

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

On behalf of your Department of Michigan officers, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Blessed Thanksgiving, Wonderful Christmas and Prosperous New Year. We are indeed lucky to live in country that affords us the opportunity and freedom to worship and celebrate these wonderful times of year with those we love and care about.

1). It has been a busy autumn.

I would like to thank all of those who took the time out of your busy schedules to march in parades and attend Veterans Day ceremonies in your local communities to honor those that serve our nation.

I would also like to thank our brothers and camps that marched in the Detroit Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November 3rd, 2012. We had (14) Camps march under their camp colors, along with the 14th Michigan, Sons of Veterans Reserve, who lead the way as our primary color guard. Representatives from the Military Order of Loyal Legion of the United States and the 4th, 17th, and 102nd USCT reenactors also joined us. In total we had (44) people participate.

Later in the Day we proceeded to the Detroit Grand Army of the Republic Hall for a flag raising ceremony to celebrate the ongoing 3 million dollar restoration of this historic structure. Department of Michigan SUVCW Camps and members of MOLLUS provided the honor guard as the American flag was raised over the hall for the first time in over 50 years.

On November 19, 2012 members of the Department of Michigan SUVCW and the 14th Michigan SVR attended Remembrance Day in Gettysburg Pennsylvania. Department of Michigan brothers and sisters placed Michigan flags on graves of Michigan soldiers killed in the battle at the Michigan section of the National Cemetery. Members of the 14th Michigan, Sons of Veterans Reserve also acted as the primary honor guard unit at the Woolson monument in a ceremony honoring the last member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Department members and the 14th Michigan SVR then participated by marching in the Gettysburg, Remembrance Day Parade.

If you are planning on attending next years Remembrance Day events celebrating the 150th anniversary of the battle. I would urge you to make reservations as soon as possible. (Note) because of it being the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg next year, hotel room rates in Gettysburg will be substantially higher than normal for this event. Brothers might want to check hotels in nearby communities for a more reasonable rate.

2) It is that time of year as Installation of Camp Officers begin. As of this writing, I have had the privilege to attend and install officers at several camps.

(If you have not yet scheduled your camp officer installation. I am asking that you do so at this time)

Please contact me with the date time and location of your installation, so we can meet the guidelines set forth by the National organization. As you can imagine, the scheduling of installations of (23) camps between now and the end of January can be a challenge. Either myself or a member of your Department leadership will be available to conduct installations. If you have someone in particular you would like to conduct your installation please contact me and every effort will be made to appoint and honor your request.

Just a reminder that you will need **(3) type written copies of your Form 22**, (Installation of Camp Officers) completed to be signed. The form is available on the National Website at

<http://suvchw.org/ftp/form22fi/pdf>

One copy stays with the camp. The other two copies should be sent to

Dennis Fyke, Secretary
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4966 Pelham St.
Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48125.

(If you need assistance or have questions regarding to your form 22's), please contact Brother Fyke at

suvchw-secretary@comcast.net

3) Also just a reminder for Camp Patriotic Instructors that your Annual Camp Patriotic Instructors Report is due to Department of Michigan Patriotic Instructor Gary Granger beginning in January. *(The report will take in camp activities from Jan 1st - Dec 31st, 2012).* We are asking that you submit your report early in January to give Brother Granger ample time to compile the reports to submit to the National Organization. **(Please submit your reports no later than February 1st, 2013).**

4) For Camp Senior Vice Commanders. I would encourage you to submit articles and pictures for events or activities your camp has been involved in to Rick Danes, editor of our award winning publication "Michigan's Messenger", or to Steve Michaels national editor of "The Banner" our organizations National magazine.

In closing, a special thank you goes out to you, the brothers of the Department of Michigan for your devotion in "**Keeping Green the Memory**" of your ancestors and the Boys in Blue that served our country so many years ago.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty:

Paul D. Arnold, PCC
Department Commander
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Attest:
Dennis Fyke
Department of Michigan Secretary
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