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Commander's Comments

By Paul Davis, DC, PCC, MOLLUS, SVR

Brothers of the Department of Michigan:
Thank you for your confidence in our leadership during 2013 – 2014 and your continued confidence in re-electing me as your Department Commander for a second term. During the 2014 – 2015 term we will endeavor to complete and continue those initiatives and projects as we have done in the past term.

At this writing, the many Camps of the Department have been and continue to be busy performing memorial services throughout the week of May 26th through May 31st. We commend you on your efforts to honor and keep green the memory of our Civil War soldiers and all veterans. Its officers have attended many of these Camp-led ceremonies and we thank you for your invitations to join in participation. We are usually overwhelmed with the number of requests made of the Department and sincerely apologize to those who made requests for which we were not able to support due to prior commitments.

The Department Secretary has been working diligently the past several weeks to complete the Form 35, the Department's Annual Report to the National Organization. In order for the Secretary to do his job, we MUST have ALL Forms 27 submitted to the Secretary by the required deadline. I am sad to report that four weeks past the deadline, we still have a number of Camps that are lacking in their reporting. The deficiencies range from inaccurate reporting, missing data, failure to make payment and simply seriously missed deadlines.

These deficiencies will no longer be tolerated. The National organization has drawn a line in the sand and will be suspending Departments who do not complete their reporting by the required deadlines. The Department of Michigan will not suffer suspension because Camps cannot or do not complete their reporting accurately, completely and by the deadline.



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The Department will not hesitate to suspend a Camp that is not in compliance. It is unfortunate that we have come to this point, but please let all Camps be fully aware that there will be consequences regarding their reporting obligations.

The Department Secretary is always available to all Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries to assist them with their reporting needs, advice and counsel. Please utilize his services. Further, all new Camp secretaries should be mentored by past Camp secretaries as to the requirements of their duties and the processes they must follow. In the next few days, the Department Secretary will once again send a communication to all Camp Commanders and Secretaries with a list of required Forms and the deadlines for their reporting. Please adhere faithfully to these requirements.

Nationally, the Department of Michigan enjoys an enviable position as a respected Department within the Order. Please help us to maintain that position of respect and honor.

The Department Secretary reports that for the current annual report we have 489 members in the Department of Michigan. This is down from the 505 reported last year. We lost 54 Brothers and gained 38 new Brothers. The number of new Brothers gained while encouraging, continues to lag behind our losses. This is a trend that has been noted over the past few years, and while not new should be a concern for all Camps as it is for the Department. Please continue to focus on your recruiting efforts so that we are sustaining our membership rather than continue to have it erode.

Lastly, we would like to mention once again that we have a vacancy concerning the Department's webmaster. To date there have been no mentions of possible candidates to fill this position. All Camps are requested to address this matter during your Camp meetings to see if a volunteer can be found. Also consider the possibility of the son of a Brother, a college student who needs a class project or a high school student who has the ability to maintain our website and needs community service credit.

The Department has exhausted several attempts to fill this need and has been largely unsuccessful. If we can not fill the position, it may be necessary to contract this service as an out of date, inaccurate website is something we can not afford.

On a happier note, we have had one Brother step forward to try and update certain parts of the website such as the Department Headquarters and contacts information. This is strictly on a short term basis. The thanks and appreciation of the Department for this individual's volunteering.

Thank you for your attention to these matters and as always, please do not hesitate to contact the Department for support in any matter for which you require assistance.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty



SISTERS from two Michigan Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic gathered at the Civil War monument in Oak Hill Cemetery, Owosso for the annual city of Owosso Memorial Day Ceremony held May 26 in Owosso.

Gathered here (from left) are: Past Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War Tent #14 President Theresa Grace of Owosso, ASUVCW PDP Linda Kronberg of Tecumseh and ASUVCW Department of Michigan Secretary Helen Granger of Owosso. ASUVCW Sisters Kronberg and Granger also attended the city of Corunna Memorial Day Parade and the Village of Vernon Memorial Day Parade held earlier in the day. Sister Granger has participated in the parades and ceremony since 1996 and has read Gen. John A. Logan's Order No. 11 for the past several years at the Owosso ceremony. Also in attendance at the parades and ceremony were members of the SUVCW Henry F. Wallace Camp #160 based in Shiawassee County. (ASUVCW)

Department Orders #4



Series 2013 – 2014

*Paul Davis, Department Commander**Headquarters, Saginaw, MI**7 May 2014*

1. Effective on and for the day of Saturday, May 10, 2014, the Headquarters of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, shall be located at the Great Lakes Christian College located at 6211 W. Willow Highway, Lansing, Michigan, to allow for the transaction of business by the 130th Department of Michigan Encampment. Thereafter, the Department of Michigan Headquarters shall revert to the previous address until such time as the 2014-2015 Department Commander shall designate a different location in his Department Orders.

2. We would like to thank all of the elected Camp and Department Officers as well as all those in appointed positions for their service to the Order during the 2013-2014 term.

We would also like to acknowledge the efforts and accomplishments of the many Brothers in the various Camps of the Department and thank them for their good work.

3. Memorial Day will follow shortly after the 130th Department Encampment. All Camps and all Brothers are encouraged to participate in some act of remembrance to mark this important day for Keeping Green The Memory of our Civil War ancestors. If you can do an activity with Brothers from your Camp, so much the better. If you are unable to do something with your Camp Brothers, then consider a solo effort. Visit a cemetery and find the grave of a Civil War veteran, perhaps one that appears to have been forgotten. Make it your business honor him. Place a flag and flowers on the grave to honor that soldier. Memorial Day is a date central to our obligations as Sons of Union Veterans to keep green the memory of those soldiers, sailors and Marines of 1861 to 1865. Also remember all veterans who have served to safeguard our Nation.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

/s/

Paul Davis
Department Commander
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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George Boller
Department Secretary
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Chaplain's Report

Submitted by Charles Buckhahn, CC, Dept. Chaplain

Since the Department Encampment, I have participated in two grave dedications. On the 17th of May I read the Chaplain's part of the dedication ceremony for Brother Chris Cox's ancestor in Stockbridge. Also joining the headstone dedication were ladies from the Auxiliary and brothers from the 14th Michigan SVR, Camp 145 Gov. Henry Crapo Camp, Camp 427 the Sergeant John Cosbey Camp, and Camp 67 the U.S. Grant Camp. I also participated in the dedication of headstones for four Civil War Veterans – Luther Johnson, George Fish, Alva Scofield and Charles Hamlin – on May 31, 2014, at the Clayton Township Cemetery in Arenac County.

