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PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Robert A. Mitchell

If America Had Never Been!

I wonder what today would be like,
if America had never been.
There would not be... "We The People",
protection under the Bill of Rights,
the precious freedoms from religion to dissent,
the symbolic Statue of Liberty from a friendly France,
the wondrous historical monuments like Mount Rushmore,
celebrating independence won on the fourth of July,
the red, white, and blue waving proudly high,
the singing of America the Beautiful and the Star Spangled Banner,
and pledging our allegiance with hand over heart or in salute.

And think of the great ones that would never be...
George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Marshall,
Abraham Lincoln, Booker T. Washington, Teddy Roosevelt,
Susan B. Anthony, Franklin Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy,
Martin Luther King, Ronald Reagan, and so many more.

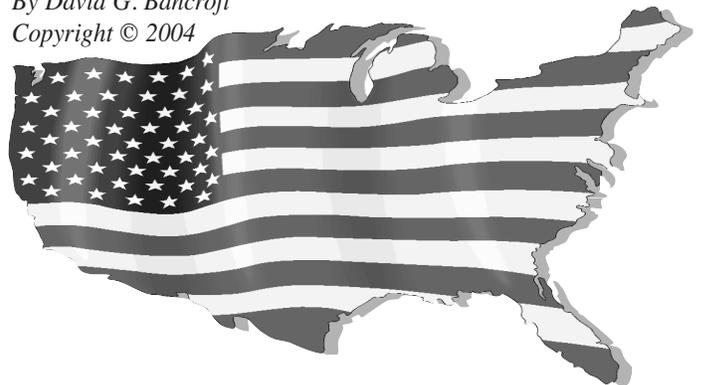
Then remember the other noble ones that would be lost...
Benjamin Franklin flying that one kite,
Alexander Bell pursuing voice communication when apart,
Thomas Edison capturing light in glass,
George Bancroft writing the first history books about the USA,
Orville and Wilbur Wright attaining flight at Kitty Hawk,
Dr. Jonas Salk developing the polio vaccine,
George Washington Carver impacting agriculture production,
Bill Gates and Steve Jobs fostering the personal computer age,
Stephanie Kwolek inventing bullet-resistant Kevlar,
Neil Armstrong stepping on the moon for mankind,

and even the Oscar, Emmy, Tony, and Grammy winning stars
along with the brave war and gifted sport heroes...
as they and all Americans came to be with ancestors' roots
from countries in Europe, Africa, Asia, and elsewhere.

Nor would there be the cost of treasure, noble effort, and blood when...
our brave troops came to aid in World War I and II,
providing food and more during the Berlin airlift,
being resolute in winning the cold war,
reaching out to others when natural and health disasters strike,
doing whatever it takes after the terrorists' attacks on 9/11/2001.

I wonder if America had never been,
how many more would not be free,
living under anarchy and tyranny
while wishing what could be...
that America now offers for all to see.

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BY LAWS COMMITTEE

James T. Lyons, SVC

The Department Encampment directed the Committee to review and recommend action on three topics.

1. Recommendations were made by the Department Commander regarding the handling of original G.A.R. records and related materials.

The National Encampment, in August, created the position of National G.A.R. Records Officer and a related Committee. They will be developing guidelines for this program.

It is recommended that no action be taken by the Department until the National work is completed and published.

2. The process for making applications from the Department Memorial Fund.

This fund is now depleted and no mechanism exists for its continuation. No action is required regarding applications.

3. Review directions regarding responsibility for the appointment of Department committees.

A check of the language contained in the Job Description for the Department Commander, language included in the Ritual and Ceremonies, Constitution and Regulations and the Department By Laws indicate that adequate direction already exists.

No action by the Committee is required at this time.

Finally, the National Counselor's report of changes to the National Regulations does not indicate anything adopted in August will have an impact on our present By Laws.

No request for changes in the By Laws will be presented at the 2005 Encampment.

