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Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star Awarded to David Wildermuth

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 David Wildermuth, of the Department of Illinois.

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 May 2021 until May 2022, Brother David Wildermuth of the Department of Illinois, has for the past year worked tirelessly and made many trips from his home in Fairview, Illinois near St. Louis to work on the Dr. Benjamin Stephenson gravesite improvement project at Petersburg, Illinois. He has worked with the committee to fulfill the backlog of memorial brick orders that were left during the transition from the City of Petersburg administration to Department of Illinois control. This period was during the last illness of committee chair PDC Terry Dyer and the onset of the COVID pandemic. PDC Dyer's wish was for the project to continue and be successful as he knew he wouldn't live to see it completed. Many bricks were left to be engraved and installed and Brother David drove up to Rose Hill Cemetery in Petersburg to install them himself.

Brother David was also on the Department Encampment Site Selection Committee and made countless calls and several trips in the last couple of years to procure suitable locations for the Department to hold its annual and midterm encampments.

Brother David, as Commander of Col Hecker Camp #443 has been a tireless promoter of the SUVCW and has set up many displays to promote knowledge of Civil War history and local figures who played a part. He has also worked on several monument restorations for his camp, most recently to recover a small, damaged GAR marker in the back corner of a local cemetery in Fairview Heights and move it to a place of prominence at the city's government complex.

The actions, ability, initiative, and dedication of Brother David Wildermuth reflect great credit upon himself, his Department, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Ordered this 13th Day of August 2022.

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Attest:



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