Department Orders #1



Series 2014 – 2015

*Paul Davis, Department Commander**Headquarters, Saginaw, MI**11 May 2014*

Having been duly elected and installed as Department Commander, I hereby assume command of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Headquarters for the Department is hereby transferred to 1264 Golf Brook Lane, Saginaw, Michigan 48608.

General correspondence to the Department should be sent to the Secretary for the Department of Michigan, George Boller, P.O. Box 530518, Livonia, Michigan 48153, or Emailed to: RELLOB@Prodigy.net.

The Secretary may also be contacted by telephone at: 734.432.7900 or FAX at 248.478.4314

Correspondence to the Department Commander should be sent to: Paul Davis, P.O. Box 6517, Saginaw, Michigan 48608, or Emailed to: pdmarcomm@aol.com.

We would like to extend the appreciation and gratitude of the Department to all of the outgoing officers who served the Department so well and so faithfully over the last term.

We offer the thanks of the Department to all those brothers filling elected and appointed offices for the 2014-2015 term as well as all of those who are currently serving the Order on committees.

Your elected and appointed officers for the 2014-2015 term are:

Department Commander	Paul Davis
Senior Vice Commander	Dale Aurand
Junior Vice Commander	Dean Lamphere
Members of the Council	Charles Worley
	Kevin Lindsey
	Bob Griggs
Secretary	George Boller
Treasurer	Bruce Gosling
Chief of Staff	Don Shaw
Counselor	James Pahl
Chaplain	Charles Buckhahn
Patriotic Instructor	Gary Granger
Color Bearer	Ed Dowd
Signals Officer	-----
Editor, "Michigan's Messenger	Rick Danes
Historian	Chris Cox
Guide	Dave Smith
Guard	Robert Payne
Graves Registration Officer	Rick Danes
GAR Records Officer	Gary Gibson
Civil War Memorials Officer	Bruce Butgereit
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Jerry Olson
Camp-at-Large Coordinator	Dennis Zank
Aide de Camp	Keith Harrison

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Standing Committees and Chairmen:

Graves Registration

Rick Danes CC, Chair
All Camp GROs
Chris Cox, Brian Shumway PCC

Membership

Dean Lamphere CC, Chair
All Camp JVCs

GAR Records

Gary Gibson PDC, Chair
Matt Adair, Keith Harrison PC-in-C,

Civil War Memorials

Bruce Butgereit PDC, Chair
Doug Armstrong PCC,
Richard Williams,
Gary Copenhaver

Bylaws

Dale Aurand PCC, Chair
Hon. James Pahl PC-in-C

Communications and Technology

Keith Harrison PC-in-C Chair
Dean Lamphere CC, Matt Adair
Hon. James Pahl PC-in-C

Ceremonies and Rituals

Keith Harrison PC-in-C Chair
Dean Lamphere CC, Dave Hilliker PCC,
Brian Shumway PCC

5. The 130th Department Encampment was honored this year with the attendance of C-in-C Freshley and PC-in-C Perley Mellor as well as the Presidents of from all of the Allied Orders. The Department also extends our appreciation and gratitude to the Allied Orders including the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Women's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Daughters of Union Veterans for their efforts in hosting the 130th Encampment of the Allied Orders.

We thank C-in-C Ken Freshley, who took time out from an incredibly busy travel schedule to be with us at the Encampment and install our officers for the 2014-2015 term. Finally we thank all the brothers of this Department who took the time and trouble to attend the 130th Department Encampment, helping us to do the business of the Department. Brothers, decisions are made by those who attend and participate. Thank you for being there to help.

6. Having a current and correct Email address is essential for efficient communication within the Department. All Camps must have at least one person designated to receive Email messages from the Department. These communications, including Department Orders, General Department Communications, and the *Michigan's Messenger* newsletter.

If neither the Camp Commander nor the Camp Secretary has a valid Email address, Camp Commanders will please designate one person within your Camp to receive Email communications from the Department. These messages must then be passed along to those who need the information. Please inform the Department Secretary as to the person so designated.

Brother Danes reports again this year that many Brothers contact him saying they have not received the *Michigan's Messenger* newsletter. If you have a valid Email address, please send it to your Camp Secretary. Failing that, look on the Department website to download the newsletter.

Camp Secretaries, in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, for those Brothers who do not have computers or internet access, please consider printing out a paper copy of the communication or the *Messenger* and mailing it to those Brothers.

7. Once again there is a vacancy for the Department Webmaster/Signals position. Having a Webmaster is important and necessary to insure accurate and timely communication. The Communications and Technology Committee will be charged with conducting a search to select a suitable Webmaster to fill the current opening.

In addition, we are asking all Camp Commanders to conduct a survey within their Camps for Brothers or sons of Brothers who would be able and willing to serve as Webmaster for the Department.

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In the event that we are not able to find an individual to be the Webmaster on a volunteer basis, we may have to consider contracting this service. If there is anyone in your Camp or geographical area who might be a suitable candidate, please forward that information to Keith Harrison PC-in-C Chair, Communications and Technology Committee at pcinc@prodigy.net.

8. Memorial Day will be observed on May 26th and Decoration Day on May 30th. All Camps and all Brothers are encouraged to participate in some act of remembrance to mark this important day for Keeping Green the Memory of our Civil War ancestors. If you can join an activity with Brothers from your Camp, do so. If you are unable to participate in Camp activities, then consider a solo effort. Visit a cemetery and find the grave of a Civil War veteran, perhaps one that appears to have been forgotten. Make it your business to honor him - place a flag and flowers on his grave - much as our fore-fathers would have. Remember, both Memorial Day and Decoration Day are central to our obligations as Sons of Union Veterans to remember these soldiers, sailors, marines, and those from the cutter service of 1861 – 1865, and all veterans who have served to safeguard our Nation.
9. The National Encampment will be held this year in Marietta, Georgia on August 14th through August 17th. The site of the Encampment is the Hilton Atlanta Marietta Hotel and Conference Center. Hotel reservations and pre-registration materials are now available at <http://www.2014nationalencampment.com/>. The deadline for pre-registration is July 31st. Please join the Michigan Delegation to the National Encampment.
10. We are all compelled to address a most serious matter for the department of Michigan. While most of our Camps do an excellent job of submitting reports on time, we have a small number who are habitually tardy, especially with Forms 22 and 27. It is essential that the Department receive these and all reports on time and in an orderly fashion. The Department Secretary must review and manage the reports from all 24 Camps, and then prepare the Department Reports that are due to the National Officer on a specific date.

