



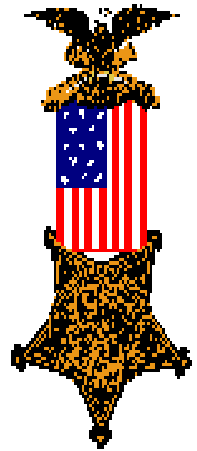
# Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

## Pennsylvania Department

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(To be read in the Camps and retained in Camp files)

Greetings Brothers of the Pennsylvania Department,

I am deeply saddened to report the passing of Past Department Commander Joseph E. Long, Jr on December 16, 2019, at the age of 83.

Brother Long was a Life Member of the SUVCW and a Member of Lt. Ezra S. Griffin Camp #8 of Scranton in which he held the offices of Past Camp Commander, Treasurer, and Historian. He served as Pennsylvania Department Commander, 1991-1992 and was a friend and mentor to many Brothers who went on to serve as Department officers. Joe was well known for his knowledge of the history and traditions of our Order and for his tireless involvement with the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Association Museum.

Of all of his many achievements in the Pennsylvania Department, his most long-lasting contribution is the time and devotion that he put into reviving inactive Camps and helping to put them back on a successful course. Joe spent countless hours driving across the state to assist these struggling Camps and many, many Brothers of the Pennsylvania Department can thank him today for having a Camp to call their home. Truly the best way to honor Joe's memory is to maintain this legacy that he left us for many years to come.

Brother Long proudly served in the United States Marine Corps from 1953 to 1973 and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was a member of Nativity of Our Lord Parish in Duryea, the Marine Corps League, Black Sheep, Sandvik Steel Retirees and the American Legion Post 585, Duryea.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Sister Mary Jo Long, PNP. Also surviving are son Andrew Long and his wife, Nancy, of New Windsor, NY; daughter Michele Denicola of Duryea; daughter Mary Margaret Mazzaccaro and her husband, Patrick, of Duryea; daughter-in-law Andrea Petito Long of Dunmore and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements for Brother Long are as follows:

The funeral will be held Friday, December 20, 2019 at 9:00AM from the Bernard J. Piontek Funeral Home, 204 Main St., Duryea with the Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30AM in Holy Rosary Church, 127 Stephenson St., Duryea. A viewing will be held on Thursday, December 19 from 5:00PM to 8:00PM at the funeral home. The American Legion Post 585, Duryea will conduct military services on Thursday evening at 7:00PM. Interment will be in Fort Indiantown Gap.

I hereby order that all Member badges, Camp Charters, the Pennsylvania Department Charter and the Pennsylvania Department website be draped in black for 30 days from the issuance of this Department Order in memory of Past Department Commander Joseph E. Long, Jr.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Greg Kline, DC  
Commander  
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