

## Resolution to create the Samuel C. Gant Life Time Service Award

**Whereas** Past Department Commanders of the Department of Tennessee have recognized a need to celebrate Brothers in the Department who have provided long term exemplary service, and

**Whereas** the current Department Awards celebrate Camp growth (Corporal William H. Bell Membership Award and Private Henry Hoover Membership Award) and the Charles H. Engle Jr. Award of Appreciation (for any individual or entity who, ..., has through his/her actions, words, and/or deeds significantly contributed to the furtherance of the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic within the Boundaries of the Department of Tennessee, and

**Whereas** the Charles H. Engle Jr. Award has typically been awarded for significant contributions in a one to two year time frame, and

**Whereas** Samuel C. Gant, PDC exemplified service to our Department and Order, and

**Whereas** Samuel C. Gant, PDC through many smaller, individual acts grew both the Department and his Camp, and

**Whereas** Samuel C. Gant PDC also persistently pursued the goal of having an active Allied Order that would engage the wives of Brothers, which resulted in the formation of National Auxiliary at Large Joseph H. Rider #62, and

**Whereas** there is no other Department permanent recognition of Samuel C. Gant's contributions to the Department of Tennessee

**Whereas** Past Department Commanders have considered this matter and propose the following resolution:

**Resolved** that the Department of Tennessee provide for an Award for a Brother who has provided exemplary service to his Camp, and the Department of Tennessee, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, entitled the Samuel C. Gant Life Time Service Award, and

Further resolved that this Award take into account the Brother's personal contributions, elected and appointed positions held, financial support, and comradery with other Brothers in the Department, and

Further resolved that this Award may be, but is not required to be awarded annually, and

Further resolved that this Award may be awarded posthumously, and

Further resolved that this be awarded by the judgment of a three-member panel of Past Department Commanders appointed by the Department Commander

The undersigned, being current Past Department Commanders of the Department of Tennessee who are in good standing support this resolution.

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Michael Downs, PDC

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David M. DuBrucq, PDC

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Ben Block Jones, PDC

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George Andrew Huttick, PDC

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Roger Tenney, PDC

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Note: IF this resolution passes, the By-Laws of the Department of Tennessee Rev. 6 would need to be administratively amended with the following wording:

### **ARTICLE XVI – Awards**

**Section 3** Authorization for a Department an appreciation award is provided. The award shall be known as the Department of Tennessee Samuel C. Gant Life Time Service Award. The award shall be conferred by the Department Commander upon any Brother of the Department of Tennessee who, in the judgment of a three-member panel of Past Department Commanders appointed by the Department Commander, who has provided exemplary service to his Camp, and the Department of Tennessee, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Recommendations for possible recipients of said award shall be submitted, along with a one-page description of the contribution made including personal contributions, elected and appointed positions held, financial support, and comradery with other Brothers in the Department, to the Department Secretary / Treasurer no later than two (2) months prior to the annual Department Encampment. Recipients of the award shall be publicly announced and a certificate and/or other appropriate symbol of the award presented at the annual Department of Tennessee Encampment. No more than one (1) recipients shall be selected for the award in any one year. The award does not have to be awarded in any given year, and the award may be conferred posthumously.