



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

GARY L. SWAIN DC, PCC

+HEADQUARTERS+

697 WYNDING OAKS, KALAMAZOO, MI 49006



DEPARTMENT ORDER NO.: 1
SERIES: 2023-2024

DATE: 3 APRIL 2023

RE: 2023-2024 TERM OF OFFICE/STAFF AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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:

1. Having been duly elected and installed as Department Commander for the 2023-2024 term, on 1 April 2023, I hereby assume command of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
2. Headquarters for the Department is hereby transferred to:
697 Wynding Oaks, Kalamazoo, MI 49006
3. General correspondence to the Department should be sent to Department Secretary Richard Denney, 30090 Orla Engle Road, Colon, MI 49040, or emailed to: secretary@suvcwmi.org
4. Correspondence to the Commander should be sent to Gary L. Swain, 697 Wynding Oaks, Kalamazoo, MI 49006 or emailed to: commander@suvcwmi.org
5. I want to extend my appreciation to all of the newly elected and appointed Officers and Brothers serving on the various committees of the Department.
6. I would also like to extend my appreciation to this past year's Officers and committee members for their service to the order.
7. The Department would like to extend our appreciation to CinC Bruce D. Frail for joining us at our Encampment and for installing our Department Officers for the 2023-2024 term.
8. The Department extends the highest appreciation for the Brothers in attendance at the 139th Department Encampment.
9. Memorial Day will be observed on Tuesday, 30 May 2023. All Camps and Brothers are highly encouraged to attend or participate in services or other acts of remembrance in Keeping Green the Memory of our Union Ancestors, and all American Veterans no longer among the living.
10. Camps are reminded to please send information on Camp events to the Department Signals Officer for posting on the Department's Website.
11. I hereby make the following Staff, Committee and Special Committee Appointments:

Chief of Staff	Gary L. Gibson, PDC*
Counselor	Nathan L. Smith, PDC*
Chaplain	Rev. Charles Buckhahn*
Patriotic Instructor	Terry McKinch PDC*

Color Bearer	Edgar J. Dowd, PCC*
Signals Officer	Robert R. Payne, PDC*
Editor, "Michigan Messenger"	Richard E. Danes, PCC*
Historian	David F. Wallace PDC*
Guide	Leonard Sheaffer CC*
Guard	Lloyd Lamphere, Sr., PCC*
Graves Registration Officer	Richard E. Danes, PCC*
G.A.R. Records Officer	Gary L. Gibson, PDC*
Civil War Memorials Officer	Leonard Sheaffer CC*
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Lloyd Lamphere Sr. PDC*
Camp-At-Large Coordinator	L. Dean Lamphere, Jr. PDC*
Camp Organizer	James B. Pahl, PCinC*
Aide-de-Camp	L. Dean Lamphere, Jr. PDC*
Military Affairs Officer	Edgar J. Dowd, PCC*
Ceremonies & Rituals Officer	L. Dean Lamphere, Jr. PDC*

STANDING COMMITTEES

BY-LAWS	
SVDC; Chair	Steven S. Martin, DSVC*
Department Secretary; Member	Richard W. Denney, PCC*
Counselor; Member	Nathan L. Smith, PCC*
Member	Paul T. Davis, PDC*
Member	James B. Pahl, PCinC*
LEGISLATIVE	
DC; Chair	Gary L. Swain, PCC*
Department Secretary; Member	Richard W. Denney, PCC*
Member	Dale L. Aurand, PDC
Member	Gary Naugle PCC
Member	James B. Paul, PCinC
MEMBERSHIP	
JVDC; Chair	David Kimble, JVDC*
Member(s)	All Camp JVC's
GRAVES REGISTRATION	
GRO Officer; Chair	Richard E. Danes, PCC*
Member(s)	All Camp GRO's
CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS	
CW Memorials Officer; Chair	Leonard Sheaffer CC*
Member(s)	All Camp CWMO's
CEREMONIES & RITUALS	
CR Officer; Chair	L. Dean Lamphere, Jr. PDC*
Member	James B. Pahl, PCinC

Member	Paul T. Davis, PDC
G.A.R. RECORDS	
GAR Records Officer; Chair	Gary L. Gibson, PDC
Historian; Member	David F. Wallace PDC*
Member	Tom Bruce
Member	J. Douglas Park, PDC
Member	Blaine Valentine, PCC
COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY	
Signals Officer; Chair	Robert R. Payne, PDC*
Member	David F. Wallace PDC*
Member	Dennis Fyke
Member	Patrick D. Wallace
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE	
Chair	L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., PDC*
Member	Robert R. Payne, PDC*
Member	Charles L. Worley, PDC*
NOMINATING COMMITTEE	
Chair	Richard E. Danes, PCC
Member	Dale L. Aurand, PDC
Member	Charles L. Worley, PDC
Member	Gary Naugle PCC
OUTREACH COMMITTEE	
DC; Chair	Gary L. Swain, PCC
Member	David W. Kimble PCC
Member	James Jackson PCC
Member	Gary L. Gibson PDC

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

102nd USCT MEMORIAL	
Chair	Leonard Sheaffer CC*
Friend of the Committee; Member	Geoff Blair
Member	Robert May, PCC
Member	David F. Wallace PDC
EAGLE SCOUT QUESTION REFERRAL	
Chair	Nathan Tingley, CC
Member	James B. Pahl, PCinC
Member	Roy Richard
MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS	
Chair	Edgar J. Dowd, PCC
Member	Lloyd D. Lamphere, Sr., CC*
Member	Calvin Murphy

Member	Paul A. Nelson, PCC
Member	Max Riekse, PCC
Member	Richard Schafer
KALAMAZOO LINCOLN PROJECT	
Chair	Charles L. Worley, PDC
Member	Gary L. Swain, PCC
Member	Terry McKinch, PDC

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

ATTEST:

Gary L. Swain PCC
 Commander, Department of Michigan
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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