PHOTO SUBMISSIONS

WHY ACTUAL PHOTOS ARE NECESSARY

Briefly, the reason electronic photo files are not used is three fold. 1st, my printer is not of a high enough quality to print a photo that is good enough to be "shot" by the printshop to make a halftone for offset press printing. Unless an inkjet or laser printer can print at very high quality or TRUE photo quality, 2400 dpi (dots per inch) or higher, the result looks muddy when converted to halftone.

2nd, the quality of electronic files varies tremendously, especially those taken with digital cameras. A minimum resolution of 3 mega pixels should be used for 4 x 6 photos, especially if they are to be cropped and the cropped area enlarged. What looks acceptable on a computer screen doesn't necessarily look good in print.

3rd, the printshop can take the electronic file and convert it directly to a halftone, but that doubles the processing cost per photo. The Messenger already consumes a major portion of the Department's budget and by having everyone snail mail their photos, the result is the Messenger is a higher quality product and costs the Department (you, our members) less to print.

The **Deadline** for the
Spring 2005 Issue
of Michigan's Messenger is

March 1st

All articles and photos must be in the hands of the editor by this date to ensure inclusion. Text files may be submitted by e-mail (attached file preferred). Please use the subject line, *Messenger Article*. Photos **MUST** be mailed (**actual photographs only**). Include a SASE if photos are to be returned. No electronic photo files accepted.

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Department Orders #4

Series 2004-05

1. The resignation of Department Treasurer David F. Wallace, PDC, has been received by this office and regretfully accepted. The Department Council has elected Bro. Brian Shumway to fill the vacancy. Brian's address is 127 West Walnut St., Hastings, 49058, (269) 945-2942, briannel27@sbcglobal.net Please forward all monies due the Department and requests for reimbursement to Brian.

2. The Department Council has elected Bro. Dennis Derr to fill the vacancy on the Council left by Bro. Shumway.

3. I am pleased to announce the appointment of our new Michigan's Messenger Editor. Brother David Rehkopf of Curtenius Guard Camp 17 has volunteered to serve as Editor. I am confident that Brother Rehkopf will continue the fine work we have always enjoyed in our newsletter. Please forward all materials for the newsletter to the address, by the deadline, indicated on page 2 of this issue. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Bro. Jim Lyons, PDC, Sr. Vice Commander, for stepping forward and taking the editorship in the interim. His dedication and commitment to the Order have been invaluable. Thank you, Jim.

4. I would like to thank those brothers who attended the Remembrance Day events at Gettysburg. The expense of both time and money to travel out to Gettysburg shows a great deal of commitment to our Order. Present were myself, James Pahl, PDC (and his wife Carol); Bruce Butgereit (and his wife Marsha of the WRC); Mike Culp, Department Aide-de-Camp; Chuck Worley, Secretary, Camp 20; Ron Shull and Todd Rakestraw, both of Camp 17; Max Newman, Natl. Treasurer, (and his wife Nancy, President of the Daughters); and several other sisters of the WRC and the DUVCW. Despite the on / off rain showers all day Saturday, it was still an enjoyable weekend. Following the parade and the ceremony at the "Angle", the Michigan delegation proceeded to the 7th Michigan Infantry Monument and held a brief ceremony in the rain. My thanks to Bro. Pahl for giving us a brief presentation of the actions of the 7th Infantry at Gettysburg.

5. While placing the state flags on the graves of our Michigan soldiers in the Gettysburg National Cemetery, it was noted that several of the flags are beginning to separate from the staffs and are showing wear and age. It was also suggested that we purchase new U.S. Flags to match the state flags and place them on the graves as well. A discussion ensued. It was suggested by Bro. Butgereit that we ask each of the brothers of the department to contribute \$5.00 each to the

"Gettysburg Memorial Flag Fund" in order to purchase replacement flags. The cost for each 8" x 12" flag is \$7.50 -- with a total of 173 flags, that comes to just under \$1,500.00. I have also contacted Lucille Streeter, Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps, and Nancy Newman, Department President of the Daughters of Union Veterans, and asked if they would share the news of this project with their membership. I am happy to announce that the first donation of \$20.00 to the fund was received from Department Aide-de-Camp Mike Culp of Camp 20. Additionally, I am pleased to announce that John A. Logan Camp No. 1 of Grand Rapids has donated \$145.00 to the fund. Thank you Brothers of Camp No. 1 for an outstanding beginning to our campaign!

