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2017 National Encampment Appreciation

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1 – The Department of Michigan hosted the 2017 SUVCW National Encampment on 10 – 13 August 2017 in Lansing, Michigan. To say that the Encampment was a success would be an understatement. I have received many comments and communications during and after the National Encampment from Brothers across the Order expressing their appreciation for our hospitality, and running an excellent Encampment. This is a testament directly to each and every one of you that supported, attended, helped, staffed, gave input, and/or offered a friendly greeting to our guests. I sincerely thank each and every one of you.

Section 2 – This entire journey with all of its many, many details could not have been accomplished without the leadership of Co-Chairs SVCinC Don Shaw and CoA & PDC Paul Davis and the Department of Michigan Encampment Host Committee. The endless hours spent over the past several years from the beginning of this process to the final day of the Encampment itself deserve our highest gratitude.

Section 3 – A few statistics and noteworthy items are in order to demonstrate what kind of impact the Department of Michigan had in hosting the National Encampment in 2017. The Department had around 55 Brothers that registered to attend the Encampment. From what has been communicated to me, this has not happened in probably at least 40 years. Additionally, this was the most attended National Encampment in over 20 years, by a decent margin. The National Site Committee along with other National Officers gave high praise for the Department's execution in hosting the Encampment.

Section 4 – Finally, it is with great honor that I congratulate our Brother Don Shaw, who was elected to the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief in Lansing.

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this twenty-sixth day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen, the one hundred and fifty-first year since the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the two hundred and forty-first year of Independence of these United States of America.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/

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ATTEST:

/s/

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