

# Michigan's Messenger

The Newsletter of the Department of Michigan ~ Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



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## DEPARTMENT ORDERS No. 2

SERIES 1997/98

1. It is a pleasure to report the installation of our newest Camp, Frederick H. Hackeman Camp No. 85. Special thanks to SVC Kent Armstrong who served as Organizer and to Brother Richard Lee who accompanied him in the installation at Bridgman. Welcome, Brothers of Camp No. 85! Welcome, too, to the new Brothers in other Camps in the Department!

2. A highlight of historic Charlton Park's Civil War Muster near Hastings, Michigan, in July was the Witness Tree Ceremony. In a joint effort, Department Commanders of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War dedicated newly planted cuttings from trees existing at famous Civil War events. The SUVCW planting, the Ulysses S. Grant sycamore tree, came from a tree which was at General Grant's headquarters at City Point, Virginia, during the siege of Petersburg.

3. A "Ceremony of Remembrance" was prominent among the outstanding activities at the Weekend of Remembrance at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans in August. David Finney was the speaker. SUVCW participants on the program were Commander-in-Chief Alan R. Loomis, National Chaplain Ronald Gill, Department Commander Paul D. Hodges, and Commander Lee Stroschine of John A. Logan Camp No. 1. Commandant Patrick McConnaughey welcomed the assembly, and Brigadier General Michael J. Rice of the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs spoke briefly. The program was followed by ceremonies at the cemetery and an opportunity to meet and visit with residents of the Grand Rapids Home. Many thanks to all who participated in the planning and conduct of this exceptional weekend!

4. Commander-in-Chief Alan R. Loomis, in one of his last actions while in office, awarded plaques to James T. Lyons, PDC, and to David F. Wallace, PDC, in recognition of the fine work of each while serving as National Secretary of the Order. Gentlemen, we are proud to have you as Brothers in Michigan!

5. Congratulations to Brothers Neil Griffith and Gary Naugle who were conferred the status of National Aide and presented

Certificates of Merit from Commander-in-Chief Loomis. They were cited for procuring funds and installation of lighting near monuments and cannons at Tecumseh. The appreciation and best wishes of the entire Department go out to them.

6. Reports about the National Encampment attest to our Department's vigor at all levels. The attendance from Michigan was second only to that of the host Department of New York. James Pahl, PDC, was elected National Treasurer, and SVC Kent Armstrong was lauded for his recruitment work. Thayne LaBanta, PDC, receiving a standing ovation as he was awarded a 50-year membership badge. Governor Austin Blair Camp No. 7's publication, "The Camp Blair Courier" under the leadership of Brother John Mann, was named the Outstanding Camp Newsletter for 1996-97. Congratulations and sincere thanks to you all!

7. Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 53's efforts to have GAR gravesites transferred to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have been successful, leading the way for the Department if not the entire nation! Deed transfers for four lots in Riverside Cemetery, City of Mt. Pleasant, were provided to the Camp in June. For that reason, the Camp's annual Remembrance Day ceremony at the cemetery on Sunday, 9 November, will have even greater than usual significance. Cheers and praise for a job well done!

8. Best wishes to the Auxiliary to Austin Blair Camp No. 7, SUVCW, whose charter was reinstated on 14 July. Betty Baker, National President, and other national officers were present for the reinstatement ceremony. Dorothy Lowe was elected president of the Auxiliary. We welcome the Auxiliary and wish them well as they function in conjunction with Camp No. 7.

9. It was an honor to participate in the memorial service conducted by the Women's Relief Corps, C. Colgrove 232, at the Oakridge Cemetery, Marshall, Michigan, on 7 September. The service was conducted in memory of Olive Summerfield

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## CAMP 17 RECEIVES AWARD

On Friday, 30 May, Curtenius Guard Camp 17, Lansing/Sunfield, was honored as recipient of the 1997 Eaton County Historical Commission *Heritage Award*. The Heritage Award is given each year to individuals and organizations who have made outstanding contributions to the restoration, preservation or public awareness of the County's historical heritage.

