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## ANNUAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Across our Order, countless Brothers quietly uphold the values of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty through their tireless dedication. They serve the order, promote our organization, recruit new Brothers, help to preserve history, serve their communities, and keep alive the memory of the Boys in Blue — often without ever seeking recognition.

Each year, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War shines a light on their devotion. I urge each of you, as leaders, to take a few moments to reflect on the Brothers in your Camp or Department who go above and beyond. Nominate deserving Brothers for one of our SUVCW National Awards and Recognitions.

Recognition is not about medals or certificates. It is about showing gratitude, inspiring others, and strengthening the bonds that unite us as Sons of Union Veterans. Every award presented is a story shared, a legacy preserved, and a reminder that the spirit of our ancestors still lives in us today.

Let us not allow great service to go unnoticed. Submit your nominations and help celebrate those who embody the best of our Order.

The following National Awards and Recognitions will be presented at the 2026 National Encampment in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania July 31 & August 1, 2026. Nominations must be received **no later than June 29, 2026**. Please review the criteria for each award below and submit nominations accordingly. Where indicated, the appropriate forms (e.g., Form 17) must accompany your submission.

### Individual Brother and Sister Awards:

**Meritorious Service Award** – Recognizes meritorious service to the SUVCW above and beyond the call of duty. *(Requires Form 17 be sent to the Commander-in-Chief.)*

**Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star** – Honors Brothers whose outstanding contributions have brought national distinction. *(Requires Form 17 be sent to the Commander-in-Chief and is subject to CofA)*

**Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Award** – Honors Sisters of the Allied Orders who exemplify selfless service, resilience, and advocacy.

**Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief Award** – Presented to the best Camp in the Order for overall excellence.

**Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award** – Brother of the Year, recognizing exemplary service and dedication.

**Elmer “Bud” Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award** – For a lifetime of sustained, exceptional service to the Order.

**David R. Medert Award** – For the individual who recruited the most new Brothers in the past year.

**Joseph S. Rippey Memorial Award** – Recognizes outstanding service to the SUVCW.

**John C. Clem Award** – Honors exceptional service or achievement by a Junior.

**National Aide Award** – Awarded to Brothers who recruit five or more new Brothers in a year.

### **Camp Awards:**

**Marshall Hope Award (Camp)** – Recognizes the Best Camp newsletter.

**Horace Greeley Award (Camp)** – Recognizes the Best Camp website.

**Dwight L. Moody Award** – Recognizes the Outstanding ministry leadership at the Camp level. (Camp Chaplains)

### **Department Awards:**

**Augustus P. Davis–Conrad Linder Award** – Recognizes the Department with the greatest number of new Brothers.

**U.S. Grant Cup** – Recognizes the Department with the greatest percentage increase in membership.

**Under Forty Award** – Recognizes the Department with the greatest number of new Brothers under age forty.

**Marshall Hope Award (Department)** – Recognizes the Best Department newsletter.

**Horace Greeley Award (Department)** – Recognizes the Best Department website.

**Chaplain William Corby Award** – Recognizes the Outstanding ministry leadership at the Department level. (Department Chaplains)

All nominations must be received by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief by **June 29, 2026**. Please ensure that nomination packets are complete, include any required forms, and provide sufficient detail to support consideration.

Your thoughtful nominations ensure that those who go above and beyond in service to our Order receive the recognition they deserve. Let us continue to honor the legacy of our forebears by celebrating the commitment, leadership, and dedication of our Brothers and Sisters.

So Ordered this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025,

**Kevin P. Tucker**



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**Attest:**

**James T. Crane, PDC**



National Secretary

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