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The Commander in Chief and Council of Administration, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, take great pleasure in presenting the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to Brother L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., PDC, of the Department of Michigan, Gov. Henry Crapo Camp #145.

Brother Lamphere has been a promoter of the Order and an active participant in its activities during his entire term as a member of this Order. He has assisted in the formation of multiple camps within the Department of Michigan, including his own, in which he has served in most of the posts which allow it to keep running. He served as Department Commander during a very contentious time, allowing the Department to move past some challenging situations. Of greatest note is his ability to organize projects within our Order which he has done on a number of occasions. He is one of the guiding members behind the revitalization of the SVR in Michigan. As head of that unit, he has helped it grow from a largely ineffectual entity, to a group that now responds to requests for honor guards, parade participants and like activities all over the state. It puts on the best face to the public of the SUVCW. Under his leadership it has gone on to win the SVR Unit Citation. Further, for years, he has been the primary organizer of carpooling, ride sharing, and accommodations that help brothers travel to Sons activities in Gettysburg and Springfield, thus enhancing the Sons experience for not only them, but providing a trained honor guard for those ceremonies. One of his greatest qualities is that he is there to serve when needed, even though such service is not always convenient. While this has happened many times and under varying circumstances. If a job needs to be done and done right in an urgent situation, this brother generally will see the matter through.

Brother Lamphere's exceptional dedication to this Order and his willingness to bring his formidable talents to bear in all manner of situations speak well of him. This service has not gone unnoticed. He is certainly deserving of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star.

Ordered this 10th Day of August, 2019

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