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Chairman Danes, Distinguished Members of the Nominating Committee, and Brothers,

Please accept this letter, on this date of 08 January 2025, as my formal intention to seek re-election to the Department Council for the upcoming 2025 – 2026 administrative 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. I am also a Registered Patent Agent with the United States Patent & Trademark Office. I have worked in the aerospace, automotive, consulting, defense, oil & gas, and consumer goods industries for nearly three decades. 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 Past President and Secretary-Treasurer of Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9, ASUVCW.

SUVCW Cursory Overview:

- Past Department Commander of the Department of Michigan
- Commander of General Orlando M. Poe Camp 444
- SUVCW Life Member #801
- SUVCW Memorial University Graduate
- Current Editor, The Engineer & Mechanic – 2023 & 2024 J. Richard Greene Award – Best Newsletter in the Department of Michigan
- Former Editor, The Sharpshooter – 2015, 2017, & 2021 Marshall Hope Award – Best Camp Newsletter of the Order; 2020 & 2022 J. Richard Greene Award – Best Newsletter in the Department of Michigan
- Chair, Badges & Ribbons Subcommittee – 2017 SUVCW National Encampment
- Held numerous offices on the Camp level & within the Department of Michigan – currently the Chairman of the Department Council (for the past five years), Camp Organizer, and Michigan's Messenger Newsletter Editor
- Camp Organizer and Charter Member of General Orlando M. Poe Camp 444
- Have served as a Co-Counselor on the Auxiliary and Department levels of the ASUVCW
- Served and continue to serve on various Department Committees including many as Chair

Additional Organizations:

I am a member and an officer in many patriotic, genealogical, historical, and fraternal organizations on the local & state (Michigan and other states) levels. Many of these organizations cover American history from Colonial America to the American Revolution to additional Civil War organizations beyond the SUVCW, and onward. For the sake of time and space I will refrain from listing all of these great organizations, but am always happy to discuss them with one and all!

I believe my background and experience in the Order, other organizations, and professionally provide me the ability to continue to serve the Department and the Department Council well. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/

David S. Smith, LM, PDC