

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT-SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
103rd Annual Encampment - 12 June 1992

The 103rd Annual Encampment of the Michigan Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) was held on 12 June 1992 at the Sheraton Inn, Lansing, Michigan. The encampment was opened per ritual by Department Commander Gary Gibson at 9:10 A.M. Acting Department Secretary/Treasurer Douglas Park read the roll of Officers and Staff:

Commander Gary Gibson - present
SVC James Pahl - present
JVC Douglas Park - present
Secretary/Treasurer - Richard Williams - excused
Council - Don Everett, Chair - present
 - Bill Brennan - present
 - Jack Patch - present
Chief of Staff Keith Harrison - present
Patriotic Instructor Bill Brennan - present
Chaplain James Lyons - present
Counselor James Pahl - present
Historian Paul Hodges - present
Guide J.R. Schroeder - present
Guard Phil Johnson - absent
Color Bearer Steve Redinger - absent

Commander Gibson filled three vacancies as follows:

Guard - Don Everett
JVC - J. Neely
Color Bearer - R. Berridge

Camp Members Present: 22 members plus Commander-in-Chief Lowell V. Hammer

Austin Blair Camp #7:

Thayne LaBanta
James Neely
Jack Patch
John Mann

Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20:

Bill Brennan
Gary Gibson
Herbert Gage
Dean Parker

Colgrove-Woodruff Camp #22:

Ron Berridge

Curtenius Guard Camp #17:

Douglas Park
Don Everett
Keith Harrison
Paul Hodges

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James Lyons
James Pahl
David Downing
Jeff Adams

Ulysses S. Grant Camp #101:

J.R. Schroeder
Bernard McCarthy

Wa-Bu-No Camp #53:

Leo Cohoon
Donald Workman

Five dollars each was collected from the attendees for a total of \$110.00 to be placed in the treasury to offset costs for the encampment.

Committee Reports:

The following assignments were made by Commander Gibson:

Officer reports: Chairman Park, McCarthy
Resolutions: Chairman Harrison
By-laws: Chairman Pahl
Credentials: Chairman Everett

Bro. Pahl referenced the issue of duties of Chief of Staff and related letter from Cdr. Gibson to Bro. Schlenker, Dept of Maryland, relative to a Department color guard. Bro. Harrison's letter to Cdr. Gibson and Bro. Schlenker's letter were read. Commander-in-Chief Hammer related that departments can do whatever they wish to do as long as the C&R is not violated. Bro. Harrison said C&R only references a camp color guard. Cdr-in-Chief Hammer said look closely at C&R. Cdr. Gibson directed the Bylaws committee to draw up appropriate language.

Bro. Patch briefly discussed a resolution regarding flag desecration. The resolution was turned over to the Resolutions Committee.

Minutes of the 8 June 1991 Annual Encampment

[See Lyons'comments]

Bro. Pahl moved the minutes be accepted as corrected; seconded by Bro. K. Harrison. Motion carried.

Officers' Reports

Commander's Report - see attachment
Senior Vice Commander's Report - see attachment
Junior Vice Commander's Report - see attachment

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Patriotic Instructor's Report - see attachment

Treasurer's Report - see attachment

Historian's Report - see attachment (Cdr. Gibson noted outstanding effort by Bro. Hodges in producing bound volume of documents of historical note.)

Council's Report - Chairman Everett reported financial books are in order. Some clerical suggestions offered. Appreciation for a fine job directed to Secy/Treasurer Williams.

Communications:

1. A letter was received from Bro. and Mrs. Atkinson regarding advertising in the National Encampment booklet. Camp Commanders were sent a copy the first of June.
2. A letter was received from the Department of Maryland regarding endorsement of Peter Dixon for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.
3. Commander-in-Chief Hammer provided a letter and personal description detailing the events leading to the invalidation the election of Roger Wheeler to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the 1991 National Encampment. Bro. Moore of Indiana has been directed to complete the unexpired term.
4. Commander-in-Chief Hammer provided a brief overview of General Orders #4 (see attached). Items covered included:
 - a) Banner related problems
 - b) National Encampment 1992
 - c) Encampment Committees
 - 1) Credentials - Gary Gibson
 - 2) Resolutions - Keith Harrison
 - d) National Congress of Patriotic Organizations
 - e) Commendations
 - f) GAR Memorial Fund
5. A letter was received from Curtenius Guard #17 endorsing Bro. James Pahl for the office of Department Commander.
6. A letter was received from Curtenius Guard #17 endorsing Bro. J.D. Park for the office of Department Senior Vice Commander.
7. Communication was received from Past Commander-in-Chief Gordon Bury complete with an art print for presentation to Commander Gibson, a \$25.00 donation to the Michigan Department and an explanatory letter. Commander Gibson directed that the \$25.00 be allocated toward defraying cost of the plaque which will be dedicated later today at the former site of GAR, Michigan Department, at the Michigan Capitol.

