

Headquarters Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Department Orders No. 10 Series 2016-2017 L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., Commander Headquarters, Aurora, IL October 15, 2016

- 1. Having received the final report of the Department Hearing Council appointed by Past Department Commander Dale Aurand in the matter between Bruce Butgereit, Accused, vs. David Smith, Plaintiff, on August 22, 2016; and
- 2. Having read the penalty assessed to Bruce Butgereit by the Hearing Council of a two year suspension from membership and participation in any and all Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War activities; and
- 3. Having reviewed the hearing records and the Constitution and Regulations of our Order, as well as having consulted with the Department Counselor and other members of our Order whose opinions I value; now therefore
- 4. I accept the sentence assessed by the Department Hearing Council and here by order the final sentence of a two year suspension from membership and participation in any and all Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War activities effective August 22, 2016 through August 21, 2018.
- 5. I have informed Commander-in-Chief Donald Martin in writing of this order and acceptance of sentence by this office, with a copy being forwarded to the Executive Director at National Headquarters.
- 6. Since I did not formally state that the sentence was accepted on August 22, 2016, and, in my opinion, upon my review of the Constitution and Regulations, Bruce Butgereit has thirty (30) days from the date of this order, October 15, 2016 to November 14, 2016, to file an appeal to Commander-in-Chief Donald Martin, should he choose to file such an appeal.
- 7. I will be communicating by written letter to each of the members of John A. Logan Camp No. 1, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, stating that the Department will assist them and support them during this time, and encouraging them to remain strong and faithful to our Order.
- 8. Brothers, none of these decisions are easy or come lightly and are made with the utmost consideration of what is in the good of our Order. In thanking the devoted members of the Department Hearing Council for their service and care in handling this process, I dismiss this Department Hearing Council, and I request that it submit all materials relevant to this matter to the Department Commanders' Office.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

By Order of:

/s/

L. Dean Lamphere, Jr
Department Commander
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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David F. Wallace, PDC
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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War