



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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Brother Rick Danes, PCC
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Chairman Danes, Distinguished Members of the Nominating Committee, and Brothers,

Please accept this letter, on this date of 22 February 2017, as my formal intention to seek election to the office of Department Commander for the upcoming 2017 – 2018 term.

Brief Personal Bio:

I am a life-long Michigan resident, born and raised in the northern-central region. I have also lived in the Upper Peninsula, metro-Detroit, western Michigan, and northwestern Michigan during my education and career. I possess a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Michigan Tech in Houghton, and a Master of Business Administration (Marketing & Innovation Entrepreneurship) from Northeastern in Boston (completed an accelerated full-time graduate degree while working full time). I am also a Registered Patent Agent with the United States Patent & Trademark Office. I have worked in the aerospace, automotive, consulting, defense, and consumer goods industries for over two decades. Currently, I am a Research Manager with an R&D firm in the oil and gas industry. Most importantly, I am married to the love of my life Lisa, who also shares my love of country, history, and patriotism serving as the President of Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9, as well as on the Council of the ASUVCW Department of Michigan.

SUVCW Bio:

I am currently the Senior Vice Department Commander. For the 2017 National Encampment hosted by the Department of Michigan, I have served as the Chair of the Badges and Ribbons Subcommittee. Over the past year, I have served as the Department Counselor for the Department of Michigan, ASUVCW. I am currently the Editor of The Sharpshooter newsletter (2015 Marshall Hope Award – Best Camp Newsletter of the Order) for Robert Finch Camp No. 14. I am a Life Member of the Order, and have graduated from the SUVCW Memorial University. I have attended the past four National Encampments as a Delegate, and plan on attending Lansing in 2017.

Additional Organizations:

- Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the US, Mich. Commandery – Senior Vice Commander & Nat. Life Member
- Sons of the American Revolution, Northern Michigan Chapter – Past President, Vice President 2016 – 2017
- General Society, Sons of the Revolution – Michigan Society – Board of Managers 2016 – 2017
- Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks – Lodge 323, Traverse City, MI
- Sons of Confederate Veterans – Virginia Division
- Morgan's Men Association – Hereditary Member

Thank you for your time and consideration.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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