

Feb 9, 2024

Greetings Nominating Committee

Brothers,

My name is Steven S. Martin, and I would like to submit my letter of intent for the position of Michigan Department of SUVCW Department Commander. I have had the honor and privilege of holding the position of Michigan Department of SUVCW Senior Vice commander 2023/24 and SUVCW Junior Vice Commander for the term of 2022/23. I have also had the privilege of sitting on the Michigan Department of SUVCW Council for two terms (2020-21/2021-22). I am the past Camp Commander of the Curtenius Guard Camp #17 out of Lansing/Sunfield having served two terms 2018/19 & 2019/20. I previously served two terms as Camp Council of the Curtenius Guard Camp #17 for 2020/21 & 2021/22. I recently served as the Senior Vice Commander of the Curtenius Guard Camp #17 for the term of 2022/23. I also am a member of the Company A, 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry, SVR "Irish Rifle". I am also a life member of the SUVCW #1168



I am a retired 25yr veteran of the Ingham County Sheriff's Office out of Mason, MI. I retired in September 2012 with the rank of Sergeant. During my career I have held numerous leadership positions with a decent size staff. Throughout my career I have been recognized and awarded many commendations such as Bravery, Meritorious and Unit Citations.

I am a member of several hereditary groups which I will list.

1. Sons of The Revolution (Michigan Society) Current Registrar for SRMI
2. Society of The War of 1812 (Michigan Chapter)
3. Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War (Life Member #1168)
4. General Society of Mayflower Descendants
5. Ohio Society of Mayflower Descendants
6. Thomas Minor Society
7. Thomas Rogers Society
8. Elder William Brewster Society
9. Pilgrim John Howland Society
10. Francis Cooke Society
11. Pilgrim John Billington Society
12. Order of Founders and Patriots (Michigan Society) Current Registrar

I am proud to say that I descend from a long line of American Patriots. I directly descend from fourteen Grandparents that were Mayflower Passengers for a total of twenty-six times. I also have three Grandfathers who fought in the Pequot War. I have twenty Grandfathers who fought in King Philip's War, four of which were killed. Twenty-three Grandfathers who fought in the Revolutionary War. Three Grandfathers who fought in the War of 1812. One Grandfather who fought in the Mexican /American War. Six Grandfathers who fought for the Union in the Civil War (one Andersonville survivor). Six Great Granduncles who fought in WWI (two KIA), Two Grandfathers who fought in WWII. One cousin who fought in the Korean War. Two Uncles who fought in Vietnam. One cousin who fought in Iraq and Afghanistan. Patriotism runs deep in my family, and I am proud of each one of their sacrifices. I also look forward to serving the brothers of the Michigan SUVCW if elected.

Please consider my application of intent to run for Department Commander. Thank you all so much for your time and consideration.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Steven S. Martin