



To: The 2016 Nominating Committee
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Brothers,
Please consider this note as my desire to seek the office of Department Secretary at the 133nd (2016) Department Encampment.

I have been Secretary, Graves Registration Officer, and Signals Officer for SUVCW Camp 427 in Dearborn since 2007, and the Secretary for the Department of Michigan in 2015.

A brief personal biography follows:

I have lived almost all of my life in the metro-Detroit area. I obtained a Mechanical Engineering degree from Wayne State University and have worked in product engineering, and planning and quality for Eaton Corporation and Ford Motor Company. I retired in 2002 after 35 years.

I became seriously interested in genealogy in 1994. Since the late 1990's I have determined that eight of my Indiana ancestors served in the Civil War in Indiana regiments. I joined Camp 427 in November 2005, and have served as Camp secretary, Graves Registration officer, and Signals Officer.

I am married to Laura and have two daughters, Jill & Joy. Over the years, I have been a part time instructor in engineering, technology and adult education. I am an officer in the Ford Genealogy Club, a member of the Oakland County Genealogical Society, the Greene County Indiana Historical Society and the Indiana Genealogical Society, as well coordinator/organizer for my high school alumni. My other interests include water skiing, snow skiing, sail boarding, fishing, biking and DIY home improvement.

Sincerely, In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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Gerald L. [Jerry] Jacobs