

Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War

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1. The purpose of this General Order is to introduce two new awards. The first is the SUVCW Lifetime Achievement Award and the second is the John L. Clem Award for Most Outstanding Junior.
2. The SUVCW Awards and Recognition Policy currently has provisions to recognize Brothers who have rendered exceptional service over a period of time. These are the Meritorious Service Award and the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star. The differences between these two are essentially the degree of accomplishment and the level of approval. The former may be awarded by the Commander-in-Chief and the latter requires a vote of approval by the National Council of Administration. But for most that have received these awards, an extended period of time amounted to several years or a little more.
3. The SUVCW Lifetime Achievement Award was established to recognize those Brothers who have been members for at least 30 years and have provided significant and continuous support over their time as Members or Associates of the SUVCW. The Commander-in-Chief is not obligated to make an award in any given year, nor is he limited to the number of awards he can make each year.
4. The John L. Clem Award for Most Outstanding Junior was established to promote greater involvement of Juniors in the SUVCW and recognize their outstanding contributions. The appointed Committee on Juniors was created to develop a broader youth program and lay the foundation for continued membership into early adulthood. This award serves as an element of a broadened program and key element in bringing about awareness of the contributions of our Juniors. Key contributions could include participation in Camp activities, promoting the SUVCW in school and youth organizations (e.g., Boy Scouts), and/or progress toward completing the Memorial University program. Although no award will be made during the 2011-2012 administrative year, the announcement is being made now in order to give Camps ample time to develop programs that will include their Juniors and, as a result, prepare quality nominations during the 2012-2013 administrative year.
5. The Program and Policy Committee is hereby tasked with amending the SUVCW Awards and Recognition Policy to include these two new awards and, using the guidelines defined in this General Order, developing a complete set of criteria for each award.

Ordered this 4th Day of August 2012.

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Attest:

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