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The Commander in Chief and Council of Administration, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, take great pleasure in presenting the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star, posthumously, to Gene Turner PDC.

Brother Turner, a life member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Charter Member of the Department of Oklahoma, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was a dedicated and inspirational leader. Brother Turner was the driving force behind the Department of Oklahoma's efforts regarding the Grand Army of the Republic Monument at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Leading a two-year long effort to raise the necessary funding, Brother Turner's persistence in obtaining grant money culminated in the dedication of a monument in 2008. Brother Turner served as the Department of Oklahoma Historian 2002 - 2006, during which time he discovered and brought into the Order, Real Son, Charles Cox. He then served as Department Commander from 2006 - 2007 and beginning in 2007 Department Counselor until his declining health recently forced him to give up that important duty.

At the Camp level Brother Turner was a charter member of Indian Nations Camp #3 in Tulsa Oklahoma where he served as Camp Commander 2003 - 2004 and Secretary 2004 - 2015. He was also a Charter Member of Sgt. Jacob Overturf Camp #4 in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma where he served as Camp Secretary / Treasurer 2012 - 2017. The faith shown in him by the Brothers of both his Department and Camps, in electing him to high office, make it evident he did great service and provided strong leadership over an extended period.

Brother Turner's service was not limited to his Department and Camp. Beginning in 2009 and continuing until December of 2017, he was the chairman of the National Scholarship Committee overseeing all aspects of the scholarship selection process. He was often sought out as a mentor by aspiring national leaders and his sage counsel provided stability and continuity to his Brothers at all levels of the Sons of Union Veterans.

Brother Turner's exceptional professionalism as well as his exemplification of the principles of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty reflect great credit upon him and he is most highly deserving of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star.

Therefore, as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, by the authority vested in me the National Constitution and Regulations and National Policies, it is ordered as follows:

The Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star is hereby posthumously awarded, to Gene Turner PDC.

Ordered this 11th Day of April 2018.

Mark R. Day

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark R. Day', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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