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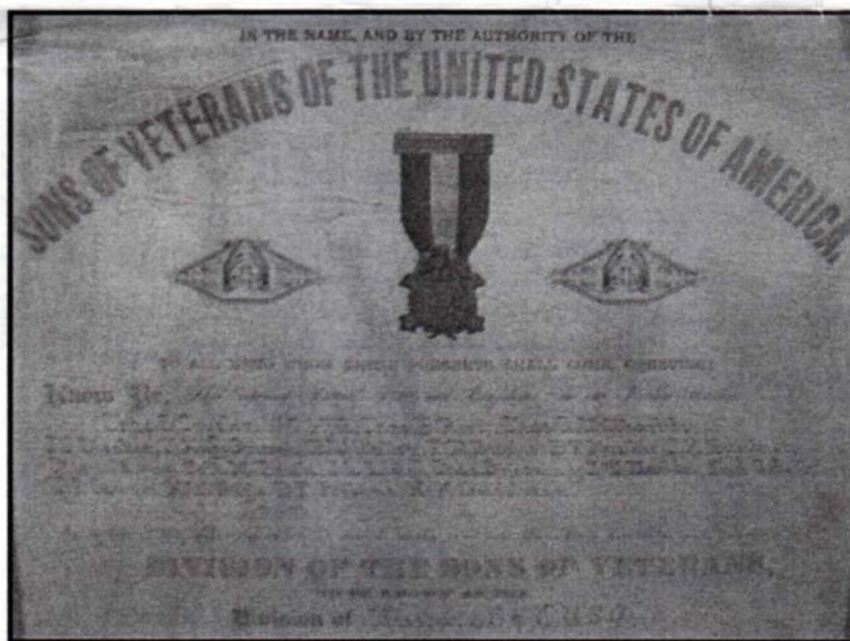
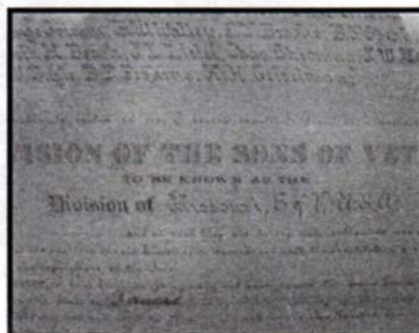
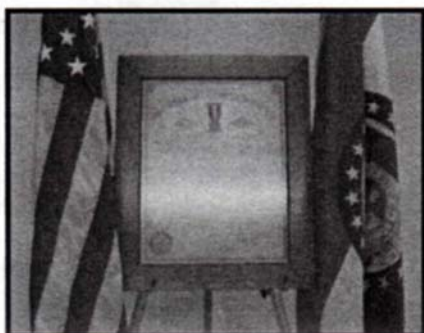
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Original Charter—1885

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FROM THE COMMANDER...



First, I would like to congratulate the newly installed Camp Commanders and wish the new Camp administrations the best of luck in 2003. We continue to grow as a Department and a number of Department initiatives established in 2002 are taking hold. The Missouri GAR highway project has nearly reached the point of coordination with the Missouri legislature. The records archiving project is in pursuit of a grant from the Missouri State Archives. The most aggressive project we are supporting is the Missouri Civil War Museum project. This project encompasses several of our Order's goals in one initiative...i.e, education, preservation and community service. This project is at a critical stage. Although it has been successful in obtaining grants from Missouri organizations, its future depends on its ability to generate corporate sponsorship and garner support from groups like ours who have a vested interest in preserving Civil War history. I permitted Executive Director Mark Trout the use of the Department mailing list to distribute information because this project meets a number of objectives our Department set out to accomplish as part of our Vision 2010 plan. If successful, it will be something all of us in Missouri will be proud of.

In F, C & L,
Don Palmer, Commander, Department of Missouri

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High Flight

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laugh'er-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds - and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,

I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew -
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

***The Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Remembers the Crew of the
Space Shuttle Columbia, STS-107***

DEPARTMENT CALENDAR

May 26	Memorial Day Observance, Celebrations Statewide
May 30	Memorial Day (Traditional)
June 14	Flag Day
June 21	8th Annual Department Encampment @ St. Louis, MO
July 4	Independence Day
August 7-10	SUVCW 122nd National Encampment @Ft. Mitchell, KY

MISSOURI SUVCW HISTORY UNCOVERED

*By Vern Stottlemire, PDC
Department Historian*

As members of the second generation of the Department of Missouri, we know very little of our predecessors that founded the original Missouri "Division" of the Sons of Veterans of the USA. When our Department was re-chartered in 1996, we had almost no record of the previous Department and had to start from scratch. Since that time, with some help from the Sons of Confederate Veterans, we have recovered the original Division charter from 1883.