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Old Business:

1. Bro. James Lyons related recent events surrounding the formation of Colgrove-Woodruff Camp #22 in Battle Creek as well as recent activities in properly marking the graves of Joseph Brandle, Walter Mundell, Henry Nash, and Addison Hodges, all of whom were Civil War Medal of Honor recipients without proper grave identification. Bro. Lyons also referenced the December 7, 1991 ceremony in Charlotte during which Ensign Frances Flaherty was memorialized 50 years after his death. Flaherty was Michigan's first World War II Medal of Honor winner and, as his body was not recovered, a proper memorial was finally placed to commemorate his ultimate sacrifice.

2. Bro. Pahl asked about items taken from the GAR Hall in Detroit. Bro. McCarthy said Bill Phenix took some items to Ft. Wayne. The Hall apparently still contains some items in upstairs rooms. It remains boarded. Bro. Pahl questioned whether certain items could be retrieved from Ft. Wayne. Bro. Harrison said he found old MOLLUS books in the Ft. Wayne Adm. Bldg. and laid claim to these if anything should happen to Ft. Wayne. Harrison suggested we lay claim to Ft. Wayne materials should B. Phenix leave. Motion by McCarthy and seconded by Pahl that J.R. Schroeder serve as emissary to contact Bill Phenix concerning inventory of assets and index of printed materials at Ft. Wayne and to lay claim, in the name of the Michigan Department, to materials which may otherwise be lost should Dr. Phenix leave.

3. Bro. Jim Neely related his continuing concern for the lack of communication between camps. His sending the Austin Blair #7 newsletter, which all agreed is excellent, to other camps has not been reciprocated by their camp receiving communications from other camps. The lack of a department newsletter coupled with the receipt of upcoming events through the reenactment community and not the SUVCW brought the issue up again. Bro. McCarthy related he wants more timely notice of events and recruits. Bro. Park related all prospects for new members which were identified at Jackson or Marshall in 1991 were forwarded to camps within 3 weeks. Bro. Harrison suggested events be sent to all camp commanders. Bro. Lyons related Dick Williams will be sending a new camp officer and data form containing key personnel to all camps the first week in July and this may bridge communication gaps. Bro. Neely clarified his issue is with camps not following through with recruitment names. McCarthy said his opinion is to have the Dept. JVC send recruitment names to each camp JVC instead of the camp commander. Park related his Department JVC file is filled with names of prospects which beg for follow up by any camp officer.

Committee Reports:

Officer Reports:

Bro. Park said all officer reports are in order. Motion by Gage to accept; second by Brennan. Motion passed.

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Resolutions Committee:

1. Committee Chair Harrison referenced the Austin Blair Camp #7 resolution on flag desecration. The committee supports. McCarthy moved to accept, Gage seconded. Bro. Mann questioned the meaning of desecration given their reenactment unit purposely uses a frayed flag. It was suggested dishonor, irreverence and disrespect for flag and country were the underlying motives which are addressed by the resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Bro. Harrison related endorsement of Peter Dixon was not a resolution but he said that Dixon's election to JVC-in-Chief should be endorsed. Motion by Pahl, second by Lyons to endorse Dixon for JVC-in-Chief. Park pointed out the sequence of events which may result from Roger Wheeler's invalidation for this office could take several different paths at the 1992 National Encampment and Michigan might be better prepared to address these issues by caucusing at the National Encampment rather than binding ourselves now. Motion defeated.

3. Bro. Harrison said endorsements of Bro. Pahl and Bro. Park for Department offices were not resolutions and were incorrectly assigned his committee.

By-Laws Committee:

Chairman Pahl reported the Committee proposes that "**copy provided**" be placed on the floor for adoption. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. Acting Secretary/Treasurer Park reminded the membership of the recent interest shown in our Order by the Internal Revenue Service. As previously notified, all camps now must obtain an Employee Identification Number (EIN). Those camps which have not yet completed this requirement need to complete an application which is available at the IRS and once the number is assigned, the EIN should be shared with Secretary/Treasurer Williams.

