



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

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140th DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN ENCAMPMENT UPDATE

Brothers:

As a reminder, the 140th Department of Michigan Encampment will be held at the Okemos Conference Center on 27 April 2024. If you are unfamiliar with the Okemos Conference Center it is located at 2209 University Park Drive, Okemos, MI 48864. The Encampment hotel is the Best Western, and it is located adjacent to the Conference Center. Please check the Department website for further information.

On-Site registration opens at 8:00 AM, and the Encampment will convene with a joint memorial service at 9:00 AM. The following arrangements have been made for dining during the Encampment week end:

- Friday, 26 April 2024 we will be joining the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War for a pizza party. All are invited and it is scheduled to begin at 6:30 PM in the Stadium Room in the Best Western Hotel.
- For the Brothers staying at the Best Western Hotel, breakfast will be served beginning at 7:00 AM on Saturday morning.
- As previously communicated Honey Baked Ham will cater the boxed lunches for the day of the Encampment. Lunch reservation forms, including your check for \$13.50, were due to be sent to Department Chief of Staff Gary Gibson and to arrive by 17 April 2024. If you have not already mailed your form and check there are restaurant options nearby. The ladies of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are generously providing cake during lunch to commemorate the anniversaries of their three Michigan chapters.
- Saturday, 27 April 2024 we have a dinner reservation, at 6:00 PM, for all who would care to join us at Buddies Grill, located at 2040 N. Aurelius Rd. #13, Holt, MI. The restaurant has a broad menu and is located approximately 10-12 minutes from the Okemos Conference Center.

We look forward to seeing the Brothers of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 140th Department Encampment.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

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