6. As stated in the last Department Orders, the Mid-Winter Conference will be held Saturday, February 19, at the MidWay Motor Lodge. Please see the detailed information elsewhere in this issue.

7. The Department Encampment will be held on Saturday, April 23, at the Holiday Inn West in Lansing. It is hoped that all Brothers will consider attending. Please see the information elsewhere in this issue.

8. Brothers are encouraged to submit names of nominees for election to department offices to the chairman of the Nominating Committee, Bro. Kevin Lindsey, at 6890 Norton Drive, Troy, Michigan 48085-1659, (248) 828-3632, E-mail: klindsey@comcast.net

9. This office has been notified that Ruth Ann Kynsz died on November 12, 2004. She was a Past Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps. Ruth Ann served in 1991-92, during my second term. She was a lady in all respects, and her dedication to the WRC was always evident. The Department extends its condolences to her family and the WRC.

By the order of:

Attest:

Gary L. Gibson
Commander
Department of Michigan

Richard F. Lee
Secretary
Department of Michigan



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

By Bruce B. Butgereit, PDC

On April 9, 1872 a crowd estimated to number over 25,000 gathered in Campus Martius Park in Detroit to witness the dedication of the Michigan Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument. ***On April 9, 2005 you are invited to share in the 133rd anniversary and rededication of that same monument in the newly redesigned Campus Martius Park.***

As part of the revitalization of downtown Detroit, Campus Martius Park, itself 217 years old, now serves as "Detroit's gathering place" and includes computerized fountains, green space, ice skating in the winter, and the Michigan Civil War Monument. The Monument was moved about 100-yards to its new location and placed upon a 4'-6" structure that allows for seating at the base of the Monument and includes flowing water.

Although the Monument was cleaned and rededicated several years ago, several events dictate that we once again honor, not only Michigan's Civil War soldiers, but those who have served in all conflicts including the current war on terror. While dismantling the Monument to allow for the new construction, the original time capsule was found, but sadly, all but two pieces of silver had disintegrated due to water damage. On July 23 of 2004, I had the honor of standing with Brothers Doug Armstrong (Department Civil War Memorials Officer) and Michael Nick (Commander of U.S. Grant Camp 101 of Detroit) in witnessing a new time capsule being placed in the Monument which included the names of all those who served in the Civil War and Spanish-American War and the casualties of every conflict since; the name of one soldier serving in Iraq who was killed is also part of that record. The capsule is scheduled to be opened in July 2104.

Brother Doug Armstrong, with the support of Department Commander Gary Gibson, has asked that I coordinate the ceremony. I am currently working with the City of Detroit, the Detroit 300 Conservancy and the Detroit Historical Society in preparation for an 11:00 AM rededication ceremony on Saturday, April 9, 2005; at this time, Mr. Edsel Ford III has offered to speak. I have sent invitations to our Sisters in the Allied Orders inviting them to share in the ceremony with us; the Michigan Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States will also participate. Reenacting units are being invited and if any Brother is a member of such a unit, please forward this information to your unit commanders.

Please mark your calendars to share in honoring the military heroes of Michigan and the Monument dedicated to them. Information on parking and directions will be available on the Department website in the near future.

MEMORIAL FUND

James T. Lyons, Asst. Treasurer

Questions have continued to swirl around this project as we have tried to make a determination of how much money was actually available for grants. Unfortunately this project was never formally adopted by a Department Encampment, there has been no accounting record kept of expenses and income and no receipts or other records in the files. Requests for project funding continued to come in and answers were needed.

A review of Encampment Proceedings showed that there was no information on the progress of this project there. Check registers, cancelled checks and several articles that appeared in MICHIGAN'S MESSENGER finally started to form a picture of this activity.

The initial project was the raffle of a Dale Gallon print. Shortly after, it was decided to add the sale of "mouse pads" to the effort.

