

Brothers,

My name is Bob Griggs and I am seeking your support for the office of Department of Michigan Senior Vice Commander.

I have been a member of the Austin Blair Camp for 15 years. During that time I have held the position of Guide, Patriotic Instructor, Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and Commander. **For the past year I have served as Department of Michigan Junior Vice Commander.**

My other qualifications and accomplishments are:

- Proud life member of the organization
- Member of the Department of Michigan Council 2013-2016
- Board Member-volunteer at the James B. Brainerd G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum. Displayed items at the Museum for the 150th anniversary of the G.A.R.
- Served as Department Credentials Committee Chairman
- Served on Department Abraham Lincoln Award Committee
- Austin Blair Award (Camp) Abraham Lincoln Award (Department) recipient
- Signals Officer, webmaster, created/maintain Austin Blair Facebook page. Created informative webpages on Flags, Photography, Drummer Boys, Music
- Editor of our Camp newsletter
- Serve as Council-Advisor to the Ladies Auxiliary of our Camp
- Colorized approximately 1100 etchings and photographs for handouts
- Served on Camp Council and worked on the By-Laws Committee
- Member of 14th Michigan Sons of Veterans Reserve
- Participated in Ceremony at Lincoln's Tomb and Lincoln Funeral Train at Springfield
- Took part in 150th Remembrance Day event at Gettysburg
- Assisted other camps with headstone and monument (re)dedications
- Taken part in Memorial Day events, Eagle Scout presentations, and the Jackson Republican Party Founding Commemoration
- On committees to obtain and place a State Historical Marker for Rendezvous Camp Blair, and to have a permanent marker installed at the Soldiers Cemetery in Mt. Evergreen Cemetery
- Work closely with local schools and museums to present informational Civil War programs and day camps
- Given numerous Civil War presentations to civic organizations and senior centers
- Attended several School of Instruction for Civil War soldiers
- For 14 years, I have answered questions about locating ancestors' Civil War records and gravesites while at the Jackson Civil War Muster
- Set up camp and participate in the skirmish at the Paddock-Hubbard House Civil War Day in Concord, Michigan
- Present a "Civil War Life" educational program at the Waterloo Farm Museum for their Blacksmith, Soldier and Log Cabin weekend and their Pioneer Day
- Have participated in the Turkeyville Civil War Muster
- Visited numerous battlefield sites in a dozen different states to learn more about the battles and the men who fought them



I feel that my experience and dedication, within and to this organization, qualifies me for the position of Department Senior Vice Commander - and I hope you do as well.

I thank you for taking the time to read this and for your consideration.