DEPARTMENT ORDERS NO. 21 Series 2017-2018

06 January 2018

Abraham Lincoln Award Recommendations and Panel

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 – Per the Department of Michigan Bylaws (2017), ARTICLE XIX – Awards and Insignia, Section 3.: Authorization for a Department certificate of appreciation award is provided. The award shall be known as the Abraham Lincoln Certificate of Appreciation Award. The award shall be conferred by the Commander upon any individual or entity who, in the judgment of a three member panel appointed by the Commander, has through his/her actions, words and/or deeds significantly contributed to the furtherance of the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic within the State of Michigan. Recommendations for possible recipients of said award shall be submitted, along with a one-page description of the contribution made, to the Secretary no later than two (2) months prior to the Annual Encampment. Recipients of the award shall be publicly announced and a certificate presented at the Annual Department of Michigan, SUVCW Encampment Banquet. No more than three (3) recipients shall be selected for the award in any one-year.

<u>Section 2</u> – The Department Encampment is currently scheduled for 05 May 2018 in Lansing, Michigan. The deadline to submit a recommendation to Department Secretary Denney is 11:59PM Eastern, (2359) 05 March 2018. Brother Denney can be contacted at: <u>secretary@suvcwmi.org</u>.

<u>Section 3</u> – The three member panel has been appointed, and is comprised of Department Chaplain Charles Buckhahn, Past National and Department Chaplain Bill McAfee, and Member-at-Large Coordinator George Boller.

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this sixth day of January 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 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:

/s/

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