

Application to Join the  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**Department of Kentucky**  
**Nelson-Garfield Memorial Camp #3**  
**Serving Northern Kentucky**

(Print this application, fill it out and mail pages 1 & 2. See Instructions pages 3, 4 & 5)

Part I-A Membership Request-To be completed by the National Organization

\_\_\_\_\_ Department Membership-at-Large,  
Department-at-Large Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Camp-at-Large Membership,  
Camp-at-Large Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ National Membership-at-Large

Part I-B Membership Type-To be completed by Applicant

\_\_\_ Member (14 Yrs & Older, Has Lineage, Complete Pts I-B, II, IV & V)  
\_\_\_ Junior (8-14 Yrs, Has Lineage, Complete Pts I-B, II, IV & V)  
\_\_\_ Associate (14 Yrs & Older, No Lineage, Complete Pts I-B & II Only)

Part II-To be completed by Applicant

Application of: \_\_\_\_\_  
(last) (first) (middle)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(address) (city) (state) (zip)

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_, Work \_\_\_\_\_, Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_, Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

I declare under the penalties of perjury that this application has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is true, correct and complete and, if accepted, I will obey and support the National Constitution and Regulations of the Order, Bylaws of the Department and Bylaws of the Camp.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Part III-To be completed by the Nelson-Garfield Camp #3 Organization

Recommended by SUVCW Brother: \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site Application Fee: \$5.00, First Year's Dues: \$36.00, Total of: \$41.00 see prorated fees at the end of this form.

Date Enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_; Date Transferred: \_\_\_\_\_; National #: \_\_\_\_\_

Part IV-To be completed by Member/Junior Applicant Only (A photocopy of your ancestor's Civil War military record must be attached to this application)

I base my right to be a Member/Junior in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, by right of lineal or collateral descent in the following line from my:

(Grandfather, Great Uncle, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Ancestor's Name)

Who served and/or died honorably in the United States Army, Navy or Marines or Revenue Cutter Service, or in a state regiment subject to the orders of United States general officers during the Civil War 1861-1865. Neither I nor any of my ancestors through whom I claim eligibility ever voluntarily bore arms against the Government of the United States.

My ancestor was mustered into service on \_\_\_\_\_, 186\_\_\_\_,

in Company \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Regiment, Battery, Ship, etc.)

with the rank of \_\_\_\_\_, and was honorably discharged, or died while

in the service of the United States, at the rank of \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 186\_\_\_\_ by reason of \_\_\_\_\_.

Part V-To be completed by Member/Junior Applicant Only

I am the son of: \_\_\_\_\_

Who was the son/daughter/sister/brother of: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you wish, you may also attach additional information regarding your ancestor's Civil War service record and membership in various post-Civil War veterans organizations including the Grand Army of the Republic, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the U.S., etc.

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

### SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a patriotic and educational organization, similar to the Grand Army of the Republic. It was founded on November 12, 1881 and incorporated by Act of Congress August 20, 1954. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is the legal heir to and representative of the **Grand Army of the Republic**.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Member (and Junior): A male descendant, whether through lineal or collateral line and not less than 14 years of age (8 to 14 years for Juniors), who: (1) is a blood relative of a Soldier, Sailor, Marine or member of the Revenue Cutter Service, 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 orders of United States general officers, between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865; (2) has never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime and (3) has, or whose ancestor through whom membership is claimed has, never voluntarily borne arms against the government of the United States. An Associate is not required to have the above lineage.

#### **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

Part I-A: Membership Request - Applicant should leave this area blank.

Part I-B: Membership Type - Applicant should check either "Member", "Junior" or "Associate".

Part II: Applicant should complete this section and have an individual witness his signature.

Part III: Remainder of page is to be completed by the Junior Vice Commander  
National number space is reserved for future use.

Part IV: To be completed by the applicant who is applying for Member or Junior (not Associate) status in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The information needed to complete Part IV will be in your ancestor's war record, obtainable from a variety of sources including, the General Reference Branch (NNRG-P), National Archives and Records Administration, 7th and Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20408. A copy of the Civil War veteran's military service must accompany the application.

Part V: To be completed by the applicant who is applying for Member or Junior (not Associate) status in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Part V is your lineage from you to your ancestor. The last line should end with the name of the Civil War veteran. If you wish, proof of your lineage may also accompany your application but is not required.

**APPLICATION PROCESSING:**

A check for the application and first membership fee **Jan-Apr \$41.00, ( Prorated fees - May-Jun \$36.00, Jul-Sep \$31.00 and Oct-Dec \$26.00 )** made payable to the: Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or SUVCW, should be mailed along with the completed application to:

**Martin Greene, PCC  
Nelson-Garfield Memorial Camp #3  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
P.O. Box 6721  
Florence, Kentucky 41022-6721**

**QUESTIONS:**

If you have questions, please contact us at <familyheritage@fuse.net>

**HOW TO GET YOUR CIVIL WAR ANCESTORS'  
MILITARY AND PENSION RECORDS**

Civil War Pension and Military Service records are kept at the National Archives and are requested on Archives Forms 85 and 86 respectively.

**1. What's the difference between a Military record and a Pension file?**

A military record may contain a soldier's enlistment papers, muster rolls, indicating whether he was on duty or excused at a particular time during his service because of a wound or sickness. It may contain his discharge papers.

A Pension file will contain proof of a soldier's service, which may include discharge papers, details of his service, affidavits from fellow soldiers, statements regarding spouse and dependents, medical information, pension increases, his widow's pension, his physical description and places where he lived after the war.

**2. How do you obtain the forms?**

Any of the Archives' forms may be ordered from its website at:

[http://www.archives.gov/global\\_pages/inquire\\_form.html](http://www.archives.gov/global_pages/inquire_form.html)

The form(s) will usually arrive within a week.

**3. How many forms should you request?**

Probably two. Each request for records requires a separate form. If you have more than one ancestor, you'll need at least one form for each.

**4. What information will the Archives need to know on the form?**

The more information you can provide about your ancestor the better, but minimally:

- a) Soldier's name
- b) Branch of service
- c) State from which he served
- d) Which war / dates of service
- e) Union or Confederate

**5. How long will it take to receive the information you requested?**

The Military Service record will arrive in 8 weeks; the Pension file will arrive in 12-16 weeks. Paying the fee by charge card will expedite your order. Check payments will need to clear before an order is completed.

**6. Unable to order online?**

You may mail your request for forms to:

**U.S. National Archives & Records Administration**  
**700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW**  
**Washington, D.C. 20408**  
Phone: 1-86-NARA-NARA

**7. Additional questions about your order?**

Call the National Archives Service Center: 1-800-234-8861