



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

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DEPARTMENT ORDER NO.: 04

DATE: 17 December 2022

SERIES: 2022-2023

RE: NOMINATING COMMITTEE, LETTERS OF INTENTION, BYLAWS, AND AWARDS

Brothers of the Department of Michigan,

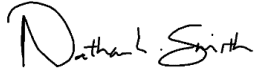
With our 2023 Annual Department Encampment scheduled for April 1, 2023, it is time for those thinking about running for Department Officer positions to start drafting and submitting their letters of intentions to the nominating committee. As I have enjoyed much of my current and last term as Department Commander, I will not seek a third term. As my children get older and I continue to climb the career ladder, I need to take a slight step back and hand over the gavel to others. I would like to encourage those of you who have not sought Department Officer positions to consider doing so. There are many of you out there with incredible talents that have much to offer the Department.

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

1. That the following Brothers were hereby duly appointed on 16 May 2022 under Department Order No. 01 to serve on the Nominating Committee: 1.) Chair – Richard E. Danes, PCC, 2.) Donald W. Shaw, Jr. PCinC, 3.) Dale L. Aurand, PDC, 4.) Charles Worley, PDC, 5.) Gary Naugle, PCC.
2. That with the passing of Brother Donald W. Shaw, Jr. on December 13, 2022, I now appoint Brother Gary L. Gibson, PDC, to the open Nominating Committee position.
3. That any Brother interested in running for an elected Department Office should submit their letter of intention, credentials, and any recommendation letters to Committee Chair Richard E. Dames at: rdanes@aol.com or via USPS to 2612 Burns Street Dearborn, MI 48124.
4. The deadline to submit a letter of intent is 6 February 2023.
5. Proposed Bylaws changes need to be submitted to SVDC Gary Swain via email by no later than January 15, 2023, to allow for the Bylaws Committee to work on the Proposals and publish 60 days prior to the April 1, 2023, Department Encampment. Proposed changes can be submitted to: dsvc@sucwmi.org.
6. Award Nominations should be submitted to the Department Secretary by no later than March 13, 2023, to: secretary@sucwmi.org.

BYLAWS Section 12. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five Brothers who are NOT currently elected to an office of the Department. A Nominating Committee Chair shall be appointed by the Department Commander and shall not vote except when there is a tie vote of the Nominating Committee for any given candidate. There shall not be more than one Brother from one Camp within the Department on the Nominating Committee. The Committee's purpose shall be to prepare a slate of officers, listing one or more Brothers for each elected office of the Department, for the presentation at the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. A Brother(s) nominated for Department Commander must be qualified to be elected by virtue of having served as Past Camp Commander or is currently seated as a Camp Commander. A candidate nominated for any elected office other than the Department Commander shall have demonstrated his ability to responsibly and capably serve in any office to which he has been nominated. The Nominating Committee shall exercise due diligence in ascertaining via peer review or other methodologies that the candidate so selected by the Nominating Committee has demonstrated his abilities for good service and leadership. Further, any Brother who is a member of the Nominating Committee shall, in the event a candidate who is a member of his Camp are selected for nomination, shall recuse himself for voting for that candidate. Nominations from the floor will continue to be accepted at the Annual Michigan Department Encampment.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



Nathan L. Smith, PCC
Commander, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:

/s/

Richard Denney, PCC
Secretary, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War