Camp 17 was recognized for the recently completed restoration of the 1899 Samuel W. Grinnell GAR Hall, located in Sunfield and the preservation of the many GAR and Civil War related artifacts and documents contained there.

At the request of the Historical Commission, the presentation ceremony was held in the GAR Hall. Prior to the ceremony, many of the Commissioners and their guests accompanied the Camp to the gravesite of Sgt. Grinnell for our annual Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony.

The recognition of the many Brothers of Camp 17 and the Sisters of Helen Edwards Tent 30, DUVCW, who contributed to the restoration project was truly an honor, and the Heritage Award Plaque adds another page to the history of the Samuel W. Grinnell GAR Hall.



Brothers J. Douglas Park, Todd Rakestraw, Tom Emerick, John Nash and James T. Lyons of Curtenius Guard Camp 17 display the Eaton County Historical Commission Heritage Award.

## SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Due to the fact that submissions for *Michigan's Messenger* are due the month previous (first of the previous month, beginning with the Feb. '98 issue) we could not comment on the National Encampment in our last (August) issue. Our Department's thirteen representatives made us the second largest delegation present, behind the encampment's host Department (New York). You can read the "play-by-play" of the encampment's proceedings in the September 1997 issue of *The BANNER* (with photo of Thayne Chamberlain LaBanta on the front page). I thought it was a great idea, when Brother Jim Pahl talked to me about a motion to have the encampment approve a "50-Year Pin" for Bro. LaBanta's Past Department Commander Badge. As senior Department Officer present, I decided that the honor of presenting this to the encampment go to Bro. Pahl. It was a proud moment for all of us when the entire body approved the recognition, without hesitation.

**Eagle Scout Commendations** - Please be advised that by action taken at the National Encampment, paid orders for these certificates must now be sent to Robert M. Petrovic, Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, 4729 Mehl Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63129-1626.

**Internet Info** - One of the things that I focused on in the August issue, was promoting our organization on the Internet. I am happy to see that all but 7 of our Department's 24 Camps have submitted information for a Camp Web Page. As I said before, not all of us have a computer or computer access but we cannot ignore the positive potential of this method of communication. Please contact Brother Charles Ten Brink, our Dept. Communications & Technology Officer, for assistance (see August issue for address). Thank you.

I have mailed a copy of the U.S. Flag Code (that I mentioned being on the Internet) to each Camp Commander, to share with his membership.

**Standardized Stationery** - I have prepared and sent to each Camp a sample letterhead and envelope with the Camp's name and number printed on the National approved stationery design. A computer disc with the designs was also provided. As stated before, the idea behind this approach toward a uniform letterhead, is to strengthen recognition of the organization via written communication, at all levels (Camp, Department, National level). We encourage Camps to adopt this new design when supplies of previous designs are exhausted and appreciate the cooperation of those Camps that have already put the new design to use.

**Bylaws** - The Dept. Bylaws Articles that were amended at our 108<sup>th</sup> Dept. Encampment in June have been approved by Commander-in-Chief Richard D. Orr. My thanks go out to PDC David F. Wallace, who supplied me with a computer file of the previous Bylaws. I used this to edit-in the new language and then printed an updated copy for each Department Officer

and Camp Commander. A copy of the document signed by C-in-C Orr was also mailed to each Camp Commander with the entire Bylaws (including Operating Guidelines), to share with his Camp Secretary and membership.

**New Phone Numbers** - If you are affected by the new Area Codes in Oakland County and Detroit, please notify the Department Secretary of the change. Thank you.

**Addresses** - Your copy of this publication and *The BANNER* is sent to you, based on the address filed with Bro. Richard A. Williams. If you move, please let him know your change of address too. Our publications are printed quarterly and the time the Postal Service will forward mail is limited. I've sent each Camp Commander a copy of the Membership Roster for our Department's Camps that Bro. Williams had at the Dept. Encampment in June. I would like everyone to have access to this information. Please ask to see this and check the accuracy of your address, zip-code and phone number. I encourage all Members and Associates to share their telephone number and e-mail address if they have one. This will improve communication and fraternal relations between all of us. I also sent each Camp Commander an address list of all Dept. Officers to share with his membership.

