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It is with the utmost respect and honor that I wish to announce my intent to run for the Council of Administration. I have been a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War since 2002, when I joined as an Associate Member of Elisha Dyer Camp #7.

I have since become a Lineal Member due to the research that I have completed with fellow Brother and Past Commander-in-Chief Br. Bruce D. Frail. I have three Civil War veterans in my family tree.

1. Hugh Frail Company B, 67th Pennsylvania Infantry, 10 Sept 1862 – 5 July 1865
2. Richard Handy Company E, 43rd New York Infantry, 15 August 1861 – 10 December 1862
3. John H. Handy Company D, 147th New York Infantry, 8 August 1863 – 18 November 1863 transferred to 6th Company, 1st New York Sharpshooters, 18 November 1863 – 10 July 1865 promoted to Corporal on 3 June 1865

Camp Achievements:

- Joined Elisha Dyer Camp 7 in September of 2002
 - Transferred to Maj. Sullivan Ballou Camp in 2005
- Charter Member of Major Sullivan Ballou Camp 3
- Camp Commander from 2009-2014
- Served every elected position but Treasurer
- Currently the Secretary having served for 9 years
- Coordinated multiple cemetery restoration projects
 - Assisted in over 1000 headstone repairs and restorations
- Spearheaded Pvt. Patrick Masterson Project, 3rd Rhode Island Cavalry, in which Camp 3 placed a Cenotaph for Pvt. Masterson, lost at sea in the sinking of the SS North America 1864, at the foot of his wife's grave and reunited them on what would have been their 157th wedding anniversary.
- Coordinated Civil War Presentations at following institutions:
 - Rhode Island College
 - Newport Public Schools
 - Warwick Public Schools
 - North Kingstown Public Schools
 - Westerly Public Schools
 - North Providence Public Schools
 - West Bay Christians Academy
 - Coventry Public Schools

Department Achievements:

- Served as Department Commander 5 total times
 - 2014-2015
 - 2015-2016
 - 2020-2021
 - 2021-2022
 - 2022-2023
- Served all elected positions but Treasurer
- Currently serving 6th term as Secretary
- Department Patriotic Instructor
- Department Signals Officer
- Liaison with the Pawtucket Red Sox in coordinating the Departments Annual Paws for a Cause event at McCoy Stadium.
 - Department would provide a Color Guard, Honor Guard,
 - Department Commander would throw out the First Pitch, s
 - Promotional & Informational table inside the stadium
 - Interviewed by the Radio Broadcast team.
- Assisted in the Pvt. Michael McElroy, 2nd Rhode Island Volunteers, Reinterment Project in 2008.
- Chairman of the 150th RIGAR Committee.
 - Statewide Library displays
 - Statewide presentations on RIGAR
- Redesigned Department of Rhode Island website in 2022
 - Awarded the Department Level Horace Greeley Award for Best Department Website in 2023.
- SUVCW Liaison with the City of Pawtucket during the 2024 burial of Hospital Steward Byron Johnson of the 11th Rhode Island Volunteers.
 - Planned Procession to gravesite
 - Coordinated Rifle Firing Detail, Cannon Firing Detail, Taps, Field Music portions of ceremony.

National Achievements:

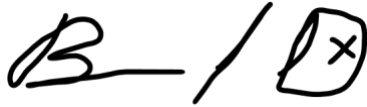
- Served as the Patriotic Instructor for 4 years
- Served as Chief of Staff
- Co-Interim Signals Officer
- Served on following Committees:
 - Civil War Monuments and Memorials Committee
 - Programs and Policy Committee
 - Special Committee on the 250th Birthday of the United States of America
 - Special Committee on Memorial University serving as the Chair
 - Promotion & Marketing Committee serving as the Chair
- Currently Serving on Special Committee on Social Media serving as the Chair.
- Received the Meritorious Service Award in 2023.
- Received National Aide Award in 2009 & 2022

Outside the Order Achievements:

- 2nd Rhode Island Volunteers, Co. B
 - Has portrayed a Private, Corporal, 2nd Sergeant, 1st Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain
 - Current Secretary

- Contact person for SUVCW Department of RI
- Served as a member of the State of Rhode Island Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission.
- Rhode Island College
 - Bachelor of Arts Degree - 2011
 - History
 - Member of Student Veteran Organization
 - An on-Campus organization that has veterans and students work together to promote and advocate for Veterans issues on campus.
 - Served as Treasurer for two years
 - Took part in many Veterans' Day and Memorial Day events above and beyond those of the SUVCW.
- Employed with Brown University Health Corporate Services since March 2013
 - Applications Analyst for Electronic Medical Records (EMR) system
 - Supports the Surgical and Anesthesia Areas for multiple software programs used within Brown University Health's EMR
- Co-Founder of American Civil War Ancestor
 - Conducted research trips to various repositories including but not limited to:
 - The National Archives
 - Brown University – John Hay Library
 - Rhode Island State Archives

Humbly Submitted in Fraternity Charity and Loyalty,



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