

# SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

[ ] INITIAL APPLICATION

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### Membership Request (Check One)

- Camp Membership  
Camp Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Department Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Department Membership-at-Large
- Camp-at-Large Membership  
Camp-at-Large Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- National Membership-at-Large

### Membership Type (Check One)

- Member (14 years & older, has lineage, **Complete Pages 1 & 2**)
- Associate (14 years & older, without lineage or pending verification, **Page 1, only**)
- Junior Member (6 to 14 years, has lineage, **Complete Pages 1 & 2**)
- Junior Associate (6 to 14 years, without lineage or pending verification, **Page 1, only**)

Application of: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First Name) (Full Middle Name) (Last Name)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street/P.O. Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_, Work: \_\_\_\_\_, Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

- Did you ever receive a Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Eagle Scout Certificate?
- Did you ever receive a Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War R.O.T.C. medal/award?

I, in the presence of the Great Creator, hereby voluntarily and solemnly pledge myself to support and defend the Government of the United States of America, *[to offer my life if need be to preserve the Flag from being lowered in defeat]*; to always observe the day set aside by the Grand Army of the Republic as Memorial Day, sacred to the memory of the Union Soldiers and Sailors of 1861 to 1865 and do all in my power to persuade others to do the same; to be faithful in all duties of citizenship, to be obedient to the law of the land. to obey the Constitution and Regulations of this Order, and to promote actively its objects and interests always and everywhere. So help me God.

*: The phrase in brackets does NOT apply to Juniors and Junior Associates.*

I declare under the penalties of perjury that this application has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is true, correct and complete and, if accepted, I will also obey the Bylaws of the Department and the Camp.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Witness: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Witness must be a parent or legal guardian if the applicant is under the age of 18 years.*

Recommended by SUVCW Brother: \_\_\_\_\_

**INITIAL APPLICATION:**  
Application Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + Annual Dues: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + Surcharge\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**\*Include a \$5.00 surcharge for all initial applications with an international mailing address.**

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION:** National Application Fee: \$ 5.00

Date Elected: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Initiated/Enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_ National Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**ANCESTOR AND CIVIL WAR SERVICE**

(To be completed by those applying for Member or Junior status)

**A Photocopy of your ancestor's Civil War military or pension record must be attached to this application.**

I base my eligibility to be a Member/Junior in the SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR (SUVCW) by right of lineal or collateral descent in the following line from my:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Grandfather, Great Uncle etc.) (Ancestor's Name)  
who served and/or died honorably in the United States Army, Navy, Marines, or Revenue Cutter Service, or in a state regiment subject to the orders of United States general officers during the Civil War 1861-1865. Neither I nor any of my ancestors through whom I claim eligibility ever voluntarily bore arms against the government of the United States.

My ancestor was mustered into service on \_\_\_\_\_, 186\_\_\_\_, in Company \_\_\_\_\_  
of the \_\_\_\_\_ with the rank of \_\_\_\_\_ and was honorably  
(Regiment, Battery, Ship, etc.)  
discharged or died while in the service of the United States, at the rank of \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_, 186\_\_\_\_, by reason of \_\_\_\_\_  
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**LINEAGE**

2. I am the son of \_\_\_\_\_ born \_\_\_\_\_  
and his \_\_\_\_\_ wife \_\_\_\_\_ died \_\_\_\_\_  
born \_\_\_\_\_  
died \_\_\_\_\_  
married \_\_\_\_\_

Who is the  son  daughter  brother  sister of \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ born \_\_\_\_\_  
and his \_\_\_\_\_ wife \_\_\_\_\_ died \_\_\_\_\_  
born \_\_\_\_\_  
died \_\_\_\_\_  
married \_\_\_\_\_

Who is the  son  daughter  brother  sister of \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ born \_\_\_\_\_  
and his \_\_\_\_\_ wife \_\_\_\_\_ died \_\_\_\_\_  
born \_\_\_\_\_  
died \_\_\_\_\_  
married \_\_\_\_\_

Who is the  son  daughter  brother  sister of \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ born \_\_\_\_\_  
and his \_\_\_\_\_ wife \_\_\_\_\_ died \_\_\_\_\_  
born \_\_\_\_\_  
died \_\_\_\_\_  
married \_\_\_\_\_

