

Department Orders #1
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1. Having been duly elected and installed, command is hereby assumed
2. Headquarters for the Department of Michigan, SUVCW is 9245 Willits Road, Mayville, Michigan, 48744. (989) 843-5967. Rgreene@tds.net
3. I extend my thanks to Brother Gary Gibson, P.D.C., and his staff for the outstanding service that they rendered on behalf of the Department of Michigan. Gentlemen, well done!!
4. The elected and appointed staff is in place and may be found elsewhere in "*Michigan's Messenger*".
5. Congratulations to Sister Joanne Bailey- Boorsma of the DUV, Sister Angela Aridi of the WRC and Sister Dorothy Lowe of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW on their elections to the Presidency of their respective Orders. I look forward to working with each of you as we work together to keep green the memory.
6. Standing Committees have been appointed and are set forth elsewhere in "*Michigan's Messenger*".
7. Special Committee on Investment Optimization is appointed to identify and secure sources of more favorable return of investment of cash reserve, currently in a bank savings account.
8. Special Committee on Goals and Planning is appointed to develop a vision and long range plan for the direction of the Department.
9. Special Committee of Battalions is appointed to investigate feasibility of a system of "battalions" to interface with Camps and Department leadership. This committee will test and develop a model of the concept for evaluation and possible recommendation to the Department Encampment.
10. Congratulations to Brother John Mann who was named "Editor Emeritus" of "*Michigan's Messenger*" by the 116th Department Encampment.
11. I regret to report the loss of a Brother and friend. Brother Floyd E. Wallace of Gov. Crapo Camp #145 went to his final review on May 5, 2005. He was the father of Brother David F. Wallace, P.D.C. and grandfather of Brother Patrick Wallace. All charters will be draped for 30 days in his memory.
12. All Camps are encouraged to appoint a Camp Signals Officer. As "*Michigan's Messenger*" will be delivered only by electronic mail after January 1, 2006, Camps will be responsible for receiving and distributing the Department newsletter to it's members that are not able to receive it electronically. This duty should be charged to the Camp Signals Officer.
13. While the Department web site will continue to offer a web page to all Camps who desire it, Camps are encouraged to develop their own web sites to better promote their own projects and mission. The Department web site will be glad to offer a link to any Camp's own web site upon request to the Department Signals Officer.

14. Congratulations to Camps #7, #14, #20, #22, #139, #145, and #266 for their recent rededication's of memorials and grave markers. These ceremonies exemplify what we stand for and serve to carry out one of the charges of the Grand Army.
15. Brothers are encouraged to plan to attend the National Encampment in Nashua, New Hampshire. To be held August 4-7, 2005, the National Encampment will offer a helpful insight into the "inner workings" of our Order. Hotel arrangements should be made right away. Details are available in the "*Banner*" or on the National Web Site.
16. Brothers are encouraged to plan to participate in the Remembrance Day parade and services in Gettysburg, Pa. on November 19, 2005. Lodging should be arranged right away. Assistance with finding car pool partners is available at Department Headquarters (info above).
17. All Brothers are encouraged to seek out and photograph Michigan monuments on Civil War battlefields. Copies of photos should be forwarded to Brother Jim Pahl, P.D.C. (see article about this project else where in this issue of "*Michigan's Messenger*").
18. In ceremonies where the presence of any Department Officer is desired, please allow at least on month notice prior to the date of the event.

By the order of:

/s/

Richard Greene
Commander, Department of Michigan

Attest:

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Dennis C. Derr II,
Secretary, Department of Michigan