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Proper Wearing of the Badges of the Order

1. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as the legal successor to the Grand Army of the Republic, is bound together by a solemn duty of fraternal honor and public example. Among the outward symbols of this duty are the badges and insignia of our Order.
2. It has been observed that, at times, Brothers wear these badges in a manner inconsistent with the Constitution, Regulations, and Ritual of the SUVCW. In order to preserve the dignity of our heritage and to ensure uniformity, all Brothers are hereby reminded to adhere strictly to the established provisions governing the display and wearing of our insignia.
3. The Constitution and Regulations of the SUVCW clearly prescribe the following principles:
 - *“Officers, Members, Associates, Juniors, Junior Associates and Honorary Members of the Order, while in Camp, Department or National Encampment, on parade or while performing other duties of the Order (other than while performing tasks involving manual labor), shall be identified by the wearing of a Badge of the Order upon the left breast. Brothers should take care to ensure their dress is appropriate to the occasion, such as business attire.”* (Constitution and Regulations, Article VI, Badges and Medals, Section 1.)
 - Badges shall not be altered, defaced, or adorned in any way contrary to official specifications.
 - The badges of the Order shall not be worn as decoration for non-fraternal purposes, nor in any manner that would bring discredit upon the Order.
 - When representing the SUVCW at any public event, Brothers are expected to wear the badge of the Order. The only exception to this requirement is when participating in designated work details.
4. Department Commanders, Camp Commanders, and all elected and appointed officers are instructed to ensure that these regulations are followed at all SUVCW functions and ceremonies. Brothers are reminded that they represent the legacy of the Union soldier in all public appearances, and their bearing must reflect the honor of that charge.

5. Let every Brother remember that the badges we wear are not mere ornaments, but emblems of remembrance for the sacrifices and loyalty of the of the Boys in Blue.
6. Attached to this General Order is a summary of the regulations (with images for clarity) for the proper wearing of Badges of the Order. Please review it and make sure you maintain compliance with SUVCW Regulations concerning the wearing of Badges of the Order.

By order of:



Kevin Tucker

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Attest:

James T. Crane, PDC

National Secretary