2. Bro. Neely brought forward his idea on a recruiting brochure. A mock-up brochure was passed around and received very favorable comments. Motion by Pahl, second by Harrison for incoming Department Commander to appoint a publications committee to review the proposed brochure and endeavor to publish a Department recruiting brochure. Amendment by Bro. Lyons and second by Bro. Schroeder to include Bro. Everett and Bro. Mann on committee. An amendment to the amendment was offered by Bro. Park to include the secretary/treasurer on said committee. All amendments and the original motion were passed unanimously.

3. Bro. Neely related concerns regarding camps being unable to enlist associates once total associate strength reaches 33% of the total camp membership. Bro. Harrison related the Member-at-Large (MAL) Camp receives these members until camps can begin receiving additional associates following an increase in ancestral members. The temporary solution is to accept the members initially into the MAL and to transfer from MAL to a camp when camp membership ratios permit. It was noted by Bro. Pahl the Congressional charter established the

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ratios of associates to members and it would take an actual act of Congress to change the percentage. Members in good standing can participate in any camp but cannot vote unless they are member of the camp.

4. Bro. Brennan said SUVCW hats are for sale for \$7.50.

5. Bro. Neely raised the issue of adopting a Sons uniform. Cdr. Gibson said a kepi with a corp badge seemed appropriate. SVC Pahl said that page 58 of the ritual relates dark clothing, white gloves, regulation badge, and the kepi would be appropriate. Bro. Harrison moved that this issue be moved to committee for the 1992-93 session. Bro. Hodges seconded the motion. Motion passed.

6. Bro. Patch related Austin Blair Camp #7 provides a new member a framed tri-color certificate for \$20.00.

7. Bro. Lyons contributed , in behalf of the National Secretary's office, a compilation of past camps of the Michigan Department to Historian Hodges.

8. Commander-in-Chief Hammer addressed the encampment regarding the following:

a) Banner - Lost mail bags in Des Moines resulted in some members receiving issues but most members have not received any issues since December. Bottom line- The Banner will be sent 1st class mail and the Winter and Spring editions will be combined as the National Encampment issue. The summer issue will be out in July.

b) Newsletters - C-in-C Hammer created a publications committee and asked it to study several Department and camp newsletters, e.g. New York City's "Billy Yank", Pennsylvania's "Battlefield Dispatch", Maryland's "SUVCW Review", and Ohio's "Notices". Hammer endorsed Bro. Neely's communications concerns and encouraged Michigan to develop a newsletter.

c) National Congress of Patriotic Organizations(NCPO)-The idea of the NCPO came from the president general of the SOR and is only two years old. It serves as a clearinghouse for patriotic projects. The SUVCW and MOLLUS are founding members. Hammer represents the SUVCW and is a regent. A "fellow" membership category has been created and it is possible for individuals to join in their own right and receive a medal as well.

d) Association for Preservation of Civil War Sites - Hammer serves on advisory board and related the organization is doing excellent work which fits with our SUVCW objectives. Camps and Departments should support this organization to preserve civil war sites. Hammer also encouraged support of the newsletter, "Hallowed Ground".

e) Awards for recruiting were discussed. Recruiting was encouraged in general. The Commander-in-Chief briefed the membership on the National Aide category for excellence in recruiting.

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f) Support for SUVCW functions was encouraged. Activities such as the Lincoln Tomb and Remembrance Day ceremonies are encouraged for all. In addition, participation in supporting the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund and the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund is crucial to the National Organization.

g) Not answering requests is inexcusable. Hammer said, "Gentlemen, if you cannot answer a request, give it to someone."

h) The National Encampment will be in Pittsburgh, PA at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott August 14-16, 1992. Room rates are:

Single - \$70.00

Double - \$73.00

Triple - \$76.00

i) Hammer said he read of many Congressional charters being abolished. This should create a concern for us when we see this in a paper. He does not know if this involves the SUVCW.

j) The approach to requesting the Commander-in-Chief to attend the Michigan Department encampment is excellent since you requested my attendance soon after I was elected. Others have had to be turned down for this weekend.

k) Over the last year, 244 new members have joined the Order. Some have been lost. Our total membership is at 2747 presently.

l) Michigan is to be congratulated for being out there doing something. Some think holding two dinners per year does it. Your hall restorations, your recent events, and your forming new camps are why we exist.

m) Hammer related recent activities in New York which have been very productive. These include the publication of the GAR Monuments in NY and the 125th anniversary Hall of Flags ceremony in Albany, NY.