The National organization is becoming less tolerant of late reporting by the Departments. Suspension of Departments for failure to report on time is something that will not happen to the Department of Michigan! Our recourse as a Department is to suspend offending Camps within our Department. Please work with our Department officers, ask for help if you have a question or need assistance in completing your reports on time. We hope to never suspend a Camp for this non-compliance.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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Paul Davis, Commander
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George Boller, Secretary
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"The Department Bard", James Ribby – a member of the SUVCW Robert Finch Camp (Traverse City) -- presented a dramatic recital of the poem "When The Boys In Blue Are Go During the Department Encampment. His second poem was by Walt Whitman titled "A Dirge for Two Veterans." (ASUVCW)



Senior Vice Commander

By Dale Aurand, PCC



Brothers of Michigan, I wish to thank you for your vote of confidence in re-electing me to a second term as Department Senior Vice-Commander. Congratulations to Linda Kronberg. For her many years of service with the Ladies Auxiliary she received the Dr. Mary Walker Award at the Department Encampment. This is the first time for this award in the Department of Michigan.

In March at the centennial celebration of Camp 14 in Traverse City, Brother Bill Skillman and I presented Neal Breough with the first Sgt. Robert Finch Award for extraordinary service.

Upon returning from the Lincoln Tomb ceremony in April, I visited with Austin Blair Camp 7 as they celebrated their 100th Anniversary.

It's nice to see a continuation of good works within the order.

Looking forward to the National Encampment in Georgia.

“May-retta, see ya’ll there”.

We refuse to apologize for any “errers” in this publication because a few are left in on purpose to drive any literary perfectionists up the wall.

Junior Vice Commander

By L. Dean Lamphere, PCC

I would like to express my thanks to the Brothers of the Department of Michigan for supporting my candidacy and election to Department Junior Vice Commander. I look forward to serving the Department of Michigan. My first order of business will be to get to know the Camp Junior Vice Commanders. I'm interested in knowing and sharing what actions or techniques the various Camps within the Department have used to increase or recruit new members. I'll try to also share though articles posted in the Michigan Messenger the findings reported back through this office.

Lastly I would like to suggest that while we are all members of Camps that does not mean we are operating without the support and insight of your Brothers in the Department and other Camps.

Recently I have participated in Memorial programs with Brothers from multiple Camps and that when working with other Camps near your own is a way to grow in understanding what those Camps are doing and how things can be done differently.

I look forward to seeing you at an event in the coming year. I can be reached via email at LDLamphereJr@gmail.com
Respectfully your servant in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty



Patriotically Speaking

by Gary A. Granger, Department Officer

I would like to thank my Michigan Brothers for putting their faith in me for another year by appointing me Department Patriotic Instructor.

I was a bit disappointed that only 14 Camps reported patriotic activities for 2013. That is down from 17 in 2012 and from 20 in 2011.

Unfortunately that leads me to wonder why? Either the Camps do not think it is worth the time and effort to get the paperwork into the Department, or the Camps/Brothers are not doing the things we need to do as members of the SUCVW to express our patriotism.

The SUCVW is a patriotic organization, a group of men who gather in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. But what do those words mean?

Fraternity is the state of quality of being brothers; fraternal relationship or spirit; brotherliness. It is a group of men (or, sometimes, men and women) joined together by common interests. Thus, the Auxiliary and the women of the WRC, LGAR and DUVCW are part of this expanded "family" of brothers and sisters who have come together to "keep green the memory of the Boys in Blue." We work together to advance knowledge of The Civil War 1861-1865 that saved our "union" of states from becoming two separate countries.

I consider The United States of America my home. It is a home of many families and many "fraternal" organizations that were established to make this country a better place. The SUCVW is one of the fraternal families that I belong to. I am a member of the SUCVW because of my ancestors who loved it enough to give their lives in nearly every war this country has been involved in. It is also for love of my country ... a country that despite its differences is striving to create a country and a world that is better. A country that – when I pledge allegiance – dedicates me and others "to liberty and justice for all."

Charity is something more difficult to define. Many religions have charity at the center of their theology. It is the love of God for man or of man for his fellow men. Charity is also an act of goodwill or affection. It is that feeling of goodwill; benevolence and kindness or leniency in judging others. It is also defined as voluntary giving of money or other help to those in need. It is the money of the help that is given. It is also an institution or other recipient and a welfare institution or organization or a fund. It is synonymous with the word "mercy."

Loyalty is more straightforward: it is a quality, state, or instance of being loyal; faithfulness or faithful adherence to a person, government, cause, duty, etc. It is synonymous with allegiance.

Having said all that, are we all being positive members of the SUCVW?

Do we work together like a family to achieve our stated goals or are we like a dysfunctional family that is constantly fighting or by our actions are pushing new members out of the organization or preventing others from joining because we don't want to be bothered with doing the paperwork or to take the time to involve new members? If a new member does not feel welcome or their help or contributions wanted they will walk away.

Are we expressing our patriotism in ways that are visible? Do we fly The Flag of the United States of America? Or is it something we do only on special Flag Days?

If, like me, you have a health situation that prevents you from marching in a parade ... think about getting a trailer that can be towed with brothers in the uniform of the order or Civil War dress/uniform. Involve your Auxiliary if you are fortunate to have one to support you in this effort. Invite members of the other Allied Orders to ride on the trailer with you. I belong to a small camp in Shiawassee County. Brother David Hilliker has personally built two replica cannons. We drape his trailer in red, white, blue bunting and three or four members ride on the trailer. We hang a banner on the trailer that identifies us as SUCVW Camp 160.

We participate in two or three Memorial Day parades in our area. We join together with DUVCW and ASUCVW for the Memorial Day Ceremonies. Sometimes we do nothing more than stand as the ceremonies take place. Other times we participate by firing the cannon. We all participate by our presence.

So, the questions remain: Are you showing your fraternity helping Brothers in the organization get their jobs done for the organization?

Are you being charitable to one another and helping each other learn and grow within the organization?

Are you being loyal to your oath as members of the organization?

And finally ... how patriotic are you?



