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Senior Vice Department Commander

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 great sadness that I must inform the Department that Senior Vice Department Commander Robert Griggs has resigned his Office effective 12:01AM (Eastern), Tuesday, 06 March 2018.

Section 2 – With much reservation I have accepted his resignation per the date and time requested. Brother Griggs has done an exceptional job serving the Department in his roles as a member of the Department Council, Junior Vice Department Commander, and Senior Vice Department Commander. His work on behalf of the Order, his kindness, and his friendship are greatly appreciated by me and others that have worked with him over the years. His efforts and experience as a Department Officer will be heavily missed.

Section 3 – Brother Griggs wanted to convey the following message to the Brothers of the Department of Michigan: *“my thank you to all of them for their support over the last five years that I have served as an elected officer for the Department of Michigan SUVCW. I pray that I will continue to receive that support and their understanding as to why I have made this very difficult decision.”*

Section 4 – Filling the vacancy of a Department Elected Officer falls within the responsibilities of the Department Council. Per the SUVCW Constitution & Regulations, CHAPTER II – DEPARTMENTS, ARTICLE V – Eligibility of Officers, Section 2.: *Any vacancy which may occur in an elective office of the Department shall be filled by a majority vote of the Department Council for the period until the next regular meeting of the Department, when an election is held. In the event the term of office is normally for a period longer than one (1) year, the person elected by the Department Encampment shall serve the unexpired term.*

Section 5 – More information will be forthcoming regarding the vacancy.

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this sixth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen, 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, PCC
Secretary, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War