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The Commander in Chief and Council of Administration, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, take great pleasure in presenting the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to

Henry E. Shaw Jr., PCC

Henry Shaw has continuously made significant contributions to the Order during his twenty years as a member. At the department level he has served on numerous committees helping to re-write department By-Laws, plan mid-winter meetings and department encampments, and rarely missed a department encampment. At the national level he has served on several committees and has attended almost every national encampment during the past twenty years.

Currently he is chairman of the Military Affairs Committee and a member of the Lincoln Tomb Committee. As deputy SVR commander he serves as chairman of the SVR awards board, but performs outstanding work in making preparations for the annual SVR Remembrance Day observance in Gettysburg, PA. In July 2010 The Remembrance Day Parade was in jeopardy of not occurring due to issues surrounding the Borough of Gettysburg and the SUVCW. As the leadership of the Order needed a Brother to take care of the situation, Brother Shaw volunteered. He drove to Gettysburg from Ohio, met with city officials, and within 30 days the problems had been resolved. He did this because he saw there was a need. It should be noted that Brother Shaw did this on his own dime and asked for nothing, except to serve. He still performs these duties which include the Woolson Monument GAR ceremony, SVR military parade, and annual Military Ball. Each event requires an astonishing amount of work and preparation.

The Woolson GAR ceremony requires a permit, ordering wreaths for the various organizational presentations, contracting a public address system, obtaining a band, printing programs for the event and numerous behind the scenes duties. The parade requires coordination with the Gettysburg police and government officials to obtain permits, canvassing local merchants for an annual donation of \$1,000 to help pay for the parade permit, working with local school officials to use school grounds as a parade staging area, obtaining port-a-pots, work with the Boy Scouts to place refuse containers along the parade route, and dealing with inquiries from parade participants.

The Military Ball is organized by Henry. This entails obtaining a dance band, finding a dance instructor, printing dance cards, working with hotel officials and volunteers to set up the dance hall, selling all the dance tickets and maintaining the dance financial records. He generally makes a least one or two extra trips to Gettysburg each year relating to Remembrance Day. Henry travels to all of these events at his own expense.

The actions, ability, initiative, and dedication of Brother Shaw reflect great credit upon himself, the Department of Ohio, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Ordered this 11th day of August, 2017.

Donald L. Martin
Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Attested:

Jonathan Davis
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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

If you don't have my army supplied, and keep it supplied, we'll eat your mules up, sir.
— *William Tecumseh Sherman*