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## **Commander's Comments**

*By Donald Shaw*

Since my last Messenger article, I have had the chance to see many of you folks face to face. The Camp Officer installation season has come and gone and with it, visits to 15 different camps. While it made for a very busy few months, it is the kind of busy you like, because you get the chance to visit with some of the friendliest people across the state. I appreciate the receptions I was given in each instance where I installed officers for a camp. In all instances I was thankful for the courtesies I was shown, including the welcomes, the meals, and the camaraderie that I was treated to. Visiting with you folks in your camps is one of the highlights for me of my job. It never fails to inspire me to keep going in the work we do and to try to do my very best, not only for the veterans we stand as representatives of, but for my brothers in the Department of Michigan. Visiting with all of you reminds me of what I like to tell folks who are not in the Order or the Department. I tell them that I have the best elected position around, because I serve at the pleasure of over 500 of the best guys in Michigan.

As note above, I attended 15 camp officer installations, including the Crapo Camp installation, where I was installed as camp Senior Vice Commander. We have 23 camps not counting the Camp at Large which does not install officers. Obviously I had some help in getting officer installations done. To those camps that did not require help from the Department in this regard, I send my greetings and wishes for a productive year via this message, as I didn't get the chance to convey them otherwise. To Past Department Commanders Butgereit and Worley, who assisted by acting as installing officers on behalf of the Department, I thank you for being there to help when either weather, or a conflict between camps seeking installation at the same time, made it impossible for me to personally attend. Finally, to DSVC Dave Arnold, who acted as installing officer for four camps, covering for a variety of reasons, thanks for being there when needed and for a job well done.

The other work of the Department, as set forth in the goals with which we started the year, goes on and in many cases is now complete. Planning has begun for the upcoming Department Encampment, and we are beginning to pull things together to have the best gathering we can put together.

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To that end, a Nominations Committee has been formed to accept nominations for Department elective offices. Anyone wishing the Nominations Committee to consider an application for Department office should contact the chair of the committee, Rick Danes. You can e-mail him at [redanes@aol.com](mailto:redanes@aol.com).

This is my last Messenger column before the Encampment. I hope to see many of you on May 21st in Lansing for that Encampment. Remember that decisions are made by those who show up. Be one of the people who helps to guide your Order as we continue into the beginning of the Civil War Sesquicentennial period.

*From the Battle Creek (Michigan) Moon-Journal Sunday, April 2, 1936***RESERVATIONS ARRANGED FOR G.A.R. MEETING**

Plans for Joint State Encampment Early In June Are Progressing  
Plans for the joint encampment of the Michigan G.A.R. and affiliated units with the state department of the Veterans of the Foreign Wars, scheduled for June 9, 10, 11, and 12 in Battle Creek began to take definite form Saturday, with the visit here of Miss Ida M. Davidson of Lansing, secretary for the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic.

During her stay here, Miss Davidson made arrangements for hotel accommodations for G.A.R. men at the Post Tavern as well as Department convention headquarters in the foyer of the Rotary room at the Post Tavern. Miss Davidson estimated that between 20 and 25 G.A.R. men will attend the Fifty-Eighth annual state encampment.

Meanwhile, state and local officials of the Veterans of Foreign Wars are proceeding with plans to hold their encampment on the dates selected by the G.A.R. and its affiliates, virtually having abandoned hope of having the convention postponed until June 24, 25, 26, and 27, the dates for which the V.F.W. expressed preference.

**To Confer in Detroit**

Details for the meetings of the V.F.W. and Auxiliary will be discussed at a conference to be held in Detroit, tentatively arranged for Saturday. Those attending will include State Commander R. J. Vandenberg of Highland Park, Local Chairman A. C. Britton, Howard French, past Commander of Lieutenant Harold J. Payette Post No. 565, and Secretary Rudolph Habermann of the Chamber of Commerce.

Estimates place the total attendance for the joint 1936 encampment here at nearly 8,000 delegates and visitors, of which more than 6,000 would be members of the V.F.W. and its Auxiliary. The estimated attendance of each organization is as follows: Women's Relief Corps, 400 delegates and 200 guests; Daughters of Union Veterans, 250 delegates and 100 guests; Ladies of the G.A.R. 80 delegates and 70 guests; National Daughters of the G.A.R., 75 delegates and 50 guests; Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 200 delegates and 100 guests; Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 125 delegates and 50 guests; Veterans of Foreign Wars, 950 delegates and 2500 guests; and Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 1200 delegates and 1500 guests.

Submitted by Chuck Harthey

*Department Orders #4**Series 2010 – 2011**Donald Shaw, Commander**Headquarters, Flint, MI**15 February 2011*

1. Brothers are reminded that the 2011 Department Encampment will be held at the Great Lakes Christian College in the City of Lansing, Michigan on May 21, 2011. Please set the time aside on your calendar and plan to attend if you are able. Come join your brothers in helping chart the course you would like the Department to take for the coming year.

2. Any brother interested in holding a Department elective office should submit his letter of interest, credentials, and any letters of endorsement, to the Department Nominating Committee no later than May 1, 2011. The chair of the Committee is brother Rick Danes. Please direct the information to brother Danes who will then share it with the committee. Brother Danes may be reached through email at REDanes@aol.com, or may be sent to him via regular mail at 2612 Burns Street, Dearborn, Michigan 48124.

3. On behalf of myself, and the other individuals who acted as installing officers from the Department, I wish to thank all those brothers from the various camps who displayed such hospitality and friendliness to us as we visited your camps doing officer installations. Your kindness, which you displayed in a dozen different ways, was very much appreciated.

4. Any brother willing to serve in an appointed Departmental position next year is urged to contact me. The Department depends of the willing hands of it's membership to carry on the work we do, but if we don't know of your interest, it gets pretty hard to use the talents you would bring to bear on Departmental tasks. My e-mail address is P31713@aol.com.

