



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

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DEPARTMENT ORDER NO.: 17
SERIES: 2023-2024

DATE: 6 MARCH 2024

RE: ABRAHAM LINCOLN AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS AND PANEL

It has been brought to our attention that Department Order No. 16 was inconsistent with the Department BYLAWS Article XIX, Section 3, 2nd Paragraph (See Below) in that it allowed nominations beyond the two (2) months prior to the Annual Michigan Department Encampment, as stipulated in the BYLAWS. Therefore, by the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered that Department Order No. 16 is amended as follows:

1. That the following three-member panel, having been duly appointed, by Department Order No. 16, to serve on the Abraham Lincoln Award panel, remain in those positions and includes: 1.) Chair – Nate Smith, PDC, 2.) Richard Denney, Dept. Secretary, 3.) Charles Worley, PDC.
2. Nominations for the Abraham Lincoln Award received prior to February 27th, 2024 are referred to the Abraham Lincoln Award Panel. Nominations for the Abraham Lincoln Award received after February 27, 2024 will be referred to the 2025 Department Encampment.

Article XIX, Section 3. Authorization for a Department certificate of appreciation award is provided. The award shall be known as the Abraham Lincoln Certificate of Appreciation Award. The Department Commander shall confer the award upon any individual or entity who, in the judgment of a three-member panel appointed by the Department Commander, has through his/her/their actions, words, and/or deeds significantly contributed to and supported the furtherance of the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic; the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and has demonstrated significantly in keeping Green The Memory of Michigan Soldiers, Sailors, Marines who served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-1865, including but not limited to remembrance ceremonies, gravesite restoration, erection of monuments, scholarship and educational efforts concerning the understanding and causes of the Civil War, publications, and efforts by the media within the State of Michigan.

Recommendations for possible recipients of said award shall be submitted, along with a one---page description of the contribution made, to the Committee Chair, whose email address shall be included with the notice that nominations are open, no later than two (2) months prior to the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. Recipients of the award shall be publicly announced, and a certificate presented at the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. No more than three (3) recipients shall be selected for the award in any one year

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

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ATTEST:

/s/

Richard Denney, PCC
Secretary, Department of Michigan
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