9. Commander Gibson again thanked C-in-C Hammer for graciously agreeing to attend our encampment and enlighten our members. Cdr. Gibson reminded the membership of fund raisers. The SVC-in-Chief fund is involved in the raffling of the Dale Gallon art print "Final Glory". A \$5.00 donation may result in a print worth nearly \$700.00. The Michigan Department is also raising funds to pay for the plaque referenced earlier to be placed in the Capitol. Donations in any amount can be made in honor of a Civil War ancestor, family member, etc.

10. Commander Gibson thanked Bro. Harrison for his donation of a United States Flag and staff. Cdr. Gibson expressed appreciation in behalf of the department.

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11. Bro. Neely noted the presence of Bro. Thayne LaBanta who is a real son and a member of the SUVCW for 63 years. He is the senior Past Department Commander of Michigan having served in 1945.

12. Bro. McCarthy related that the Burton Collection of the Detroit Public Library includes lineage proofs of GAR members from the late 1800's to 1933. He also said 210 graves of Civil War veterans can be found at Detroit's Elmwood Cemetery in the state veterans section and another 400 Civil War veterans are buried throughout the rest of the cemetery in family plots. Ulysses S. Grant Camp #101 recently placed a new headstone at the grave of Joseph Sabacool, a Civil War Medal of Honor recipient.

13. Rev. Reinwald briefly talked of the Spanish American War Veterans. He offered an invitation to SUVCW members to attend the 6th annual Veterans Day ceremony hosted by his Congregational Church in Gibraltar, MI on November 1, 1992 at 10:00 a.m. The occasion usually attracts 2000 people from all veteran organizations and over 300 attend the dinner following.

14. Commander-in-Chief Hammer presented Past Camp Commander Leo Cohoon and Commander Don Workman the Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 53 charter.

15. Junior Vice Commander Park presented the Orlando LeValley award for the greatest rate of growth to Commander Don Workman, Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 53. Congratulations!

16. Cdr. Gibson related recent fund raising efforts and other activities directed toward restoration of Michigan Civil War battle flags. Everyone was encouraged to support this large undertaking through individual, camp or family contributions.

17. Bro. Lyons provided directions to the Capitol so everyone could participate in the dedication and unveiling of the plaque which commemorates the headquarters location of the GAR, Michigan Department.

Lunch recess was called by Cdr. Gibson at 12:07 p.m.

The encampment was reconvened by Cdr. Gibson at 4:00 p.m.

Cdr Gibson noted not all members had returned from the Capitol ceremony and filled vacancies as follows:

JVC- John Mann
Guide-Bernard McCarthy
Color Bearer-David Downing

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Election of New Officers:

Nominations and Election of Officers for 1992-93 were as follows:

Commander	-James Pahl
SVC	-Douglas Park
JVC	-Bill Brennan
Secy/Treasurer	-Richard Williams
Dept. Council	-Don Everett
	-David Downing
	-James Neely

Staff Appointments

Incoming Cdr. Pahl made the following staff appointments:

Chief of Staff	-Keith Harrison
Patriotic Instructor	-James Neely
Chaplain	-Rev. Reinwald
Counselor	-Gary Gibson
Historian	-Paul Hodges
Guide	-J.R. Schroeder
Guard	-Ronald Berridge
Color Bearer	-Leo Cohoon
Graves Registration	-James Lyons
Camp Organizer	-Douglas Park

Installation of Officers:

Officers and Staff were installed by Lowell Hammer, Commander-in-Chief, per ritual.

Delegates to the National Encampment:

Motion by Bro. Harrison that 1992 national delegates will be the first seven members who signed in at this Department Encampment and the remainder will serve as alternates. Second by Bro. Pahl. Motion carried.

Visitations:

Visitations will occur at the banquet tonight.

Announcements:

Bro. Gage announced Past Department Commander Gary Gibson will be forfeiting his independence on Independence Day. (Is that an oxymoron?) Congratulations, Gary!