*In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,*

/s/  
Donald W. Shaw  
Department Commander  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest: /s/  
Paul Davis  
Department Secretary  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

*All camps are reminded that Form 27A, Camp Annual Reports and attachments, along with a check for your per-capita fees, must be completed in duplicate and received by the Department Secretary, Paul Davis, **no later than April 30.***

*Any camp needing copies of the form is urged to visit the National Web Site at <http://Suvchw.org/ftp/form27A/pdf>. For your convenience, the mailing address to send the forms to is as follows:*

*Paul Davis, Secretary  
Department of Michigan, SUVCW  
535 Mayflower Dr.  
Saginaw, Michigan 48638*

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

## Senior Vice Commander's Quips

By Paul David Arnold, PCC

Greetings Department of Michigan Brothers and Camps:

By the time you read this column the anniversary commemorating the Civil War Sesquicentennial will be close at hand. During the upcoming year, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will have a unique opportunity to bolster our membership by showcasing our nation's Civil War history and our organization, on a National, State & Local level. Recognizing this, the national organization has offered Departments and Camps an opportunity to become involved by sponsoring a "**Signature Event**" at both the Department as well as the Camp level.

### **What is a Signature Event?**

Here are rules as shared by D. Michael Beard, PDC  
Chair of the SUVCW Sesquicentennial Committee

*(Any Camp, Department, and Supportive organization of the Allied Orders can sponsor a signature event, advertise it as such, get recognition for the event on the national website, and offer the SUVCW 150<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Medal to individuals who attend the event.)*

\*\* The Sesquicentennial, Signature Event Medal can be viewed by accessing the Quartermaster link on the National Website and clicking on "Sesquicentennial Items": [www.suvcw.org](http://www.suvcw.org)

You can download a form from the national website and submit your request to the Sesquicentennial Committee. The event must serve to educate the public on the legacy of the valiant work done by all United States Military Forces between 1861 and 1865; have a direct connection with the Civil War Sesquicentennial; be of national or state significance; and be used by the Allied Orders as a recruiting tool to further our organizational goals  
Listed below are the guidelines for sponsoring an official SUVCW Sesquicentennial Signature Event.

### **SESQUICENTENNIAL SIGNATURE EVENT INSTRUCTIONS:**

Camps, Departments, and supportive organizations of the Allied Orders seeking to have a SUVCW Sesquicentennial Signature Event require recognition and approval as follows:

1. Camps, Departments, and supportive organizations of the Allied Orders prepare this application giving the name of the event, its location, and a description of how the event will meet the stated purpose of a SUVCW Sesquicentennial Signature Event.
2. Camps submit the application through their Department Commander and must have the Department Commander's approval.
3. The request would describe the event and outline how it meets each of the intended goals of a Signature Event, specifically:
  - a. How the event is will serve to educate the public on the legacy of the valiant work done by all United States Military Forces between 1861 and 1865.
  - b. How the event has a direct connection with the Civil War Sesquicentennial
  - c. How the event is of national or state significance;
  - d. A statement the event will not expose the SUVCW to any insurance risk;
  - e. A statement the event will present the United States and its military forces in a positive manner;
  - f. Identification of a SUVCW Camp and/or Department as an event sponsor;
  - g. A statement the sponsoring Camp and Department will use the event to advertise the SUVCW and have recruiting materials available at the event.

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4. The Department Commander will submit the request to the National Sesquicentennial Committee for approval. Email Mike Beard [mikesuvcw13@verizon.net](mailto:mikesuvcw13@verizon.net) and/or Blair Rudy [brsuv1@verizon.net](mailto:brsuv1@verizon.net)
5. The National Sesquicentennial Committee will determine the sufficiency of the application and concur the event meets the intended purpose of SUVCW Signature Events. In performing this task, the committee will confer with the sponsoring camp and department to get any needed information to complete the application.
6. The Sesquicentennial Committee will submit proposal to the Council of Administration through the CINC and the Chief of Staff for its approval.
7. Upon Council of Administration approval, the Sesquicentennial Committee will post the event through the SUVCW Web master to the SUVCW Sesquicentennial Events page and notify the sponsor.
8. The preferred approval process would be in writing using email, supplemented as necessary with phone, mail, or in person communication.
9. Documentation of each Signature Event will be recorded by the Committee and presented to the Council of Administration annually so a permanent record of these events may be preserved.
10. Once approved, the sponsoring Camp or Department is allowed to use the SUVCW name and logo to promote the event and to present the SUVCW Sesquicentennial Medal for minimal donation

**For additional information visit the National Organization web page [www.suvcw.org](http://www.suvcw.org) and type Sesquicentennial Signature Event, into the query box.**

### ***Nash-Hodges Camp 43*** *Submitted by Butch Miller, PCC*



From the Nash-Hodges annual dinner which was held on February 12, 2011. Guest speakers Marty Bertera and Kim introduced their new book about the 4th Michigan Infantry. Shown L to R are PCC Butch Miller, Marty Bertara, Kim Crawford, DC Donald Shaw and CC Gary Naugle.

## Department Patriotic Instructor

By LTC Max Riekse (RET), PCC

First a reminder that the annual camp Patriotic reports are due to me - **NOW**. We are way behind from camp PI reports from last year. Use the official national SUVCW - PI reporting form. "The purpose is to recognize what we, the SUVCW, are doing well and identify areas that need improvement". Camp PI reports are based on a January to December calendar and need to be in to me, the Department PI, by the end of February 2011. I will then send in my report, our Department of Michigan PI report, to our National PI as required: Please send me two copies: U.S. Mail; Max Riekse; P.O. Box 82, Fruitport, Michigan 49415.

