

# **Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 – 1865**

## **Our Mission**

The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 – 1865 is a not-for-profit organization formed to unite the daughters, granddaughters, great granddaughters, and all female direct lineal descendants of honorably discharged Union Veterans of the Civil War in promoting our principle mission which is: to perpetuate the memories of our ancestral fathers who served in the Civil War, to honor their loyalty and their unselfish sacrifices to preserve the Union, and to keep alive the history of those who participated in that heroic struggle for the maintenance of our free government. The objects shall include:

### **Civil War History**

Building and maintaining a Museum of Civil War history, admission to which shall be free and open to the public, in the city of Springfield, Illinois, as a repository of Civil War documents, artifacts and cultural relics.

### **Library**

Maintaining a library in connection with the Civil War Museum, admission to which shall be free and open to the public, containing the official volumes of the War of the Rebellion Records, Civil War genealogical files, Adjutant General reports of the various States, military and biographical records and accounts of the individual service of Union Soldiers, Sailors and Marines and members of the Revenue Cutter Service, diaries, letters, relics, and other records.

### **Preservation**

Encouraging the preservation of monuments, historic sites, documents, relics, and the records of the individual service of Union Soldiers, Sailors and Marines and members of the Revenue Cutter Service.

### **Education**

Disseminating and teaching American history, particularly the history of the Civil War period, through the establishment of scholarship programs at the National and State levels, the presentation of American flags to youth groups and newly naturalized citizens, and the sponsorship of contests of educational merit.

### **Patriotism**

Cherishing, maintaining and extending the institutions of American freedom; to foster true patriotism, love of country, and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.

### **Celebrating**

Commemorating the deeds of the Union Veterans of the Civil War on May 30 and/or Memorial Day and observing all Patriotic Anniversaries as may be appropriate.

### **Volunteering**

Caring for veterans of all wars through volunteer programs in Veterans' Administration medical centers and in homes and other institutions maintained by the States for the welfare of American Veterans and providing aid to descendants of Union Veterans of the Civil War and those who are worthy and needy.

### **Community**

Participating, in a spirit of cooperation and reciprocity, in programs with other societies devoted to American history, veterans' affairs, or community interests.