



**Kevin P. Tucker, PDC
National Council of Administration
Commander, First Military District, S.V.R.**

Candidacy for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Brothers,

It has been my great honor to serve you and this Order for six years as a member of the National Council of Administration. I sincerely believe that I have represented the interests of all Brothers from across the organization to the very best of my abilities and with the utmost effort and consideration within my capabilities.

With this letter, I am seeking your support for my candidacy and your vote for election to Junior Vice Commander of the Order at the 2023 National Encampment in Nashua, New Hampshire.

An active Member of the SUVCW for over 25 years, I trace my lineage through my 4th great grandfather, Private Charles E. Elwell, who served with the 11th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, Company H, enlisting on June 13, 1861, and despite being wounded in the leg at the 1st Battle of Manasas/Bull Run, continued to serve until December 26, 1863.

It fills me with great pride to belong to a long line of men willing to serve their country in times of great need. My father, PDC Frank Tucker, served in the U.S. Army and fought in the Battle of the Bulge under General Patton in World War II. After the war ended, he went on to serve as a police officer on the Capitol Police in Boston for 42 years. He was the longest serving state policeman in the history of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

My grandfather, Charles Tucker, also served in the U.S. Army and fought in the Battle of the Argonne Forest under General Pershing in World War I, where he was awarded the Purple Heart for suffering permanent lung damage from a mustard gas attack. All my uncles also served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean War.

My brother, also named Charles Tucker, is a 12-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving, in the Construction Battalion, (SeaBees) as an electrician. Among his other postings, he was stationed on Diego Garcia, building a Naval base during Operation Desert Storm. All my male cousins also served in the Armed Forces.

I served for four years in the United States Air Force, enlisting at the age of 17, in 1977. I served as an Aircraft Maintenance Specialist, (Crew Chief) on F4D Phantom II and F-16 Fighting Falcon fighter aircraft with the 430th Aircraft Maintenance Unit of the 474th Tactical Fighter Wing at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. At the age of 20, I attained the rank of E-4 Sergeant before being honorably discharged at 21 at the end of my enlistment in 1981.

Along with military service to my country, I have a long record of continuous service to this Order. Aside from serving on the National Council of Administration for two 3-year terms, I have served on the National Encampment Site Committee for the past 7 years, including as Chairman for 5 years. I have served on the National Committee on Civil War Memorials, National Special Committee on Website Redesign and as Chairman of a Council of Administration committee on researching a permanent headquarters building for the Organization. I served as the National Civil War Memorials Officer 2007-2010, and as an Aide to National Civil War Memorials Committee 2010-2017. I currently serve as the SUVCW Liaison to the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

I hold a commission as a Major in in the Sons of Veterans Reserve, where I serve as the District Commander for the First Military District, covering the Departments of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

In the Department of Massachusetts, I am currently a member of the Department Council and serve as the Department Counselor. I served for two terms as Department Commander, 2009-2011. I have served in every elected position in the Department, including Department Secretary, Department Treasurer, National Encampment Host Committee Chairman 2005 - 2008, for the 2008 National Encampment in Peabody, Massachusetts, and as a National Encampment Host Committee Member from 2015 – 2018 for the 2018 National Encampment in Framingham, Massachusetts. In addition, I have held many other varied appointed officer positions over my 25+ years in the Order, including Monuments and Memorials Officer, Department Organizer, G.A.R. Highway Officer, Newsletter Editor, Signals Officer and Web Master.

I was the organizer for the Charlestown, Massachusetts Sesquicentennial Signature Event in 2011 and the Return of the Flags ceremony at the Massachusetts State House in 2015, a once-in-a-lifetime event for which I was honored to be involved. I continue to organize the Department of Massachusetts Annual Lincoln Birthday Brunch in February, each year, and assist in our Department's Remembrance Day weekend trips to Gettysburg each year.

The Department of Massachusetts has rendered to me the honor of being the recipient of the Roger L. Olsen Award as the Department's Brother of the Year three times.

I have also served three times as Commander of the New England Regional Association of the SUVCW.

At the Camp level, I served as Charles H. Bond Camp No. 104 Commander 2001-2002. I am a charter Member of General Frederick W. Lander Camp No. 5 in Lynn, Massachusetts, as well as a charter Member of the Colonel Robert Gould Shaw Camp No. 54 in Boston.

I have held elected and appointed office in Charles H. Bond Camp No. 104, General Frederick W. Lander Camp No. 5, and Colonel Robert Gould Shaw Camp No. 54.

In my professional life, I have been employed in the Information Technology field for over 25 years. After working for several large international commercial real estate investment companies during my career, for the past 5 years I have served as the Information Technology Manager for a smaller nonprofit company that delivers services and cares for adults with mental disabilities.

With a lifetime of serving others, my professional and personal background, and my extensive leadership and experience within our Order, I feel that I can continue to make a great impact as your Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I respectfully ask for your support and your vote at the 2023 National Encampment in Nashua.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,



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