GAR: It stands for "Grand Army of the Republic". But what do those words mean beyond being the name of a former Union Veterans organization? First: R=Republic; back when the GAR was founded, our GAR forefathers knew that we were founded as a Republic, not a democracy. And back then, they knew the difference; you will not find the word democracy anywhere in the United States Constitution; but the word Republic is there. And much of the economic, political and social ills that afflict our nation today can be attributed to our 'drift' into a democracy. We were much more economically, politically and socially stronger as a Republic; Give that some thought. One of my favorite church hymns is: "The Battle Hymn of the Republic". I've never heard of a hymn of the democracy and never want to. We pledge allegiance to "The Republic for which it stands"; not a democracy. and I will never pledge to a democracy where there is no rule of law or protections for minorities or free speech, etc. Our founding fathers knew the difference between a Republic and a democracy. Most people today don't; and don't care. That's one of the reasons our Federal Government, not me or you, has a 15+ trillion dollar deficit; along with millions of unemployed and underemployed American citizens.

Think of three wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for lunch; in a democracy, sheep is on the menu. In a Republic, you still get to vote; however there are rules and sheep is not a menu item. Think of the Bill of Rights as not only restricting what government can do to you, but also what a majority can not do to oppress the rights of others - like you and I under a democracy - there is a very good reason why our founding fathers gave us a Republic and not a democracy; and there is also a reason why there are people promoting our so called democracy; a republic within a democracy; and other such un-American and unconstitutional garbage. It fits their purpose; the demise of the USA.

As to 'Grand Army' in GAR: there were several Union armies in the Civil War with the "Grand Army" in the East being the largest; which most likely produced the most Union veterans. I had Civil War ancestors who served in both the Eastern and Western theaters of the Civil War. My Great Grand Grandfather served in with the 3rd Michigan Infantry in the East in the Grand Army, as did two of his cousins. My SUVCW grandfather was a member of the Coopersville, Michigan GAR post. I mention that so that if you have a Civil War ancestor who was a GAR member, put that down in writing for your children; Pass down your GAR - SUVCW heritage starting now. Don't wait for them to 'discover' it long after you passed away.

In the military, we are taught: 'Lead by example'; or 'lead, follow or get out of the way'; I'm the first one to admit that I might not be the best or most active Department of Michigan PI in that I don't get to many camp meetings. I have an 8 year old son who I focus on and then theirs just 'life'. I'm retired and there seems to be just not enough days to get 'it all done'. One of my projects has been to recognized Medal of Honor recipients in Muskegon County where I live. My goal is to have five 97% bronze plaques placed throughout Muskegon County recognizing our two MOH awards from Muskegon County. The cost is \$1,000.100 per bronze plaque. We have raised funds for one so far which will be placed in our local Fruitport Veterans Park in the Village of Fruitport across from the Fruitport Post Office in time for the March national MOH day. As mentioned before, there will be a Civil War MOH and a Navy MOH at the top of the plaque: along with "Muskegon County Medal Of Honor Recipients"; \*\*\* "Sergeant Alexander U. McHale; United States Army, Company C, 26th Michigan Infantry. Civil War. Entered service at Muskegon, Michigan. MOH award for conspicuous gallantry on May 12th, 1864 at Spottsylvania Court House, Virginia. "Captured a Confederate flag in a charge, threw the flag over in front of the works, & continued in the charge on the enemy." \*\*\* Corporal Duane Edgar Dewey: United States Marine Corps Reserve, Company E. 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Division (Reinforced). Korean War. Entered service at Muskegon, Michigan. MOH award for conspicuous gallantry above and beyond the call of duty near Panmunjon, Korea, April 16, 1952.

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\*\*\*Corporal Dewey, while wounded, smothered an incoming Communist grenade with his body, personally absorbing the full force of the explosion, thus saving the lives of his fellow Marines. He is alive and we hope to have him at our MOH dedication. I'm now going to set to work raising funds for the other four MOH plaques for other locations in our county. I hope this will inspire other SUVCW camps to do the same for their area MOH awardees. They deserve it - if 'you' don't do it, then who?

Finally, I have been going through some life changing events in the past two years and I would like to think that there are well qualified brothers in our SUVCW that would like to take on the responsibility of Department of Michigan Patriotic Instructor for the coming year (2011-2012) and give this position more time and focus than I've been able to. Let's move the SUVCW forward. Please make your interest known to our Department Commander.

GOD BLESS OUR AMERICAN REPUBLIC

### Where did Piss Poor come from?

Interesting History – From the "Believe It or Not File"

Urine used to be used to tan animal skins, so families would all pee in a pot and then once a day it was taken & sold to the tannery. . . if you had to do this to survive you were "Piss Poor".

But worse than that were the really poor folk who couldn't even afford to buy a pot . . . . . they "didn't have a pot to piss in" and were the lowest of the low.

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be.

*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).*

## In Memory of our Lost Brothers

**Percy Ira Wilson, Jr.** of Nash-Hodges Camp No. 43, Department of Michigan, SUVCW, passed away at his home on Saturday, January 15, 2011 following a brief hospitalization. Brother Wilson was born August 15, 1931 in Adrian MI, and, after his marriage, he lived in Blissfield, MI, the rest of his life. Preceded in death by his wife, he is survived by two daughters and two granddaughters. Percy was the father-in-law of Camp No. 43 Secretary/Treasurer Harold F. "Butch" Miller, PCC.

Percy served in Korea at a young age in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. In addition to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, He was also a member of the AmVets, DAV, VFW and American Legion.

His ancestor was Private Ira Wilson who served in Co. F, 1st Michigan Engineers & Mechanics, died April 5, 1862, and was buried in the Lebanon National Cemetery in Kentucky.

Condolences can be addressed to 311 Jipson St., Blissfield, MI 49228-1333. Services will be held Tuesday, January 18 at the Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel at 301 S. Lane St., Blissfield.



The family of Percy I. Wilson would like to thank everyone for their condolences on the passing of our loved one. I would also like to especially acknowledge Mark Heath from Austin Blair who came and played taps for the Veterans service and also at the grave side service. That was a very memorable moment for all of us. Once again thank you all very much.  
Sincerely Butch, Kathy & Emily Miller, Danielle & Donavon McKeever and Patty Wilson.



