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**GENERAL ORDER NO. 10**  
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**Establishment of the Spirit of Fraternity Award**

By authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and in keeping with our Order's sacred principles of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, I do hereby establish the **Spirit of Fraternity Award** to recognize and honor a Camp or Department that has distinguished itself through exceptional demonstration of fraternal spirit and unity in the past year.

**Purpose**

The Brotherhood Award shall be conferred upon that Camp or Department whose sustained actions have strengthened the bonds among Brothers, fostered mutual respect, and encouraged a spirit of harmony throughout the Order.

**Eligibility**

Any Camp or Department in good standing within the SUVCW is eligible for nomination. The Camp or Department of the sitting Commander-in-Chief shall be ineligible during his term of office.

**Criteria**

The award shall be granted to a Camp or Department that has demonstrated outstanding brotherhood through one or more of the following:

1. Promoting fellowship, cooperation, and fraternal goodwill among Brothers and with other Camps and/or Departments.
2. Establishing traditions, programs, or outreach to mentor and engage new Brothers in the life of the Order.
3. Resolving conflicts with patience, impartiality, and respect, thereby preserving harmony.
4. Offering acts of kindness or service beyond official obligations to assist Brothers, Camps and/or Departments in need.
5. Exemplifying, in all endeavors, the principles of Fraternity in a manner that brings honor to the SUVCW.

**Nomination and Selection**

Nominations may be submitted by any Brother, Camp, or Department, and shall include a

written statement detailing the nominee's activities in support of brotherhood, with specific examples and supporting testimonials where possible. Nominations shall be received by the National Awards Committee no later than **June 29, 2025**.

A National Awards Committee appointed by the Commander-in-Chief shall review all nominations and present recommendations to the Commander-in-Chief, whose decision shall be final.

**Award**

The recipient shall be presented with a certificate or plaque at the National Encampment, and the name of the honored Camp or Department shall be entered into the official records of the SUVCW.

Ordered this 3rd day of December 2025.

By Order of:



Kevin P. Tucker  
Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:



James T. Crane, PDC  
National Secretary