

Special Order #3



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Dear Sisters,

This order is to acknowledge the loss of our beloved Brother, Past Commander in Chief, Elmer F. "Bud" Atkinson on 3/11/17. Bud served as Commander in Chief in 1992/1993 and was a Past Department Commander serving two terms in 1985 and 1986. He was a Life Member.

Bud was also a member of the SVR, 2nd Military District where he held a number of positions. He and his wife, PNP Margaret Atkinson helped to run the Remembrance Day Ball for many years.

Bud was actively involved in the Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum and Library in Philadelphia.

Bud was a U.S. Army veteran having served in the European Theatre in WWII. He was also in the Reserves for 20 years retiring at the rank of Sgt. Major. He was also a Philadelphia fireman.

As a young Boy Scout, Bud had helped escort Civil War veterans to the podium at the original dedication of the Peace Light Memorial on the Gettysburg Battlefield. He was the only person at the 75th Anniversary Rededication who attended the initial dedication ceremony.

Bud was a familiar face at our Encampments, dinners, luncheons, Remembrance Day and other events.

He lived a life of service to others and will be fondly remembered and sorely missed.

We extend our condolences to PNP Margaret Atkinson, his wife of 68 years and his family whom are longtime members of our Allied Orders.