General Orders No. 26 SERIES 2003-2004 Kent L. Armstrong, Commander-in-Chief 213 E. Madison Street / P.O. Box 618 DeWitt, MI 48820-0618 (517) 669-5765 = Voice (517) 669-1865 = Fax SUVCINC@aol.com

- It has been my great pleasure to sign a Charter for Abraham Lincoln Camp 56, located at Hodgenville, KY with Date of Rank from August 12, 2004. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother Lester D. Crosswhite, Camp Organizer.
- 2. I have the honor to present the following recognitions.

a. Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief's Award (Most Outstanding Camp in the Nation) -

Charles W. Canney Camp 5, Department of New Hampshire.

- b. **Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award** (Most Outstanding Brother in the Nation) -Gary L. Scheel, Ulysses S.Grant Camp 68, Department of Missouri
- c. **Benjamin F. Stephenson Award** (for recruiting the most new Brothers into the Order) John M. Hart, Lt. Ezra S. Griffin Camp 8, Department of Pennsylvania 32 recuits
- d. **Augustus P. Davis Conrad Linder Award** (for the Department with the greatest numerical growth in membership) -

Department of Ohio

e. U. S. Grant Cup (for the Department with the greatest percentage growth in membership)

Department of Kansas

f. Marshall Hope Award

For the best Camp newsletter - Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21, Department of California & Pacific

For the best Department newsletter - Department of Nebraska

g. Joseph S. Rippey New Camp Award (for the Most Successful New Camp in the Nation)

Thomas E. Bowman Camp 12, Department of Colorado & Wyoming

h. **Meritorious Service Award** - with Gold Star - affirmed by the National Council of Administration (CoA) -

James B. Pahl, PDC and Robert M. Petrovic, PDC for their years of distinguished service in a long list of offices and committee assignments.

i. **Founders Award** (presented to a non-member of the SUVCW or any of the Allied Orders by the CoA for outstanding service in memory of Union soldiers, sailors, and marines) -The Friends of the Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery Park - <u>http://www.fgar.org</u>

3. Thank you for the privilege of serving as the 117th Commander-in-Chief of this Allied Order of the Grand Army of the Republic. God bless the *Boys in Blue*, and all who honor them.

Ordered this 14th day of August, 2004.

By Order of: Kent L. Armstrong Commander-in-Chief

Attest: Edward Krieser, PCinC National Secretary

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