



Daniel Sauerwein (Insignia #22895)

has been a Hereditary Life Companion in the Missouri Commandery of the Loyal Legion since August 2023. At the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Commandery, he was elected as a member of the Council for the Commandery. He earned his eligibility for Companionship through the service of his great-great-great-great-great uncle, Capt. Peter Cover Spencer, who served in Co. B, 74th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Spencer also served as a Private in Co. F, 105th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment, being wounded in the Battle of Fair Oaks, leading to his discharge on Surgeon's Certificate in December 1862, but he later served as a Corporal in Co. A, 2nd Battalion Pennsylvania Infantry (6 months), and as a First Lieutenant in Co. B, 1st Battalion Pennsylvania Infantry (100 days) in 1864.

Sauerwein is also a member of the John M. Thayer Camp-at-Large, Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, by virtue of the service of his

great-great-great grandfather Robert Alexander Montgomery, having joined SUVCW in 2007. He is a member of the Nebraska Rangers, Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR). He is also a member of Logan's Brigade, Men's Associate to the National Woman's Relief Corps, joining in 2023. His Civil War lineage also includes the following veterans:

- Louis Napoleon Bissonnette (1842-1911)—Co. I, 1st Minnesota Mounted Rangers—Great-great-great grandfather
- David McCullough (1814-1900)—Co. A, 61st Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment; Co. B, 74th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment—Great-great-great-great grandfather
- Andrew Jackson Montgomery (1849-1927)—Co. B, 74th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment—Great-great-great-great uncle
- Philip Eglehoff (1842-1863)—Co. D, 122nd Illinois Infantry Regiment (died of wounds)—Great-great-great-great uncle

He works as a Reference Specialist in the State Archives at the State Historical Society of North Dakota, assisting patrons with accessing historical materials to aid in research, including genealogical research. A historian by training, he holds a Master of Arts in History from the University of North Dakota (UND) and a Bachelor of Arts in History from Illinois College. He completed coursework towards a Ph.D in History from UND and previously taught History, Geography, and Political Science courses at the college level.

In his spare time, he is a member of the Sons of the American Legion, VFW Auxiliary, and Civil Air Patrol. He also engages in Civil War living history and historical miniature wargaming. An Army Brat, he is originally from Jerseyville, Illinois, but has lived in North Dakota, first in Grand Forks and now resides in Bismarck.