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ASSUMING COMMAND

Having been duly elected and formally installed as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation for the trust and confidence you have placed in me. It is a profound honor—one that I do not take lightly. I accept this responsibility with humility and with a steadfast commitment to uphold the high standards of this office. I pledge to carry out the duties entrusted to me with dignity, with unwavering dedication, and with reverence for the sacred charge we have inherited.

In every decision and in every action, I will seek to honor the memory of our forefathers—the brave men of the Grand Army of the Republic—whose sacrifices preserved the Union and shaped the nation we cherish today.

As we embark on this new chapter together, let us move forward with unity of purpose, bound by our founding principles of *Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty*. May our shared mission continue to inspire us, strengthen our Order, and preserve the legacy we are sworn to protect.

Section I – Commendations

I extend my deepest gratitude to the Brothers of the Department of Texas with Louisiana, whose warm hospitality, attention to detail, and unwavering commitment played a central role in the success of this year's National Encampment. I also wish to commend the Department of Texas National Encampment Host Committee and the National Encampment Site Committee for their exceptional efforts in planning, organizing, and executing an event that was both meaningful and memorable for all who attended. Your hard work reflects great credit upon the Order and exemplifies the spirit of service that sustains us.

I also offer my sincere appreciation and highest praise to our immediate Past Commander-in-Chief, Brother Kevin Martin. Throughout his term, Brother Martin provided steady, principled leadership and gave selflessly of his time and energy for the good of the Order. His dedication, character, and love for the mission of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have left an enduring mark. May his example continue to inspire all Brothers in their own service, and may he enjoy continued good health and success in the years ahead.

I further extend heartfelt congratulations to our Allied Orders, including the newly elected National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Danielle Michaels; National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Cher Petrovic; National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Erin Mongelli; and National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, Norma Fiedler. Your positions represent the trust and confidence of your members, and I look forward to working closely with each of you. May the coming year be one of strong collaboration and shared purpose as we continue our collective efforts to honor the legacy of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Section II – Headquarters and Contact Information

Effective immediately, the Commander-in-Chief's Headquarters is established at:

- 58 Forest Street, Wakefield, MA 01880.

- Primary communication via eMail: cinc@suvcw.org
- Emergency contact via text/phone: (617) 678-6003.

Section III – Contact Information for key National Officers

- National Treasurer: Brother D. Michael Beard, PDC; eMail: treasurer@suvcw.org
- National Secretary: Brother James T. Crane, PDC; eMail: secretary@suvcw.org
- National Chief of Staff: Brother Roderick J. Fraser, Jr., eMail: chiefofstaff@suvcw.org

Section IV – Reports

All National Officers, National Committee Chairmen and Department Commanders shall submit reports as follows:

- In support of the November 16, 2025 Council of Administration Meeting in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Deadline for submitting reports is October 17, 2025.
- In support of the April 10, 2026 Council of Administration Meeting in Springfield, Illinois. Deadline for submitting reports is March 13, 2026.
- Final report for the 144th National Encampment in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Deadline for submitting reports is June 25, 2026.

Section V – Chaplain's Office

All deaths of Brothers shall be reported via email to:

- National Chaplain Dexter Bishop, PDC
- eMail: genord9@comcast.net.

Report shall include:

- Full name and date of passing
- Camp and Department
- Union ancestor's name, rank, and regiment
- Family contact info (for condolence card)

Camp Secretaries are reminded that all deaths must also be reported to their Department Secretaries using two copies of Form 30, one of which the Department Secretary will forward on to the Executive Director.

Section VI – Grants and Awards

- Civil War Memorials Grant Applications (Form 62) should be submitted by mail to:
 - Chairman Shane Milburn, PDC, National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, 846 Buckskin Trail, Xenia, OH 45385
 - eMail: CofA2@suvcw.org
- ROTC Award Applications (Form 7) should be submitted by mail to:
 - National ROTC Coordinator Ken Jacobsen, 252 East 1500, Lehi, UT 84043
 - eMail: rotc@suvcw.org
- Eagle Scout Commendation Applications (Form 14) should be submitted via eMail to;
 - Michael Spaulding, National Eagle Scout Coordinator. eMail: eaglescouts@suvcw.org

Section VII – The Banner – News and Submissions

All submissions of articles and photographs for *The Banner* shall be sent to:

- James P. Pahl, PCinC, 445 W. Maple Street, Mason, MI 48854-1519
- eMail: banner@suvcw.org

Section VIII – National Special Committees

The following National Special Committees shall remain in effect:

- National Special Committee on the 150th Anniversary of the Founding of the SUVCW (2031)
- National Special Committee on Headquarters Planning (2030)
- National Special Committee on Social Media Management (2030)
- National Special Committee on Veterans of Wars of the U.S. (2028)
- National Special Committee on Memorial University (2027)

- National Special Committee on Fundraising (2027)
- National Special Committee on the 250th Birthday of the USA (2026)
- National Special Committee on Grant Writing Materials (2026)
- National Special Committee on Chaplain Affairs (Commander-in-Chief Appointed) (2026)

Section IX – Call to Service

The true strength of our Order has always rested in the commitment and character of its members. Time and again—whether in moments of adversity or in times of great opportunity—Brothers have been willing to rise to the occasion, to serve with integrity, and to give freely of their time and talents for the good of the whole. Let no Brother ever doubt his value or hesitate to step forward—whether to take up the mantle of leadership or to contribute through steady, unseen labor. Every act of service matters. Every effort, large or small, moves us forward. Together, guided by our founding principles of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, we remain united. And as we stand shoulder to shoulder in common purpose, our Order will continue to grow stronger—not only in number, but in spirit.

By order of:



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Attested: James T. Crane, PDC

National Secretary
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War