**Carl Becker, D.O.**, of General Israel B. Richardson Camp # 2 died January 21, 2011.

A resident of Clinton Township, Michigan, he is survived by his wife, Del, three children and two grandsons. He served 34 years on the Board of Trustees of the Mt. Clemens Regional Medical Center, as the longest-standing president. In addition to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, he was also a member of the Mt. Clemens Rotary Club and was an avid game hunter. Carl served honorably in the U.S. Army.

Dr. Becker's Civil War ancestor was John Beutel who served 1862-65 in Co. G, 22nd Michigan Infantry. Beutel was wounded at Chickamauga and is buried in the Kukuk Cemetery, Sterling Heights, Michigan.

Condolences can be addressed to 21035 Balfour Street, Clinton Township, Michigan 48036. The funeral service was held Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at the Lee-Ellena Funeral Home, 46530 Romeo Plank Road, Macomb, Michigan. Cremation has taken place.

## In Memory of our Lost Brothers

**Ivan "Ike" Lee Rockwell**, a new member of Robert Finch Camp No. 14, Traverse City, passed away Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011. He was born Nov. 3, 1941, in Battle Creek. Ike joined Camp 14 by virtue of his Great Grandfather, Jerome Spaulding, PVT, Co. H, 8th N.Y. Heavy Artillery.

Ike retired from the Michigan DNR, Parks Division, in 1997 after 36 years service. He was one of the founders of the Grand Traverse Lighthouse Foundation.

He earned his Boy Scout Eagle Badge as a young man and continued to serve the Boy Scout Organization throughout his life. He was also a member of the Lions Club and the Michigan Association of Governmental Employees.

Ike is survived by his wife of 49 years, Mary Ann, three children, and four grandchildren. Condolences may be addressed to 5347 Barney Road, Traverse City, MI 49686.

A memorial gathering will be held Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011, at the Covell Funeral Home in Traverse City from 2 to 5 p.m. Cremation has taken place and inurnment will take place in the spring at Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given in Ike's name to Scenic Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America, 1499 Business Park Drive, Traverse City, MI 49686-8741, to be used for scout scholars

**Future Michigan's Messenger  
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Submittal Dates and Publication Dates**

**Spring - March 1 for a March 15  
Publication**

**Summer – June 1 for a June 15  
Publication**

**Fall – September 1 for a September 15  
Publication**

**Winter – December 1 for a December 15  
Publication**

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names of persons in the photo and a  
suggested caption. Thanks for your support!**

## Robert Finch Camp 14

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

Camp 14's roster as of January 1, 2011 shows 50 Brothers present. 42 are Members and 8 are Associates. Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Elks Lodge, 625 Bay St. (intersection Grandview Parkway/Division) in Traverse City. Our guest speaker will be Dr. H.G. Smith, whose talk will be: "*The Burnside Expedition and Union coastal actions in North Carolina-1861 to 1865.*"

Camp 14 regrets to report the passing of Brother, Ivan Rockwell, our newest member, who died on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Brothers Aurand, Jenkins, and Breagh with Camp colors attended the memorial service for Brother Rockwell, along with Emily Breagh and Judy Jenkins from the Frances Finch Auxiliary.

On January 9<sup>th</sup>, Camp 14 was honored with a visit by Department Commander Don Shaw. DC Shaw installed the officers of Camp 14 for 2011. They are:

Camp Commander:	Dale Aurand
Senior Vice Commander:	George Goodrich
Junior Vice Commander:	Joe Conger
Secretary:	Tom Jenkins
Treasurer:	Bill Watson



Left to right: Bill Watson (Treas), Tom Jenkins (Sec), Jim Morse (PI), Neal Breagh (Coun), Don Shaw (Dept. C), Bill Skillman (Coun), Dale Aurand (Camp C), Joe Conger (JVC), Alan Werdehoff (Guard), John Dyle (Guide), Geo. Goodrich (SVC), Anthony Bonecutter (Color Bearer) .

Camp Council Neal Breagh, Jan White and Bill Skillman conducted their audit of Camp 14's financial records and found them to be complete and in good order. Their report was conveyed to the Dept. Treasurer.

CC Aurand received an interesting email from a Mr. Tom Wilson of Ava, Missouri. Mr. Wilson is the great grandson of George Poskitt, who '*jumped ship as a young man to get into this country*'. He later served in a Michigan regiment during the Civil War. Mr. Wilson asked to be put in touch with 'Our English Brother' Andrew Hopkinson, as they share a common ancestor. We look forward to hearing more from Brother Hopkinson and Mr. Wilson about this remarkable discovery.

Former Camp 14 Brother Tyler Putnam, recently had an article published in the journal Common Place, his article is entitled *Innocents at War; Si Klegg's Civil War* ([www.common-place.org](http://www.common-place.org) · VOL. 11 NO. 02 · January 2011). Tyler is a Lois F. McNeil Fellow in the Winterthur Program in American Material Culture at the University of Delaware. Tyler wrote to Brother Breagh that he is currently researching "slops"--the readymade clothing of early America--and the men who wore these garments. Tyler was the youngest member of Camp 14 until he received an Honorable Discharge to pursue his college education.

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Among other projects, he participated in the archeological survey and research of artifacts obtained from the CSA prisoner of war camp on Johnson's Island in Lake Erie.

Although the Camp has been in Winter Quarters since January, CC Aurand and his officers have been busy making plans for the upcoming year.

We were notified by Cindy Grice of the Clerk's office in Boyne City that the headstones for Privates John Jacko and William Isaacs have been delivered and are waiting for spring weather to be set at the final resting places of these Company 'K' First Michigan Sharpshooters.

