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Call to Action

The founding of the Grand Army of the Republic in April, 1866 came with an inescapable truth – the ever-marching progression of time itself would eventually bring its existence to a close. Their action to endorse the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as their successor came with great responsibility – to perpetuate the memory and legacy of the Boys in Blue. With great reverence and admiration, we embrace that honorable duty, but we must recognize and meet head-on current challenges, and those in the future, that face our beloved Order. As we rapidly approach the quarter-point of the 21st century it should be obvious to all – we have no time to lose.

With that, I want you to know what you can count on in the months to come. As your Commander-in-Chief, you have elected someone who is **fully committed** to the business of our Order – every, single, day. You can rest assured that this commitment has not been taken lightly and I am fully prepared and look forward to all of us meeting the challenges ahead. Also rest assured, each of our officers, both elected and appointed, along with our National Committee Chairs, have committed to giving their best to you. We are ready to serve each and every one of you, the Brothers of our Order.

As important as these commitments are to the health and vitality of our Order, our successes will also be incumbent on you, our Brothers at the Camp and Department level. Therefore, as your Commander, I am asking you to give a bit more of yourselves. Our Order is filled with Brothers who possess a wide and valuable array of talents; special skills and levels of expertise that are the key to success and growth. Brothers, take the step forward and make yourselves known. In a word, share. The final victory achieved by the Union depended on commitments from the most lowly of Privates to the highest echelon of command. Our country needed every one of them and now, more than ever, our Order needs you. All of you.

Join us. Celebrate by being an important part of our Order that honors our Union heroes of the past. Be a part of our future.

Ordered this 3rd Day of August, 2024

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Attest: *Alan Russ*
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