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National Awards and Housekeeping

National Awards

1. The Meritorious Service Award – The award consists of a certificate awarded at the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief to a Brother of the Order for exceptional service to the Order or to society.

Michael L. Lance, Lt Cmdr Edward Lea USN Camp #2, Dept of Texas

Kent Peterson, Camp, Dept of Wisconsin

Benjamin J. Frail, Major Sullivan Ballou Camp #3, Dept of Rhode Island, for his steadfast work and support during this last year as National PI, Chairman of Promotion and Marketing, Chairman of Memorial University and National Chief of Staff.

Michael Zafran, Sheridan Camp #2, Dept of Illinois, recommended by Brother Chaplain Jerry For his work in Graves Registration, Grave Marker installation and Patriotic Instructors work.

2. The Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star – This award consists of a certificate and a ½ inch Gold Star appliance to be worn on the ribbon of the Brothers Membership badge. The award is presented by the Commander-in-Chief, with the concurrence of the Council of Administration, to a Brother who has served the Order for an extended period in an outstanding and exemplary manner or for an extraordinary action by a Brother. Recommendations for this award are to be made to the Commander-in-Chief no later than 45 days prior to the National Encampment and accompanied by an appropriate Citation utilizing SUVCW Form 17, which can be found on the National Website. If the Commander-in-Chief concurs with the recommendation, he will bring the recommendation before the Council of Administration for consideration. A majority vote of the members of the Council of Administration is required to authorize the Commander-in-Chief to make the presentation.

Roger Leturno, Dept of Chesapeake

3. The Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Award --- This award may be presented by the Commander-in-Chief or a Department Commander to a female member of one of the Allied Orders in recognition of and appreciation for her outstanding service to the SUVCW. At the National level, she must be recommended by a Past Department Commander, Past Commander-in-Chief, the Commander-in-Chief, or an elected National Officer. At the Department level, she must be recommended by a Past Camp Commander, Past Department Commander, Past Commander-in-Chief, or the Department Commander. a. The Commander-in-Chief may present up to three awards in any one year. A Department Commander may present up to two awards in any one year. It is not mandatory for either the Commander-in-Chief or a Department Commander to present this award. b. The medal

shall be gold in color. The obverse bears a portrait of Doctor Mary Edwards Walker wearing a Medal of Honor within a raised bordure bearing the inscription “Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Medal” above and SUVCW below, separated by stars. The reverse of the medal will be inscribed as follows: “Awarded in grateful appreciation for service to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.” (Note: the reverse also bears the copyright © 2011 SUVCW) c. The medal shall be suspended from a neck ribbon, gold in color for national awards made by the Commander-in-Chief, and dark red for awards made by a Department Commander. The medal is accompanied by a certificate which should be presented with the medal. The medal may be presented in accordance with the ceremony in the “Ritual & Ceremonials.”

Allison Pollitt, National President, ASUVCW

Lynne Dolan, National President, DUVCW

Elizabeth Null, National President, LGAR

4. The Certificate of Recognition – This award is presented by the Commander-in-Chief to any individual or entity which has contributed significantly to the Order, assisted in maintaining the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, or exemplified the ideals and purposes of the SUVCW. Recommendations for this award will be made to the Commander-in-Chief no later than 60 days prior to the National Encampment. The Commander-in-Chief will solely make the final determination for presenting the award and he is under no obligation to make such an award.

Edward Manak, Camp #3, Dept of Florida for his Fraternal and Charitable support of his Camp and the entire Department of Florida over the last several years.

5. The Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief’s Award – This award is presented by the Commander-in-Chief at his discretion to the SUVCW Camp, which he judges to be the most outstanding Camp within the Order during his term of office. Recommendations for this award will be made to the Commander-in-Chief no later than 60 days prior to the National Encampment. The Commander-in-Chief will solely make the final determination for presenting the award and he is under no obligation to make such an award.

Colonel Louis R. Francine Camp #7, Department of New Jersey, For their support of Toys For Tots, Veterans groups locally, Headstone replacement and procurement and returning Civil War artifacts to their rightful States.

6. The Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award – This award is presented by the Commander-in-Chief at his discretion to the Brother whom he judges to be the most outstanding member within the Order during his term of office. Recommendations for this award will be made to the Commander-in-Chief no later than 60 days prior to the National Encampment. The Commander-in-Chief will solely make the final determination for presenting the award and he is under no obligation to make such an award.