Camp 14 extends an open invitation to Sons of Union Veteran Camps to attend the GAR dedication services for Privates Jacko and Isaacs at the Maple Lawn Cemetery (1050 Boyne Avenue) in Boyne City, Michigan. The event will be held on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Descendents of Jacko and Isaacs will be attending, as well as members of the Saginaw Ogitchedaw (Warrior society). Following the ceremony, the Peterson American Legion Post 228 (at 302 S. Lake St) will hold an open house. Please contact Dale Aurand ([daurand321@yahoo.com](mailto:daurand321@yahoo.com)) or Tom Jenkins ([tomnjudjjenkins@aol.com](mailto:tomnjudjjenkins@aol.com)), if you are interested in attending.

Commander Aurand and Robert Finch Camp 14 would like to recognize Brother Neal Breagh for his exemplary work as Secretary and Treasurer for the past 6 years. Brother Neal asked to be relieved of those duties and return to the ranks to enjoy the fellowship of his comrades. Brothers Bill Watson (Treasurer) and Tom Jenkins (Secretary) have been installed in his stead. Neal served as Camp 14's Commander (1 year), Senior Vice Commander (1 year), and Secretary-Treasurer (10 years); he also served as Dept. Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Dept. Council. He also served on the National Legislative Committee (2 years). Neal currently serves as Camp Council. Neal was Chairman to the highly successful Grand Traverse Soldiers and Sailors Monument Restoration project, and has been a driving force in many more SUVCW and community projects. Much of Camp 14's success can be attributed to the tireless and enthusiastic work of Brother Breagh. Thank you, Neal!

**Sent:** Friday, December 03, 2010 2:20 PM

**Subject:** Library of Michigan won't be participating in MeLCat starting in January

Hi everyone,

The Library of Michigan is making some funding-driven (or lack-of-funding-driven) changes starting in January 2011 that I wanted you to be aware of.

The Library of Michigan will no longer participate in MeLCat starting January 3. I'm not sure how much of an impact this will have on our volume. We may have state workers who would otherwise have used LOM coming to us for MeLCat services.

Materials from LOM will no longer circulate – they will be available for in-library use only (except on a limited basis to state employees to conduct state business).

LOM will no longer provide interlibrary loan services for public patrons.

Beginning January 1, the LOM will be open Monday-Friday only (closed Saturday and Sunday).

From the Michigan Genealogical Council

## **Department Graves Registration Committee**

*by Rick Danes, Department Officer*

By the time you read this, we will have completed our First Quarter Department Graves registration Committee Meeting of 2011. Attending the meeting were Michael Christians of Camp 180, DC Don Shaw, PDC Chuck Worley of Camp 135, Jim Petrimoux of camp 67, Bill Costello of Camp 20, Jerry Jacobs of Camp 427, Gary Copenhaver of camp 17, Dick Hutchins of camp 120, Matt Adair of Camp 145, Charles Waters of Camp 7, and Dick Williams of Camp 58. At the risk of not thanking someone, I would like to recognize several GROs and friends for their work during the winter: Marcia Simmons, a DUVCW Member-at-Large who completed surveys in Alcona County; Gary Copenhaver for his work in Eaton County; Allan Teeholder of Camp 1 for work throughout the state; Chuck Harthey for his work on the western shore counties; Michael Christians for the camp's work in Forest Hill Cemetery in Ann Arbor; Jerry Jacobs for coordinating the work in Detroit's Elmwood Cemetery; Charles Allen of Camp 120 for his work in the National Cemeteries, and Charles Waters for his efforts in Jackson and Newago Counties.

We would like to thank Bill Costello for his long service, and welcome new GRO John R. Keith from Camp 20 to the committee.

I will be at the Sesquicentennial Kick-off at the State Library on April 16 with the graves database and display from 10 AM to 4 PM. If anyone would like to join me for a few hours, please contact me at [suvmidgro@aol.com](mailto:suvmidgro@aol.com).

The time is right for

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## **Potter Cemetery, Monroe County**

*By Rick Danes, CC*

Below are a series of e-mails that will inform you of the status of the Potter Cemetery in Monroe County – I previously reported that a court battle was in progress to obtain a easement.

This came from Barbara Shutler at the State Cemetery Commissioner's office in Lansing. Stephen Gobbo is the State Cemetery Commissioner. See below!

### **What a wonderful Christmas gift!**

**The Commissioner also had a comment, "I am glad to see a respectful agreement was reached between the parties to the lawsuit involving this historical cemetery and its preservation. I extend best wishes to all who participated in reaching the access agreement and, note resolution of the matter is in keeping with the spirit of the holiday season".**

*The Friends and Trustees of Potter Cemetery received an invaluable gift today. The easement is completed and four of us, Mark, Joan, Kevin and myself, were able to use the easement this am to go to the cemetery. It was an awesome feeling to finally be there again. There are some large trees down, more headstones down than 10 yrs. ago and a lot of work to be done. We put a memorial wreath and two flags at the Southworth family plot and took several pictures. From the time we arrived at Sigler Rd. until we left it was @ an hour. The easement is only accessible on certain days and those wanting to visit the cemetery will be notified of those days. Also, there is a locked gate at Sigler Rd. Please respect these conditions.*

*Thank you to the Ash Township board, RJ&J construction, Hennessey Engineers, the attorneys, all our members, friends, and supporters and to the Fleszar/Brinkmeier family.*

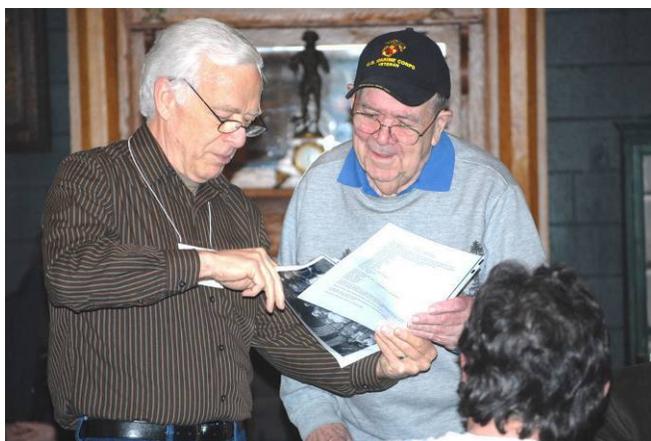
*Sue Donovan*

## U.S. Grant Camp Cites James Petrimoulx For Exception Service

Brother James Petrimoulx, Grant Camp Graves Registration and Monuments Officer was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for his exceptional service to the Camp and the Order for his diligence and efforts in keeping green the memory of those Civil War veterans buried in the Bay County region.

