



**Department Orders Number 1
Department of Michigan
Series 2013-2014
May 5, 2013**

1. Having been duly elected and installed as Department Commander, I hereby assume command of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

2. Headquarters for the Department is hereby transferred to 535 Mayflower Drive, Saginaw, Michigan 48638.

General correspondence to the Department should be sent to the Secretary for the Department of Michigan, George Boller, Suite 7, 17199 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48152, or Emailed to: RELLOB@Prodigy.net.

Correspondence to the Department Commander should be sent to: Paul Davis, P.O. Box 6517, Saginaw, Michigan 48608, or Emailed to: pdmarcomm@aol.com.

3. We would like to extend the appreciation and gratitude of the Department to all of the outgoing officers who served the Department so well and so faithfully over the last term. To Past Department Commander David Arnold, thank you for your service to the Department and the Order.

4. We offer the thanks of the Department to all those brothers filling elected and appointed offices for the 2013-2014 term as well as all of those who are currently serving the Order on committees.

5. The Department also extends our appreciation and gratitude to the Allied Orders including the Auxiliary To The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Womens Relief Corps for their efforts in hosting the 124th Encampment of The Allied Orders. We thank C in C Perley Mellor who took time out of an incredibly busy travel schedule to be with us at the Encampment and install our officers for the 2013-2014 term. Finally, we thank all the brothers of this Department who took the time and trouble to attend the 124th Department Encampment, helping us to do the business of the Department. Brothers, decisions are made by those who attend and participate. Thank you for being there to help.

6. Having a current and correct Email address is essential for efficient communication within the Department. All Camps must have at least one person designated to receive Email messages from the Department. These communications include Department Orders, General Department Communication and the *Messenger* newsletter. If neither the Camp Commander nor the Camp Secretary has a valid Email, Camp Commanders will please designate one person within your Camp to receive Email communication from the Department. Please inform the Department Secretary as to the person so designated.

7. In his report to the Encampment, the Department Monuments Officer expressed serious concern as to the minimal number of Forms 61 he has received during the past year. He further stated that he believed that many of the Camps within the Department have identified and/or photographed Civil War monuments within their jurisdictions. Please support our Department Monuments Officer by making it a priority within your Camp to identify and report Civil War Monuments using the Form 61 designated for that purpose.

8. Memorial Day will be celebrated on Monday, May 27th this year. The actual date is Friday, May 31st. All Camps and all Brothers are encouraged to participate in some act of remembrance to mark this important day for Keeping Green The Memory. If you can do an activity with Brothers from your camp, so much the better. If you are unable to do something with your Camp Brothers, then consider a solo effort. Visit a cemetery and find the grave of a Civil War veteran, perhaps one that appears to have been forgotten. Make it your business honor him. Place a flag and flowers on the grave to honor that soldier. Memorial Day is a date central to our obligations as Sons of Union Veterans to keep green the memory of those soldiers and sailors of 1861 to 1865.

9. The National Encampment will be held this year in Brookfield/Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Site of the Encampment is the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield. Dates for the Encampment will be August 8th through 11th, 2013. Pre-registration materials are now available at <http://2013.suvcw-wi.org/>. The deadline for pre-registration is July 31st 2013.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

/s/

Paul Davis
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George Boller
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