Now, thanks to Department Junior Vice Commander Charlie Funck, we now have some records of the early years of the Division. At a recent grave re-dedication, Brother Funck met an individual whose relative was a member of the original Missouri Division. This person indicated that he had a copy of the Missouri Division Sons of Veterans By-Laws from 1914.

A copy of those By-Laws were presented to Brother Funck and were subsequently distributed to Department officers in attendance at the November 9, 2002 Department meeting in Jefferson City. A transcript of the 1914 By-Laws follows. Also included was a listing of the Division Commanders from 1884-1914. These by-laws give us some interesting insight into the importance placed on rituals at that time, the strong tie with the GAR and the value of the dollar in those days. It also give us an

impression of how much of our Order has remained the same after nearly a century.

**By-Laws of Missouri Division,
Sons of Veterans of the USA
Adopted at Sedalia, May 12,
1914**

Article I

Name of Division

This Division shall be known as designated in the charter thereof, "Missouri Division, Sons of Veterans of the United States of America."

Article II

Meetings-Quorum

Section 1. One annual meeting of this Division shall be held within one calendar year, the time and place of same to be designated by the encampment, and whenever feasible, with the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, provided, however, the time of such meeting shall be fixed on a date between January 1st and July 1st. Due notice of said meeting shall be given each Camp at least four weeks prior to the time named.

Section 2. A majority of the members accredited and present shall constitute a quorum.

Article III

Members of Encampment

The membership of the Division Encampment shall be constituted as follows:

First – its own elective and appointed officers (except aides), and its sitting Camp Commander.

Second – all its past Commanders-in Chief, Constitutional Life Members, Past Grand Division Commanders, Past Division Commanders and Past Camp Commanders in good standing who shall have served for a full term, or having been elected to fill a vacancy, shall have served to the end of the term.

Third – the delegates elected by ballot by the several Camps of the Division, as follows: One delegate for each Camp, whatever its membership, and additional delegates in the ratio of one for every 50 members or a major fraction thereof, based upon the reports of the quarter next preceding the encampment, in good standing.

Article IV

Officers – Term

Section 1. The elective officers of this Division shall be a Division Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Division Commander, three members of the Division Council, Secretary-Treasurer and delegates to the Commandery-in-Chief, as follows: One delegate from this Division, whatever its membership, and one additional delegate for every 500 members, or major fraction thereof, in good standing, based on the reports next preceding their election.

Section 2. The officers and delegates of this Division shall be elected (unless the encampment by a two-thirds vote determines upon the Australian system of balloting) by roll call of the Camps in their numerical order, and a majority of all the votes

cast shall be necessary for a choice, except in the case of the Division Council, delegates and alternatives, wherein a plurality shall elect.

Section 3. On assuming office, the Division Commander shall appoint a Division Counselor, Division Chaplain, Div. Patriotic Instructor and a Div. Organizer, and he may appoint such special aides as he may deem necessary for carrying out the ritualistic work of the encampment.

Section 4. Vacancies in delegate representation to the Commandery-in-Chief of Encampments at the time such encampments are held, may be filled by the Division Commander, or by the chairman of the delegation. The Division Commander, however, in all instances having the priority of right to so appoint.

Section 5. The Div. Commander shall have power to remove all appointive officers, and the encampment may, by a two-thirds vote, declare vacant the position of any elective officer for cause.

Section 6. Any vacancy that may occur in the elective officers of the Division shall be filled temporarily by the next officer in rank. Such vacancies shall be filled permanently by the Div. Council, which shall convene for that purpose within 30 days after the occurrence of such vacancy.

Section 7. The term of office of all the elective officers shall be for a period of one year, except the Secretary-Treasurer, which shall be for two years: but all officers shall serve until their suc-

cessors are elected and qualified.

Section 8. No member shall be eligible to election for any office at any meeting of the Division unless present at such meeting.

ARTICLE V Duties of Officers

Section 1. The duties of all Division officers shall be as defined in the Constitution and Laws, and the Ritual of the Order, and in these by-laws, and as indicated by the books and blanks supplied by the Commander-in-chief.

Section 2. The Secretary-Treasurer shall perform all the duties of the Division Secretary and Treasurer as prescribed in the constitution and laws of the order. He shall, before the Division encampment, prepare a roll of all brothers entitled to vote therein, and shall keep on file a complete list of all the officers, together with proper addresses of Camps, Divisions and Commandery-in-Chief, as well as the Grand Army of the Republic and kindred organizations with which correspondence may be conducted. He shall be also the official correspondent of the Division to the "Banner," and as such provide means of collecting items of interest to the order, and of various Camps, and arrange same for publication.

