

7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Company B., Inc.

**Policy on
Response to Loss of Member, Member's Relative,
and Corporation Partner**

It is an inevitable reality that losses will periodically occur within and outside the 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Company B., Inc. (Corporation). As a close-knit family organization (within a close-knit reenacting community), the Corporation has both a desire and the responsibility to respond to the grieving family in an immediate, consistent, and supportive fashion when made aware of such losses. As such, the following policy (as approved at the January 18, 2009 membership meeting of the Corporation) will be followed to address such circumstances:

In the event and upon notification of the death of a member of the Corporation, the Board Secretary will immediately send a sympathy card to the deceased member's family on behalf of the Corporation. In addition, the Corporation will be authorized to expend 50 dollars immediately for flowers and/or memorial donations as the family desires or requests. As quickly as practical, the Corporation's membership will be notified by the Board Secretary of the loss and given the opportunity to make a donation to the family. Any amount raised in excess of the 50 dollars will be forwarded to the member's family and/or charity of their choice.

In the event and upon notification of the death of a first-degree non-member relative of a Corporation member (i.e., father, mother, child, sibling), the Board Secretary will immediately send a sympathy card to the deceased member's family on behalf of the Corporation. As quickly as practical, the Corporation's membership will be notified by the Board Secretary of the loss and given the opportunity to make a donation to the family. All money raised will be forwarded to the member's family and/or charity of their choice.

In the event and upon notification of an individual who is or has been in the past affiliated with the Corporation (e.g., a former member of the Corporation, member of another reenactment organization, member of the Cascades Board, employee of the Jackson County Parks, etc.), the Board Secretary will immediately send a sympathy card to the deceased person's family on behalf of the Corporation. The Board will evaluate the particular circumstances and recommend to the membership, for its consideration and affirmative vote, an appropriate course of follow up action to be taken. Such action may or may not take the form of sending flowers (not to exceed \$50.00) and/or an opportunity of the membership to raise funds to be transmitted to the deceased family or charity of the family's choice.

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Lansing, Michigan