



Augusta Jane Evans Wilson
Chapter #2640

United Daughters
of the
Confederacy®

Temple Terrace, Florida

The Augusta Jane Evans Wilson Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy® (UDC) is actively seeking potential recipients for its prestigious Military Service Awards.

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**AWARDS CURRENTLY
BESTOWED**

Crosses of Military Service



World War II Korean War Vietnam Conflict



**National Defense
Service Medal**



**Armed Forces
Expeditionary Medal**

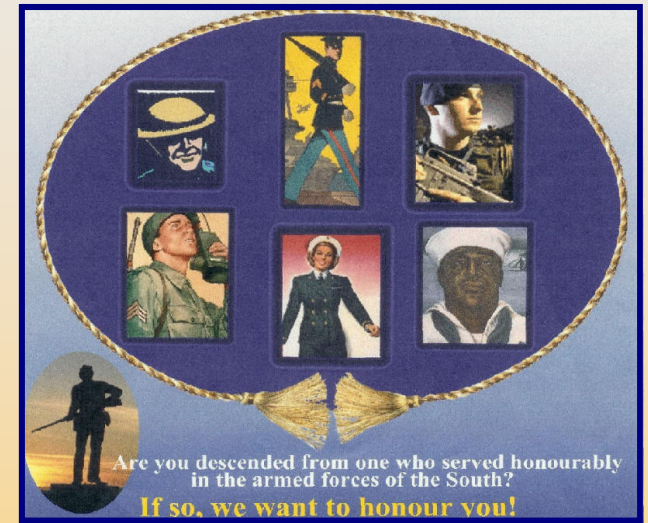


**Meritorious
Service Award**



**Pioneer
in Space Award**

**THE BRAVE
BEGET THE BRAVE**



**Military Service
Awards**

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United Daughters of the Confederacy® Military Service Awards

History

Many are not aware that after the War Between the States, there was no official recognition of the service of the Confederate Veterans, as the U.S. War Department did not, until much later, recognize these men as Veterans.



Furthermore, metal was scarce, so none were awarded by the Confederate Government during the War. So, around the turn of the century, showing appreciation to the men in gray, fell to the daughters of the Confederates. The United Daughters of the Confederacy® (UDC) set about to create a medal appropriate for the gallant defenders in gray. The medal would be called the "Southern Cross of Honor". Thousands were awarded and Winnie Davis, Jefferson Davis' daughter, and the original "Daughters of the Confederacy" traveled around the South bestowing this medal on the aging Confederate Veterans.



A Maltese Cross with a wreath of laurel surrounding the words "Deo Vindice 1861-1865" (God our Vindicator) and the inscription "Southern Cross of Honor" was on the face. On the reverse was a Confederate Battle Flag surrounded by a laurel wreath and the words "United Daughters of the Confederacy to the UCV."

Only a Confederate veteran could wear the Southern Cross of Honor, and it could only be bestowed through the UDC. Money could not buy the Cross. They were bought by loyal, honorable service to the South and were given in recognition of this devotion.

As time passed, and Southerners were involved in more military conflicts, the UDC developed Military Service awards, Crosses and Medals. Only a direct or collateral descendant of a Confederate who served honorably, and who was a veteran who had served or who was serving in defense of America would be eligible. Approved by the Pentagon, the Cross and Medal awards (for service during wartime) can be worn on service uniforms. These bestowals began with the Spanish-American War and continue through today. They are the most prized awards conferred by the UDC

Eligibility

Today, Military Service Awards are presented to persons who are lineal or collateral blood descendants of Confederate military personnel who have given a minimum of 90-days active-duty military service to our country in the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Merchant Marines and U.S. Navy. Pioneers in Space are awarded for service in the U.S. Space Program. Both ancestor and descendant's service must be honorable.

These awards are the outgrowth of the UDC's bestowal of the Southern Cross of Honor to the Confederate Veterans, established to honor these gallant defenders in absentia of its fallen government.

There are two primary requirements:

1. Honorable service in the US armed forces and
2. Honorable service in the CSA armed forces of ancestor

Documentation needed:

1. DD214
2. Pedigree Chart from recipient to their Confederate Ancestor
3. Confederate Ancestor's unit and company.

We will assist with research on confederate ancestor if lineage is uncertain.

If you, or a family member or friend would qualify for one of these awards, please contact chapter Recorder of crosses of Military Service.

Awards Presently Bestowed

***The following Military Service Awards are bestowed for direct (lineal) descendants:**

- World War II Cross of Military Service
- Korean Cross of Military Service
- Vietnam Cross of Military Service
- National Defense Service Medal
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal
- Certification of Appreciation (service in time of peace)

***The following Military Service Award is bestowed for collateral (ggguncle, etc.) descendants:**

- Meritorious Service Award

**Detailed eligibility requirements are available at www.augustajanesudc.org.*

YES I'm interested!

(Please check which applies)

I think I'm eligible, enclosed is my pedigree chart, DD214 and Confederate ancestor information

I know my genealogy but not sure if I have an eligible Confederate ancestor, and would like help with the research

I'm not sure of my ancestor and would like some help researching if I have one

I know someone who I think is eligible. Please contact them address below:

Other: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____

E-mail _____

RETURN TO:

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