A tally of the receipts, as noted in the above sources indicated that the gross realized was \$2237.00, before deducting expenses. The recap showed that actually that total should have been reported as \$3344.00

Expenses were also higher than initially reported, \$382.14 as opposed to the original figure of \$247.70. There was no indication, however, of the cost of the mouse pads. A check to "Kizcam" noted in the check register was unaccounted for in the records. There was no cancelled check and the bank statement for the month it would have cleared was missing. The check was written for \$1485.00.

The bank provided copies of the missing documents and the "memo" line indicated that this check was for mouse pads. No invoice was found in the records. A computer search found the company. They are searching their files and will send us an invoice copy.

The Bottom Line – after all factors are considered; total income, from all sources was \$3931.00; total expenses were \$1867.14; balance of funds available for grants \$2063.86; total disbursements approved for projects \$2750.00; the result is we granted (\$686.14) more money to projects than had been raised.

To summarize, we have spent more money than was available. There is no money left and there is no mechanism in place to replenish the fund. It will be recommended that this fund be terminated. Some good work was accomplished by the Camps receiving funds, but in the end we wound up in a deficit position due to poor accounting practices.

GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Rick Danes, Chairman

Your Graves Registration Committee has reached a great milestone in 2004. In just five short years, the Department Database has increased from less than 5000 entries to over 50,000 records of Michigan Civil War Soldiers buried anywhere, of Civil War Soldiers from any unit buried in Michigan, and a few Revolutionary, Indian, Black Hawk, Toledo, Mexican, Regular Army and Navy, and Span Am Soldiers thrown in for good measure.

Of course this feat could not have been possible without the selfless contributions of the Committee, the Members, and of those outside the Order, you know who they are from past notes, but this year a special thanks goes out to Connie Larson, Jackie Vohlker, and Marcia Butgereit who are Members of the DUV in Grand Rapids, to Judy Gross who has been a true friend of our effort for many years, and to my wife Irma who spends hour upon hour doing our data input. Much of our success comes from the communication among Committee Members. During 2004, 14 Camps attended at least one quarterly meeting, Camps 1, 7, 14, 20, 22, 250, and 427 attended all four; Camps 145 and 120 attended 3; Camps 58 and 2 attended two; and Camps 17, 101, and 160 attended the Department Conference lunch meeting. I wonder what would happen to our efforts if all Camps participated?

During 2005 our effort will continue, with many members committing to survey areas outside their own Camp area. If you or someone in your area would like to help, let me know, and we'll find them a spot. We know that we are about 50% complete, and unfortunately we are finding that some past efforts were "completed" by the old "let's find the military headstone" method, not our "list everyone who could be a veteran" process.

I hope that all of you had a really good holiday, and on behalf of the Graves Registration Committee, a good 2005!

JOHN A. LOGAN **CAMP 1 ~ GRAND RAPIDS**

By Bruce B. Butgereit, PDC

Camp 1 continues to remain active within our community. As plans for a new Veterans Memorial Grove in Kent County's newest park, Millennium Park, got underway, I saw a glaring absence; the absence of any wording honoring the soldiers from the Civil War (and Spanish-American War). The plans for the Grove include planting a tree for every soldier from Kent County who ever gave his life during a conflict; at the last meeting, the vote was unanimous for including the Civil War soldiers as well.

In another area related to the Civil War, the Underground Railroad in the Grand Rapids area has become a topic of interest that my wife Marcia has recently gotten involved in. When the Grand Rapids Press ran a story announcing that a local orchard was being sold to a retail developer, Marcia realized that a long-time suspected station in the Underground Railroad would be bull-dozed over and forgotten.

Quick action has made all parties involved aware of this probable historical location and the history of the area is being gathered. Grand Valley State University has offered to do an archeological search this coming Spring and other research has been offered by local historians. At this time, it is known that the brother to Mrs. Laura Haviland Smith (a champion abolitionist in Michigan and one-time Grand Rapids resident and was actively involved in the UGRR movement) had a farm across from this orchard. The fact that there exists a trap door in a storage shed, a school built on the grounds in 1851, and the

location of this property exactly between a bend in the Grand River all serve as probable indicators that this was a station. The role of Camp 1 will be to offer support and research to the project in the hope that at least some type of historical marker might be placed on the site.

