

**General Orders No. 26  
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1. It has been my great pleasure to sign a Charter for **Abraham Lincoln Camp 56**, located at Hodgenville, KY with Date of Rank from August 12, 2004. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother Lester D. Crosswhite, Camp Organizer.
  
2. I have the honor to present the following recognitions.
  - a. **Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief's Award** (Most Outstanding Camp in the Nation) -  
Charles W. Canney Camp 5, Department of New Hampshire.
  
  - b. **Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award** (Most Outstanding Brother in the Nation) -  
Gary L. Scheel, Ulysses S. Grant Camp 68, Department of Missouri
  
  - c. **Benjamin F. Stephenson Award** (for recruiting the most new Brothers into the Order) -  
John M. Hart, Lt. Ezra S. Griffin Camp 8, Department of Pennsylvania - 32 recruits
  
  - d. **Augustus P. Davis - Conrad Linder Award** (for the Department with the greatest numerical growth in membership) -  
Department of Ohio

e. **U. S. Grant Cup** (for the Department with the greatest percentage growth in membership) -  
Department of Kansas

f. **Marshall Hope Award**

For the best Camp newsletter - Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21, Department of California & Pacific

For the best Department newsletter - Department of Nebraska

g. **Joseph S. Rippey New Camp Award** (for the Most Successful New Camp in the Nation) -

Thomas E. Bowman Camp 12, Department of Colorado & Wyoming

h. **Meritorious Service Award** - with Gold Star - affirmed by the National Council of Administration (CoA) -

James B. Pahl, PDC and Robert M. Petrovic, PDC for their years of distinguished service in a long list of offices and committee assignments.

i. **Founders Award** (presented to a non-member of the SUVCW or any of the Allied Orders by the CoA for outstanding service in memory of Union soldiers, sailors, and marines) -

The Friends of the Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery Park - <http://www.fgar.org>

3. Thank you for the privilege of serving as the 117th Commander-in-Chief of this Allied Order of the Grand Army of the Republic. God bless the *Boys in Blue*, and all who honor them.

Ordered this 14th day of August, 2004.

By Order of:  
Kent L. Armstrong  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:  
Edward Krieser, PCinC  
National Secretary

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