



# **Sally Louisa Tompkins Award**

Presented to

**Name of Recipient**

Phoenix VA Health Care System

by the Sons Of Confederate Veterans

**on date of presentation**

**In recognition of his overall excellence embodying  
dedication, innovation and commitment  
to enhance the care of patients**

Sally Louise Tompkins served as a nurse in Richmond, Virginia, during the Civil War Years. Under her supervision, although little was known about the cause of infections, her insistence on cleanliness is said to have been a major key to the lowest mortality rate of any such military hospital, Union or Confederate, during the Civil War.

She was the only woman to hold a commission in the Confederate States Army serving as a Captain of Cavalry, unassigned.  
Her devotion and work earned her the label "Angel of the Confederacy"

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Carter Powers, Commander,  
SCV Camp 1708