During the Labor Day weekend, Camp 1, as well as Corps 41, WRC and Tent 2, DUVCW was represented at a memorial rededication service in Plainwell co-sponsored by Camp 20.

On October 2, Camp Commander Tim Kolean and I assisted the Department Grave Registration Committee (Department Grave Registration Officer Rick Danes and Brother Bill Lowe) at the 50th anniversary conference of the West Michigan Genealogical Society. Our table was busy the entire day and much information was shared and much offered by the attendees. On October 3, I represented Camp 1 and MOLLUS in a headstone rededication ceremony in Alpena sponsored by Camp 139; Marcia read a poem as National Chaplain of the Woman's Relief Corps.

GEORGE W. ANDERSON **CAMP 58 ~ DEWITT**

Douglas Armstrong, PCC

On October 23rd, a great turnout of Brothers from Camp 58 gathered at the Wright Cemetery near Alma for the purpose of conducting a headstone dedication for Emery Adams. Earlier in the year Mr. Kenneth Byrd from Indianapolis, Indiana contacted us with a request to honor his gggg-uncle, Emery Adams, with a replacement headstone. The family marker had deteriorated so

that the names were barely readable. After filing a request form and the necessary documentation with the VA we received the headstone in late August.

Emery Adams was born in New York in 1813 and traveled with his family to Michigan in the fall of 1837. Settling in Jackson County, he and his wife lived on land owned by his father until 1849 when he and his brother bought land in Liberty, Jackson County. He farmed the land and over the next 17 years had 10 children. In 1854, he moved with three of their children to Arcadia Twp., near Alma, Gratiot County. They lived on 350 acres in a tent until a suitable log cabin was built.

In 1862 Emery Adams, who had recently passed his 49th birthday, felt a strong urge to support the causes of the Civil War by enlisting. On August 12th, and declaring his age as 45, he enlisted at Ithaca in Company C, 8th Michigan Infantry. He was listed as being 5'10" tall, of light complexion, and had blue eyes and black hair, his occupation as farmer. He served as a wagoner with his regiment until December 1862 when he was discharged for disability at Fredericksburg. In his pension application, dated October 30, 1866, he stated that while conveying camp equipage from the headquarters at Newport News, Virginia, preparatory to his regiment's leaving for Fredericksburg, he acquired a severe hernia which from then on prevented him from being able to perform any but the lightest form of work. Following the war, he gave attention to improving his land and replacing the log cabin with suitable house and farm buildings. He was granted his pension, which he drew until his death in November 1886.

Mr. Byrd and his family wanted to assist us with the installation of the headstone and be present for the dedication, but due to health reasons they could not make the trip from Indiana.



We conducted the ceremony using the 1917 adaptation of the G.A.R. dedication ceremony. Our Commander, Gordon McGarey, served as Guard; Brother Kent Armstrong and Past Commander-in-Chief served as acting Commander and placed

an American Flag at the grave; Brother Bruce Fech served as Chaplain; Brother Claude Vail laid the laurel wreath upon the grave; Brother Craig Whitford laid the evergreen wreath; Brother Kim Altvater presented the rose. The Honor Guard and firing squad consisted of Brothers Tom Emerick, Dennis Felton, Mark Pangburn and Dick Williams.

The playing of Taps was conducted by Dale Sprosty, a retired Corporal in the United States 1st Army Concert Band. He is a U.S. Authorized Provider of Military Funeral Honors for the U.S. Department of Defense. A local Boy Scout Troop Leader recommended him to us. He did a very honorable and professional playing of Taps for us.

A brass G.A.R. Flagholder was placed next to the new headstone with Emery's name and unit inscribed on the reverse side. Thank you to Brother Kent Armstrong for donating the marker.