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Adjournment:

Commander Pahl took the podium to briefly thank the membership for their confidence and faith in placing him in the office of Commander. Cdr. Pahl then proceeded to close the 1992 Encampment per ritual.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

J. Douglas Park, Acting Secretary/Treasurer



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

GARY L. GIBSON, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
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To the 103rd Encampment of the Michigan Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Brothers;

What a year we have had. This past year we have realized many of our goals. Through the efforts of all our brothers working together, we have been successful in our mission: to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, and to bring our organization to the public eye.

The National Encampment was held at Indianapolis in August. Five brothers represented our department. The Encampment was very successful from the standpoint that three brothers currently serve on the National staff.

In October, the department hosted the Central Region Conference which was attended by brothers and sisters from five states. The topic of discussion was "Your success stories". Camps, Auxiliaries, and Departments related experiences with programs and projects that worked for them.

The Department was represented by myself at Gibraltar, MI, at a Veterans Service sponsored by the local Congregational Church, and on Veterans Day, I was present with the other Department Commanders of the various veterans organizations at Ft. Custer National Cemetery.

December and January found the Department preparing to organize a new camp. In March, we organized Colgrove-Woodruff Camp #22 of Marshall. This Camp meets in the GAR hall, as did the old camp that folded several years ago. This camp has great potential, and is growing and very active.

On the observed Memorial Day, U.S. Grant Camp #101 of Detroit celebrated the completion of a project that has taken several years. Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit has a rather large Civil War veterans section. Over 600 headstones were replaced with new, and on the 25th, held impressive ceremonies covered by two television stations, and attended by several hundred spectators and Civil War Reenactors.

Also on the 25th, Ben Pritchard Camp #20 of Kalamazoo participated in the parade in Allegan, MI. As the lead unit, it was given a place of prominence. Also, at the cemetery, the camp guard provided the rendering of military honors by firing the

salute.

traditional three volleys, and placed a wreath for the GAR. The local American Legion sponsors the parade and service, and the coordinator commented that the Sons are the "icing on the cake".

On May 30th, the City of Coldwater was host to four camps. Austin Blair #7, Curtenius Guard #17, Ben Pritchard #20, and Colgrove-Woodruff #22, participated in our own parade and services to honor a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient. Color Sgt. Joseph Brandle, 17th Michigan Inf. Although rain kept the turnout light, there was still an impressive crowd in attendance. The Kalamazoo television station was present, and provided good coverage. They made it a point to announce that it was the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War who were responsible for the event. These types of programs are what we are supposed to be doing.

By our own accomplishments, we can, and do, receive the recognition by the public that we need.

This afternoon, we will gather at the Capital Building to dedicate a bronze plaque. Although it commemorates the Michigan Department Headquarters of the GAR, it also represents each of our grandfathers, and their devotion to their country.

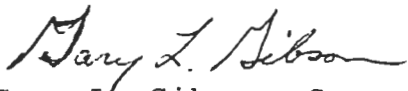
As you can see, Michigan is on the right track, and growing. New camps are planned for Niles, Flint, Bloomfield, Holland, and Gibraltar. The Camps are reporting growth, and the Department is financially sound.

We have the direction, we have the motivation, we have set our goals and met them.

As I retire from office this year, I leave you with the thought that whatever we put our minds to, we can accomplish.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity of serving you as Department Commander. I hope I have lived up to your expectations.

Submitted in Fraternity, Chairity, and Loyalty,



Gary L. Gibson, Commander
Michigan Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
GARY L. GIBSON, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Office of Senior Vice Dept. Commander

Report to the Michigan Department Encampment
June 13, 1992

Brothers:

It has been my great pleasure to have served our Order as the Senior Vice Department Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I have represented the Department at numerous functions across our great State, including the following two activities that highlight my past year in office.

Acting through my Camp and also as a Department Officer, I now regularly appear at various Boy Scouts of America, Eagle Courts of Honor. I have presented to each Eagle Scout in the Chief Okemos Council, the special certificate of recognition of our Order under the hand of the Commander-in-Chief. I have used the opportunity to instruct in patriotism and to acquaint those present with our Order and its purposes.

Secondly, the real highlight of my year was Saturday, May 30, 1992. Myself and several other members of the Order spent the weekend at a Boy Scout District Camp-o-ree. With the assistance of several Civil War Reenacting groups, the boys were presented with several instruction stations on the life of the common Civil War soldier. Despite the constant rain all weekend, over 150 Boy Scouts from all over Eaton County participated in the eight "training stations" at the Camp-o-ree. The Saturday evening campfire program featured a full Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Memorial Day program, lead by National Secretary James Lyons. I was also privileged to lead the Sunday morning worship services.

