



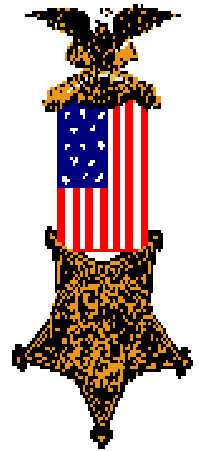
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Greetings Brothers of the Pennsylvania Department,

It is with a heavy heart that I report the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Richard D. Orr on August 2, 2020 at the age of 71.

Brother Orr's Membership in our Order dates to April 11, 1981 and he was a Member of Davis * Camp of Pittsburgh, basing his eligibility for Membership on the service of his Great-Great-Grandfather Private Peter Paul Gallisath of the 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry as well as other ancestors. Brother Rich was a Life Member of our Order and served in a vast number of Offices and Committees on the Camp, Department and National levels. Most notably, these include:

Camp Commander of Davis * Camp

Pennsylvania Department Commander (1989, Williamsport)

Commander-in-Chief (1997, 116th National Encampment, Utica, NY)

Brother Rich was an incredibly active Member of the Pennsylvania Department and was a friend and mentor to many past and current Department Officers. He was known for his knowledge of the history of Order, his wise council and his expert knowledge of the C&R and parliamentary procedure.

Brother Rich was a lifelong Scout and adult Scouter, having earned the rank of Eagle

Scout and the Vigil Honor in the Order of the Arrow. As an adult leader, his service was recognized by being awarded the District Award of Merit as well as the Silver Beaver Award which is the highest award that the National Court of Honor bestows for service to Scouting.

In addition to his activities in the SUVCW and Scouts, Brother Orr was an active member of the Pittsburgh Model Railroad Historical Society, the Pennsylvania Railroad Technical and Historical Society, was a member of the Pennsylvania Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and was a Charter member of the Congress of Patriotic Organizations. He was also a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association, life member of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity and life member of the National Rifle Association. He served on the Board of Directors for Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum Trust, Inc.

Brother Rich was a graduate of Penn State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree and Idaho State University with a Master's Degree in Biology. He retired as an Administrator for the Allegheny County Health Department.

Memorial Arrangements for Brother Rich are as follows:

Visitation: Wednesday, August 5, 2020, 2-5 pm; Devlin Funeral Home, North Hills.

Service: Thursday, August 6, 2020, 10 am; Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish/ St. Teresa of Avila Church.

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 Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

**Greg Kline, DC
Commander
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