I was honored to be able to present two awards.

Robert Payne, Department of Michigan, For his dedication and devotion to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It is he that salvaged the new SUVCW website design from total failure, with his expertise in the area he is the reason the design phase was corrected, and the online presence of the website was able to happen as of 1 April 2023. Without his determination, we most likely would still have no website. He has also been a trusted confidant during my entire administration. Please read my 142nd National Encampment C-in-C Officers report for more information.

James "Jim" Lyon, PDC Department of Illinois. For his dedication to the SUVCW, even after he stepped down as Quartermaster due to an injury to his back, he stepped back up when PCinC Donald Shaw the newly elected Quartermaster passed away after just 5 months. Jim agreed to take back on the responsibilities of Quartermaster until the National Encampment when we could elect a new Quartermaster. Jim worked through his pain to get the Quartermaster store back up and running and the suppliers back online. Unfortunately, Brother Jim was rushed to the hospital for emergency back surgery, just two months short of the National Encampment.

7. The David R. Medert Award (formerly The B.F. Stephenson Award) – This award is presented to the individual Brother who recruits the greatest number of new members during the period from 1 April through 31 March. The award is presented by the Commander-in-Chief based upon the information provided within the Annual Reports received by the National Executive Director No later than 31 May.

John A. Mills (7), E.P. Marrs Camp #5, Dept of Kentucky

8. The Augustus P. Davis – Conrad Linder Award – This award is presented to the Department with the greatest number of new members during the period 1 April through 31 March. The award is presented by the Commander-in-Chief based upon the information provided within the Annual Reports received by the National Executive Director no later than 31 May.

Department of Chesapeake

9. The U.S. Grant Cup – This award is presented to the Department with the greatest percentage increase in membership during the period 1 April through 31 March. The award is presented by the Commander-in-Chief based upon the information provided within the Annual Reports received by the National Executive Director no later than 31 May.

Department of Iowa

10. The Under Forty Award – This award is presented to the Department with the greatest number of new members under age forty (40) during the period 1 April through 31 March. The award is presented by the Commander-in-Chief based upon the information provided within the Annual Reports received by the National Executive Director no later than 31 May.

Department of Pennsylvania

11. The Marshall Hope Award For Best Newsletter – This award is presented by the Commander-in-Chief to the Department and Camp Newsletter he judges to be the most outstanding in the Order during his term of office or by a Department Commander to the Camp Newsletter he judges to be the most outstanding in his department. Recommendations addressed to the Commander-in-Chief for this award must be received no later than 60 days prior to the National Encampment. The Commander-in-Chief will solely make the final determination for presenting the award and he is under no obligation to make such an award.

Department: The March, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Camp: Harriet Lane, Camp #2, Department of Texas

12. The Joseph S. Rippey Award – This award is presented to a new Camp, which was chartered within the last calendar year and determined to be active in the areas of recruiting, Civil War graves registration, and Civil War

memorials assessment. The Commander-in-Chief will solely make the final determination for presenting the award and he is under no obligation to make such an award.

No Recommendations from Department Commanders, No Award Given

13. The National Aide Award – This award may be presented by the Commander-in-Chief to any Brother who recruits five or more members during his term of office. Recipients of this award are recognized in General Orders and may wear the National Ribbon behind their respective membership badge for a period of twelve (12) months. Recommendations for this award will be made to the Commander-in-Chief no later than 60 days prior to the National Encampment. The Commander-in-Chief will solely make the final determination for presenting the award and he is under no obligation to make such an award.

Roderick Fraser, (6), Colonel Robert Gould Shaw Camp No. 54, Department of Massachusetts

Howard G. Black Jr., (5), Daniel Chaplin Camp #3, Department of Maine

Bryan Sigmund (6), Colonel Louis R. Francine Camp #7, Dept of New Jersey

John A. Mills (7), E.P. Marrs Camp #5, Dept of Kentucky

14. The Horace Greeley Award – This award is presented annually by the Commander-in-Chief to the Department or Camp judged to have the most outstanding website or by a Department Commander to the Camp website he judges to be the most outstanding in his department. Criteria would be (1) Promoting The SUVCW mission, (2) Information on activities, (3) Information on membership, (4) Stories about members and ancestors, and (5) Listing of Camp and/or Department officers. Recommendations for this award, from Camp or Department Commanders addressed to the Commander-in-Chief for this award must be received no later than 60 days prior to the National Encampment. The Commander-in-Chief may also use his own observations and will solely make the final determination for presenting the award.