LOCKWOOD CAMP 139 – ALPENA

Don Londo, Secretary

On October 3, the Lockwood Camp 139 and VFW Post 2496 rededicated the gravesite of Civil War Veteran William H. Barney. Barney's grave is located in the forest reserve about 1 1/4 miles from M32 just outside Alpena. Barney enlisted Company H of the 22nd Michigan Infantry for one year at Pontiac, Michigan. According to military records Barney spent the waning days of the war guarding the Chattanooga-Nashville Railroad Lines. He mustered out of service on September 6, 1865. On June 31, 1884 he purchased 40 acres on Indian Reserve Road for his homestead. He lived out the remainder of his life on that land with his wife and 12 children. According to his wishes, Barney was buried in 1894 on that homestead.

In 1913, John C. Viall, Commander of the G.A.R. placed the original headstone on the Barney grave. The site consists of a cedar fence surrounding the solitary military stone where Barney, some of his children and his neighbors are buried. Outside the fence is a bench for visitors to pause and reflect. The bench was the project of Eagle Scout Russell Dewar back in 1986.

Age and weather had taken their toll on the site including the fence and headstone which had split and cracked. For the past five years DNR Officer Joe Soncrainte had been seeking a means of replacing the headstone. Finally the Museum put him in touch with the Sons. We applied to the VA and received a new headstone within 2 weeks.

The ceremony was based on a 1917 G.A.R. Ceremony used at funerals. It features taps as well as a 21 gun salute by the VFW color guard. In addition to the Sons, participating in the ceremony were Eagle Scout Russell Dewar, Marcia Butgereit and Evelyn Londo of the WRC, VFW Post 2496 and PDC Bruce Butgereit

After the ceremony there was a reception at the VFW Hall. At the reception, Lockwood Camp Commander Bruce Zann presented Eagle Scout Russell Dewar with his Eagle Scout Certificate, recognizing his work of 18 years ago. He also presented a framed picture of 3 G.A.R. Veterans to PDC Butgereit. This presentation was in recognition of his tireless efforts in the establishment and encouragement of the Lockwood Camp.

Radio, TV and the newspaper gave us excellent coverage and the entire Camp is energized.



MAJOR HENRY F. WALLACE **CAMP 160 – CORUNNA**

Dale F. Calder, CC

The year got off to a great start as the newly elected officers for 2004 were installed at the December 3, 2003 meeting at the First United Methodist Church in Corunna.

The Camp maintained a very busy schedule of participation in parades in a variety of communities. Included were the Victorian Days parade in Grand Ledge; Memorial Day parades in Perry, St. Johns, and Owosso; the Yankee Doodle Days parade in Grand Ledge; the St. Johns Mint Festival parade and the Morris Fall Festival Parade.

On April 18, 2004 at Aldon Cemetery south of Owosso near Pittsburgh Corners, Camp 160 participated in a 2:00 P.M. ceremony at the grave of Pvt. Jacob Doty conducted by the Sons of the American Revolution. Rev. Fr. Barry Lewis and Chuck Spring, of Camp 160, dressed in their Continental uniforms fired their War of Independence cannon to commence the ceremonies. Dave Hilliker, Mike McMillan, Jerry Jones and Dale F. Calder constituted the Color Guard.

Ceremonies were conducted at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Cemetery in Lansing on June 19 in memory of the Civil War service of Pvt. Martin Lerg. Camp 160 members were joined by several Brothers from Curtenius Guard Camp 17 for the ceremonies. Both the G.A.R. ceremony and a Catholic religious service were included in the program of dedication. Commander Calder is the great-grandson of Martin Lerg.

Several living history camps were set up during the year. In June a camp was set up on the grounds of the Curwood Castle during the annual festival in Owosso to commemorate the life and work of author James Oliver Curwood. Another camp was set up in McCurdy Park in Corunna on Independence Day.

