



NATIONAL GRAVES REGISTRATION PROJECT

*Serving
The
Memory
Of
Our
Nation's
Dead*

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a Congressionally chartered organization formed in 1881 by the Grand Army of the Republic.

Among the purposes of our Order is the perpetuation of the memory of the men who saved the Union and honoring all who have patriotically served our Nation in any war.

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SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE CIVIL WAR

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is an organization of male descendants of Union veterans dedicated to preserving the memory of the soldiers, sailors and marines who served the United States between 1861 and 1865 and the veterans' organization the Grand Army of the Republic. Among its efforts are the preservation, and making available for research, records pertaining to the G.A.R. and Union veterans of the Civil War.

In 1995, the National Organization adopted a resolution forming a National Graves Registration Project to help create and maintain a national database of the burial sites of veterans of the Civil War. The efforts of this project have resulted in the collection of gravesite information from across the nation.

While participating in this project, S.U.V.C.W. Camps and members serve their communities in several different ways. Many Camps compile lists of locally buried Civil War veterans and donate them to local historical societies and libraries as well as answer inquiries from families about a Civil War ancestor's grave location. Other Camps create websites about their efforts and make grave location information available on the Internet, or volunteer at local National Cemeteries to help create computerized burial registers and compile historic information about the cemeteries and the people buried in them.

Another local benefit of this project's efforts is the identification of the unmarked burial sites of Civil War veterans. Many members, after finding an unmarked veteran's grave, request and place a Civil

War military headstone at the site, a final tribute to an otherwise unknown hero.

Departments, comprised of a group of Camps in their respective states, provide a network that allows the smooth flow of information and requests to and from the National Organization.

At the national level, the National Graves Registration Officer provides a secure, central data repository for all members and Camps to send their gathered information. The information is submitted on forms provided by the National Organization, or through the online National Graves Registration Database via the Internet. To access the site, go to www.suvcw.org. Scroll down the opening page to a section called "Quick Links" and click the button titled "National Graves Registration Database." Once there, you simply create an account and once it is approved, the National Graves Registration Officer will send you an email approval for online data entry to the National Graves Registration Committee who will then verify the information and put it into the permanent database.

The success of the National Graves Registration Project depends on the devotion of members and friends to serve the memory of the Civil War veterans in their communities.

For further information about the National Graves Registration Project, or to create an online account to register your own Civil War Veteran's information, please visit the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War website at SUVCW.org.

To register your Civil War veteran's grave information via the internet, go to www.suvcw.org.

To register your Civil War veteran's grave information via the United States Postal Service, please complete this form and return it to the address below.

(For large numbers of registrations, please use the Grave Registration Form available from the National Graves Registration Officer.)

Name: _____

Born: _____ Died: _____

Rank: _____ () Union () Confederate

Unit: _____
Company Regt/Ship Name State Branch

Cemetery Name: _____

Address: _____

Grave Lot: ___ Section: ___ Number: _____

Type of Headstone:

() Unmarked () Family () Military

Submitter's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Are you related to this veteran? _____

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