



**Department Orders Number 4  
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Camp Commanders and Secretaries:

1. Many of the Camps within the Department of Michigan have already completed the process for their Installation of Camp Officers. Not all of these, however, have filed their paper work with the Department Secretary.

All Camps are reminded that their Form 22 along with two copies of your current roster and two copies of the Form 22MI are due to the Department Secretary by the deadline: **February 15, 2015**.

If you do not have these Forms or you need assistance, please contact the Department Secretary:

Department Secretary George Boller: Email to: RELLOB@Prodigy.net. or mail to P.O. Box 530518, Livonia, Michigan 48153, or contact by telephone at: 734.432.7900 or FAX at 248.478.4314

We would like to make you aware and caution all Camps within the Department concerning the serious nature regarding the filing of all reports in a timely matter and always before the day of the deadline if at all possible. The National Organization has issued a General Order suspending one Camp and two Departments for failure to comply with reporting requirements.

The Department Secretary has a great deal of work to do once Camp reports are submitted. If we do not have your reports, he can not do his job and meet the requirements and deadlines of the National organization.

The Department of Michigan will not be suspended because a Camp fails to file their reports by the required deadlines.

Your attention to these matters are greatly appreciated.

2. The Department Encampment will be held on March 28, 2015. This is much earlier than in years past. Notification and Registration Information usually published in the *MESSENGER*, will not be there this year due to the submission deadline for the *MESSENGER*.

Instead, you will find a two page addendum included with this Department Order that contains all of the usual information concerning Encampment location site, hotel, meal and registration information, deadlines and forms.

Please ensure this Encampment information is distributed to all members of the various Camps.

3. There has been a sufficient number of complaints and concerns registered with regard to the Department's website. While this issue has been addressed already in three Department communications, it may be that the message has not been received or if received not understood or processes not followed. What ever the reason(s) we will give you the complete history and current status as to what happened, what we did about it, and where we stand with regard to the website and a webmaster.

In the beginning, and just a few days before the 2014 Department Encampment, the untimely resignation of the then current webmaster, created a very big problem which was not likely to be easily solved.

Members of the Communications and Technology Committee looked among their contacts to see if we could get a replacement for our webmaster. That effort proved unsuccessful.

Three communications went out to all Camp Commanders and Secretaries asking their assistance in asking for a volunteer within their Camps from Brothers or sons of Brothers. If none were found, would they then make inquiries within their areas of colleges, schools, service groups and any other organization that might provide us with a candidate to maintain our website.

All of these efforts failed to get even a single recommendation.

A final appeal was then made to all Camps of the Department asking once again for a volunteer, and further it was stated by the Department that if no suitable volunteer could be found, the Department would have to consider the hiring of a webmaster.

As a result of this communication, two Brothers did come forward and volunteered. This was communicated via the December issue of the *MESSENGER*. It was suggested by the Department that these two volunteers work as a team and back each other up as and when required. Since its publication in December, one of the volunteers has requested that he be allowed to withdraw his offer.

That brings us up to date. The interim webmaster is Patrick Wallace. Please contact him with your changes, corrections and updates at: [pdwallace@comcast.net](mailto:pdwallace@comcast.net)

At this time, please do not send inquires to the Department webmaster link on the current website.

For the future, the Department has received an offer by an individual who wishes to take on the job of the Department webmaster. He is not yet graduated from college and has not yet been inducted into the Order. Both the graduation and induction will take place within the later part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2015. A written proposal will likely be presented for the consideration of the Brothers during the 2015 Department Encampment in March.

We are hopeful that our webmaster problems are now resolved. Further we thank those who have been patient and understanding and apologize to those who did not have their needs met.

Yours In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

/s/

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

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George Boller  
Secretary  
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