His service in the location and identification of unmarked grave sites and obtaining head stones is remarkable and is excelled only by his humility for his services provided as the Camp's Graves Registration Officer.

Brother Petrimoulx has been a primary force in the restoration and renovation of the G.A.R. site at Pine Ridge Cemetery. His services also include Elmwood Cemetery in Bay City. In addition, he maintains an extensive file including genealogical information to assist descendants in locating and obtaining information about their ancestors.

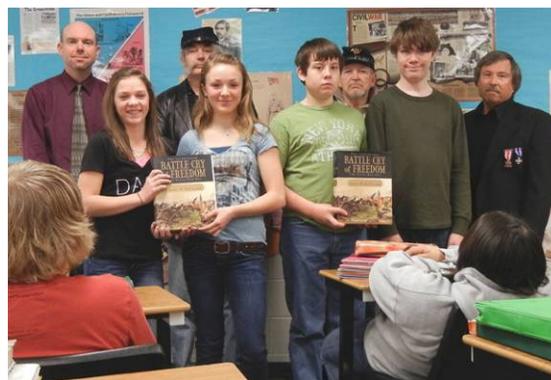


Jim Petrimoulx assists Jim White in the identification of his Civil War ancestor shown in an old G.A.R. photo.

## Civil War Text Books Presented to Freeland Schools

As part of the Sons of Union Veterans Adopt A School Program, members of the U.S. Grant Camp Number 67 presented two hard cover copies of James McPherson's *Battle Cry of Freedom* to Freeland 8<sup>th</sup> Grade History Teacher, Phil Schwedler, and his middle school history students. This year, the members of U. S. Grant Camp 67 will return for a third year to make five hour long Civil War history presentations to Mr. Schwedler's five 8<sup>th</sup> grade history classes.

Present for the presentation were Phil Schwedler (far left). In the back row, Bob Boquette and Duaine Phillips and Paul Davis (far right). Student representatives are in the front row holding the books.



### ***A Letter of Thanks – How We Get Things Done***

Matt (Adair) :

I was going to call you this evening but had second thoughts not knowing your personal schedule and activities so I decided to use e-mail.

My first thought is to say Thank You, Thank You, Thank you... for getting the new addition on the Department website of RESEARCH RESOURCES. I know many in the Department are probably tired of my talking about our need to spend more time on the second half of the purpose of the SUVCW according to our Constitution:

*"To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union 1861 to 1865; to assist in every practicable way in the preservation and making available for research of documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members;..."*

I have not researched the website of all of the Camps of the Department however the style you chose to use to list these resources can be second to none. Our local Camp, No.7's site has been incomplete for some time and to me, if I was new to trying to learn of my ancestor's military service, it would be difficult to use.

The new Commander, Jim Jackson, took a big step forward with his format on the website of Camp No. 22. Now your lay out, is better yet. Adding what volume relates to what regiments has to make it much easier.

My only suggestion (that I could make at this time) would be to move the Index to the top of the page, before the listing of the numerous volumes. To me the simplest way to locate a soldier is to go to the Index first.

This then directs the researcher which volume **and page**, to locate. Also, personally I find in cumbersome to go to the volume then have to search alphabetically for the name I'm seeking. At the same time I would think it would be helpful to include a line or two *suggesting* that the easiest method is to check the Index first.

Another reason I promote using the Index first is that all men are not listed in all of the units that they may have served. Case in point, Henry W. Sears. Say I see on E-bay the commissioning papers of Lt. H. W. Sears of the Second Michigan Cavalry and I want to look at his entry in the Roster of the 2nd. I can search volume 32 from cover to cover and not find an entry for Lt. Sears!

However, if I would look first at the Index I would find him listed in the 10th Michigan Cavalry! At the beginning of this it starts out saying he first enter the service in the 2nd Cavalry. Such entries are *very prevalent* for men who served in the 1st Mi Infantry (90 Day), the various units of the Sharpshooters and other regiments.

My suggestion for this relocation and encouragement to use the Index is to make it easier, especially as we try to awaken the populace regarding the Civil War in the next four years.

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Also, I have spoke to several groups recently, always passing out information to help them learn about their Civil War ancestors. I have had libraries this week, without my having suggested it, to place information on the stacks as to how to access the Department website to use these records from their homes.

I am old and slow to learn new ways, but the value of the internet to fulfilling the goals of the SUVCW is increasingly clearer almost on a daily basis. Having *reliable research material* easily available for the public, and our members, can only help!

However, all in all and most important is THANK YOU for this addition.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Bill Lowe,

PCC, Department of Michigan Graves Registration Committee Member-at-Large

### **Sgt. John S. Cosby Camp 427**

*By Rick Danes, CC*

2011 shows 33 events already scheduled, including three headstone dedications (we helped order over a dozen headstones last year) – this does not include Eagle Awards Ceremonies and other “add-ons”. The Camp awarded two eagle Certificates this past quarter, and has one scheduled for June.



Presenting an Scout Eagle Commendation to Anthony Read in Dearborn on January 29<sup>th</sup>, are from left, Bob Smith, PCC and department Eagle Scout Coordinator Jerry Olson, CChaplin Ed Binkley, Eagle Scout Read, CC Rick Danes, and CColor Bearer Aaron Schrader. In February we made a presentation in Newport, Monroe County.