ARTICLE VI Finances

Section 1. The charter fee for Camps instituted in this Division shall be \$25.00, which shall entitle the Camps to a complete packet. New Camps shall be mustered by some officer detailed by the Division Commander, with-

out additional expense to the Camp mustered: Provided, however, when a Camp is organized at a place where suitable arrangements can be made by the Division Commander for mustering the same without expense to the Division, he may, at his own discretion, refund to the Camps as a nucleus for its treasury or to its organizer a portion of the charter fee, not to exceed \$10.00.

Section 2. A member elect shall pay, before his initiation, a fee in an amount to be fixed by the Camp, but not less than \$1.00, which fee shall accompany the application. Fifty cents of such amount shall be paid to the Division and forwarded with the Camp reports.

Section 3. The Division shall assess a per capita tax of \$1.00 per annum on each member as reported in good standing at the end of each quarter. Said tax shall be payable in four equal installments, and forwarded with the Camp reports, for the quarters ending with the last days in the months of March, June, September and December; provided, that no Camp shall be required to pay a per capita tax on any member for the quarter in which he was mustered.

Section 4. No money shall be expended for any purpose other than for actual carrying on the work of the Division unless appropriated by the encampment, or approved by the Div. Council.

Section 5. The Division Secretary-Treasurer shall receive an annual fee of sixteen cents per capita, payable quarterly, and

based upon the members in good standing, as compiled by his reports to the Division Commander at the close of each quarter.

Section 6. The compensation of all other officers, elective or appointive, of the Division, for the faithful performance of the duties of their respective positions, shall be the good will of its members or gratis, except where actual expenses, such as transportation or other necessary outlay, shall have been incurred while performing some special business or regular duty. Such officer, or officers, shall, upon approval of the Division Council be remunerated for such expenditure.

Section 7. The Division Commander and Division Secretary-Treasurer shall give bond in amounts to be fixed by the Division Council, in an acceptable surety company. They shall be liable on their bonds for the funds and property of the Division remaining in their possession until their successors have been properly installed, qualified, given bond and receipted for money and property. The fee for such bond shall be paid out of the funds of the Division.

Section 8. There shall be appropriated out of the funds of the Division, annually, and just before the encampment, and made payable to the Division Secretary-Treasurer, \$8.50 for a Past Division Commanders badge to be presented to the retiring Division Commander at the encampment.

Article VII Orders – Letters

The Division Commander shall,

from time to time, issue or publish letters, circulars, general or special orders, as the business of the Division requires, and they shall, together with the consolidated quarterly reports of the Camp Secretaries and Treasurers, as compiled by the Division Secretary-Treasurer, to be distributed as follows:

Two copies to each Camp Commander, and one to each and every Division officer, Past Division Commanders, in good standing, the Commander-in-chief and National Secretary, the Commander of each Division, the commanding officer of the Grand Army of the Republic, Women's Relief Corps, and other kindred organizations of the Department of Missouri.

ARTICLE VIII Committees

Section 1. The standing committees of the Division Encampment shall consist of five members, as provided in the order of business hereinafter set forth.

- Committee on Credentials
- Committee on Constitution & Laws
- Committee on Ritual & Ceremonies
- Committee on Resolutions
- Committee on Off. Reports
- Committee on Press
- Comm. Fraternal Relations

Section 2. Special Committees may be appointed by the Division Commander in such number on each committee as occasion may demand.

ARTICLE IX Order of Business

1. Opening of Encampment
2. Roll Call of Officers
3. Appointments of Committees on Credentials
4. Report of Comm. on Credentials
5. Roll Call of Members
6. Appointment of Committees
 - (a) Constitution, Rules and Regulations
 - (b) Ritual and Ceremonies
 - (c) On Resolutions
 - (d) On Reports of Officers
 - (e) On Press
 - (f) On Fraternal Relation
7. Reports of Officers
8. Reception and Reference of Communications. (All communications should be submitted in writing and be referred to the proper committees without debate.)
9. Unfinished business
10. Reports of committees
11. New business
12. Nomination of Officers
13. Elect. & Install. of Officers

This order of business may be transposed by two-thirds vote, except that the election and installation shall not be held until all other business has been completed. At the second and each succeeding session, the minutes of the preceding session shall be read immediately after the opening ceremonies.