General Benjamin Pritchard Camp 2

Submitted by Bruce Miller, PCC

The brothers of General Israel B. Richardson Camp2 had a busy and fulfilling Memorial Day, 2014. The City of Birmingham is home to the Oakland County Civil War monument and the camp is an active participant in that city's Memorial Day service. The SUVCW was highly visible with SVC Bruce Miller, the event coordinator, as master of ceremonies and Commander Bill Nash's address on the origins of the day rooted in the GAR. As always, the camp placed a wreath at the Civil War monument.

At the conclusion of the service the camp moved to historic Greenwood Cemetery where the Birmingham Historical Society conducted a special tour of the many Civil War veterans 'gravesites located there.

Memorial Day 2014 was our duty and honor and we had fun doing it.



Future Michigan's Messenger Publications Submittal Dates and Publication Dates

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Fall - September 1 for a September 15 Publication

Winter - December 1 for a December 15 Publication

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ALL PUBLICATIONS WILL BE MADE ON TIME

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

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TAPS
A Tribute to a Friend
Submitted by Chris Czopek

John Lohrstorfer passed away on May 5.

John was one of the Charter Members of Camp 22. He served as Camp Commander a number of times. Also served as Camp secretary and treasurer (and he was always on time with his reports.)

John started our Graves Registration program back around 1992. This was "pre computers". He took a shoebox, cut file cards to fit, and then personally walked most of the cemeteries in Calhoun County, recording graves. When I joined the SUV, he had forty cards marked "unit - unknown". I started my career in Civil War soldier research working with him, identifying the units of men who were not in the Brown Books. In time we became good friends.

Couple other things - he had a remarkable career in the Michigan State Police. For his last duty station, Battle Creek, he was State Police Post Commander. He was also a veteran of World War II. He was an artillery-spotter, driving in a jeep AHEAD of the battle line, hiking to the top of a hill with a microphone, and calling in strikes on Panzer Tanks waiting in ambush. His Division, "The Rainbow Division", liberated the Dachau Concentration Camp. John drove his jeep there, the day it was liberated, and walked around. The sights he saw he never forgot. Had a picture of himself taken that day, standing under the infamous "Arbeit Mach Frei" iron gate. Few people know he was decorated for heroism under fire. Only way I found out, is when he showed me his uniform, I noticed the Bronze Star and asked him, "How did you get that?". He smiled a great big smile and told me the story. Only his closest friends have heard that tale.

He will be buried in Fort Custer National Cemetery (Battle Creek). Because of John's dedication with the Sons of Union Veterans, his daughter, Mary, is going to invite Camp 22 to the funeral.

Rick, he was a wonderful man. We have lost "one of our best".

Yours in F, C & L,

Chris Czopek - SUV Camp 17 (formerly Camp 22)



Austin Blair Camp 7

Submitted by Bob Griggs, Signals Officer

In April the Austin Blair Camp turned 100 years old. Many members (even some past members came back to help out in celebrating) and our Ladies Auxiliary turned out to our meeting as well as special guest to honor the Camp. During the meeting a Special Tribute was presenting to the Camp by State Representatives Earl Poleski and Mike Shirkey. Also a Letter of Recognition was presented by Department Commander Paul Davis. On the 17th members of the Camp and Auxiliary had to split forces as we had two different events going on that day. There was the Civil War Day at the Grosvenor House in Jonesville and a headstone dedication in Stockbridge, for the ancestors of Chris Cox, one of our members.



On Tuesday May 20, members of Camp No. 7 and Ladies of the Auxiliary went back to school. In this case it was the Paragon Charter Academy in Jackson where for the 7th year we put on our Civil War Day at that school. Many displays, including medical, cavalry, infantry and the home front, were set up for the student to look at and handle so they could get a better feeling of what a Civil War soldier went through. This year we were also able to add sharpshooters to the list of displays to allow students to better understand the roll they played in the war.



As happened last year we had to set up inside the gym at the school but the weather did clear up enough that we were able to take the two "Armies" outside and do our version of the Battle of Franklin. As you can see a grand time was had by all.

To the staff of Paragon we wish to thank you for your assistance in helping us "Keep Green the Memory" of the Boys in Blue.

Memorial Day found as at many different places. Starting Saturday (some members were at Greenfield Village for their Living History Weekend) members were in Lansing for the service held at Mt. Hope Cemetery before heading to Evergreen Cemetery. Sunday they worked on a Historical Tour in Eaton Rapids for the G. A. R. Memorial Hall and Museum.

On Monday they got together for the Memorial Day Parade in Jackson.

Looks like a busy summer ahead.



General Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20

Submitted by Gary Swain, SVC



Camp 20 is working with several historical organizations to repair and refurbish the Civil War cannon in Mountain Home Cemetery in Otsego. In the photo below the cannon is being removed to the machinbe shop while the old concrete base is removed and replaced.

Tom Bruce, Bill Brennan (pictured) and Commander John Keith (photographer). On April 15th, Brother Robert Townsend, attended a meeting with the Martin Area Veterans to discuss the Andrew Bee dedication and the planned 2015 sesquicentennial celebration of the capture of Jefferson Davis.



Our annual clean-up of the GAR lot at Riverside Cemetery was held on Saturday May 17th. The winter had not been kind to the lot but through the able efforts of brother Robert Townsend, sister Patty Townsend, brothers Gary Swain and Bill Costello and Commander John Keith the lot was cleaned and ready for our Memorial Day ceremonies.

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During the week of May 19th Commander Keith received an email requesting the camps assistance in cleaning and resetting a fallen stone in Climax Michigan. This stone marked the grave of Lieut. Richard H. Eldred of the 2nd Mich. Inf., Co. K who died of disease in 1862 in the hospital in Georgetown, MD.

Commander Keith and brother Swain visited the cemetery, found the stone and determined that it was in good structural shape. Later in the week, with the able help of brother Dave Conklin the stone was raised to the vertical and cleaned. Cleaning with plastic putty knife and "Orvus" (ph neutral cleaner made by Proctor & Gamble and available at Tractor Supply). The stone was then reset in concrete.



Camp 20 received a phone call from the Bangor (Van Buren County) Historical Society regarding the cannon and pyramid of cannon balls at their GAR site in Arlington Cemetery. They were requesting the camps help in finding a solution the crumbling state of the cannon balls. This was actually one of the proposed projects identified by the camp in 2013.

Commander Keith and brother Swain surveyed the site and found the below conditions.

Most members of Camp 20 participated in several observed Memorial Day events . The below photos provide highlights of the Allegan Memorial Day parade and the ceremony honoring all veterans at the Allegan Cemetery.