## 10th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment

Submitted by James B. Pahl, PCinC

We are seeing that Michigan had more than 31 regiments of infantry that served the U.S. Government during the Civil War. This issue, we are focusing on the 10<sup>th</sup> Michigan, in the 13<sup>th</sup> such installment on this regimental history series. The 10<sup>th</sup> Michigan was ordered organized on November 20, 1861 but the formation of the regiment was not complete until February 3, 1862 with the following companies: Co A, Byron Guard, Byron; Co B Saginaw Rangers, Saginaw; Co C Orion Union Guard, Orion; Co D Sanilac Pioneers, Sanilac; E. E. Scarrett Guard, Port Huron; Co F, Holt Guard, Almont; Co G Lum Guard, Memphis; Co H McClellan Guard, Pontiac; Co I Genesee Rangers, Flint and Co K Dickerson Guard, Hillsdale.

The regiment mustered in Flint, Col. E.H. Thompson in command. The citizens of Flint presented a very elegant flag made of silk which was inscribed the name of the regiment and the word "Teubor" on a silver band and on the staff, the words: "Presented to the Tenth Regiment Michigan Infantry by the citizens of Flint". A second flag, the gift of Col Lum, was given to the regiment immediately preceding the Atlanta campaign and was carried through that campaign and the Sherman march to the sea.

The regiment finally departed on April 22, 1862 with a force of 997 officers and men, reaching Pittsburg Landing, Mississippi on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The regiment was assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> brigade of General Pope's division, right wing of the army of the Mississippi, which was stationed at Farmington in front of Corinth.

The regiment engaged in reconnaissance and skirmishing until May 30 when it was ascertained the enemy had removed all of their supplies and evacuated their position.

The regiment spent a brief time in Cornith until ordered to Tusculumbia, Alabama on July 20. The regiment was divided into several locations and performed provost duty. On September 3, the regiment again came together and moved to Nashville, Tennessee, meeting slight opposition by guerillas near Athens, Pulaski and Columbia. The regiment engaged in picket duty, having been transferred to the 1<sup>st</sup> brigade, 2<sup>nd</sup> division of the 14<sup>th</sup> army corps and part of the newly formed Army of the Cumberland. Duties were heavy at Nashville while rations were extremely short until about November 7, when the brigade train was sent to Louisville (guarded by the 10<sup>th</sup>) to obtain rations, returning to Nashville on the 10<sup>th</sup>. The regiment was not engaged in any one action during 1862, but several detachments guarding trains had severe encounters with enemy cavalry and guerrillas. 1863 also saw the regiment divided into several detachments and continuing duties as guards on various trains. They were involved in several actions during 1863, coming back together as a regiment in August. They moved from Murfreesboro to Columbia, thence Athens and Huntsville. In September, they moved to Bridgeport, AL, and then marched to Anderson's Cross Roads. On November 21, 2863, the regiment crossed the Tennessee River with their corp. and participated in the capture of Chickamauga Station on the 26<sup>th</sup>. They moved toward Knoxville, and then received orders to move Chattanooga, arrived on December 21. The regiment was suffering from want of clothing and rations, subsisting mostly on parched corn.

The regiment was re-enlisted as Veteran Volunteers on February 6, 1864, but instead of returning home for their promised 30 day furlough, they were ordered to move in the direction of Dalton, GA with the 14<sup>th</sup> corps, the only Michigan regiment not allowed such a furlough upon reaching veteran volunteer status. However, the men cheerfully obeyed the order and began the march with 60 rounds and three days rations. The participated in the battle of Buzzard's Roost on February 25, losing 16 killed, 36 wounded and 14 missing. Lt. Col. Dickerson was in command of the regiment in this action and was wounded and captured. This was a heavy blow to the regiment and the people of Michigan.

The regiment was finally allowed its veteran furlough and arrived in Detroit on March 11, 1864, 395 having re-enlisted. The regiment reassembled on April 20 and immediately left to participate in the Georgia campaign. They arrived in Resca on the 15<sup>th</sup> and then to Rome on the 18<sup>th</sup>, participating in its capture. The unit was also engaged at the base of Kenesaw Mountain. Also engaged at Peach Tree creek, the regiment took its place in front of Atlanta for until July. In one reconnaissance, it encountered the enemy, capturing a number of guns and horses. Cut off by the rebels, the regiment had to return to its lines by a circuitous route, in which it was successful without loss.

The regiment was engaged at Jonesburo, capturing 400 prisoners and a stand of colors, with 30 killed and 47 wounded. The regiment then moved by rail to Chattanooga, Stevenson, Huntsville, Athens and Florence and then returned to Atlanta.

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Moving with General Sherman's army on the Savannah campaign, they reached Savannah on December 11. Upon evacuation of Savannah, the regiment was ordered into the city and remained there until January 20, 1865. The regiment was engaged at Bentonville, meeting an attack with massed fire and then a bayonet charge. Finding another division had broken, allowing rebels to advance on the flank, the brigade returned to their works, occupying the reverse side and defending towards the rear. Rapid firing again opened upon the enemy, however finding ammunition was nearly exhausted and the situation becoming desperate and critical (not to mention the men being exhausted), a gallant bayonet charge was successfully launched, routing the enemy and driving them from the field. With the end of the war, May 10, 1865 saw the regiment marching towards Washington D.C. and participated in the grand review of General Sherman's army on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The regiment moved to Louisville, KY, where they were mustered out on July 19. They were ordered to Jackson, MI, arriving on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and on August 1, 1865, the regiment was paid off and disbanded.

The regiment had carried on its rolls 1,788 officers and men, with four officers and 55 men killed in action, three officers and 26 men died of wounds, two officers and 209 men died of disease.

### ***A Letter From The Front – Meeting a Pen Pal for the First Time***

*(Submitted by Jerry A. Olson, PCC Camp 427 spelling preserved)*

May 11, 1864

Camp 10<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cav.

