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WANTED—Grand Army men ask their sons to go on with the Grand Army's work for America. Eligibles to the Sons of Veterans are urged to report for duty at the headquarters booth of Ben Harrison Camp, Sons of Veterans, at Pennsylvania and Market sts. Join now, Help make Ben Harrison Camp the biggest on earth.

Clipping from the Indianapolis Star, Saturday, July 9, 1921.

When you join the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, you enter a network of more than 6,000 men who form lifelong bonds, honor their heroic ancestors, and promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism in their communities. There are hereditary members, who trace their lineage to those who served honorably in the Civil War, and associate members, who do not have the requisite ancestry but wish to join the fraternity. Each is described in greater detail below.

Hereditary Membership (Member & Junior)

- 1.** You must directly descend from a Soldier, Sailor, Marine or member of the Revenue Cutter Service (or directly descend from a brother, sister, half-brother, or half-sister of such Soldier, etc.) who was regularly mustered and served honorably in, was honorably discharged from, or died in the service of, the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America or in such state regiments called to active service and was subject to the orders of United States general officers, between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865.
- 2.** You must never have been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime.
- 3.** You, or the ancestor through whom membership is claimed,

must never have voluntarily borne arms against the government of the United States.

Associate Membership

Associate membership is available to men who do not have the ancestry to qualify for hereditary membership. Associate membership is available to any man who demonstrates a genuine interest in the Civil War and can subscribe to the purpose and objects of the SUVCW.

Although an Associate is not required to meet the lineage requirement of a Member, he is still subject to the second and third provisions of hereditary eligibility. An Associate may vote and hold any office except those of Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer and Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

To learn more about the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, please click on the image below to view the information sheet in full size.



Membership Application

If you live in central or southern Indiana and would like a

membership application, please contact our [Camp Secretary](#). You may also download a membership application, in Adobe PDF format, by clicking the image below.

When you have completed the application, make sure to mail it to the [Camp Secretary](#). We look forward to hearing from you!

The image shows a PDF form titled "SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR Membership Application-Ver. 12-2022". The form is divided into several sections:

- Initial Membership Application** and **Supplemental Assessor Application** checkboxes.
- PART I - MEMBERSHIP**: Includes "Membership Request (Check One)" with options for Camp Membership, Department Membership, and National Membership. It also includes "Membership Type (Check One)" with options for Member, Associate, Junior Member, and Junior Associate.
- PART II - APPLICANT INFORMATION AND DECLARATION**: Includes fields for name, address, telephone, email, date of birth, and place of birth. It also includes checkboxes for military service and ROTC graduates.
- DECLARATION**: A statement where the applicant declares the application is true and correct, and supports the National Constitution and Regulations of the Order.
- PART III - APPLICATION FEES AND DUES**: Includes checkboxes for "INITIAL APPLICATION" and "SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION", with associated fees.
- Signature and Date**: Fields for the applicant's signature and the date of completion.

Sons of Veterans Reserve

The Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) is the ceremonial uniformed military component of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). The National Military Department of the SVR consists of the General Staff and seven geographical Military Districts across the nation. SVR Units participate in Civil War related ceremonies, parades, living history programs, and re-enactments. In Indiana (Third Military District) the SVR unit is Co. D, 27th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Membership in the Sons of Veterans Reserve is open to any Member (Hereditary), Junior (Hereditary), or Associate (Non-hereditary) of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. To be in the SVR you must be a Member or Associate in the SUVCW. Individuals must file an application for membership. Minimal annual dues are charged all SVR members.

For more information about the SVR, contact Captain [Mike Beck](#), Co D., 27th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Click on the image below to view the SVR application in full size.

The image shows a membership application form for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The form is titled "MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION" and includes sections for personal data, membership information, and a declaration of intent. The personal data section includes fields for name, address, phone, and email. The membership information section includes fields for the name and rank of the sponsor. The declaration of intent section includes a statement of intent to join the organization and a signature line for the applicant. The form also includes a section for the sponsor's signature and a section for the applicant's signature. The form is dated September 2015.

Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Membership in the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War May be obtained through eligibility in the following ways:

- 1.** As the wife, sister, daughter, legally adopted daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter and so forth, niece and grandniece and so forth, not less than twelve (12) years of age, of a deceased or honorably discharged Soldier, Sailor or Marine who served in the Union Army, Navy or Coast Guard (including Revenue Cutter Service) during the Civil War of 1861 to 1865.
- 2.** As the wife, widow, mother or legally adopted daughter of a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, with lineage, in good standing.
- 3.** Associates: Those ladies who do not qualify for membership under #1 or #2 above, but who desire to affiliate with the

ASUVCW.

Several wives (and a mother) of Camp members are “members-at-a-distance” of Jennie Wade Auxiliary No. 27, ASUVCW in Gettysburg, PA. These “sisters” provide invaluable assistance to Ben Harrison Camp No. 356 in accomplishing its mission. Please contact us for more information.

Click on the image below to view the ASUVCW application in full size.

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 **AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Membership Request (check one)

Local Auxiliary Membership
Auxiliary Name & Number _____
Department Name _____

National Membership at Large (circle the number, then a one if you live in an Department)

1. Being a female the age of 18 or more, hereby apply for membership in the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW). If this application is accepted, I will read and accept the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and the By-Laws of the ASUVCW.

I am applying for membership in the ASUVCW please circle appropriate number:

1. As the wife, sister, daughter, legally adopted daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter and so forth, niece and grandniece not as birth, nor the wife (12) years of age, of a deceased or honorably discharged Soldier, Sailor or Marine who served in the Civil War, there is Union blood (including American Indian ancestry during the Civil War of 1861 to 1865).
I am the _____ (granddaughter, greatniece, etc.) of the following (Circle veteran):
Name _____ (husband or ex-husband) Rank _____
Company, Regiment or Ship _____ Honorably Discharged on _____
Date _____ (month) _____ (year)

2. As the wife, sister, mother or legally adopted daughter of the following member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, with lineage, and who is in good standing:
Member's Name _____ (Camp No. _____) Department _____

3. As an American I am not a descendant of a Union Civil War veteran, and desire to affiliate with the ASUVCW.

If applying for Junior Membership (females between the ages of 18 and 33), please use Form ARJ1.

Obligations: _____ of my own free will and accord, do solemnly and sincerely promise and declare that I will not have been true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, that I will faithfully observe and maintain the principles and objects of this Order, that I will faithfully assist in promoting the interest of the Auxiliary and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, that I will, to the best of my ability, and in honor of the Order, and its benevolent purposes and declare that I will faithfully uphold and obey the Constitution and By-Laws of the Auxiliary and all regulations issued from the general authority. To all this, I pledge myself, and give God to help me true to this sacred obligation.

I declare that this application is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____
I was born on _____ at _____
Full Name _____
Maiden Name _____
Mailing Address _____ Apt. No. _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Telephone _____ (if available) _____
(For date and mailing information, please see page 2.)

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