



Application to Join the
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE CIVIL WAR 1861-1865**

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 Yrs & Older, Has Lineage, Complete Pages 1 & 2)
☐ Junior (6-14 Yrs, Has Lineage, Complete Pages 1 & 2)
☐ Associate (14 Yrs & Older, No Lineage, Complete Page 1 Only)

Application of: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

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

Telephone: Home _____, Work _____, Fax _____

E-mail _____ Occupation: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

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 obey and support the National Constitution and Regulations ("C&R") of the Order, Bylaws of the Department and Bylaws of the Camp.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 20 _____

Signed: _____ Witness: _____

Recommended by SUVCW Brother: _____

Application Fee: \$ _____ + Annual Dues: \$ _____ = Total: \$ _____

Date Elected: _____ Date Initiated/Enrolled: _____ National Number: _____

LINEAGE

(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), 1861-1865, 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 or 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 _____

Lineage

I am the son of: _____

Who was the son/daughter/sister/brother of: _____

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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

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): 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 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," "Junior," or "Associate."

Middle of Page: Applicant provides information requested in area between asterisks and has an individual witness his signature.

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.

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This page is to be completed by applicants who are applying for **Member** or **Junior** (not 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."

A check for the Application Fee (\$_____) + Dues (\$_____) made payable to: _____
Should be mailed along with the completed application to:
