



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Department of Michigan  
March to the Sea Camp No. 135  
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Chairman Danes, Members of the Nominating Committee and Brothers,  
Please accept this letter of February 28, 2017 as my intention to seek election to the office of  
Department Secretary for the 2017-2018 term.

**Personal Info:**

I was born and raised on a farm outside of Athens, MI and have been a Michigan resident for my entire life. I graduated from Colon High school in 1971 and attended Glen Oaks Community College. I invested 41 years being employed in a John Deere agricultural dealership occupying every position at one time or another except bookkeeper, service manager or owning the establishment. I am married to my wife of 43 years, Dianne, and I have a son and a daughter. In my community I have served several boards and committees and am currently chairman of the Colon Township Zoning Board of Appeals. I was previously a member of the Colon Fire and Rescue Department as a fire fighter and EMT retiring with the rank of Captain. I am a member of the Colon Baptist Church serving as a Deacon and Sunday school teacher, and clerk of the church board.

**SUVCW activity:**

I am an eight year member of March to the Sea Camp 135 of Centreville MI, serving currently in my second term as camp commander, having served as Senior Vice Commander and Secretary/ Treasurer. I am a member of Co. A, 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry (Irish Rifle) SVR.

I am historian of Co. A, 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry (Irish Rifle) SVR holding the rank of Corporal. I participate in area Memorial Day observances.

I attend Remembrance Day events with the Co. A 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry (Irish Rifle) SVR in Gettysburg, PA.

I serve as a representative of the SUVCW at the Branch Co. Civil War Days in Coldwater, MI. Having retired, I was able to attend the 2016 National Encampment in Springfield, IL.

I have aided and assisted March to the Sea Camp 135 in the dedication and rededication of grave markers and monuments, the assessment of monuments, and the restoration and rededication of graves.

I researched and assisted in the placement of a plaque to commemorate the last Civil War soldier in St. Joseph Co. MI. I have assisted in surveys for the Graves Registration site and to locate Civil War soldier's markers in need of repair.

As a member of Co. A, 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry (Irish Rifle) SVR, I have assist Brother Camps in the dedication and rededication of graves and monuments.

I volunteered and was appointed to fill out the term of Secretary for the Department of Michigan in October of 2016.

While I am continuing to learn the aspects and duties of my office, my utmost goal is to assist camp secretaries with their duties, maintain a proper and timely schedule of receiving and transmitting of forms from the camps to the Department to the National without missing any deadlines. It is my hope to create a program of training or a training document to assist those new to the office or assist those currently in the office in the correct completion and the timely sending of forms and documents.

I thank you for your time and consideration and also thank you for your time and commitment to our honorable organization.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
Richard (Dick) Denney C.C.  
Secretary, Department of Michigan SUVCW