I greatly value my membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and honor the memory of my great-great grandfather, Pvt. J. George Haarar, 20th Michigan Volunteer Infantry. I have been honored greatly by my Brothers of the Michigan Department, who have allowed me to serve the Sons as Department Senior Vice Commander and look forward to serving our Order in the years to come.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,


James B. Pahl

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

JUNE 12, 1992

Gary L. Gibson, Commander
Michigan Department-SUVCW
1809 Haverhill
Portage. MI

Dear Commander Gibson;

It is my pleasure to relate the report of the office of Junior Vice Commander, Michigan Department, SUVCW for the year 1991-1992.

Since recruitment and membership activities are generally the focus of this office, I would like to share these for the last year. During the Civil War Muster in Jackson last August, 56 persons stopped at our Department recruiting tent and indicated an interest in our order. Among those who stopped to talk with the brothers at the Austin Blair #7 recruiting tent, twenty nine individuals were from outside the Jackson area and these names were submitted by Austin Blair camp to the Department. At the Marshall Historic Home Tour, we received interest from an additional 7 persons.

These names were subsequently collated, organized by region and submitted to the respective camps for individual recruiting and invitation.

As a part of the overall recruiting efforts, this office initiated contact with the Friends of the Octagon House, a non-profit organization which has restored and is maintaining an 8 sided house built in the Civil War era, for purposes of identifying a suitable meeting place for a new camp in north Oakland County. It appears the Friends of the Octagon House would be interested in a partnership which would benefit both our organizations and that a camp in that area is a good possibility once key leaders are identified.

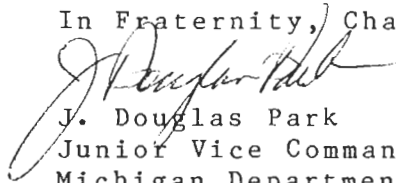
You are intimately aware of the new Marshall camp and its auspicious beginning. You are to be commended for personally tackling this project.

I would remind our brothers that we are also working to develop new camps in Flint, Fruitport, Blissfield and in the Ypsilanti/Canton area. In each case, the leadership has been identified and new camps in these areas are a great possibility.

For the 1991-92 year, the camp which recorded the greatest percentage growth and is awarded the Orlando LeValley award is Wa-Bu-No Camp #53. The camp which recorded the greatest growth in numbers and is awarded the Governor Austin Blair award is Austin Blair Camp #7 (no pun intended!). Congratulations to both camps for outstanding recruiting.

Let me thank my brothers for their faith and confidence in placing me in this office. It has been an enjoyable experience and I trust we can all serve our order by being recruiters.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



J. Douglas Park
Junior Vice Commander
Michigan Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Corrections to the Proceedings of the 102nd Annual Department Encampment of the Michigan Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War - 8 June 1991

The Heading should read 102nd

Opening line should read 102nd

Old Business; (page 4)

The second to the last line - "take position" should read "take possession"

Committee Reports; (page 4)

Resolution Committee: Item 2.

The second line - "war metal" should read "war medal"

New Business; (page 4)

Item 4 - correct name of the Tent is Helen M. Edwins

Staff Appointments; (page 5)

Chaplain - Leo Cohoon

Delegates to National Encampment; (page 6)

Should be Gage rather than Sage

Report of the Historian

Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

at the Department Encampment
Lansing, Michigan

June 13, 1992

The Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was very active this year. Members participated in activities at the national, department, and camp levels. A highlight was the organization of Colgrove-Woodruff Camp No. 22 at Marshall. The Historian asked for materials to report activities and to record items of historical interest to the Department.

The response was outstanding, as a good variety of documents arrived. Once again, the "Sons" came through! They provided booklets, newspaper clippings, printed programs, photographs, and other items. Austin Blair Camp No. 7, for example, furnished its information booklet and copies of "The Camp Blair Courier". Several individuals supplied materials. On behalf of the Department, a sincere "thank you" is hereby extended to them all.

Certain articles were selected for a bound report. They were separated into four sections. The first contains materials which refer directly to the Grand Army of the Republic. A newspaper article, for instance, pertains to the attendance of George Gay, national commander, at the Michigan GAR encampment in Grand Rapids just 50 years ago this month.