Company A

Knoxville East Tennessee Contentment Springs

Dear frind

I take my Pen in hand to let you know of my Whearabouts, I was just thinking who to wright to When one of my bunkmate told me that he would tell me who to wright two, so never the less I must sit down and wright to an unseen Friend but I hope it will Be excepted with joy I know that return answers Will Be with all my hart the reason why I wright to you is that I have not got any body to wright two my father, mother, sister, brother are all dead and I am left alone to do as I please but we doant always doo as he pleases in the army perhaps you know that if ever you went to camps when one of yours cald boes wanted to take a walk with you he has to go and Hunt his officers ask for a pass wait maby an half hour and then not get it as apt as anything I have went through the myself and I oughtto know well uncle Sams boys are the conquers the rebels is beat and if you have any dearlybeloved in the army you will soon see him that is my opinion of the story what is yours I think I here you say so too I but perhaps I am behind time Perhaps yopu have seam him before this time if not P. Let me know if he is in the Rregiment I think he is and in my company wont you he gives You a good recommend I will mention no names.

My Love to you unseen Friend

Wright Soon

Corporal James Ruff

10<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cav.

Comp. A Knoxville Tenns.

# 2011 Department of Michigan Allied Orders Encampments / Conventions

Friday May 20 and Saturday, May 21, 2011, Lansing, Michigan  
Hosted by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War



## Encampment Location:

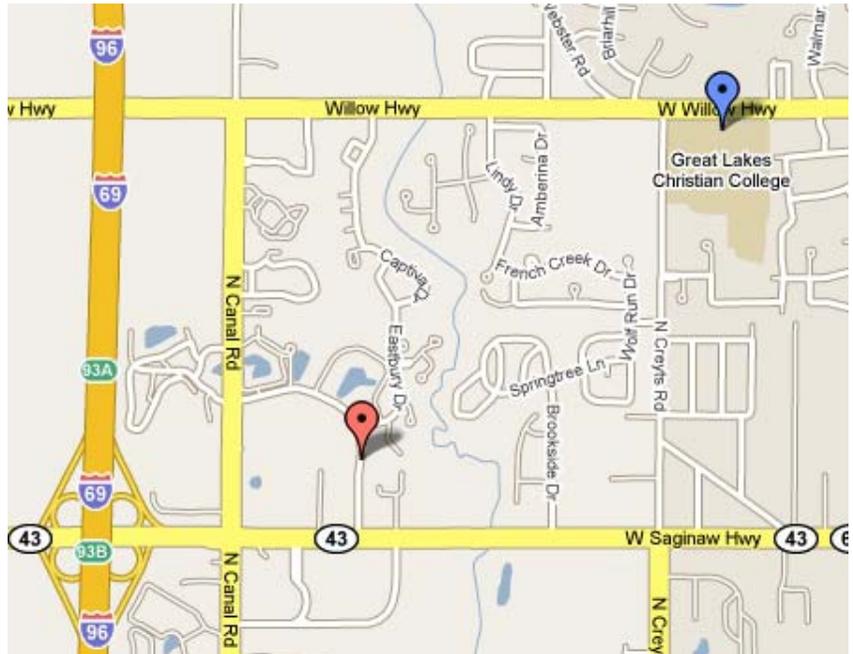
 Great Lakes Christian College  
6211 W. Willow Hwy.  
Lansing, MI 48917

## Accommodations:

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

Allied Orders room rate \$82.00 per night,  
(\$3.00 extra for hot breakfast) plus tax.  
Reservations deadline May 7, 2011 to get  
the group rate.

When making reservations, be sure to tell  
them you are with the **Allied Orders**.



## Meal Information:

### *Saturday Luncheon — Noontime — \$7.50*

Deli Sandwiches (chicken salad, tuna, carved beef) with salad bar and dessert line.

### *GAR Memorial Banquet — 6:00 pm Saturday Evening — Dinner Buffet — \$18.00*

Lemon Herb Chicken Breast, Veal Parmesan with Pasta, salad bar, and dessert.

## Schedule:

Friday, May 20th

7:30-9:30 PM: Hospitality room – hosted by the DUVCW. Coffee, soft drinks and finger food provided.

Saturday, May 21

8:00 AM: Registration opens

8:00-10:00 AM: Tea, coffee, and donuts available for purchase in the cafeteria

9:00 AM: Encampment Begins

12:00 Noon: Luncheon

6:00 PM: Allied Orders Banquet – program “Stealing Lincoln’s Body” presented by Sally Redinger

**2011 Department of Michigan  
Allied Orders Encampments / Conventions**

**Registration Forms**

**Encampment Location:**

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6211 W. Willow Hwy.  
Lansing, MI 48917

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**Meal Reservation Form for the 2011 Department Encampments / Conventions**

*Please indicate quantity for each meal. Reservations must be received by May 1, 2011. No refunds after this date.*

**Saturday Luncheon — Noontime**

*Deli Sandwiches (chicken salad, tuna, carved beef) with salad bar and dessert line.*

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$7.50 per person = Total for Luncheon \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Allied Orders Banquet — 6:00 pm Saturday Evening — Dinner Buffet**

*Lemon Herb Chicken Breast, Veal Parmesan with Pasta, salad bar, and dessert.*

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$18.00 per person = Total for Dinner Banquet \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Make checks payable to:

**DUVCW Dept. Treasurer**

Sandie Longpre  
3645 Musser  
Mancelona, MI 49659

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



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**SUVCW Department Encampment Pre-Registration Form**

**(Check only one!)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Camp Delegate           | <input type="checkbox"/> Camp Commander          | <input type="checkbox"/> Department Commander      |
| <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 Checks Payable To: **Dept. of Mich. – SUVCW**

**Mail by May 1, 2011 to:**

Jack Frost, Chairman, Dept. Credentials Comm.,  
213 Center Ave., Ste. 405  
Bay City, MI 48708

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.