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Department of Illinois
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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Badge Wear and Award Presentations

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of Illinois, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, by the National Constitution and Regulations, the National Policies, and the By-Laws of this Department, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1- A recent issue was made on social media after a Brother of this Department posted photos of himself presenting awards at a college ROTC ceremony. He presented awards for the SUVCW and the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV). He is an Associate of both organizations, which is not a practice prohibited by the governing documents of our Order. The question was raised regarding the appropriateness of wearing a Badge of the Order or other symbol of the SUVCW while presenting awards for other organizations, specifically SCV.

2- The Brother in question was wearing his Past Camp Commander badge as well as a lapel pin of the "Friends of the SCV". The practice of wearing the insignia of other hereditary organizations is covered in Chapter V, Article VI, Section 1 of the Regulations, where it states "Medals and Badges of this Order, along with other military, veterans, hereditary and patriotic societies, in the order of the founding of each." The SCV is a hereditary organization, and therefore its medals and insignia are authorized for wear according to the SUVCW National Constitution and Regulations.

3- The question was also raised regarding the presentation of awards for other organizations, with or without presenting awards for our own. On this, the governing documents of this Order are silent, and the National Counselor cannot recall it being discussed at all in his memory.

4- Pursuant to this information, I hereby order and declare that Brothers of the Department presenting awards at ceremonies where they are representing the SUVCW may, at their own discretion, also present awards for any other recognized hereditary, education, or civic organization, including those of Confederate organizations. Since presenting SUVCW awards is to be considered "conducting the business of the Order," Brothers should wear a Badge of the Order when doing so

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 25th day of May, in the year of our Lord two-thousand eighteen, and of the independence of the United States the two hundred forty-second.

/s/ Harry W. Reineke IV
Department Commander's

Attest by: /s/ Steve Aarli
Department Secretary