

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
DRAFT BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE 140<sup>TH</sup> DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

Recommended language will be in **RED**. Eliminated language will be crossed out in ~~RED~~.

I. Outreach Committee

Amend ARTICLE IX – COMMITTEES, Section 1 to read:

The Standing Committees shall be as follows: Bylaws, Legislative, Membership, Graves Registration, Civil War Memorials, G.A.R. Records, Communications and Technology, Nominating, Ceremonies and Rituals, and Credentials, **and Outreach**.

Amend ARTICLE IX – Committees, by adding Section 14.

**Section 14. The Outreach Committee shall consist of the Department Senior Vice Commander as Chair, the Junior Vice Department Commander and any other Brother(s) of the Department as the Senior Vice Department Commander deems necessary, with the consent of the Department Commander. The committee shall cultivate activities related to the outreach needs of the Department of Michigan, including liaison with Civil War Roundtables, genealogy clubs, Veterans organizations and other such organizations, for our mutual benefit.**

II. Military and Veterans Affairs Committee

Amend ARTICLE IX – COMMITTEES, Section 1 to read:

The Standing Committees shall be as follows: Bylaws, Legislative, Membership, Graves Registration, Civil War Memorials, G.A.R. Records, Communications and Technology, Nominating, Ceremonies and Rituals, and Credentials, **and Military and Veterans Affairs Committee**.

Amend ARTICLE IX – Committees, by adding Section 15.

**Section 15. The Military and Veterans Affairs Committee shall consist of Shall advise the Department and Camps of items of interest or that concern Veterans and current members of the U.S. Armed Forces. The committee may seek opportunities and recommend actions in which the Department can aid Veterans and current members of the U.S.Armed Forces. The committee shall consist of the Military and Veteran Affairs Officer (if so appointed) as Chair, with no fewer than four additional Brothers (with preference to Veterans or current members of the U. S. Armed Forces when possible) of the Department appointed by the Commander.**

III. The Keith G. Harrison Most Outstanding Social Media On-Line Presence Award.

## Adding new Section 6 to ARTICLE XIX – Awards and Insignia

Section 6. Authorization for a Department Keith G. Harrison Outstanding Social Media Online Presence Award. A three member panel consisting of three Brothers appointed by the Department Commander shall decide which Camp has the most outstanding website within the Department of Michigan based on review of Camp websites as nominated by Camps of the Department via the Department Secretary and/or Department Commander and thusly forwarded to the three member panel for review over the course of a year, Encampment to Encampment, with a majority decision made 30 days prior to the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. Items to be evaluated by the three member panel may include visual aesthetics and design of the website, functionality of the website, inclusion of interesting information, ease of contracting the Camp, up-to-date Camp information such as events and activities, cross referencing links to Camp social media channels, new features, ect. A certificate shall be awarded with the winning Camp's name and webmaster listed.

## IV. Amend Article II – Meetings, Section 1 to read:

The Annual Michigan Department Encampment shall be held on a day between the first day of January and the first day of July. ~~The Department Commander will appoint the appropriate number of Brothers, being no less than three, to serve on the Annual Michigan Department Site Committee. The Annual Michigan Department Encampment Committee shall select the time and place for the Annual Michigan Department Encampment and report their findings to the Department Commander before February 1<sup>st</sup> in any year.~~

## Amend Article IX – Committees, Section 1 to read:

The Standing Committees shall be as follows: Bylaws, Legislative, Membership, Graves Registration, Civil War Memorials, G.A.R. Records, Communications and Technology, Nominating, Ceremonies and Rituals, Credentials and Annual Michigan Department Encampment Site Committee.

## Amend Article IX – Committees, to add section 16, to read:

Section 16. The Annual Michigan Encampment Site Committee shall recommend the time and place for an Annual Michigan Department Encampment to the Department Commander no later than March 1 of the year before the proposed Department Encampment. If approved, the Department Commander shall sign all contracts necessary. Any funds that may be required as a deposit for securing or as a condition of the contract shall be paid by the Department Treasurer. In the event of the failure of the Annual Michigan Encampment Site Selection Committee to fix the time and place of an Annual Michigan Department Encampment by the deadline, the Department Commander shall select the time and location of that Annual Michigan Department Encampment. In any event, the date and location of the next Annual Michigan Department Encampment shall be announced by the conclusion of each year's Annual Department Encampment. The Annual Michigan Encampment Site Committee may make recommendations for two years or more years in advance of the next Department Encampment. Once a contract is signed, the Department Commander may appoint an Encampment Coordinator for that particular

Encampment, to assist the Department Commander in working out details and coordinating with the host hotel and other Allied Orders that may be also attending.

V. Should any of these proposed amendments not pass the section numbers of the remaining amendments shall be adjusted accordingly.