Brother Bill Brennan, PDC



Brother Blaine Valentine



This Memorial Day ceremony was held with the joint participation of the SUVCW camp 20 and the DUVCW Tent 58. The Daughters subsequently held a separate ceremony at Mountain Home Cemetery in Kalamazoo

U.S. Grant Camp 67

Submitted by Charles Buckhahn, CC

The Brothers of U. S. Grant Camp has a busy Memorial Day Week keeping green the memory of Civil War soldiers at several venues. Some Brothers attend the annual Greenfield Village Remembrance Memorial Day weekend activities.

Others supported the efforts of the LeValley-Heusted Camp 255 for the service honoring Theodore Morse, who served in the 4th New York Heavy Artillery.

On May 26th, Grant Camp and the 14th Michigan Company A, Sons of Veterans Reserve performed a Dedication Service in the G.A.R, Soldiers Rest at the Pine Ridge Cemetery. There was also a ceremony that day unveiling a new sign and re-naming the Pine Ridge Cemetery as Soldiers Rest. The Brothers fired a three volley salute followed by the playing of taps.

On May 30th, Brothers from Grant Camp joined the Brothers from Crapo Camp 145 for a remembrance ceremony at Aventine Cemetery in Flint, Michigan where participants decorated gravesites with red roses.



Don Shaw and Paul Davis perform the Ritual



SVR/Grant Camp Honor Guard



Soldier's Rest New Sign

Robert Finch Camp 14

April – June, 2014

Submitted by W. E. Skillman ~ Signals ~

As of June 1st, 2014; Camp 14's roster shows 44 Brothers present; 39 are Members and 5 are Associates. Our next Camp meeting will on September 13 at the Elks Lodge in Traverse City.

Camp 14 would like to welcome new Brother Dr. Thomas Duvernay. Dr. Duvernay lives in Seoul, Korea but spends summers vacationing at his family's home in the Harbor Springs. Dr. Duvernay is the descendent of John (Kedgnal) Duvernay, Co. B 1st Michigan Sharpshooters (whose grave Camp 14 Brothers paid tribute to last December during the *Wreathes across America* observance). Welcome Brother Duvernay. Dr. Duvernay joins English Brother, Andrew Hopkinson as our overseas SUVCW representatives; so now we might rightly claim "*The Sun never sets on Robert Finch Camp 14*"

On March 26th Robert Finch Camp turned 100 years old, making us the oldest Camp in the Department of Michigan. On March 29th, sixty two guests and friends attended the Centennial luncheon at the Elks Lodge in Traverse City. The theme of the celebration was to recognize all the Brothers and Friends who contributed to Camp 14's longevity and success. Representative Wayne Schmidt presented CC Bryant with a tribute from both houses of the Michigan legislature and signed by Gov. Rick Snyder recognizing Camp 14's accomplishments and well wishes for continued success. A letter by Michigan's longest serving U.S. Senator, Carl Levin, expressed his appreciation for Camp 14's work honoring Civil War veterans. Chuck Lerchen, (representing GT County Veterans Affairs) presented a tribute from the Grand Traverse County Commissioners thanking Camp 14 for restoring the Civil War Soldiers and Sailors monument in Traverse City (among other accomplishments).



Rep. Wayne Schmidt with State tribute to Camp 14



Presentation of certificates of appreciation to PC-in C Harrison & Pahl

Master of Ceremonies Skillman invited PC-in C's Keith Harrison and Jim Pahl to step forward to accept certificates of appreciation for their support in helping the 'Original 9' northern Michigan Brothers secure the transfer of Camp 14 from Grand Rapids to Traverse City in 1988. PCC Dan Bennett described the early years of Camp 14 after its move, and how both of his son's were profoundly influenced by those Brothers. Dan singled out the late PCC Clint Kennard (who worked with Robert Goddard's early rocket experiments and later with NASA), citing his integrity and leadership that has resonated with his sons careers and lives.

Brother John and his wife, Julie contributed a quilt commemorating the Centennial. Taking their inspiration from the battle honor ribbons of the First Michigan Sharpshooters colors, John and Julie spent 100 hours crafting the quilt with patriotic red, white and blue backing and gold lettering in the style of the original flag. PCC Jan White's bid won the quilt. The 'Brew-Crew' of Goodrich, Bryant and Morse contributed hand crafted beers (Sgt. Finch Ale and Admiral Porter's Porter) that generated plenty of good natured bidding among the Brothers.

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Past Commanders of Camp 14: D. Bennett, J. White, B. Skillman, N. Breugh, R. Clark, J. Morse, D. Aurand, G. Goodrich, and current Commander, Skip Bryant



John and Julie Dyle with their Commemorative Quilt



Presentation of Sgt. Finch Award to Neal Breugh

CC Bryant asked all past Camp Commanders to step forward to receive special recognition for their service to Camp 14 and the Order. Lastly, a new award-The Sgt. Robert Finch award for outstanding leadership was awarded to PCC Neal Breugh. In addition to his many accomplishments for Dept. and Camp, nearly all the Brothers present had joined because of Neal's engaging personality and enthusiasm. Despite the celebration closing at 3 p.m. the celebrants enjoyed the warmth of fellowship for nearly another hour. Thank you to all who made the Centennial Celebration a smashing success!

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Eagle Scout Coordinator, Jeff Morse (with Brothers Jim Morse Sr. and Jim Morse Jr.) issued certificates to 37 new Eagle Scouts from around the Grand Traverse Region.

Camp 14 paid the first of four scheduled tributes to Medal of Honor recipients buried in northwestern Michigan. On May 5th we traveled to Manistee to remember Asst. Gunner John Hyland USN who received the Medal of Honor for his actions during the Red River Campaign. Serving aboard the 'Tinclad #8' *USS Signal*, Hyland was twice wounded trying to extricate his ship while under fire from a large force of Confederate sharpshooters and artillery along the banks. The *Signal* and two other ships became trapped after one was disabled at a bend in the river. Out of ammunition and with 50 percent of the crew casualties, all the ships were burned to prevent capture. The surviving sailors were marched off to prisoner of war camps. The piercing notes from a bosun's whistle opened Gunner Hyland's dedication service. Symbols of service comprised of a navy cutlass and USN cap. SVC Smith paid the 3 Brothers tribute while PCC Goodrich and A. Bonecutter served as guards; D. Aurand was Commander and MC, J. Lantzer, Chaplain. B. Skillman played 'Taps' to close the ceremony.



