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"The power of noble deeds is to be preserved and passed on to the future", as stated by Joshua Chamberlain sums up what we as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) mission is as stated in our C&R. We need to preserve our history based on documented truthfulness, As an organization we need to educate the public about the War of Rebellion based on the facts and not revisionist versions or political correctness.

Brother Tim McCoy demonstrated this well at the Headstone Dedication of a Black Soldier CPL Butler in Baltimore, Maryland. Here is an excerpt from the Baltimore Sun; "He was well aware that the war was prompted by the issue of slavery," McCoy said, according to a prepared text of his remarks. "And, as an African-American, he surely knew that the war's outcome would determine whether an immoral institution that enslaved people like him would continue to exist in the United States." This truthful statement was offensive to the Sons of Confederate Veterans who wish to rewrite history based on the Lost Cause. Great Job Brother McCoy in carrying out our mission in preserving our history based on truthfulness. Everyone in our organization need to follow this example and continue to educate the public on the Civil War history.

Brother Ben Hawley stated in the same article; "The Civil War is over, we celebrate our Ancestors." Let me add that we not only celebrate our ancestors, but perpetuate their memories by giving account to history based on facts and honesty.

What Brothers Tim McCoy and Ben Hawley demonstrated is showing the courage to present history honestly and patriotism in the Country they love so much. Let us continue to promote the American Flag, the preservation of History, and Patriotism in our Country as the Boys in Blue and the Grand Army of the Republic done before us.

Yours In Fraternity, Loyalty, and Charity.