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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 Michael Joseph Hammerson of the Department at Large, Ensign John Davis Camp #10, London, United Kingdom.

Brother Hammerson, a founding brother and key influencer in the first overseas camp of the SUVCW, has dedicated his copious talents not only the identification of Union graves in mainland Great Britain, but also to tracking down their living descendants, and a body of published work in the United Kingdom raising awareness of the Boys who wore the blue between 1861-1865. Brother Hammerson's work currently has yielded over 270 positively identified Union graves in mainland Britain, including 8 Medal of Honor recipients, 6 men of the US Colored Troops, 3 Civil War Nurses, and three Generals. In addition to this already impressive number Brother Hammerson's research has identified a further 1,137 Union Veterans Buried in the United Kingdom with new discoveries being made each month.

Brother Hammerson's exceptional dedication to telling the story of the Boys in Blue in the United Kingdom as well as his exemplification of the principle of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty reflect great credit upon him, his Camp, and indeed upon the entire Order. He is most 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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Attested:

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