

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Florida
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I am asking all Brothers Dept. of Florida SUVCW to read the the following documents and if asked questions regarding them please be discreet in your response. Thank you.

- 1) Removal of Veterans Monuments--National Order #2 from C-in-C Mark Day dated 8/21/17 (previously distributed.)
- 2) Battlefield Flag and Monument National Policy adopted 8/2017 (copy included.)
- 3) My response concerning a recent (8/17) reporter request concerning Olustee Monument Project (I have included my response.)

National Flag and Monument Policy

WHEREAS, we, as the descendants of Union soldiers, sailors, and marines and revenue cutter service men who, as members of the Grand Army of the Republic, met in joint reunions with Confederate veterans under both flags in the bond of unity.

WHEREAS, we, as members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War strongly condemn the use of any American or Confederate flag by any and all hate groups.

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War strongly condemn the removal, defacement or destruction of any Civil War Veterans Monument or tablet, whether Union or Confederate.

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, support the flying of all U.S. and C.S.A. flags at our National Battlefield sites and to be honored publicly in museums as our authentic archival documentation of our National past.

THEREFORE, we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are committed to teaching the history of the American Civil War in our educational system and ask that all descendants of Civil War participants join in this endeavor.

I have no problem with the Battlefield Flag and Monument National Policy as adopted by the National Encampment August, 2017.

My response to Olustee Monument Reporter's 8/17 Request for Information

The Department of Florida Sons of Union Veterans Civil War (SUVCW) was advised by our National Organization that those individuals wishing to actively pursue the Olustee Battlefield Monument should establish an Independent Olustee Battlefield Not for Profit Corporation. Therefore, the Department of Florida SUVCW advised those interested in the Project to set up a Not for Profit Corporation (completely independent from our Organization) and I believe they did so in 2015. We, the department of Florida SUVCW, have had no involvement with the Olustee Battlefield Monument since the Corporation was set up.

Requested again for information about the Corporation and I replied thus--I believe that the Corporation's name is the Olustee Monument Commission. I lost contact with the Corporation when the Head of the Corporation moved to Texas about three years ago. I personally have no information regarding them or whether they are still in existence. Sorry I can't be of more service.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
David Palmer, Commander
Department of Florida, SUVCW