



Attention Members of the Department of Tennessee

We have had a committee exploring the feasibility of our Department hosting a National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic in 2021. Our weakest point is in terms of whether we have the financial strength to pull off such an event. The Department would need somewhere between \$12,000 and \$15,000 for a National Encampment including a banquet, tours, gifts and other hotel events. The SUVCW National Organization currently contributes \$1,500; however, it is expected that this amount will be increased to \$2,500 at the next Encampment in August. To have the amount needed in hand over the next three years, the Department would need to raise an amount approximately equal to \$25 per member per year.

What we raise in the remainder of this year – until our Department Encampment in February or March 2018 – really determines whether this endeavor is feasible. The bottom of this form is one that can be used for any member of any Camp in the Department to make a voluntary donation toward the Department's hosting of a National Encampment. We also encourage Camps on a voluntary basis to do a fund raiser in support of this effort. All donations should be by check made payable to the Department of Tennessee and mailed to the Department Treasurer, Geoffrey Hintze at 2046 Rosebury Lane, Huntsville, AL, 37912. A copy of this entire form should accompany the check.

Participation is entirely voluntary and a lack of participating will not be held as a negative upon any member or any Camp within this Department. If we fail to raise \$4,000 this year, we will suspend our effort to host a National Encampment. Any monies donated but not used toward funding a National Encampment will be used by the Department of Tennessee (with Mississippi and Alabama) to further its tax-exempt purpose. While entirely voluntary, we thought it might be fun and competitive, for those who wish to participate, to award a small prize at the 2018 Department Encampment to the Camp who raises the most money per member.

Name: _____ Amount Donated: _____

Camp: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____