Commemorative plaque for John Hyland

A. Bonecutter, G. Goodrich, D. Aurand, J. Lantzer,

Memorial Day found Camp 14 Brothers attending celebrations the length and breadth of northwestern Michigan.

To commemorate the 'Battle of the Crater', Camp 14 will conduct a dual grave dedication service for Medal of Honor recipients, Charles Depuy and Charles Thatcher (First Regiment Michigan Sharpshooters) at Kalkaska's Evergreen cemetery on July 26th. We would like to extend an invitation to all Camps to attend this historic event. Camps or Brothers interested in attending should contact Dale Aurand (daurand321@yahoo.com) or Bill Skillman (skillmans@aol.com).

Another Editor's Note:

In order that we maintain the high level of excellence that we have set for this publication, it is important for each of you to become owners of this effort.

To that end, some helpful hints are: make sure that your articles are submitted on time – that is before the 1st of the month that Michigan's Messenger is due for publication; in order that each Camp has equal opportunity to have their information published, please limit your submissions to two pages including photos; do not use exotic photo programs, .pdf or .jpg works just fine, and do not use "editor" programs, a simple word program is good.

We have been very fortunate to have such dedicated brothers that keep this effort fresh, and that effort is evident by the recognition that we have received by the National Organization.

In advance, thank you for your continued help in making this a multiple-award winning publication,

Rick

Henry E. Plant Camp #3

Submitted by Daniel Grabel, Secretary-Treasurer

A few members of Henry E. Plant Camp #3 of Grand Haven have had physical situations this Winter and Spring. Brother Michael Boschaert had to have a second surgery on his lumbar spine, Brother John Baldus had to have knee replacement surgery this winter and is now doing well and is back at work as a substitute school bus driver and Brother Daniel Grable had to have surgery to remove the polyps in his sinuses and he is currently healing very well.

The camp continues to work on getting M 231 in Ottawa County named after Henry E. Plant. So far the bill is stuck in the House of Representative Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Our Brothers have written the committee chairman without any results, while the camp is receiving funds for signs mentioning the naming of the highway after Henry Plant. The current donation is \$100.00 from the great-grandchildren of Plant through his youngest child Ernest Plant.

The camp is also in the process of having two plaques honoring the six Medal of Honor recipients from Ottawa County placed at the Ottawa County Courthouse in Grand Haven and Fillmore Street Complex in Grand Haven Township. The county administrator is in favor of their placement and will dedicate them.

For Memorial Day weekend this year Brother Daniel Grable attended the Memorial Worship service sponsored by the Grand Haven Memorial Day Association. It was held at the Grand Haven Salvation Army on Memorial Sunday Evening. The Salvation Army's Captains Jay and Sally Davis, the Grand Haven Memorial Day Chaplains, conducting the service. Captain Jay Davis preached the message which included the national Salvation Army's participation in aiding the soldiers during World War I and how they went to France and made donuts for the soldiers. Our Camp's Assistant Chaplain John Baldus, whose church was where the Memorial Sunday service was held, was a member of the Salvation Army's band which he participated in.

On Memorial Day the camp participated in the Spring Lake Parade and Ceremonies. Brothers of the Camp were the Honor Guard for the day. They marched at the front of the parade carrying our American and Camp flags behind the local police car. Following the Honor Guard was Brother John Baldus in his truck with our organizational signs on the truck sides. The parade went from downtown Spring Lake to the Spring Lake Cemetery north of the village.

During the ceremonies coordinated by the Spring Lake Heritage Festival Committee at the Spring Lake Cemetery the camp posted the camp's flags on the speaker's platform following the welcoming. During the ceremony Brother Daniel Grable presented a full size American Flag to the 2nd grade essay winners and to the Grand Marshal Korean War Veteran and former Spring Lake Village President Fred Peterson. The flags were from the Spring Lake Heritage Festival Committee. Later in the ceremony Asst. Chaplain John Baldus read GAR Commander-in-Chief Gen. Logan's order #11 which started Memorial Day in 1868. Grable then placed the memorial wreath on the speaker's platform in honor of the deceased veterans

Following the reading of the list of the local veterans who died during the last year the camp Honor Guard of John Baldus, Donald Ogden, Jonathan Scott, Commander Richard Scott, along with a World War II re-enactor fired the gun salute. This was followed with taps played by trumpeters from the Spring Lake High School Marching Band. The speaker of the day was Spring Lake Village President Jim MacLachlan. He spoke on the meaning of Memorial Day.

During the ceremony's ending song, "God Bless America" played by the Spring Lake High School Marching Band, Grable then raised the cemetery's American and POW flags from half-mast to full mast.

After the ceremonies the camp held their annual Anniversary Picnic for our brothers. It was held in the nearby Central Park We had six brothers present who enjoyed the good food and camaraderie. Other members of our Camp participating in other local ceremonies. In Fruitport PCC Max Riekse (Past Commander of Fruitport VFW Polar Bear Post 3734) and Jr. Member of our camp and Cub Scout Richard Riekse participated in the Fruitport Old Fashioned Days Memorial Day Parade. In the Whitehall area local Brother Irvin Holgreve participated in the local Memorial Day ceremonies. One of our Holland brothers participated in ceremonies there. The camp, along with other Spring Lake Memorial Day ceremonies participants, got a flower (thank you) in the May 30th *Grand Haven Tribune's* weekly Darts and Flowers column from the Spring Lake Heritage Festival Committee.

Henry F. Wallace Camp #160

Submitted by Gary Granger, JVC



MEMBERS of the SUVCW Henry F. Wallace Camp #160 based in Shiawassee County were one of the units in both the May 26 Corunna Memorial Day Parade and the Village of Vernon Memorial Day Parade (above photo). In attendance were Max Newman, Leston Curtis, Gary Granger and Dave Hilliker who built the replica Civil War cannon. Later in the evening they fired the final volley at the Civil War monument in Oak Hill Cemetery, Owosso for the annual city of Owosso Memorial Day Ceremony. Also attending the parades and ceremonies was ASUVCW PDP Linda Kronberg of Tecumseh and ASUVCW Department of Michigan Secretary Helen Granger of Owosso. (ASUVCW)

LeValley-Heusted Camp 255

Submitted by Leo Marr and David Neese

The Brothers of LeValley-Heusted Camp 255 performed a Headstone Dedication Ceremony for Theodore Morse, Co. F, 4th New York Heavy Artillery on the occasion of installing a new head stone in the East Dayton Cemetery. His grave site was previously unmarked.

