



Daniel W. Murray, PDC

Candidate for Commander in Chief

It has been my great honor to serve you and this Order for the past year as Senior Vice Commander in Chief. I have tried to represent the interests of the Order and all Brothers to the very best of my abilities. Therefore, I humbly come to you today and ask for your support and for your vote for Commander in Chief at this year's National Encampment in Gettysburg, PA.

I have been an active member of the SUVCW for 27 years and belong to W.W. Brown Camp 1 in the Department of New Hampshire. I claim eligibility through my ancestor Sgt Andrew J Kelley, 1st United States Sharpshooters. He mustered into "E" Co on 8/8/1861 as a Private. He re-enlisted on 1/2/1864. When the 1st was disbanded, he was transferred out on 9/15/1864 into "G" Co. 2nd US Sharpshooters. He was promoted to Corporal on 3/1/1864 and then Sergeant on 7/1/1864. When the 2nd was disbanded, he was transferred into the 5th NH Vol Inf and was mustered out on 6/28/1865.

I served three years active duty in the United States Army with the 3rd Missile Bn. 71st Artillery Regiment, and after separation, I then served two years in the New Hampshire National Guard with the 3643rd Maintenance Co.

At the National level, I am currently the Senior Vice Commander in Chief, served last year as Junior Vice Commander in Chief and have served for two years as National Secretary (2022 – 2024), on the National Council of Administration (2005-2008), National Committee on Civil War Grant Fund (2005-2008), and the National Military Affairs Committee (2004-2005).

I served 5 terms as New Hampshire Department Commander (2002-2004, 2005-2007, 2012-2013). As a dual member of Camp 104, Department of Massachusetts I served for two terms as Massachusetts Department Commander, 2018-2020. I have served in every elected position in the Departments. I also served the New England Regional Association SUVCW as both the Vice-Commander (2002-2003) and as the New England Regional Commander (2003-2004).

I hold a commission as a Captain in the Sons of Veterans Reserve, serving as the Adjutant for the First Military District, covering the Departments of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont,

Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. I joined the SVR in 2005 as a member of Co A 12th New Hampshire Volunteers and later served as First Sergeant of the Unit from 2012-2019.

I have served on four National Host Committees, two as Chairman (2005 &2023) and two as a member (2008 &2018). I have also been on numerous Host Committees for both the Department of New Hampshire and the Department of Massachusetts Annual Encampments. I have organized the Massachusetts Department Bus trips to Gettysburg for Remembrance Day for the past 15 years.

The Department of Massachusetts has honored me with the Roger L. Olsen Award as the Department's Brother of the Year two times.

I was also honored to have been a member for 10 years of the State of New Hampshire Civil War Memorials Commission. I have been a member of the New Hampshire Battle Flags Preservation Committee since 2003.

I served the Town of Allenstown NH on several appointed committees and was elected to a 3-year term on the town's budget committee. I have been a member of the American Legion since 1985 and have served my post as Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Chaplain and New Hampshire District Three as Chaplain. I am a member of Jewell Lodge 94 F&AM and the Exeter, N.H. Lions Club.

I would like to thank you for your consideration and respectfully ask for your support and vote at the 145th National Encampment in Gettysburg, PA.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Daniel W Murray, PDC
Senior Vice Commander in Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War