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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

### **Terry Ray Dyer, PDC**

For Meritorious Achievement in the superior performance in the accomplishment of the Ideals and Principles of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War during the period of 2005 until the present. Brother Terry Ray Dyer, PDC, of the Department of Illinois began forming a Camp in Rockford, Ill. in October 2005, planning and recruiting for one year. The first meeting of the John A. Logan Camp #26 was held in October 2006, and the Charter presented at the 126<sup>th</sup> National Encampment. He held the rank of Camp Commander from then until 2009. In 2009, he organized the Rockford Zouaves SVR unit, which is an important face of our Order in the Rockford area.

As Department Commander, he re-energized a sleepy Department, cutting costs where possible, and encouraging, and getting, participation from all Camps and Brothers. Under his leadership, the Department Eagle Scout program went from failing to awarding over 500 per year.

He is an active lecturer, having given over 140 lectures on the Civil War; he is a former docent and current tour guide at Rockford Memorial Hall, where he recorded the names and of 4,678 veterans from the Civil and Spanish American Wars from bronze tablets.

He heads the effort to build a Memorial Plaza for G.A.R. Founder Benjamin F. Stephenson at his grave in Petersburg, Ill. Br. Dyer was also instrumental in the formation of Mary Logan Aux. #20, and the founding of General E. F. Dutton Camp #49 in Sycamore, Ill. In 2016, Brother Dyer was diagnosed with Stage 3 pancreatic cancer, while battling this beast his passion and energy for our Order has never waned. He still stands as an active advocate for the Order, and a Brother of the highest regard.

The actions, ability, initiative, and dedication of Brother Terry Ray Dyer reflect great credit upon himself, his Department, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

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

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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Attested:

**Jonathan Davis**

Secretary, National Order,

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*A battery of field artillery is worth a thousand muskets. — William Tecumseh Sherman*