



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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Brothers,

This General Order is intended to provide you with notice that the time for identifying worthy recipients and submitting award request to the National Council of administration and the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans has begun.

1. Camps and Departments are encouraged to submit Nominee's for all qualifying awards. It is undoubtable, that many Brothers are due recognition for their commitment and work in the name of the Order and the burden of identifying them must fall to their Camp and Department Leadership.
2. I would suggest that each camp and department review the National Policy on awards found at: <http://www.suvcw.org/wp-erycontent/uploads/2017/05/Sons-of-Union-Veterans-of-the-Civil-War-Awards-and-Recognition-Policy.pdf>
3. **Marshall Hope Award for Best Newsletter**
 - A. This award is at the sole discretion of the Commander-in-Chief and Nominations for Camp and Department Newsletters, seeking recognition should be submitted to the Commander-in-Chief no later than 30 May 2018. Each Camp or Department is to limit their submission to what they consider the (1) one best example of their newsletter for the August 2017 – May 2018 timeframe. The newsletters can be submitted either by email or by USPS to the Commander-in-Chief. Entries are to be clearly identified by including the statement "Submitted for Marshall Hope Consideration"
4. Nominations for the following awards must be submitted to the Commander in Chief no later than 30 June 2018. All nominations should be in an official format suitable for reading at presentation.
 - A. **Meritorious Service Award**

This 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.

B. The Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star

This 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 be accompanied by an appropriate Citation utilizing SUVCW Form 17, which is on the National Website.

C. 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.

D. 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.

E. 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.

5. Nominations for the Founder's Award should be made to the National Secretary no later than 30 June 2018. All nominations should include language describing the reasons for their selection in a format suitable for reading in award presentation.

A. 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 is made solely at the discretion of the Council of Administration which is under no obligation to make such an award. 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 individual holding membership in an organization associated with the Allied Orders of the GAR is eligible for this award.

6. Other Awards that the Commander-in-Chief can make sole determination upon and for which Camps and Departments are encouraged to review the award criteria and nominate individuals for consideration. All nominations should include language describing the reasons for their selection in a format suitable for reading in award presentation.

A. Dr. Mary Walker Edwards Award (Ladies of the GAR)

B. John C. Clem Award (Juniors)

C. Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief Award (Best Camp 2017-18)

D. Cornelius Whitehead Award (Outstanding Brother 2017-18)

E. Certificate of Recognition (any individual or entity contributing significantly to the Order)

7. Recruiting awards will be based on information taken from annual reports and provided to the CinC by the National Executive Director

A. The David R. Medert Award

B. Augustus P. Davis – Conrad Linder Award

Ordered this 22nd Day of February 2018.

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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