

1. Forms 22 and 22 MI: The Installation of Camp Officers is nearing completion. Camp Commanders and Secretaries are reminded that their Form 22, current rosters, as well as the Form 22MI are due as soon as possible and not later than February 15, 2014.

Please send two copies of your completed Form 22 and two copies of your current Camp roster as well as two copies of the Form 22MI to the Department Secretary:

George Boller, Suite 7, 17199 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48152 For assistance or questions, Email: RELLOB@Prodigy.net.

## Deadline is February 15, 2014

Please be mindful that effective and timely communication between the Department and the Camps is essential. To ensure this need, please be sure you have at least one member in your Camp who can receive Email and communicate any Email messages to the brothers in your Camp. Also, to ensure all brothers receive the *Michigan Messenger*, be sure and designate on the Form 22MI, an individual within your Camp who can receive the *Messenger* as an electronic file and distribute the newsletter to all brothers of your Camp.

Your attention and cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

**2. Nominating Committee:** The following brothers are hereby appointed to serve on the 2014 Nominating Committee:

Rick Danes, Chairman Keith Harrison, PCIC, PDC Don Shaw, PDC Gary Gibson, PDC Robert Griggs, PCC

**3. Department Office Candidates:** Any brother interested in running for a Department Elected Office should make their intentions known to the Nominating Committee by submitting a letter of intent either by Email or USPS mail stating your interest, credentials and any letters of recommendation to:

Rick Danes, Chairman, Nominating Committee at: <a href="mailto:redanes@aol.com">redanes@aol.com</a>
or by mail to:

Richard Danes, Nominating Committee 2612 Burns Dearborn, Michigan 48124

The deadline is: April 1, 2014

**4. Department Appointed Positions:** The Department depends of the willing hands of it's membership to carry on the work we do. Any brother who is interested in serving the Department in an appointed position for 2014 - 2015 is encouraged to contact the Department Commander at:

Email: pdmarcomm@aol.com

USPS Mail: Paul Davis P.O. Box 6517 Saginaw, Michigan 48608

**5. Abraham Lincoln Award:** The following brothers are hereby appointed to the 2014 Abraham Lincoln

Award Committee.

David Wallace, Chairman Rick Danes, CC

George Goodrich, PCC

All brothers are encouraged to submit nominations for the Department's Abraham Lincoln Award.

The deadline is: March 10, 2014

Nominations may be submitted to the committee via Email at: jvc@crapocamp145.org

Recipients do not need to be a member of the Order. The award is conferred to any individual or entity who, in the judgment of the Committee has through their actions, words and deeds significantly contributed to the furtherance of keeping green the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic within the state of Michigan.

Nominations are to be submitted along with a one page description of the activities and contributions made. Please include the nominee's name, address and a description as to why you believe they should receive the Lincoln Award.

**6. Patriotic Instructor's Report:** The Camp Patriotic Instructor's report is **due no later than February 1**, **2014**.

Reports are to be submitted to the Department Patriotic Instructor:

Gary Granger via Email: hagranger@hotmail.com

or by USPS mail: Gary Granger P.O. Box 41 Corunna, Michigan 48817

**7. Lincoln Tomb Ceremony:** The Lincoln Tomb Ceremony will be held on April 12, 2014 at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois at 10 am. The Department of Michigan will be

represented. If you are interested in attending and forming a car pool, please advise the Department Secretary of your interest.

**8. Camp Annual Report, Form 27:** A reminder that the Camp Annual Report is **due on April 1, 2014**. Earlier is appreciated if you wish to file before the deadline. The annual report must be accompanied by your updated roster and correct payment of both the National and Department per capita taxes. The National fee is \$23.00 and the Department fee is \$8.00. Further adjustment to your total fee payment may vary depending on your filing situation. For example, you may have added a new member which is included on your Form 27. This would include an additional \$5.00 fee to the National organization for the New Member's Application.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the Department Secretary, George Boller.

**9. 2014 Department Encampment:** The 2014 Department Encampment will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2014. The Encampment site is the Great Lakes Christian College located at 6211 W. Willow Highway, Lansing, Michigan 48917.

The Encampment Hotel is the Quality Suites Inn located at 901 Delta Commerce Drive, Lansing, Michigan. Phone 800.456.6431 or 517.886.0600

Further details including Encampment Registration Forms and luncheon and banquet tickets will be forth coming as we get closer to the Encampment date. As in the past, meal reservations must be made in advance. There will be no tickets sold on the day of the Encampment.

Commander In Chief Ken Freshley will be attending to perform the installation of our Department Officers.

Ordered this 29th day of January, 2014.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

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