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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

Donald Palmer, PCinC

For Meritorious Achievement in the superior performance in the accomplishment of the Ideals and Principles of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War during the period of 2013 until 2017, Brother Donald Palmer, PCinC of the Department of Missouri, having visited Vicksburg National Military Park in 2013 and noticing the state of disrepair of the Missouri Monument dedicated to Missouri soldiers from both sides of the battle who fought there, did return to the Department of Missouri and propose forming a committee to fix this historical monument.

PCinC Palmer was appointed chairman of the Vicksburg Monument Restoration Committee, and by his vision and leadership, began a campaign that lobbied the state legislature for funding, in the process bringing continuous positive media attention to the SUVCW. Through diligence, funding was allocated by the National Park Service, the project having been made a priority due in no small part to the attention brought by PCinC's committee.

Brother Don then set his committee to work planning a spectacular rededication ceremony, commemorating in part the 100th anniversary of the original dedication of the monument. This event was coordinated with the National Park Service and the Sons of Confederate Veterans of the Civil War, included participation by a U.S. congresswoman, state legislators, and retired Brigadier General Parker Hills. PCinC Palmer's committee prepared special ribbons for the occasion and commemorative challenge coins.

The May 27, 2017, rededication of the Missouri Monument at Vicksburg National Military Park was a significant event made possible by the idea formulated by PCinC Donald Palmer and his action on that idea through the selection and guidance of a committee of brothers from the Department of Missouri. The event was a high-profile success which reflects great credit upon our Order and the quality of its leaders.

The actions, ability, initiative, and dedication of Brother Donald Palmer, PCinC, reflect great credit upon himself, his Department, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Ordered this 11th day of August, 2017.

Donald L. Martin

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An Army is a collection of armed men obliged to obey one man. Every change in the rules which impairs the principle weakens the army. ~William Tecumseh Sherman