

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 8
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1. It is with great sadness that I report the death of the last Union Army Civil War widow; Mrs. Gertrude Grubb Janeway. She died Friday, January 17, 2003 at the age of 93. Her nephew/caregiver stated, "She passed quietly and peacefully in her sleep with a smile on her face."
2. Since 1931 she made her home in a small log cabin at Blaine, Tennessee. She was born July 3, 1909 and married Civil War veteran John Janeway on June 9, 1927; after a two year courtship. He was an 81 year old veteran of Company E, 14th Illinois Cavalry. He died ten years later in 1937.
3. A memorial service for Mrs. Janeway was held on Sunday, January 19, 2003. Following a graveside service she was buried near her husband, parents and brothers in the New Corinth Baptist Church cemetery on Smith Hollow Road in Grainger County, Tennessee on Monday January 20, 2003 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day).
4. Gertrude Grubb Janeway was an Honorary Member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. In tribute to her, I hereby charge all Department Commanders to drape Department Charters in her honor and to require that all camps do likewise for a period of 30 days effective this day. The National Webmaster will also drape the national web site in her honor.
5. Pursuant to Regulation Chapter V, Article III, Section 9, all Brothers and Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War may wear the black mourning ribbon attached to their badge in memory of Mrs. Janeway.

Ordered this Twentieth day of January, 2003.

By Order of:
Commander-in-Chief
Robert E. Grim

Attest:
Edward Krieser, PCinC
National Secretary