



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Office of the Commander-in-Chief
Mark R. Day
104 Mullbury Place
Lynchburg, Virginia 24502
cinc@suvew.org



General Order # 35
SERIES 2017-2018
11 August 2018

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 Brother Bruce D. Frail, Department of Rhode Island for “Meritorious Achievement” and superior performance in the accomplishment of the ideals and principles of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Brother Bruce Frail has worked diligently in pursuit of the Department of Rhode Island’s Archives collection, which has been in a precarious state since the 1990’s. Through years of diligent negotiation, Brother Frail, has negotiated a roadmap for the Rhode Island Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to reclaim physical possession of its vast archives collection, which has been gathering dust in the Rhode Island Historical Society. The Rhode Island archives project has been the top priority for every Department Commander in Rhode Island for a decade, and to see the fruits of his labors and of Bruce’s leadership in the fulfillment of the promise to regain possession of our precious archives has been something that has galvanized and re-energized the Department of Rhode Island membership to see the project completed. Brother Bruce’s efforts on the Rhode Island Archive project have been done in addition to his responsibilities to the National Organization as National Graves Registration Officer; where he continues to perform in an exemplary manner. His work on the National Graves Registration Database and his efforts to protect it from malware and data mining, which were deployed by third party entities to steal our information and monetize what we were providing for free cannot be ignored. Brother Frail had the presence of mind to make the difficult and unpopular decision that made navigating the database difficult for a time to protect our data and improve the database for the future. Brother Frail has also regularly worked with Department Graves Registration Officers around the country to help them in their duties and he has travelled extensively to other Departments to assist in soldier identification and headstone procurement. Brother Frail is a dedicated National Officer, Department leader and servant of his Camp his extraordinary efforts have benefitted our organization at every level. His conduct and professionalism reflect well on both himself and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and he is deserving of our recognition.

Ordered this 11th Day of August 2018.

Mark R. Day

Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attested:

Jonathan Davis

Secretary, National Order,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War