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## **Passing of Past Department of Ohio Commander James H. “Jim” Houston, Jr.**

It is with great sorrow and sadness that I have the duty to report the passing of Past Department Commander James H. “Jim” Houston on Saturday, October 19, 2024. Also known by many as “Tex,” PDC Houston served the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Department of Ohio with distinction, notably serving as Commander of our Ohio Brothers in 2002.

Brother Houston’s deep love for and commitment to the Order was reflected on multiple levels. Brother Jim served as Chair of the National Encampment Site Committee for eleven years from 2001 until 2012. A reliable fixture at many National Encampments, Brother Jim’s deep obligation to the Order was mirrored in his having held numerous offices in the General Lytle Camp 10 and his dual membership in the Richard Enderlin Camp 73 of Chillicothe, Ohio. Of particular note at the time of his passing, Brother Jim was the Secretary – Treasurer of the SUVCW Charitable Foundation.

Brother Jim’s demise is not only a tremendous loss to our Order, but it leaves an enormous void in his community. A stalwart and proud citizen of great distinction, Brother Jim will be mourned far and wide. We stand with his beloved family and friends lamenting the loss of a good, good man.

A Memorial Service will be held on **Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 12:30pm** at:

**Sycamore Presbyterian Church**  
**11800 Mason Road**  
**Cincinnati, OH 45249**  
**(Of note – there will be NO visitation)**

In homage to our departed Brother it is hereby ordered that the National Website, Charters of all Department and Camps and membership badges be draped in black for a period of 30 days from the date of this General Order.

So ordered this 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of October, 2024

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Attest:

*[Signature]*  
National Secretary  
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