Please send your address corrections to Bro. Williams at 1917 Teel Avenue, Lansing, MI 48910-3117 or telephone him at (517) 484-2496. Those with e-mail capability may send him changes via [rawsuvvcw@aol.com](mailto:rawsuvvcw@aol.com). Thank you.

**Annual Dues Increase** - *Attention Camp Commanders* - Please send notice of your new 1998 dues rate to Junior Vice Department Commander William R. Morris. He needs this info so he can update the applications that he sends to the referrals received from the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Bro. Morris' address is 10324 W. Stanley Road, Flushing, MI 48433-9247. He can also be telephoned at (810) 659-8515 or e-mailed via [wmorris@genesee.freenet.org](mailto:wmorris@genesee.freenet.org).

**Recruiting Brochures** - I have printed off another batch of the blue, two-page Dept. Recruiting Brochure, to include our newest Camp (Frederick H. Hackman Camp 85) at Bridgman. My thanks to Bro. John Mann for updating his computer file for this document and for helping fold the majority of this printing (thus giving my "better-half" a break). Fifty brochures were sent to each Camp Commander with the request to contact the libraries, museums and historical/genealogical societies near his Camp - respectfully asking their consideration for display & dispersal. I have gained the cooperation of the Library of Michigan to do this and the President Gerald R. Ford Museum agreed

*Senior Vice Commander* (cont. from page 3)

to display the brochures through the end of their special Civil

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## DEPARTMENT ORDERS

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James who was a Past Department President, Fannie Crandal who had been a member for 57 years, and Mildred D. Murray who had been a member for 58 years. Flowers were placed on the three graves and at the GAR monument by representatives of four of the Allied Orders: the WRC, the DUVCW, the SUVCW, and the Auxiliary to the SUVCW. Thanks to the WRC for organizing this shared service.

10. A recently restored flag of the First Michigan Cavalry was unveiled in a program at Commandant's Quarters, Detroit Arsenal, of the Dearborn Historical Museum on 4 October. The flag's history consisted not only of action in various battles but also being protected bravely by Sergeant Thomas Henry Sheppard, the color bearer. On being wounded and captured at the Battle of Gettysburg, he tore the flag from its staff, hid it under his jacket, and carried it throughout his imprisonments at Libby, Belle Isle, and Andersonville prisons. In 1972, Sergeant Sheppard's grandson, Lawrence C. Sheppard, presented the flag for the Museum where, having been restored, the flag will be displayed proudly. It was a distinct privilege to participate in the unveiling program on behalf of the Department of Michigan, SUVCW, and to present a Certificate of Appreciation to the Museum.

11. Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr has approved the 1997 Department Bylaws Amendments adopted by the Department Encampment in June. Arrangements for their distribution are being made.

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12. The Department committees have received their charges or assignments for the current year. Additional Brothers have stepped forward to participate on those committees. Any others interested in serving in that way still may join one and should talk to the chairmen or me about it.

13. To those Camps which have sent me their newsletters and/or meeting minutes, I give sincere thanks. To those Camps which have not done so as yet, please add me to your mailing lists. It would be appropriate, also, to send them to SVC Kent Armstrong and to JVC William Morris.

14. Two holidays special to us soon will be here, Veterans' Day on 11 November and Remembrance Day on 19 November. All Brothers are urged to participate in their observance. Camps not conducting Remembrance Day ceremonies this year should consider administrating them regularly in the future.

15. The 1998 Midwinter Conference, to be held 21 February at Lansing, promises to offer something for everyone in the Department. The GAR Records program will be explained, officer training will take place, and committee progress reports will be presented. (Committee chairmen, please note!) Further, it is SUVCW's turn to host the annual George Washington - Abraham Lincoln Commemorative Dinner in the evening. Plan

now to attend.

16. Again, remember to display your American flag proudly. Exhibit it any day but especially on these holidays during the next three months: Veterans' Day, 11 November; Remembrance Day, 19 November; Thanksgiving Day, 27 November; Christmas Day, 25 December; New Year's Day, 1 January; and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, 19 January.

