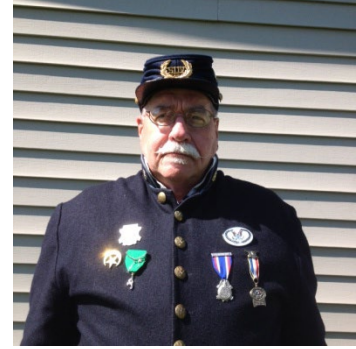




Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Department of Michigan  
March to the Sea Camp No. 135  
General Orlando M. Poe Camp No 444



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January 06, 2025

Brother Dale Aurand, PDC  
Nominating Committee Chairman  
Department of Michigan- SUVCW

Chairman Aurand, Members of the Nominating Committee and Brothers,

Please accept this letter of January 06, 2025, as my intention to seek election to the office of Department Secretary for the 2025-2028 term.

Personal Info:

I was born and raised on a farm outside of Athens, MI and have been a Michigan resident for my entire life. I graduated from Colon High school in 1971 and attended Glen Oaks Community College. I invested 41 years being employed in a John Deere agricultural dealership occupying every position at one time or another except bookkeeper, service manager or owning the establishment. I am married to my wife of 51 years, Dianne, and I have a son and a daughter. In my community I have served on several boards and committees. I was previously a member of the Colon Fire and Rescue Department as a fire fighter and EMT retiring with the rank of Captain. I am currently serving as Department Secretary for the 2022-2025 term.

SUVCW activity:

I am a fifteen-year member of March to the Sea Camp 135 of Centreville MI, serving currently as Camp Commander, have served as Past Camp Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, and Secretary/ Treasurer.

I am also a charter member of General Orlando M. Poe Camp No. 444, serving as Chair of the Camp Council.

I am a member of Co. A, 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry (Irish Rifle) SVR.

I am historian of Co. A, 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry (Irish Rifle) SVR holding the rank of Corporal.

I participate in area Memorial Day observances.

I attend Remembrance Day events with the Co. A 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry (Irish Rifle) SVR in Gettysburg, PA.

I attended services at the Lincoln Tomb in April 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2021,2022, 2023, and 2024 as a member of the 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry color guard.

Having retired, I was able to attend the National Encampments in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024.

I have aided and assisted March to the Sea Camp 135 in the dedication and rededication of grave markers and monuments, the assessment of monuments, and the restoration and rededication of graves. Currently serving as Camp Memorials officer.

I researched and assisted in the placement of a plaque to commemorate the last Civil War soldier in St. Joseph Co. MI. I have assisted in surveys for the Graves Registration site and to locate Civil War soldier's markers and Civil War Memorials in need of repair.

As a member of Co. A, 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry (Irish Rifle) SVR, I have assisted Brother Camps in the dedication and rededication of graves and monuments. I am also cleaning and repairing grave markers in a local cemetery.

I volunteered and was appointed to fill out the term of Secretary for the Department of Michigan in November of 2016 and was elected to the post at the 133<sup>rd</sup>, 134<sup>th</sup> and 135th Department of Michigan Encampments.

I am also a hereditary member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

My utmost goal is to assist camp secretaries with their duties, maintain a proper and timely schedule of receiving and transmitting of forms from the camps to the Department to the National without missing any deadlines. I am currently continuing work on a program of training or a training document to assist those new to the office or assist those currently in the office in the correct completion and the timely sending of forms and documents.

I thank you for your time and consideration and also thank you for your time and commitment to our honorable organization.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Richard (Dick) Denney, C.C.  
March to the Sea Camp No. 135 SUVCW  
General Orlando M. Poe Camp No. 444 (Dual Member)  
Secretary, Department of Michigan SUVCW  
January 23,2025