Several family members were in attendance for the occasion which included readings, reminiscences, and a photo and artifact display provided by family members. Members of U. S. Grant Camp 67 and Company A, 14th Michigan Sons of Veterans Reserve supported the LeValley- Heusted Camp during the event. The Honor Guard fired a three volley salute which was followed by the playing of taps.



SVR Honor Guard



Headstone for Theodore Morse

Albert and James Lyon Camp 266

Submitted by Leo Marr and David Neese



The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) honors deserving Reserve Officer Training Corps Cadets because it will be these young people who will serve in our Nation's military. The commendation by the SUVCW is based on a high degree of patriotism and demonstrated academic performance and leadership. This year's recipient at Northern Michigan University is Cadet Steven Abbott. He is a Junior with a cumulative grade point average of 3.52, is a leader in the Valor Program at NMU, and serves as a Platoon Leader in the 652nd Army Reserve unit in Harvey. He is a Marquette native majoring in social work and sociology. The

award was presented by Dewey Jones, Commander of the Albert and James Lyon Camp of the SUVCW and Honorary Cadet James Martindale, the first member of the Wildcat Battalion to receive the Commendation.

In the Copper Country, Bro. Paul Nelson presented the SUVCW ROTC medal to the following cadets: Bridget A. Reback of Michigan Technological University's Air Force ROTC program, Shawn S. Matuszewski with MTU's Army ROTC program, and Max Richardson in the Junior ROTC program at Hancock High School.

Camp 266 marched in the Memorial Day parade at Rapid River and had a display at the community festival that followed. Shown at the end of the parade are Bros White, Jones, Kennedy, Strain, Spencer, and Decremer, Bro Silver stayed at the display during the parade and Bro. Elegeert joined us at the display.



14th Michigan Infantry – Sons of Veterans Reserve “Irish Rifle”

By L. Dean Lamphere, Jr

Recent Event Participation

- Springfield, IL - April 12, 2014

We had a good turnout for the 14th Michigan at Springfield with eleven members participating at the Lincoln Tomb service. The unit also visited the Illinois State house with a walking tour through some of the key rooms including the Senate and House or Representatives chambers as well as the old Supreme Court Room. The members finished up the day visiting Dr. Stephenson's Grave in Petersburg. The Michigan delegation gathered for Dinner with PCnC Perley Mellor and National President Diane Mellor.

- Stockbridge, MI - May 17, 2014



L-R Charlie Buchanan, Howard Lloyd, Nathan Tingley, David Kimble, Christopher Cox, Russ Gordon, Howard Fite, Robert Griggs, Rick Danes, Rodger Manning, L. Dean Lamphere Jr

This was the first of two services on the 17th the 14th was covering supporting Brother Christopher Cox honoring his ancestors buried in Stockbridge, Michigan. Christopher's ancestors were brothers Edson Norton Co. E 14th Michigan Infantry and Musician Clark Norton of Co. B 6th Michigan Cavalry.

- East Dayton, MI – May 17, 2014

This event was well attended by over 30 members of the community. It was a headstone dedication for Pvt. Theodore Morse - Co. F 4th New York Heavy Artillery. Members of the unit were split between the Stockbridge service and East Dayton. Corporal Paul Davis led the detail during this service.



L- Phillips, Sailor Bob Boquette, Dale Aurand

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- Sterling, MI – May 31, 2014

In Sterling, Michigan the unit supported the local community and Graves Registration Office Jim Petrimoulx rededicating four veterans: Luther Johnson 160th New York Infantry, George Fish 7th Michigan Cavalry, Alva Scofield 5th Michigan Infantry, and Charles Hamilton 115th Ohio Infantry. There was a large turn out from the community to support this event. A representative for each veteran either family or local resident read biographies for each veteran. Department Commander Davis while he had a gathering of Brothers took the opportunity to present Jim Petrimoulx with his Lincoln Award (shown in picture).



L-R L. Dean Lamphere Jr, Len "Irish" McInerney, Ken Martin, Russ Gordon, "Sailor" Bob Boquette, Charlie Buchanan, Dennis Speakerman, Duane "Badger" Phillips, Jim Petrimoulx, David Reed, Jack Frost, Paul Davis DC, Dale Aurand, Joe Frost, Jerry Crow

Upcoming Events

- June 21, 2014 Grand Blanc, MI Headstone Dedication
- July 12-13, 2014 Mayville, MI Mayville History Days Booth
- September 14, 2014 Fenton, MI Past Department Commander SUV Marker placement.
- Working on date for placing Past Department Commander SUV CW Greene's marker and dedication date to be available in the future.
- November 15, 2014 Gettysburg, PA Remembrance Day Parade and Services.

If interested in the SVR assisting with an event of the Camp within the Department of Michigan please contact Unit Commander L. Dean Lamphere, Jr at ldlampherejr@gmail.com or 708-721-0155. Please plan ahead the shorter the notice the fewer troops may be available to support your event.

Graves Registration Committee

by Rick Danes, Department Officer

Your Department Graves Registration Committee will meet on June 14 at the State Archives. Future dates for meetings are September 13, and December 13. Our database now has 64,000 Civil War burials and 3501 Other War records.

We have no further news from the VA about headstone ordering, but we are anticipating word any day.

I would like to recognize a very few men who have submitted records regularly during the last quarter – Chuck Harthy, Jim Petromoulx, Gary Copenhaver, and the good folks at the Monroe Historical Society.

And how about those Camps that have not submitted any or very few records from their areas...some ever? I can list them here in a future article if the Camps want, but in the meantime, let me know what your plan is to submit those records.

Did you notice that all three recipients of the Abraham Lincoln awards this year did so because of their graves – related work? Congratulations, the program continues to work!

Good luck, and watch out for muskrat holes!



Sgt. John S. Cosbey Camp 427

For Jerry Jacobs, Secretary



On June 7 Camp 427 collaborated with Robinson's Battery (Battery C, 1st Michigan Light Artillery) under Captain John Hughes for a headstone dedication at Historic Woodmere Cemetery. Eight Camp members and four cannoneers responded to the call, with about 30 cemetery officials, and other civilians in the audience.

A musket and then a cannon volley highlighted the ceremony, which honored a member of the original Battery, Blacksmith Philip Wilking. The Camp has continued its outstanding service to the Order and the soldier as we prepare for the Dearborn Homecoming – History Hill military timeline, which we have organized for 17 years.