By Order of:

**Paul D. Hodges**  
Department Commander  
7 October 1997

Attest:

**Richard F. Lee**  
Department Secretary

War related exhibit.

I will provide another, updated printing of the brochure at the Mid-Winter Conference. Camp Commanders have been provided with unfolded, white sheets of the brochure so that each Camp can easily photocopy it if more are wanted/needed before the next printing by the Department.

**More "P. R."** - If your Camp has a special program planned for Veterans' Day and Remembrance Day, I encourage that announcements and follow-up coverage of this be sent to the newspapers in your area. This is in keeping with my previous "sermon" to continually draw the public's attention to our best efforts - offering an example that will attract new Members and Associates.

My continued and sincere thanks to all who help increase *and retain* our membership! May the upcoming holidays be safe and happy for all of us and may our thoughts at Thanksgiving include those who served and sacrificed to *Save the Union* from the conflict of 1861 ~ 1865.

Respectfully submitted,  
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

**Kent L. Armstrong**  
Senior Vice Department Commander

## TREASURER

The following statements have been prepared from the books and records of the Department:

### Department of Michigan — SUVCW Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance at 31 August 1997

Assets	
Checking Account	\$ 833.73
Savings Account	3,756.90
Russell Alger Memorial Fund Savings Account	<u>678.14</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$5,268.77</b>
Liabilities and Fund Balance	
Liabilities	
Due Camp-at-Large	\$111.00
Due 30th Michigan	190.00
Miscellaneous	<u>247.00</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$548.00</b>
Fund Balance	
Restricted Funds	\$ 678.14
Unrestricted Funds	<u>4,042.77</u>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$4,720.77</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$5,268.77</b>

### Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for the Quarter ended 31 August 1997

Revenues	\$ 680.25
Expenditures	(2,131.86)
Excess of expenditures over Revenues	(\$1,451.61)
Total Fund Balance, Beginning of Quarter	\$6,172.38
<b>Total Fund Balance, End of Quarter</b>	<b>\$4,720.77</b>

Dated 9 September 1997  
Yours in F., C. and L.,

James T. Williams  
Department Treasurer

## DEPARTMENT OFFICER VACANCIES

The Michigan Department's SVR Commander Capt. Terrance McKinch and SVR Adjutant Lt. Daniel Graves have respectfully resigned their offices. Both offices remain vacant as of this writing.

## CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS

Our Brothers of Albert and James Lyon Camp 266 have informed us that the City of Houghton is funding the construction of a special Veterans' Memorial Park that will honor local servicemen from all eras. With the best intentions and cooperation of all veterans' groups, it was decided to design the new tribute with the local Civil War monument as the featured centerpiece. Brass plaques, cast with the names of soldiers and sailors killed in each of our country's conflicts will surround the Civil War Monument (eight foot tall sculpture of an infantryman atop an eight foot tall granite base). To allow space for all this, at a more visible and "visit-able" site, the Civil War Monument will be carefully moved one-quarter mile to the new and more honorable location. The monument is dedicated to the "Houghton Company" which served in the Twenty-Third Michigan Volunteer Infantry. Brother Paul Nelson reports that the region had more men involved in the Civil War than in conflicts since. Therefore the plaques to honor these men will be the most expensive (approx. \$850.00). As the city's budget will not cover the expense of all the plaques, Camp 266 is considering a special fundraising project to help pay for the Civil War Honor Roll. If you would like to help or learn more details, please contact Brother Patrick Kennedy, Camp Commander, at 1014 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Menominee, MI 49858-1532 or telephone him at (906) 863-7686.

We encourage all Camps to make an effort to assess the Civil War Memorials near them before winter weather sets in. If you are using a form from the first printing, please remember that your finished work and photos should be sent to Bro. William R. Morris, 10324 West Stanley Road, Flushing, MI 48433-9247. Thank you.

