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## **Military & Veterans Affairs Officer**

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** – I hereby appoint Nathan Smith, CC, and Department Counselor to the newly appointed office of Military & Veterans Affairs Officer. This is the first known appointment of an Officer to serve in this role for the Department of Michigan.

**Section 2** – The idea for a Department level Military & Veterans Affairs Officer came from the successful implementation of the position within Robert Finch Camp No. 14. Camp No. 14 has demonstrated the advantages of having someone within this role with a very active area Veteran serving in the office and acting as a liaison to the various Veterans organizations, Veterans support organizations, active duty Military, and government officials. This has given Camp No. 14 the ability to have their finger on the pulse of the latest news, concerns, information, events, etc. for area Veterans and Military. With this proven exemplar, it was a natural progression to create this appointed office on a Department level.

**Section 3** – Brother Smith will continue to serve as the Chair of the Military & Veterans Affairs Committee, as this is the intended responsibility of the new office. He has done an outstanding job in leading the Committee thus far, and will continue to advise and lead the Department in the pursuit of better engagement with our Veterans and those currently serving in the Military. I cannot thank Brother Smith enough for his willingness, enthusiasm, and efforts in tackling this brand new role.

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this tenth day of October 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/

David S. Smith, LM, PCC  
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