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Mary Walker Award Presented to Sister Fran Hanchett, ASUVCW

The Commander in Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, takes great pleasure in presenting the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award to Sister Fran Hanchett, Department of New England, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Sister Hanchett discovered there were 100 Civil War veterans in New Hampshire cemeteries with no military information on their gravestones. After being informed that the federal government would not provide metal markers for these veterans, in 2013 Sister Hanchett initiated the Adopt a Civil War Veteran project in Lebanon, New Hampshire to raise the funds needed to the procure markers. She reached out to local communities and offered the opportunity to adopt specific graves. The SUVCW and ASUVCW also solicited donations towards this project by offering hot dogs, cider, and cookie bars at the rest area on I-91 at White River Junction allowing them to procure an additional 3 – 4 markers per year. As of 2018 only 25 gravesites remained to be marked.

Michael Shklar, PDC of the Department of New Hampshire stated the following: “Fran has been an inspiration to the SUVCW. She has worked tirelessly... Fran has done an amazing amount of work and is an inspiration to the organization. She has really given us the kind of public visibility we need to be able to increase our membership, increase our level of activity and form a bond in the community and surrounding areas. Thank you, Fran.”

This award was presented to the National President of the ASUVCW, Allison Pollitt, on behalf of Sister Fran Hanchett during the National Encampment in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Ordered this 13th Day of August, 2022

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Attest:

Alan L. Russ
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