



DEPARTMENT OF OHIO
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



Donald E. Darby, PCinC

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**CANDIDATE FOR DEPARTMENT OF OHIO
COUNCIL**

Brothers,

I would appreciate your support and vote at the Department of Ohio Encampment, June 11, 2011 for the elected office of Department of Ohio Council. In all the offices I have held in Camp offices, Department offices and National offices, including Commander-in-Chief, I bring experience to the Department of Ohio Council.

SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE SUVCW

I, Donald E. Darby, of Chillicothe, Ohio, was elected Commander-in-Chief at the 124th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Nashua, New Hampshire on 6 August 2005.

I'm the 14th Ohioan to serve as Commander-in-Chief.

I became a member of the SUVCW 30 July 1988 at the Governor William Dennison Camp #125 in Athens, Ohio, where I served as Camp Secretary/Treasurer. I later became a charter member of Sgt. Enderlin Camp #73 in Chillicothe, Ohio where I served as Secretary/Treasurer, Junior and Senior Vice and Camp Commander.

At the Department of Ohio level I held offices as Patriotic Instructor, Graves Registration officer (registering over 5,000 GAR gravesites), Junior and Senior Vice Commander and was elected Ohio Department Commander 2001. I also brought to fruition the "Last Soldier" Project in the Department of Ohio, which was later adopted as a National project.

Nationally, I served two terms as National Patriotic Instructor, a full three-year term as an elected member of the Council of Administration, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I, in coordination with the National Webmaster brought the "Patriotic Recollections" and the "Teachers and Scholars" to the National Web page. At his suggestion, the current National Patriotic Instructor instituted the "Adopt-a-School and Adopt-a-Unit" program.

After being elected Commander-in-Chief 6 August 2005, I supported the SUVCW Charitable Foundation by transcribing on to CD's the GAR and SUV Blue Books, History of the Grand Army of the Republic by Robert Beath, Camp Fire Chats by Washington Davis.

As a member of the Sgt. Enderlin Camp I transcribed The Early History of the Ohio Department of the Grand Army of the Republic (1866 to 1880) by T.D.McGillicuddy.

I base my membership in the SUVCW through my Great Uncle George Kidd, a private in the 2nd Kentucky Calvary Company C.

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FAMILY & MILITARY LIFE

I'm the son of Air Force SMSgt. Eugene J. Blaser and Delores Darby, born in Barberton, Ohio and graduated from Alexander High School in 1971. After graduation I joined the U.S. Navy where I served my country for 23 years rising to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 4 (CWO4). While in the navy I served on the USS Enterprise, USS Nimitz, USS America, CINCUSNAVEUR (London, UK), SEAL Team FOUR, and various other commands. I also attended college while in the navy, graduating summa cum laude from St. Leo College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminology.

Following retirement from the navy in 1994 I have been employed at the Ross County, Ohio Court of Common Pleas Juvenile and Probate Court first, as a Juvenile Probation Officer and currently as a Mediator of the Court.

I'm married to Melissa Medert and have 4 children and 9 grandchildren. I'm the son-in-law to PCinC David R. Medert and the brother-in-law to PCinC David V. Medert, making this the first family to have three (3) family members to have served as SUVCW Commander-in-Chief.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

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