SGT. JOHN S. COSBEY **CAMP 427 – DEARBORN**

Rick Danes, SVC

Sgt. John S. Cosbey has completed another very busy year in doing work for the Order. In addition to re-registering 100% of our 2003 Membership, the Camp's accomplishments for 2004 include: Participated in the headstone dedication for Private Clement Blay, 4th Michigan Cavalry; Attended the Department and the National Encampments; Participated in the 100th Anniversary of the dedication of the Michigan Monument at Andersonville, Georgia; Held 9 Membership Meetings and 3 special summer programs;



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We provided service at or attended in the name of the "Sons": A mayor's state of the city address; The Dearborn Historic Guild Antique Show; The Kalamazoo Living History Show; Conducted one Memorial Day Ceremony, and attended another; Displayed at the 75th Dearborn Homecoming; Attended the Gerber Boy Scout Council Sportsmen for Scouting weekend; Dearborn Art on the Avenue; Dearborn Historical Guild Victorian Tea; Jackson Civil War Muster; Dearborn Historical Guild Open House; Department Committee Meetings; Dearborn Historical Guild Meetings.

We also published 4 quarterly newsletters and sent copies to 13 mayors, councilpersons, and historical societies, and welcomed 1 new member.

The officers elected and appointed for 2005 are:

- Rick Danes . . .Commander, Treasurer, and Graves Registration
- Jeffrey Montminy . . .Senior Vice Commander, Camp Council
- Gus SherwinJunior Vice Commander and Chaplin
- Bill FritzRecording Secretary and Historian
- Jon ReedPatriotic Instructor
- Jerry OlsonSpecial Events Coordinator Eagle Scout
Coordinator, and Camp Councillor
- Allan TreppaMonuments and Memorials
- Aaron SchraderColor Bearer, Guard, and Camp Council
- Gerald OlsonCamp Council
- Rick Danes, Jr.Assistant Treasurer

Hope you had a great holiday, in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

My Homeland

America, my homeland,
 Has sheltered every tongue,
 And made from teeming masses,
 One nation, from among
 The world's population,
 One nation, born to be
 The hero of free nations,
 The homeland of the free.
 Born of naught but courage,
 And faith to see it through,
 The heroes of this nation,
 And our Red, White and Blue,
 Desired life and liberty,
 And made a noble stand
 To turn this untamed country
 Into their own free land.
 Many lives were sacrificed
 Upon the battlefield,
 To make of this, one nation,
 Who'd fight, and never yield
 To other world forces,
 Destructive in their quest
 For tyranny and power,
 By which they were obsessed.
 May God, who is our keeper,
 Help keep this nation free,
 Free to defend people
 Who love true liberty.

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2005 Mid-Winter Conference

Saturday, February 19th

All brothers of the Order, as well as newly elected camp officers, are encouraged to attend this one-day event. This is a time for camp officers to meet with their department counterparts to learn about their positions, and how they fit into the "big picture". There will be time for a question & answer period, as well as sharing what your camp is doing. Camps are encouraged to bring photos and / or materials of camp activities.

Tentative Schedule -- subject to adjustment

1:00pm -- 2:00pm	Opening remarks & introductions, updates from Department Officers
2:00pm -- 2:15pm	Break
2:15pm -- 4:00pm	Workshop sessions with Camp Officers & Department Officers (Breaks at will of individual groups)
4:00pm -- 4:45pm	Q & A period; Camps share their activities
4:45pm -- 5:00pm	Wrap-up and announcements
5:00pm -- 6:00pm	Social Hour
6:00pm -- 8:00pm	Washington / Lincoln Birthday Dinner and Program

2005 Department Encampment

Saturday, April 23rd

Holiday Inn West, Lansing

Every brother of the Department is encouraged to attend the Encampment. Not only are camps requested to send their elected delegates, but *all* brothers have the *privilege* to attend and participate in discussions to help set the direction and future of *your* department.