If your Camp's *County Assignment Map* is missing or if there is any question about the assessment forms, please telephone me any day at (517) 669-5765 before 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Kent Armstrong  
Chairman, Civil War Memorials Committee

## DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES

The following Brothers have been added to these committees:

**Bylaws:** Wayne Barrett, Richard Eagal, Todd Rakestraw and Scott Twietmeyer.

**Legislative:** David Forsberg and Donald Pickrell.

**Civil War Memorials:** Chris Czopek, Michael McMillan and William Morris.

**GAR Records:** PDC J. Douglas Park & PDC David F. Wallace.

## NEW CAMPS

Our Department welcomes the addition of two new Camps at opposite compass points in the lower peninsula.

The Camp Organizer Report in our May 1997 newsletter mentioned work being done to organize a Camp in Presque Isle County. This became a reality on May 4<sup>th</sup>, with the organization of the **James D. Morgan Camp 70**. The name and number honor Presque Isle County's only GAR Post, which was headquartered at Onaway. Brother Dale Ninceheler of Presque Isle, a member of our Camp-at-Large, spearheaded this effort at the local level. Camp 70 will be furthering our cause in several adjacent counties, meeting monthly at Alpena. The Charter Camp Officers are:

Camp Commander	Dale Ninceheler
Camp Secretary-Treasurer	Raymond J. Herek
Camp Council	Bruce Beckeney
	Robert A. Brookbank
	Stuart D. Ninceheler

Brother Brookbank is a descendent of Robert Anderson, commander of Fort Sumter and represented his family at the donation of special Anderson artifacts to the Fort's museum. Brother Herek is the author of "THESE MEN HAVE SEEN HARD SERVICE, The First Michigan Sharpshooters in the Civil War."

Please direct any membership referrals to Commander Ninceheler at (517) 595-6732.

The **Frederick H. Hackeman Camp 85** was opened at Bridgman on September 7<sup>th</sup>, to begin serving our interests in south-western Michigan. The Camp's number honors one of Berrien County's ten GAR Posts (Charles Woodruff, Three Oaks). The Camp is named in honor of the common ancestor of six charter members. Although this does not represent as many generations as the "Minnesota Sextet," featured in *The BANNER*, it is still unique. Corporal Hackeman saw action as a skilled "gunner" in Battery L, First Illinois Light Artillery. He served three years and was honorably discharged as a sergeant. Before the war, Mr. Hackeman helped pioneer our upper peninsula's Menominee County, arriving in 1851. He returned to Birch Creek after the war and was a member of the Lyons Post 266 of the GAR at Menominee when he died in 1905. Fifteen surviving members of the Post attended his funeral and fired a volley over the grave. Today, Frederick Hackeman's grave still has the special GAR Post 266 marker.

Sergeant Hackeman's grandson, Irving M. Hackeman, lives at Republic and though our upper peninsula Camp is named in honor of the GAR Post that his ancestor belonged to, Irving understandably supported the formation of Camp 85 as a Charter Member. It's unique that our Department's two Camps that are the furthest apart from one another, have this special link. One of Sergeant Hackeman's great grandsons, Richard J. Gorske, served as the local coordinator to form Camp 85 and

was elected as its Charter Commander. Other officers are:

Camp Junior Vice Commander	Greg M. Scygiel
Camp Secretary-Treasurer	Charles L. Pfauth, Sr.
Camp Council	Dennis L. Gorske
	Roger C. Gorske
	Charles L. Pfauth, Jr.

Please direct membership referrals to Camp 85 JVC Scygiel at (616) 426-3479.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

**Kent Armstrong**

*Department Camp Organizer for Camp No. 70  
Acting Dept. Camp Organizer for Camp No. 85*

## COMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

#### 11th — Tuesday

Veteran's Day. Camps are encouraged to hold services in recognition of all veterans of all United States Military Services.

#### 15th — Saturday

#### Gettysburg, PA

Remembrance Day Parade, services and evening military ball.

#### 19th — Wednesday

GAR Remembrance Day. Camps are encouraged to hold observances in recognition of the Grand Army of the Republic.

### JANUARY

#### 2nd — Friday

Copy deadline date for the February issue of Michigan's Messenger. Copy must be *received* by the editor by this date to ensure it's inclusion in the February issue.