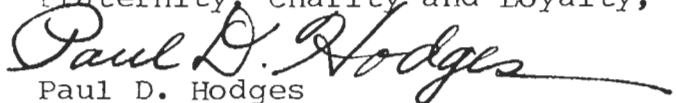
The second section pertains specifically to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. A copy of the program cover for the Central Region Conference, held at Lansing on October 5 and 6, 1991, is included there.

"Michigan Civil War Veterans" is the title of the next part. A newspaper article, one of its 15 items, tells about Allegan's two Civil War generals, Brigadier General Benjamin F. Pritchard and Brigadier General Elisha Mix.

The last section is "Michigan Remembers." Among its features are Abraham Lincoln's autobiographies and items pertaining to the 125th anniversary of Michigan's Civil War Flags Presentation.

Some materials could not be made part of the bound report. All of them, nevertheless, are being retained by the Department as it continues to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Respectfully submitted in
Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,


Paul D. Hodges
Department Historian



Michigan Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Gary L. Gibson Department Commander
Office of Patriotic Instructor
13 June 1992

To the Brothers and Delegates of the 103rd
Department Encampment;

It has been a honor to serve as your
Patriotic Instructor for the past year. During
my term in office, I have taken part in
several activities which includes a
list below.

- June 29, 1991 Civil War Days Charlton Park.
- July 30, 1991 Adopt a Highway Program.
- August 3, 1991 U.S.C.G. Parade Grand Haven.
- August 11-15 1991 National Encampment Indianapolis Ind.
- August 24-25 1991 Jackson Muster S.U.V. Recruiting Tent.
- Sept. 7-8 1991 Marshall Home Tours GAR Hall Recruiting.
- Sept. 24, 1991 Visit Curtin's Guard Camp Sunfield.
- Oct. 12-13 1991 Bowens Mills Civil War Days.
- Nov. 11, 1991 Veterans Day Fort Custer Parade.
- Mar. 5, 1992 New Camp Organizational Meeting
GAR Marshall hall.
- Mar. 14-15 1992 Kalamazoo Gun Show Recruiting table.

- Mar. 31, 1992 Visit Curtin's Guard Camp.
- April 2, 1992 Forming of Colgrove-Woodruff
Camp in Marshall.
- May 16, 1992 Pritchard Camp Riverside Cemetery
Cleanup G.A.R. Orcutt #79 Monument
at Kalamazoo.
- May 25, 1992 Memorial Day Parade in Allegan.
- May 30, 1992 CLR. SGT. Joshua Brandle Grave-
Stone Dedication Parade at Coldwater
- June 6, 1992 Blandford Nature Center Living
History Civil War Grand Rapids.
- June 13-14 1992 103rd Department of Michigan
Encampment in Lansing.

These activities along with completing three
years as Camp Commander of Pritchard Camp
NO. 20 consecutively.

In F., C., and L.,
William A. Brennan
Patriotic Instructor



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Office of Secretary-Treasurer

Year End Financial Statement
 2ed Quarter 1991- 1st Quarter 1992

Account	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	End Balance	Liability
	985.38				
Receipts:					
Per Capita Tax (1)		490.00			
Per Capita & Encampment fee		123.75			
Per Capita Tax (2)		418.97			
Per Capita Tax (1 & 2)		192.50			
Per Capita Tax (2)		41.25			
Central Reg. Deposit		612.00			
Per Capita Tax (3)		465.00			
Per Capita Taxes (4)		482.50			
Lincoln Dinner		375.00			
Debits:					
Refund WA-BU-NO			3.75		
Postmaster(stamps)			58.00		
Supplies(receipt books)			32.97		
National Organization (taxes)			407.50		
Postage			29.00		
Encampment ribbons			21.76		
Tassel & Cord Set			13.75		
Printing for Encampment			13.00		
Postmaster (stamps)			58.00		
National Organization (taxes)			390.00		
Postmaster (stamps)			58.00		
Printing for Central Reg. Meeting			33.36		
Central Reg. Charges			555.42		
Central Reg. Printing			49.81		
Central Reg. Dues			5.00		
National Organization(taxes)			352.50		
National Organization(Taxes)					375.00
National Organization(supplies)			40.00		
Central Reg. Meeting			53.55		
Dept. Orders (printing)			25.00		
Postmaster (stamps)			58.00		
Central Meeting Costs			357.50		
	985.38	3200.97	2615.87	1570.48	375.00
			Minus Liability	-375.00	
			Total	1195.48	