Department: Department of Rhode Island

Camp: Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Lansing/Sunfield, Michigan

15. Elmer (Bud) Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award (formerly the Lifetime Achievement Award) – This award is presented by the Commander-in-Chief to recognize Brothers of the Order who have a minimum of thirty (30) years with the Order and have provided significant and continuous support over that entire timeframe as either a full member or an associate. The Commander-in-Chief has sole discretion for this award and is not obligated to make an award but is not limited to the number of awards he can make during his term of office.

Leo F. Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island

John A. Mills III, E.P. Marrs Camp #5, Dept of Kentucky, Over 30 years of continued service while always honoring our Boys in Blue, working with his camp, and recruiting.

16. The John C. Clem Award for the most Outstanding Junior Member – This award was established to promote greater involvement by Junior Members of the SUVCW and recognize their outstanding contributions. Criteria for the award include participation in Camp activities, promoting the SUVCW through school and youth programs, or other activities that would promote the memory of the Boys in Blue. Recommendations for this award will be made to the Commander-in-Chief no later than 60 days prior to the National Encampment. The

Commander-in-Chief will solely make the final determination for presenting the award and he is under no obligation to make such an award.

William Trafford, DOB 4 August 2014, Major Sullivan Ballou Camp #3, Department of Rhode Island. A Brother that takes part in meetings, cemetery restoration projects and ceremonies throughout the year.

17. The Chaplain William Corby Award – This award may be presented by the Commander-in-Chief to any Department or Camp Chaplain for outstanding ministry leadership in the Department or Camp, upon the recommendation of the National Chaplain. Recommendations for this award are to be made to the National Chaplain no later than 60 days prior to the National Encampment. The Commander-in-Chief will solely make the final determination for presenting the award and he is under no obligation to make any such award.

Chaplain Jerry declined to nominate anyone for this award before prior to the cutoff point but presented three awards on the floor of the National Encampment, please contact him for their names.

18. The Chaplain Jerome W. Kowalski Award – This award may be awarded by a Department Commander, upon the recommendation of the Department Chaplain, to a camp chaplain for outstanding ministry leadership in his camp. Recommendations are to be made no later than 60 days prior to a Department Encampment. The Department Commander will solely make the final determination for presenting the award and he is under no obligation to make any such award.

NOT AN NATIONAL AWARD

19. The SUVCW Flag Certificate Program – This certificate program was established to recognize exemplary Patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States of America. Certificates may be awarded by Camps or Departments to individuals, companies, or agencies, which proudly, conspicuously, and properly fly or display the US Flag. Businesses which fly flags as advertising should not be considered for this award. Recommendations and nominations for this certificate are made to the Camp, Department, or National Patriotic Instructors who will make the final determination for presenting the certificate. Any Brother may nominate candidates to a Patriotic Instructor for Recognition.

Dan's Place, 880 Victory Highway West Greenwich, Rhode Island, Recommended by Benjamin J. Frail National Patriotic Instructor.

20. The Founder's Award – This award is presented a maximum of once per calendar year to a group or individual who performs outstanding service in the memory of Union Civil War Soldiers. The Award consists of a walnut plaque with the name of the recipient and the year of presentation engraved in wood. A permanent plaque with the names of the recipients is maintained in the National Headquarters of the SUVCW. No member of the SUVCW or any organization which is part of the Allied Orders of the GAR is eligible for this award. The Commander-in-Chief on behalf of the Council of Administration presents this recognition. Recommendations may be made to the Council of Administration through the National Secretary. The Council of Administration makes the final determination. The award is made solely at the discretion of the Council of Administration and the Council of Administration is under no obligation to make such an award.

Ms. Debbie Neece of the Bartlesville Area History Museum in Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Housekeeping

- 1. Encampment Committees were discharged, and I thank them for their duties.**
- 2. Thank you to the Host Committee for their attention to detail.**
- 3. Thank you to the Hotel for their assistance.**
- 4. Congratulations to Brother Robert J. Wolz, PCinC for being given the honorary rank of Past Commander-in-Chief.**

So Ordered on this 5th Day of August 2023

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