Form**

**(Check only one!)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Camp Delegate | <input type="checkbox"/> Past Camp Commander     | <input type="checkbox"/> Past Department Commander |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Past Commander-in-Chief |  |

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

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

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

**SUVCW Mail by April 17, 2010 to:**

**Robert Griggs, Chairman, Dept. Credentials Comm., 610 Bidwell Street, Albion, MI 49224**

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