

Daniel Murray  
Candidate for Junior Vice Commander in Chief



It has been my great honor to serve you and this Order for the last two years as National Secretary. I have tried to represent the interests of the Order and all Brothers to the very best of my abilities. Therefore, I humbly come to you today and ask for your support and for your vote for Junior Vice Commander in Chief at this year's National Encampment in Lexington Ky.

I have been an active member of the SUVCW for 25 years and belong to W.W Brown Camp 1 in the Department of New Hampshire. I claim eligibility through my ancestor Sgt Andrew J Kelley, 1<sup>st</sup> United States Sharpshooters. He mustered into "E" Co on 8/8/1861 as a Private. He re-enlisted on 1/2/1864. When the 1<sup>st</sup> was disbanded, he was transferred out on 9/15/1864 into "G" Co. 2<sup>nd</sup> US Sharpshooters. He was promoted to Corporal on 3/1/1864 and then Sergeant on 7/1/1864. When the 2<sup>nd</sup> was disbanded, he was transferred into the 5<sup>th</sup> NH Vol Inf and was mustered out on 6/28/1865.

I served for three years in the United States Army, enlisting during the Vietnam War and served as a radar operator on a Nike Missile site with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Missile Battalion, 71<sup>st</sup> Artillery in the Federal Republic of Germany. I attained the rank of Specialist E-4 before being honorably separated. I also then served two years in the New Hampshire National Guard with the 3643<sup>rd</sup> Maintenance Co.

At the National level I am currently the National Secretary, and have served on the National Council of Administration (2005-2008), National Committee on Civil War Grant Fund (2005-2008), and the National Military Affairs Committee (2004-2005).

I served 5 terms as New Hampshire Department Commander ( 2002-2004, 2005-2007, 2012-2013). I also served as the Department Junior Vice Commander and Senior Vice Commander. I served in all of the elected positions at the Camp level. As a dual member of Camp 104, Department of Massachusetts I served for two terms as Massachusetts Department Commander, 2018-2020. I have served in every elected position in the Department, including Department Secretary, Department Treasurer and Department Council.. I also served the New England Regional Association SUVCW as both the Vice-Commander (2002-2003) and as the New England Regional Commander (2003-2004).

I hold a commission as a Captain in the Sons of Veterans Reserve, serving as the Adjutant for the First Military District, covering the Departments of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. I joined the SVR in 2005 as a member of Co A 12<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire Volunteers and later served as First Sergeant of the Unit from 2012-2019.

I have served on four National Host Committees, two as Chairman ( 2005 &2023) and two as a member (2008 &2018). I have also been on numerous Host Committees for both the Department of New Hampshire and the Department of Massachusetts Annual Encampments. I have organized the Massachusetts Department Bus trips to Remembrance Day for the past 13 years.

The Department of Massachusetts has honored me by making me the recipient of the Roger L. Olsen Award as the Department's Brother of the Year two times.

I was also honored to have been a member for 10 years of the State of New Hampshire Civil War Memorials Commission. I have been a member of the New Hampshire Battle flags Preservation Committee since 2003.

I served the Town of Allenstown NH on several appointed committees and was elected to a 3 year term on the towns budget committee. I have been a member of the American Legion since 1985 and have served my post as Vice Commander, Finance Officer and Chaplain. I was also the District Chaplain. I have been a member of Jewell Lodge 94 F&AM.

I would like to thank you for your consideration and respectfully ask for your support and vote at the 143<sup>rd</sup> National Encampment in Lexington KY,

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Daniel W Murray, PDC