Tentative Schedule -- subject to adjustment

8:00am	Registration Opens
9:00am	Encampment Called to Order
11:45am	Break for Lunch
12:00 PM	Luncheon
1:15pm	Encampment Resumes
4:00pm	Encampment Closes
6:00pm	Allied Orders Banquet

2005 Mid-Winter Conference

Saturday, February 19th

Site

Midway Motor Hotel

7711 West Saginaw Highway
(Highway M-43)
Lansing, Michigan 48917
(Exit 93 East from I-96)



2005 Department Encampment

Saturday, April 23rd

Site

Holiday Inn West

7501 W. Saginaw
(Highway M-43)
Lansing, Michigan 48917
(Exit 93 East from I-96)



WASHINGTON – LINCOLN COMMEMORATIVE DINNER

6 P.M. – Saturday, February 19, 2005

Each year, following the Mid-Winter Conference, the Department of Michigan SUVCW and the SR, Michigan Society, rotate hosting the Washington-Lincoln Dinner. The 2005 dinner meeting will be hosted by the Sons of the Revolution. The speaker will be Vice President Mike Culp, making a presentation on “George Washington - Before the Revolution”.

The deadline for reservations will be February 11th

(Please use the coupon on the back of this page)

For those wishing to stay overnight at the hotel, rooms are available at \$65 (single) and \$75 (double) by mentioning the “Sons of Union Veterans” The toll-free number is (877) 772 – 6100.

2005 Department Encampment

Luncheon and Dinner

Saturday, April 23

The 116th Annual Department Encampment of the Department of Michigan will be held at the Holiday Inn – Conference Center West in Lansing.

We will serve as the Host Order for the program, including the noon luncheon and the evening Banquet. We will be joined by the Daughters of Union Veterans and the Womans Relief Corps for these activities.

Room reservations can be made by calling the Holiday Inn at (517) 627-3211. Rates are \$79.00 for single or double. Be sure to mention “Sons of Union Veterans” to get the rate. The reservation cutoff is 3:00 P.M. on March 22, 2005.

Reservation for lunch or dinner must be RECEIVED by April 15th

(Please use the coupon on the back of this page)

Tickets will be distributed at registration.

2005 ENCAMPMENT PRE-REGISTRATION

The pre-registration fee is \$5.00. The **deadline for this rate is April 15th**. Registration after this date, and at the door, will be \$10.00. You must provide your Credential Card (Form 2) signed by the Camp Secretary. You must also present your current membership card, indicating current dues are paid and you are in “good standing” in your Camp.

Please fill out and mail the form on the back of this page.

Washington~Lincoln Commemorative Dinner (Mid-Winter Conference)

Name: _____ Camp No. _____
(Dinner Tickets will be distributed at the Mid-Winter Conference)

Stuffed Breast of Chicken

Number of Dinner Reservations _____ X \$24.00 each = \$ _____

Make check payable to: **Sons of the Revolution - Michigan Society**
Mail to: Keith Harrison
 4209 Santa Clara Drive
 Holt, MI 48842-1868

Luncheon & Banquet Reservation Form for the 2005 Department Encampment

<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday Noon Luncheon</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Choice of Sandwich Beef Vegetable Soup Beverages</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(please check the appropriate boxes at the right for the number of luncheon reservations wanted)</p>	<p><i>Sandwich</i> <i>Sandwich</i></p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">Turkey Ham</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> X \$12.50 = \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> X \$12.50 = \$ _____</p> <p>Total amount enclosed for Luncheon \$ _____</p>	<p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>City _____</p> <p>State _____ Zip Code _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>Order _____</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday Evening GAR Memorial Banquet</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Choice of Entrée Garden Salad Dessert: French Style Cheese Cake Beverages</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(please check the appropriate boxes at the right for the number of dinner reservations wanted)</p>	<p><i>Entrée</i> <i>Entrée</i></p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">Chicken Stuffed Pork Chop</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Breast meat sautéed with fruit, sweet red pepper, red onion & coconut in a delicate citrus sauce. Served over steamed rice.</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Fresh sage stuffing, topped with a light mushroom sauce. Vegetable of the day.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> X \$21.00 = \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> X \$21.00 = \$ _____</p> <p>Total amount enclosed for Banquet \$ _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Reservations MUST be RECEIVED by April 15</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please make checks payable to:</i> Dept. of Mich., SUVCW</p> <p><i>Mail to:</i> Brian Shumway 127 West Walnut, Hastings, MI 49058</p>

Department Encampment Pre-Registration Form

(Please check the appropriate designation for yourself)

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

Name: _____ Camp No. _____

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