



Department of Rhode Island
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War




Department Policy

Subject: Stephen H. Kettle Award

1. Eligibility
 - a. Members of the Southern New England community who are not members of the SUVCW or Allied Orders, but who demonstrate outstanding dedication to the mission of the Order by honoring the memory of the Union Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Revenue Cuttermen who fought to preserve the Union.
 - b. Preference should be given to those who do their work as volunteers, but holding a paid position in education, historical preservation, or public service is not disqualifying if the individual goes above and beyond their assigned duties.
2. Nominations shall be by vote of the Camps. Any Camp wishing to submit a nomination shall do so in writing (paper or electronically) to the Department Commander by December 31st.
3. Nominations will be reviewed by a committee consisting of the Camp Commanders or their representatives. Each Camp representative shall submit a single ballot with the nominees ranked by order of preference.
4. The Department Commander shall tally the votes using Ranked Choice Voting.
 - a. For each ballot, the nominees will receive the opposite number value (if there are three nominees, a first-place vote will be worth 3 points, a second-place vote will be worth 2 points, and a third-place vote will be worth 1 point).
 - b. The nominee with the highest point total being declared the winner.
5. In the event of a tie, the Department Commander will cast the deciding vote.


Department Commander Date

Policy approved by the Department Encampment:


Department Secretary Date