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## Past Department Commander Paul David Hodges

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered as follows:

**Section 1** – It is with heavy heart that it is announced that Past Department Commander Paul David Hodges has passed away at the age of 88 on 16 September 2017.

**Section 2** – Brother Hodges was elected to serve as Department Commander during the 1997-1998 term, following in the footsteps of his grandfather, Herrick Hodges, the first Commander of the Department of Michigan. PDC Hodges was awarded the Department of Michigan's Abraham Lincoln Award in 1992.

**Section 3** – Paul David Hodges joined the Order in January 1986, becoming a member of Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17 in Lansing-Sunfield. He held several offices within Camp No. 17, being elected to Camp Commander in 1996. Brother Hodges served in several offices within the Department as well. In addition to his membership within this Order, PDC Hodges belonged to the following historical societies: Sons of the Revolution in the State of Michigan (Past President), Order of Founders and Patriots of America, and the Sons of Spanish-American War Veterans (Life Member). Brother Hodges also served in the U.S. Army as a topographic surveyor in Alaska. He was a longtime member and elder of the North Westminster Presbyterian Church, as well as Clerk of Session and church treasurer.

**Section 4** – A memorial service will take place at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at North Westminster Presbyterian Church, 743 N. Martin Luther King Blvd, Lansing, Michigan 48915. The family will receive friends for visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. PDC Hodges' full obituary can be found at: [www.grlansing.com](http://www.grlansing.com)

**Section 5** – Paul David Hodges was kind and highly intelligent, a family man, an honorable Veteran, a friend to all in the Order, and will be tremendously missed. His service to his Camp, this Department, and the Order will not be forgotten.

**Section 6** – All Camp Charters within the Department of Michigan, the Department Charter, and the Department website shall be draped for 30 days from this date. Additionally, all Brothers of the Department of Michigan shall affix a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge for same 30 days from this date.

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this twenty-fourth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen, the one hundred and fifty-first year since the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the two hundred and forty-first year of Independence of these United States of America.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/

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Commander, Department of Michigan  
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ATTEST:

/s/

Richard Denney, CC  
Secretary, Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War