



Paul "David" Arnold
Candidate for 2009/10 Department of Michigan
Junior Vice Commander

Dear Michigan Department Brothers:

My name is **Paul "David" Arnold**. I am writing to solicit your support for the position of Department of Michigan, Junior Vice Commander for 2009/10. I am a member and current Camp Commander of Lansing/Sunfield Curtenius Guard, Camp #17. I am entering my second term as Camp Commander. Presented below is some background information on me. A formal resolution will be forthcoming from my Camp at the end of this month.

BACKGROUND:

- ➔ Retired from the City of Lansing Police Department: 29 years of service.
- ➔ Recipient of the City of Lansing Meritorious Service Citation for Bravery 1978.
- ➔ Primary Organizer, City of Lansing Oklahoma City Relief Fund: Raised and delivered \$20,000 in disaster relief for the victims of the Oklahoma City Bombing in 1995.

NATIONAL SUVCW CONTRIBUTIONS AND PROJECTS:

- ➔ Formulated the idea and helped design the current National Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) Challenge Coin.
- ➔ Recipient of the 2007 National SUVCW Certificate of Recognition for spearheading the raising of money and creating community partnerships regarding an extensive five-month restoration project of Soldiers' Lot in Mount Hope Cemetery in Lansing, Michigan in 2007.

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROJECTS:

- ➔ Department of Michigan Merchandise Officer for the last 2 ½ years.
- ➔ Department of Michigan elected Delegate to National Encampment for the last three years and current Department Guard.
- ➔ Author: "*Lansing Remembers Its Boys in Blue*," *Michigan History Magazine* (July-August 2008); an article highlighting the SUVCW's effort to restore the Mount Hope Cemetery Soldiers' Lot in Lansing, Michigan.
- ➔ Co-Author: "*Rededication Program: Grand Army of the Republic Soldiers' Monument Lot Mount Hope Cemetery Lansing Michigan October 14, 2007*;" a 38-page biographical booklet.

CAMP RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

- ➔ Entering second term as Commander of the Curtenius Guard Camp #17, SUVCW.
- ➔ Recipient of the Curtenius Guard Camp #17 *Samuel W. Grinnell Award for Excellence* (This is the highest award given at the Camp level), for service to the SUVCW.
- ➔ Creator and Moderator of the *SUVCW Civil War History Seminars*; a series of community-based Civil War education seminars held on a regular basis to promote Civil War history and the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, and help recruit members to the SUVCW in mid-Michigan.
- ➔ Recently selected to speak at the State Capital at the retirement of State of Michigan Capital Historian and Civil War Battle Flag Conservator, Kerry Chartkoff.
- ➔ Organized and ran numerous SUVCW visibility events including professional displays at Department of Michigan and National Encampments representing the Camp and Department, respectively, and at the Jackson Civil War Muster and various genealogical events in mid-Michigan.