

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Department of Michigan  
Department Order No 7  
Series 2012 – 2013  
December 23, 2012**

Seasons Greetings:  
Department of Michigan Brothers and Camps:

As 2012 draws to a close and on behalf of the officers of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families the most Joyous of Holiday Seasons.  
May the New Year offer all of you, *“Good Health, Happiness and Prosperity”*.

I would like to thank all of you for your hard work during the past year in “Keeping Green the Memory” of your Civil War ancestors, and the Boys in Blue who served our nation so many years ago.

During the past year as I have traveled around the state visiting camps and attending ceremonies, it never ceases to amaze me the good works that our Department of Michigan, Brothers and Camps have been involved with.

As we begin a new year let us remember the brothers and sisters we have lost in 2012 and keep them, and their loved ones in our thoughts and prayers.

Brothers are reminded that the 2013 Department Encampment will be held at the Great Lakes Christian College located in Lansing, Michigan on May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

***A note to Department of Michigan Brothers and Camps:***

*I will not be seeking another term as Department Commander. It has been a joy and pleasure to serve you during the past year. I would like to sincerely thank you for that opportunity, it has been an honor.*

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

I am appointing the following brothers to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2013.

**Rick Danes**, Camp Commander ,Camp #427, Dearborn – **(Chair)**

**Keith Harrison**, Past Department Commander, Past Commander in Chief, Camp #17, Lansing/Sunfield

**Gary Gibson**, Past Department Commander, Camp #20, Kalamazoo

**Donald Shaw**, Past Department Commander, Camp #145, Flint

**Robert Griggs**, Past Camp Commander, Camp #7, Jackson

***Any brother wishing to run for a Department of Michigan elected position, should***

***submit his letter of intent, credentials, and any letters of endorsement, to the Department Nominating Committee Chair no later than April 1st, 2013.***

As mentioned, the Chair of the Nominating Committee is Brother Rick Danes.

Please direct your

E Mail Submissions to Brother Danes at, [redanes@aol.com](mailto:redanes@aol.com)

or

US Mail:

Rick Danes  
Nominating Committee Chair  
2612 Burns Street,  
Dearborn, Michigan 48124.

### **ABRAHAM LINCOLN AWARD COMMITTEE:**

I am appointing the following brothers to serve on the Abraham Lincoln Award Committee for 2013.

**Brian Shumway**, Past Camp Commander, Past Department Secretary, Camp #17, Lansing/Sunfield (**Chair**)

**Chuck Worley**, Past Department Commander, Camp #135, Centreville

**Jim Jackson**, Camp Commander, Camp 22, Marshall

Brothers are encouraged to submit nominations for the Department's Abraham Lincoln Award. This award is the most prestigious award given at the State level. We can present up to three of these awards each year. Recipients need not be members of the order. The award shall be conferred by the Department Commander upon any individual or entity who, in the judgment of a three-member panel appointed by the Commander, has through his/her actions, words and/or deeds significantly contributed to the furtherance of the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic within the State of Michigan.

Recommendations for possible recipients of said award shall be submitted, along with a one-page description of the contribution made **no later than two (2) months prior to the Annual**

**Encampment.** Recipients of the award shall be publicly announced and a certificate presented at the Annual Department of Michigan, SUVCW Encampment. You should list the nominees name and address, along with a description of why you believe they should be given this award.

Nominations should be sent to Department Headquarters for transmittal to the Abraham Lincoln Awards Committee.

E Mail Address to submit nominations is: [suvcw@hotmail.com](mailto:suvcw@hotmail.com)

US Mail Address:

Abraham Lincoln Awards Committee  
c/o  
Paul D. Arnold, PCC  
710 Mitchell Ave, #10  
Lansing, Michigan, 48917

Just a quick reminder that Installation of Camp Officers has to be completed by the end of January.

Camp Secretaries, please complete (3) type written copies of the Form 22 with an (updated) membership roster attached, to have on hand for the installing officer to sign at the Installation of Officers. One is retained for your Camp records. The other two need to be sent to

Dennis Fyke  
Department Secretary  
Department of Michigan - SUVCW  
4966 Pelham St.  
Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48125.

(If you need assistance or have questions regarding to your form 22's), please contact Brother Fyke at [suvcw-secretary@comcast.net](mailto:suvcw-secretary@comcast.net)

Also a reminder for Camp Patriotic Instructors that your Annual Camp Patriotic Instructors Report is due to Department of Michigan Patriotic Instructor Gary Granger beginning in January. *(The report will take in camp activities from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> - Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012).* We are asking that you submit your report early in January to give Brother Granger ample time to compile the reports to submit to the National Organization. **(Please submit your reports no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013).** to

Gary Granger  
Dept Mi Patriotic Instructor  
P/O Box #41  
Corunna Mi, 48817

or E Mail to [hagranger@hotmail.com](mailto:hagranger@hotmail.com)

Have a wonderful holiday everyone.....

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty:

Paul D. Arnold, PCC  
Department Commander  
Michigan Department  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:  
Dennis Fyke  
Department of Michigan, Secretary  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War