Who is the  son  daughter  brother  sister of \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_ born \_\_\_\_\_  
and his \_\_\_\_\_ wife \_\_\_\_\_ died \_\_\_\_\_  
born \_\_\_\_\_  
died \_\_\_\_\_  
married \_\_\_\_\_

Who is the  son  daughter  brother  sister of \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_ born \_\_\_\_\_  
and his \_\_\_\_\_ wife \_\_\_\_\_ died \_\_\_\_\_  
born \_\_\_\_\_  
died \_\_\_\_\_  
married \_\_\_\_\_

Who is the  son  daughter  brother  sister of \_\_\_\_\_

**[USE ADDITIONAL SHEET, IF NEEDED]**

Additional information about your Civil War ancestor, including but not limited to his affiliation with the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.), or other post-Civil War veterans' organization(s), and his resting place may be attached.

# APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

## SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

National Regulations Chapter I, Article II, Section 1, requires the following: Each application for membership shall be recommended by a Brother of the Camp who shall vouch for the applicant's eligibility and moral character. It shall be then referred to a committee of three (of which the Brother recommending shall not be one) for investigation and report. The Committee shall make a careful investigation of the facts set forth in the application, and shall recommend the election or rejection of the applicant.

The SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR (SUVCW) is a patriotic and educational organization, similar to the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.). It was founded on November 12, 1881 and incorporated by Act of Congress on August 20, 1954. The SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR is the legal heir to and representative of the Grand Army of the Republic.

### ELIGIBILITY

Member (and Junior with lineage): A male descendant, 14 years of age (6 to 14 for Juniors), who: 1.) is directly descended from a Soldier, Sailor, Marine or member of the Revenue Cutter Service (or directly descended from a brother, sister, half-brother, or half-sister of such Soldier, etc.) who was regularly mustered and served honorably in, was honorably discharged from or died in the service of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America or in such state regiments called to active service and was subject to the orders of United States general officers, between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865; 2.) has never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime and 3.) has, or whose ancestor through whom membership is claimed, has never voluntarily borne arms against the government of the United States. An Associate (and Junior without lineage) is not required to have the above lineage but is subject to the second and third provisions of eligibility.

### Page 1 of Application

**Top of Page: Membership Request** – The appropriate area should be completed by the Camp or Camp-at-Large Junior Vice Commander (or Secretary), or appropriate Department or National officer, prior to giving the application to an applicant. If nothing is checked off, the applicant should leave this area blank. Membership Type – Applicant should check either “Member,” “Associate,” “Junior,” or “Junior Associate.”

**Middle of Page:** Applicant provides information requested in area between asterisks, reads and accepts obligation of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, signs the form, and has an individual witness his signature. **If the applicant is under the age of 18 years, the witness MUST BE a parent or legal guardian of the applicant.**

**Bottom of Page:** Recommendation must be from a Brother (Member or Associate) of the SUVCW. Remainder of page is to be completed by the Camp or Camp-at-Large Secretary, or appropriate Department or National officer. The “National Number” space is reserved for future use.

### Page 2 of Application

This page is to be completed by applicants who are applying for Member or Junior (not Associate or Junior Associate) status in the SUVCW. The information needed to complete the top portion of the page will be in your ancestor's military or pension records, obtainable from a variety of sources including, state archived Adjutant General Reports (if your ancestor served in a state regiment of volunteers) and from the Old Military and Civil Records (NWCTB) Textual Archives Services Division of the National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20408-0001. Separate order forms (with instructions and fee information for copies of military or pension records) must be obtained from the National Archives and then submitted back to them. These copies will provide documentation of an ancestor's honorable service to the Union, and must accompany an application.

The bottom portion of the page is your lineage from you to your ancestor. The last line should end with the name of your “Civil War ancestor.” Complete all information you have available concerning the lineage. Use “Not Known” or “Not Applicable”, as appropriate, when the information is not known or does not apply.

Mail a check, U.S. funds) for:

Application Fee (\$\_\_\_\_\_) + Dues (\$\_\_\_\_\_) + International Mailing Surcharge, if applicable (\$\_\_\_\_\_) to

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