The Francis P. Blair, Jr. Award is presented annually to the most outstanding member of the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It is for the member who has made the greatest collective contribution during a specific year to the Department and his Camp through its programs and activities. The member must have been in good standing and exemplify the virtues of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty for the entire year. An award recipient is not eligible for repeat consideration.

From secession to Reconstruction, Francis Blair of Missouri made an unbroken series of major contributions to the Union cause. No man did more to block Missouri’s move to the Confederacy in 1861. As a U.S. Congressman, he battled for President Lincoln’s early war programs. As a soldier, he was a distinguished divisional and corps commander during the Vicksburg and Atlanta campaigns. Finally, as a post-war senator, he confronted the radical Republicans in an attempt to bring reconciliation to a shattered union.

Submit: Department’s Senior Vice Commander (svc@suvcwmo.org)
Deadline: April 15

Nomination/Accomplishments:

Nominator: .................................................. Date: ..................................