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### **The Passing of Past Commander-In-Chief Donald W. Shaw**

Brothers,

Again, and all too soon It is my solemn duty to report the passing of another great Brother and friend. I was notified on 13 December 2022 that Brother Donald W. Shaw had been rushed to the ICU of the local Trauma #1 center in Flint, Michigan. Little was known at the time other than he was unresponsive. Sadly, at around 4:30AM Eastern Time, on 14 December 2022, Past Commander-In-Chief Donald W. Shaw passed away.

Brother Donald was a very loved man within the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War he touched many souls and hearts. From his Biography: [https://suvchw.org/?page\\_id=2588](https://suvchw.org/?page_id=2588)

Donald William Shaw was elected to membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil war on July 18, 1994. He joined the Order through the Governor Crapo Camp, No. 145 at Flint, Michigan. His Civil War roots extend to William M. Begole of the 23rd Michigan Infantry Regiment, through whom he joined the Order, as well as through a great great grandfather, John B. Anderson of the 179th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, upon whose service Brother Shaw based his life membership status with the Order

Brother Shaw has served in most of the elected posts within the Governor Crapo Camp and had been involved with numerous special projects designed to keep green the memory of the soldiers and sailors of 1861 to 1865. These projects include everything from parades to memorial services, to school presentations, to cemetery mowing and cleaning, to speaking engagements regarding the Civil War and the Grand Army of the Republic, to working on the restoration and rededication of memorials left by the Grand Army. He had also served as Camp Organizer of the U.S. Grant Camp No. 67 of Bay City, Michigan, in which he held dual camp membership with the Crapo Camp of Flint.

Within the Department of Michigan, he had served in various elected and appointed posts. These include Department Counselor, Department Chief of Staff, Department Junior Vice Commander, and Department Senior Vice Commander. He served two terms as Michigan Department Commander, from April 2010 to March 2012. He was the 102nd man to serve as Commander since the Department was organized in 1883.

At the National level of the Order, Brother Shaw had served as Assistant National Counselor, National Counselor, National Chief of Staff, four years as an At Large Member of the Council of Administration, Junior Vice Commander in Chief, Senior Vice Commander in Chief and was elected in August 2018 as the Orders Commander in Chief and served until August of 2019.

In other related activity, Brother Shaw was a member of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR), had served as Commander of the Central Region Association of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, and had served on numerous committees performing the business of the Order

Aside from, "Keeping Green the Memory," the best part about the work, in his opinion, is the fine people in the Order with whom he was privileged to work, who truly make all of this a pleasure.

Brother Shaw was also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Masons, and was an Associate Companion, through the Michigan Commandery, of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS). He was born, 9 October 1955, and raised in Flint, Michigan and resides there still. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and of Wayne State University Law School. He had been a practicing attorney in Flint for nearly forty years.

The family has requested a simple service which will be held as follows, On Monday, 19 December 2022 a viewing will begin at 10:00AM in the Brown Funeral Home, 1480 East Hill Road, Grand Blanc, Michigan 48439 and conclude with a service at 2:00PM, After which Brother Don will be brought to the cemetery to be laid to rest.

His family has asked that in lieu of flowers that donations be made in his name to the American Heart Association.

In Honor of Brother Donald W. Shaw, Past Commander-In-Chief, 2018 – 2019, I hereby Order that all Badges, Charters and websites on the Camp, Department and National levels be draped in black in his honor for the next 30 days. Brothers, the duties of National Quartermaster have been temporarily transferred to Brother Jim Lyon and delivery should resume by 2 January 2023.

**So Ordered on this 15th Day of December 2022**

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