

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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Greetings Department of Michigan Brothers and Camps:

Appointment, Assistant Department Chaplain:

In a correspondence sent out shortly after this years Department Encampment. Long time Department of Michigan Chaplain William McAfee, indicated that he would be stepping down from his position at the end of his present term. His hopes were to be able to select and devote time, to mentor an assistant in regards to the responsibilities of the position. Chaplain McAfee sent out an email requesting interested brothers to submit their names/ qualifications to him for review.

It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of **Rev Charles (“Charlie”) Buckhahn** to the position of Assistant Department of Michigan Chaplain, to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Brother Buckhahn was born in Elgin Illinois. He is a 1978 graduate of Concordia Seminary in St Louis MO. He is Associate Pastor at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Saginaw Michigan, and has served his entire ministry in Michigan. He is married with two children. Brother Buckhahn is currently serving as Camp Chaplain to the US Grant Camp # 67 in Bay City. We are looking forward to Rev/Brother Buckhahn serving our membership and welcome him to his new position.

Remembrance Day, Gettysburg PA.:

Remembrance Day will be held in Gettysburg PA on **November 17th, 2012**. The Department of Michigan will be meeting at the Seventh Michigan Infantry Monument for this years commemoration. The monument is located on Cemetery Ridge south of the crop of trees. More information will be forthcoming in the form of a Department Correspondence as the date approaches.

Detroit Veterans Day Parade & Detroit GAR Hall Flag Raising:

The **Detroit Veterans Day Parade** will be held on **Saturday November 3rd, 2012**. As in the past, members will have and opportunity to stay over night in the barracks at Historic Fort Wayne on the night of Friday, November 2nd. It is a great opportunity to spend some time at this storied location that was used as a troop induction center from the Civil War up through

the Vietnam War. Come spend some fraternal time with brothers from around the state to share stories of your ancestors. In the past, candle light and fort history tours have been provided. A more detailed set of instructions will be sent out in the near future addressing what to bring if staying at the fort, uniform of the day, staging location etc.

We will be caravanning from Historic Fort Wayne to the parade staging area.

If you plan on caravanning, **we are asking that you be at the Fort by 7am the morning of the parade.**

Parade staging begins at 8am at (Woodward & Charlotte) and the parade steps off at 10am. (Uniform of the Day and other detailed instructions will be sent out in the next several weeks).

We are attempting to locate a suitable Hotel in the area for Brothers not wanting to stay at Historic Fort Wayne. If one is located we will share that information with you.

Following the parade we are asking that Camps proceed to the Detroit - GAR Hall for a special Flag Raising Ceremony to commemorate the beginning of the restoration of this historic structure. Uniforms and Camp colors are requested at this ceremony.

Camp Officer Installations:

It is getting to be that time of year again. I am now taking requests ref Camp Officer Installation dates. (These will be honored based on the date the requests are received). **If you have asked in the past, please submit a new request.** I will do my best to make as many as I can.

Please submit them under the heading **(Camp Officer Installation)** to hockeyboy121@sbcglobal.net

Either myself or a member of your department leadership will make every effort to attend. Please do not wait until the last minute to avoid potential conflicts.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty:

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