



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Office of the Commander-in-Chief
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GENERAL ORDER 03 - Last Real Sons

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, the following is ordered:

1. The Annual Report of the Special Committee on Real Sons and Daughters to the 2015 National Encampment [Part 5.9, pp 53-54] noted that there are only six known living Real Sons and eight living Real Daughters. It is recognized that, given their advanced ages, the sad day is approaching when there will no longer be any Real Sons and Daughters with us. Therefore, it is essential that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in cooperation with the other Allied Orders, plan to properly honor these Brothers and Sisters in their remaining time with us, and to honor them at their passing.
2. To meet this objective, and fulfill our obligation to honor these last remaining Real Sons and Daughters, each department in whose territory a Real Son or Daughter resides, will ensure the following actions are taken as soon as possible:
 - a. Engage with the local Camp to make and maintain positive and productive contact with each Real Son or Daughter and their families and to ensure the families are aware of our desire to honor their Real Son or Daughter as a living link to the Civil War.
 - b. Prepare a biographical sketch of each Real Son and Daughter, including a recent photo. The biographical sketch should also include details of their father's service and a photo, if possible, of him. Provide these to the National Webmaster for posting on the National Website. This should be complete no later than Remembrance Day.
 - c. Offer each Real Son and Daughter and their respective families, Allied Order representation at funeral services if they so desire. If so, then prepare a plan to provide a visible, dignified, and prominent ceremony in accord with their wishes. It is recommended to coordinate with the local SVR for assistance and participation, as well as local, county and state governments, Veterans' organizations, and re-enactor groups. Be prepared to execute the plan.
 - d. Upon a Real Son or Daughter's passing away, immediately notify the National Organization.
3. Our National Webmaster will create a web page dedicated to the Real Sons and Daughters and post biographical sketches received from Departments.
4. The Special Committee on Real Sons and Daughters will, in coordination with the local Camps and Departments, draft a Press Release for each Real Son and Daughter to be issued at their passing. Each Press Release will include contact information for national and local media

outlets. These Press Releases will be provided to the National Chief of Staff by Remembrance Day, November 2015.

5. The Special Committee on Real Sons and Daughters will prepare a plan to honor the last surviving Real Son and Real Daughter. This plan will be briefed at the Springfield Council of Administration meeting in April 2016.

6. The Special Committee on Real Sons and Daughters, in coordination with the local Departments and Camps, will prepare a plan for the Order to render highly visible, dignified, and prominent honors at the passing of the last Real Son. The Committee will also prepare Press Releases as per Section 4. The Committee will brief this plan at the Springfield Council of Administration meeting in April 2016.

7. Proper prior planning is the key to success. Departments and Camps, which have the honor to have a living Real Son or Daughter, should take on this opportunity with enthusiasm and vigor.

Ordered this 14th day of September, 2015, in the Town of East Berlin, Pennsylvania.

ATTEST /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC
National Secretary

/s/ Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in-Chief