### FEBRUARY

#### 21st — Saturday

#### Lansing

The Department of Michigan's Sixth annual *Midwinter Conference* at the Best Western Midway Hotel and Conference Center, 7711 West Saginaw Highway, Lansing, MI 48917.

## SUVCW ROAD SIGN

### Now Available!

At long last, there is another way for us to show our pride. Weatherproof signs, displaying the Emblem of our organization, are now available for placement on community service-organization recognition displays. This is an excellent method of sharing a symbol of the SUVCW with the public.

In early August of 1995, Kent Armstrong wrote to Department Commander William Brennan, inquiring if there was a sign sold by the national organization for this use. There being none, the idea was presented to the National Encampment that year and approved. The national quartermaster was authorized to procure these signs for sale but difficulties arose along the way. Our enterprising Brothers of the Department of Wisconsin submitted a design (based on the current decal) that was approved and now offer the example shown in the photo above. As a special favor, Department of Wisconsin Commander Steven Michaels made the first sale to Brother Armstrong, who bought four signs as a gift for George W. Anderson Camp 58.

The signs measure 18 x 24 inches. The emblem is in gold & black with the name of the organization on a blue ribbon over a white background. A space is provided under the emblem for "local information." Quantities of 1 to 3 signs sell for \$35.00 each (NOT \$30.00 as printed in *The Banner*). The price includes shipping and handling. Quantities of four or more signs cost \$25.00 each. When ordering, be sure to provide a street address that United Parcel Service can deliver to. A check or money order should be made payable to, "Department of Wisconsin Sign Fund" and sent to -

Ronald M. Aronis, Secretary  
Dept. of Wisconsin - SUVCW  
2364 Hwy 33 - P.O. Box 205  
Saukville, WI 53080-0205

## RESTORING MEMORIAL DAY

Page 2 of the July issue of the *The BANNER* has an article on restoring Memorial Day back to May 30 instead of the last Monday in May. Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii has introduced a bill in the Senate to accomplish that task. The Bill is designated S116. You can re-read the Banner to get the exact wording in the bill.

In order to get some movement on this bill it will be necessary for us to have our voice heard. The Department of Michigan Legislative Committee respectfully requests you to contact your U.S. Senator in favor of Senate Bill 116. For your convenience, here are the addresses of the U.S. Senators from Michigan:

Carl Levin  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510  
senator@levin.senate.gov

Spencer Abraham  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510  
michigan@abraham.senate.gov

Dick Williams  
*Department Legislative Committee*

## MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

Plans are underway for the Department's 1998 Midwinter Conference. It promises to be an excellent opportunity for Brothers from all around Michigan to meet together in a time of sharing, training and good fellowship.

The meeting will take place on Saturday, February 21, at the Midway Motor Hotel in Lansing, beginning at 1:00 pm sharp.

The first of three sessions is planned to be a panel discussion about the Department's new program concerning GAR records. Next will be an officer training period in which Department officers meet with their Camp officer counterparts for group discussions about duties, activities and concerns about mutual interest. That will be followed by a series of committee reports and special presentations. The conference itself will conclude with a general question and answer period and adjourn at 4:30 pm.

The day's activities will continue with the George Washington - Abraham Lincoln Commemorative Dinner, sponsored jointly by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Sons of the Revolution in the State of Michigan. The tentative schedule calls for a social hour at 5:30pm, dinner at 6:30 pm and a program at 7:30 pm, finishing at 9:30 pm. The program, arranged this year by the SUVCW, will have a Civil War theme. Tentative plans are to invite the other Allied Orders to attend the evening's events.

Begin planning now to participate in the Midwinter Conference.





The Michigan Delegation with Commander-in-Chief Alan Loomis at the 1997 National Encampment, Utica, New York

*Front row:* Kim Shaw, Dept. SVC Kent Armstrong, Past C-in-C Keith Harrison, PDC Thayne Labanta, C-in-C Al Loomis, PDC Gary Gibson

*Back row:* Bill Lowe, Max Miller, Richard Greene, Dept. JVC Bill Morris, Dept. Sec. Richard Lee, Ron Bellenger, PDC Doug Park (PDC Jim Pahl was busy elsewhere when the photo was taken.)

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