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The Commander in Chief and Council of Administration, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, take great pleasure in presenting the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to

**Dexter A Bishop**

Brother Bishop helped organize and has been President for 25 years of the Gen Lander CWRT. He was a charter member of Camp 5. He went to Lynn English H.S. officials to enlist the aid of students to help flag graves at Pine Grove Cemetery. They continue to do so and to attend Memorial Day Ceremonies.

He was instrumental in the 5/10/10 rededication of Lincoln Foyer at Lynn English H.S. Starting in 2011 and continuing to the present, each year during the week of Mem. Day both Lynn English and Lynn Classical H.S. allow Civil War reenactors to present programs in class to the students. There is also an assembly with a speaker. Amateur Civil War historians present a Sat. in-service to teachers at both schools on Civil War history in conjunction with the weeklong events. The Wednesday after Memorial Day there is a History Bee among the schools with a \$500 prize to the winning schools History Dept.

From 2012-2016 he organized a living history on Lynn Common following school presentations. In 2012-2013 he organized bus tours in conjunction with the living history. Dexter was the driving force to get more Civil War history taught in the Lynn school system. In 2010 Dexter talked to the Superintendent of the Chelsea Soldiers Home to allow monthly programs on the Civil War to be presented to the residents.

In 2013 he was allowed to establish a Camp at the Soldiers Home. This year the Superintendent allowed him to start a CWRT at the Home. In 2016 he has also worked with Project New Hope, Assoc. of Baptist Churches, and the Dept. to sponsor a dinner and raised \$3000 for Project New Hope which assists veterans and their families with PTSD, TBI, Military Sexual Trauma etc.

Ordered this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief  
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Attested:

**Jonathan Davis**

Secretary, National Order,

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

*But, my dear sirs, when peace does come, you may call on me for anything. Then will I share with you the last cracker, and watch with you to shield your homes and families against danger from every quarter. — William Tecumseh Sherman*