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Brothers,

Our National Awards and Recognition Policy details the awards that have been authorized either through the Constitution and Regulations, or by an act of the National Encampment.

This special message is to clarify which awards may be given at the Department or Camp level by the Department Commander, and which awards are solely at the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief.

ALLIED ORDERS

The Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Award - presented by the Commander-in-Chief, or a **Department Commander** to a female member of one of the Allied Orders in recognition of and appreciation for outstanding service to the SUVCW.

NEWSLETTER

The Marshall Hope Award For Best Newsletter - presented by the Commander-in-Chief to the Department and Camp Newsletter he judges to be the most outstanding in the Order during his term of office, or by a **Department Commander** to the Camp Newsletter which he judges to be the most outstanding in his Department.

WEBSITE

The Horace Greeley Award - presented annually by the Commander-in-Chief to the Department which he judges to have the most outstanding website, or by a **Department Commander** to the Camp website which he judges to be the most outstanding in his Department.

CHAPLAIN

The Dwight L. Moody Award - may be awarded by a **Department Commander**, upon the recommendation of the Department Chaplain, to a Camp Chaplain for outstanding ministry leadership in his Camp.

FLAG

The SUVCW Flag Certificate Program –may be awarded by **Camps or Departments** to individuals, companies or agencies, which proudly, conspicuously, and properly fly or display the US Flag.

All other National Organization awards are made solely at the determination of the Commander-in-Chief.

This message does not establish criteria for these awards. Criteria and complete description for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Awards and Recognition Policy can be found under Governance and Forms, National Policies page or by using this link here:

https://suvcw.org/sites/default/files/2023-07/SUVCW-Awards-Policy-07-2023_0.pdf.

Departments may establish their own awards for Brothers who make significant contributions at the Camp and Department level, that may not rise to the level of national recognition.

Thank you all for your efforts and dedication to our Order, and for your desire to recognize our most active and hard-working Brothers.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin P. Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "K".

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