

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

# National Graves Registration Policy

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) National Graves Registration Project shall record and maintain a database that contains the grave and burial information (or grave monument information) on all Civil War veterans who served the Union honorably between 1861 to 1865. Honorable service is determined from an honorable discharge, Pension Certificates, service records, rosters contained in the Adjutant General's reports, etc.

An SQL-compatible relational database shall be used (currently MySQL5) with industry-standard back-up and recovery utilized along with 24/7 support. All records from the main database shall be archived in no less than two separate domestic locations. The entire system must be assessed every 3-5 years to determine if it is functioning up to industry standards and utilizing best practices.

The objective of the SUVCW Graves Registration Project is to complete the recording of the burial locations or final resting places of all Union Civil War veterans and to make the data available to the public via SUVCW.org Internet Web Site.

Department Commanders should appoint a Graves Registration Officer and each Camp Commander should appoint a Graves Registration Officer to facilitate the registration of as many graves as possible. Department Graves Registration Officers shall train and assist each Camp GRO in support of the Graves Registration Project. The National Organization will provide assistance as required. Volunteers are encouraged to verify all data, especially cemetery records, before submitting records to be checked by an Administrator. We seek quality over quantity.