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Brothers,

Please note that by Council of Administration vote the following awards have had their name changed.

1. The B.F. Stephenson Award for recruitment is now the David R. Medert Award.
2. The Lifetime Achievement Award is now the Elmer (Bud) Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award.
- 3. Nominations for the following awards must be submitted to the Commander in Chief no later than 27 June 2017. All nominations should be in an official format suitable for reading at presentation.**

The Meritorious Service Award –The award consists of a certificate awarded at the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief to a Brother of the Order for exceptional service to the Order or to society.

The Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star – The award is presented by the Commander-in-Chief, with the concurrence of the Council of Administration, to a Brother who has served the Order for an extended period in an outstanding and exemplary manner or for an extraordinary action by a Brother. Recommendations for this award must accompanied by an appropriate Citation utilizing SUVCW Form 17, which is on the National Website.

Elmer (Bud) Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award– This award is to recognize Brothers of the Order who have a minimum of thirty (30) years with the Order and have provided significant and continuous support over that entire timeframe as either a full member or an associate.

The Joseph S. Rippey Award – Is presented to a new Camp, which was chartered within the last calendar year and determined to be active in the areas of recruiting, Civil War graves registration, and Civil War memorials assessment.

The National Aide Award – This award may be presented, by the Commander-in-Chief to any Brother who recruits five or more members during his term of office. Recipients of this award are recognized in General Orders and may wear the National Ribbon behind their respective membership badge for a period of twelve (12) months. Recommendations for this award has been extended to 27 June this year.

**4. Nominations for the Founder’s Award should be made to the National Secretary no later than 27 June 2017. All nominations should be in an official format suitable for reading in award presentation.**

The Founder’s Award – This award is presented a maximum of once per calendar year to a non-member group or individual who performs outstanding service in the memory of Union Civil War Soldiers. The award consists of a walnut plaque with the name of the recipient and the year of presentation engraved in wood. A permanent plaque with the names of the recipients is maintained in the National Headquarters of the SUVCW. No member of the SUVCW or any organization which is part of the Allied Orders of the GAR is eligible for this award. The award is made solely at the discretion of the Council of Administration which is under no obligation to make such an award.

Ordered this 8th Day of June, 2017.

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Attested:  
**Jonathan Davis**  
Secretary, National Order,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

*Whatever you are, be a good one. Abraham Lincoln*