



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Wisconsin

Department Orders No. 4

(Series 2021-2022)

5 May 2022

ATTENTION TO HONORS FOR COL. HANS C. HEG

1. The major ceremonial function of the Department of Wisconsin for 2022 is the rededication of the statue of Col. Hans C. Heg, Commander of the 15th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment and of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Division, XX Corps, Army of the Cumberland, at the Wisconsin State Capitol Grounds on 29 May 2022 at 1300 Hours.
2. Col. Heg, who was mortally wounded at the Battle of Chickamauga, was the highest-ranking service member from Wisconsin to give his life in battle in the American Civil War, and gained fame before the war as a leader of immigrants, political reformer, and abolitionist.
3. Just as the damage to the statue in the course of civil disturbances in June 2020 received national and international notoriety, its rededication will receive national and international acclaim. No fewer than 21 direct descendants of Col. Heg will be in attendance. The event has the participation of the Department of Wisconsin and Henry Harnden Camp #2 of the SUVCW, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and Veterans Museum, the Madison Veterans Council, the 1st Brigade Band, the Norwegian American Historical Association, the Sons of Norway, Edvard Grieg Chorus, the Dane County Historical Society, and other historical and patriotic organizations.
4. The dedication ceremony will be conducted in accordance with the SUVCW Civil War Monument Dedication Service, which includes the rendering of full military honors.
5. All members of the Department of Wisconsin who have uniforms of the Grand Army of the Republic, or uniforms and accoutrements of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or

Revenue Cutter Service for the period 1861 -1865 are directed to identify themselves to Department Color Guard Jeffrey M. Graf, PDC, igugcd@hotmail.com at their earliest opportunity, and as able, to present themselves for the ceremony.

6. The 29 May ceremony is a Maximum Effort Event, and all Brothers of the Department are urged to attend wearing Badges of the Order and, as applicable, of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.
7. This Order shall be drawn to the attention of all Brothers attending Camp meetings during May 2022 and otherwise delivered at earliest convenience to all members by the Secretaries of all Camps.

SO ORDERED IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

John R. Decker
Department Commander

ATTEST:

Brian G. Peters, PDC
Department Secretary