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## **PASSING OF PAST W.R.C. NATIONAL PRESIDENT LURENE I. WENTWORTH**

I. It is with profound sadness that I announce the passing of one of the Allied Orders' most distinguished leaders, Woman's Relief Corps Past National President Lurene I. Wentworth, who passed away on May 24, 2026, at the age of 91.

II. Sister Wentworth was born on July 20, 1934, in New Durham, New Hampshire. Throughout her lifetime, she dedicated herself to patriotic service and the remembrance of American veterans. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Daughters of Veterans of the Civil War, 1861–1865, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Auxiliary to the American Legion, and the Woman's Relief Corps (W.R.C.). Within the W.R.C., she faithfully served as National Secretary and National Treasurer for a combined total of thirty years.

III. In 1982, Sister Wentworth became the first woman elected to serve multiple terms as National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, serving again in 1983. During her second term, she arranged a meeting with President Ronald Reagan in the Oval Office. Although the meeting was postponed due to the tragic bombing of the Marine Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, Sister Wentworth ultimately met with President Reagan on February 22, 1985, and presented him with the General John A. Logan Medal.

IV. Sister Wentworth was also a founding organizer of Logan's Brigade, the Men's Associate of the Woman's Relief Corps. Through her leadership and guidance, the organization developed into a strong and enduring men's organization closely affiliated with the W.R.C. and continues its important work today.

V. During her tenure as National President, Sister Wentworth encouraged every member of the Woman's Relief Corps to strengthen the Order through active membership growth and mutual support in the noble and enduring cause of patriotism. She envisioned a Woman's Relief Corps that was enthusiastic, devoted, and steadfastly patriotic, inspiring others to embrace those same ideals.

VI. The members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War join our Sisters in the Woman's Relief Corps and the Allied Orders in mourning her loss while celebrating a life marked by extraordinary service, leadership, and devotion to the patriotic organizations she loved.

VII. May Sister Lurene I. Wentworth, Past National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, rest in peace.

VIII. In recognition of her lifetime of service and dedication to the principles of the Grand Army of the Republic and its Allied Orders, all Camps and Departments are hereby ordered to drape their Charters for a period of thirty days from this date in memory of Sister Lurene I. Wentworth.

So ordered this 29<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2026, by



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Attest:



James Crane  
National Secretary  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War