From Our ASUVCW Sisters

Submitted by Helen Granger



(From Left) ASUVCW National President Diane Mellor, Helen Granger DS, Linda Kronberg PDP and Karen Hamann DP at Michigan Bridgette Award Ceremony. ASUVCW)

Helen Granger Named 2014 Michigan Bridgette

HELEN GRANGER of Corunna, ASUVCW Department Secretary, (second from left) was honored May 10 as a Michigan Bridgette at the 2014 Department of Michigan Allied Orders Encampment held in Lansing.

Sister Karol "KZ" Bolton also received the Award. The two Sisters were honored for their work as Department secretaries over the past four years. Sister Bolton stepped in to help when the Department of

Michigan Secretary suddenly resigned and agreed to work until a new secretary could be elected.

Sister Granger was elected in 2013. Sister Bolton and then Sister Granger worked to rebuild Auxiliary records. Sister Granger with the help of several Department Sisters including Dorothy Lowe of Jackson and Emily Breaugh PDS of Traverse City completed the organization of Department records begun by Sister Bolton. She re-established the Department Encampment Register, the Auxiliary Minutes Book, the Encampment Record Book and the Secretary Book. Her work will continue throughout the next year to finish the effort started by Sister Bolton. Sister Granger also serves with Linda Kronberg PDP and Department President Karen Hamann as Historians for the Department on the Historical Committee. Sister Granger also works as the Department Newsletter Editor and Press Correspondent and Photographer. The Michigan Bridgette Award is the highest honor given to a woman within the Department and is given to women who go above and beyond in service to the Auxiliary. (ASUVCW)

Karol "KZ" Bolton Named 2014 Michigan Bridgette

Sister Karol KZ Bolton of Adrian was honored May 10 as a Michigan Bridgette at the 2014 Department of Michigan Allied Orders Encampment held May 9-10 in Lansing, Michigan.

Sister Bolton was not able to attend the meeting due to prior commitments. "Sister Bolton is very deserving of the honor ... Some people have not realized that she has served as a Lenawee County Commissioner for many years and that job is a 100 hours plus per week job," Linda Kronberg PDP and Department of Michigan Council Member #1 said with tears in her eyes.

Sister Bolton is a member of several county commissions and committees.

She volunteers at Marie Speers – a juvenile youth center, helps with the Lenawee County food bank and is dedicated to help and support veterans. She participates in many activities between Jackson and Lenawee counties, especially that involve children.

Sister Bolton is an active member of the Nash-Hodge Auxiliary #43 and works to preserve the memory of "The Boys In Blue."

As a Sister she has assisted the Department officers many times providing legal information and her professional opinion regarding the bylaws and the Constitution, and helps whenever a document needs to be reviewed. When the Department Secretary suddenly resigned three years ago she stepped forward and volunteered to help with the Secretary duties until a new Secretary could be elected.

Sister Karol "KZ" Bolton is a shining example of a Michigan Bridget.



More From Our ASUVCW Sisters

Submitted by Helen Granger



ASUVCW LINDA KRONBERG GETS AWARD

LINDA Kronberg (second from left), of Tecumseh was awarded the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) Department of Michigan at the 2014 Annual Allied Orders Encampment held May 10 in Lansing. The Award is the highest honor given to a woman who supports the SUVCW and works to preserve the memory of The Civil War (1861-1865) soldiers, sailors and marines who served to preserve the union of The United States. Her service to all five of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was also noted in the award presentation that included the

SUVCW, the ASUVCW, the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the GAR and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865.

"You could have knocked me over with a feather ... I was speechless," Kronberg said of her award.

Kronberg is currently serving as Council Member #1 with the Department of Michigan Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW) and is a past-president. She has served as ASUVCW National Chaplain and Patriotic Instructor among other Auxiliary, State and National positions. Gathered here (from left) are: SUVCW Michigan Commander Paul Davis of Saginaw; Kronberg; ASUVCW National President Dianne Mellor of Nashua, N.H., and Ken L. Freshley of Willoughby, Ohio. (Courtesy Photo ASUVCW)

ASUV KAREN HAMANN RE-ELECTED

RE-ELECTED -- Karen Hamann (left) of Adrian was elected to serve her fourth term as the 2014 – 2015 Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War (ASUVCW) at the 2014 Department of Michigan Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Encampment held May 10 in Lansing. Shown with her (right) is ASUVCW National President Diane Mellor of Nashua, N.H. Hamann is a past-president of both the ASUVCW Austin Blair # 7 of Jackson and the ASUVCW Nash Hodges #43 of Blissfield. She is a dual member of those auxiliaries. Hamann held several offices within the auxiliaries. She also serves on the Allied Orders of the GAR. She is married to Dan Hamann and has one daughter and two sons. Both sons are members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War camps. (Courtesy Photo ASUVCW)



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.

Department Encampment From Our ASUVCW Sisters
 Submitted by Helen Granger



2014 5 NATIONAL OFFICERS

FIVE NATIONAL OFFICERS of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic were present at the 2014 Department of Michigan Encampment held in Lansing May 9-10. Gathered here (from left) are: Woman's Relief Corps National President Shirley Grant of Wisconsin, ASUVCW National President Diane Mellor of New Hampshire, SUVCW National Commander Ken Freshley of Ohio, LGAR National President Judy Rock of Michigan and DUVCW National President Carole Morton of California. (ASUVCW)

MEMORIAL SERVICE

MEMORIAL SERVICE – The annual Allied Orders Encampment Memorial Service was conducted by (from left): Judy Rock LGAR National President; Wenda Fore of the DUVCW and ASUVCW Department Chaplain June Lloyd. The service highlighted the service of several Civil War soldiers and information about their lives. (ASUVCW)



SUVCW VISIT TO ASUVCW

SUVCW VISIT – Linda Kronberg PDP (center back row) helps Elizabeth Lloyd, 13, (front row, center) with her responsibilities as Escort when the officers of the SUVCW pay a visit to the ASUVCW Department of Michigan annual meeting held May 10 in Lansing. Gathered (from left) are: SUVCW National Commander Ken Freshley, Sister Elizabeth, SUVCW Past National Commander Perley Mellor, Sister Linda, SUVCW Past National Commander and ASUVCW MI Counselor Jim Pahl.



Sister Elizabeth recently became a full member of the ASUVCW. This was her first time attending the Michigan Encampment as a voting member. At the meeting, Sister Elizabeth also assisted the Department officers with their duties. (ASUVCW)