ARTICLE X Amendments

Section 1. These by-laws may be altered or amended at any stated meeting of the Division by a majority vote of the members reported present and entitled to vote.

COVER STORY CONTINUED...

Section 2. All proposed amendments to these by-laws shall be submitted in writing by Camps, its members, or members of the encampment to the Division Commander, at least 30 days prior to the meeting thereof, and the same be the subject of an order or a circular, and a copy mailed to all entitled to vote at the encampment, at least 15 days prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 3. All by-laws, or parts of by-laws, which have been adopted by this Division, contravening or conflicting herewith, shall be considered as repealed from and after the date of approval of these by-laws.

Section 4. These by-laws, and any amendments thereof, shall be in force from and after the date of their approval by the Commander-in-chief.

FRED'K R. BALSINGER,
EDWARD BRANDLE,
IRA A. HENRICKS,
E.O. BEAL,
W.E. FRANCIS.
Committee on By-Laws
Headquarters, Missouri Division,
Sons of Veterans, U.S.A
Kansas City, MO, May 12, 1914

It is hereby certified that the foregoing are the by-laws adopted by the Missouri Division, Sons of Veterans, U.S.A, in encampment assembled at Sedalia, MO, May 12, 1914.

DARIUS A. BROWN
Division Commander

Attest:
WALTER L. BOBE
Div. Secretary-Treasurer

Headquarters, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U.S.A
Aspinwall, PA June 10, 1914
The foregoing amendments to the by-laws of the Missouri Division are approved.

JOHN E. SAUTTER
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
H.H. HAMMER
National Secretary

The following is a list of the Commanders and their Secretaries who have faithfully, though with various success, served the Division in their respective capacities from its origin in 1884 to its present time:

Year	Commander, Residence	Secretary, Residence
1884	Chas. S. Crysler, Indep.	J. J. Speaker, Independence
1885	Chas. S. Crysler, Indep.	J. J. Speaker, Independence
1886	J. J. Speaker, Independence	Ed. Wolverton, Indep.
1887	A.H. Vandivert, Bethany	S. F. Church, Bethany
1888	E. R. Durham, Bethany	S. F. Church, Bethany
1889	R. Loebenstein, Warrensburg	Geo. A. Cook, Warrensburg
1890	H. J. Kline, St. Joseph	F. Newdorff, St. Joseph
1891	B. W. Frauenthal, St. Louis	M. R. Moore, St. Louis
1892	E. W. Raymond, St. Louis	James B. Patrick, St. Louis
1893	E. E. Ernst, St. Joseph	E. M. Hanson, St. Joseph
1894	Edw. Gottschalk, St. Louis	Ben Prack, St. Louis
1895	W. J. Zimmeshied, Sedalia	J. H. Hieronymus, Sedalia
1896	Manley Wren, Bethany	Ed. Skinner, Bethany
1897	E. E. Schoening, St. Louis	Fred'k W. Miller, St. Louis
1898	J. W. S. Dillon, Grant City	W. V. Hauber, Grant City
1899	Ben Prack, St. Louis	Ludwig Hesse, St. Louis
1900	Oscar R. Fries, St. Louis	Peter F. Bobe, St. Louis
1901	Fred'k W. Miller, St. Louis	Geo. J. Sand, Jr., St. Louis
1902	S. Blumer, Cape Girardeau	H. Rabich, Cape Girardeau
1903	H. Rabich, Cape Girardeau	G. Schultz, Cape Girardeau
1904	Edw. A. Hoberg, St. Louis	Fred Uthoff, Jr., St. Louis
1905	Hy. P. Kesselring, Melrose	Jno. C. Berthold, Kirkwood
1906	A. G. Gerdel, St. Louis	Oliver Bobe, St. Louis
1907	Wm. Schneider, St. Louis	Jno. C. Berthold, Kirkwood
1908	Wm. Schneider, St. Louis	Jno. C. Berthold, Kirkwood
1909	Nicholas Iwig, St. Louis	Arthur Hunnius, St. Louis
1910	John Hutchinson, St. Louis	William Heintz, St. Louis
1911	C. C. Behnke, St. Louis	Walter L. Bobe, St. Louis
1912	C. C. Wippo, St. Louis	Walter L. Bobe, St. Louis
1913	Darius Brown, Kansas City	Walter L. Bobe, St. Louis
1914	William G. Helm, St. Louis	Walter L. Bobe, St. Louis

DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZED AT 121ST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

*By Don Palmer,
Department Commander*

The 121st National Encampment held August 8-11, 2002 in Springfield, IL proved to be an active and enjoyable extended weekend for delegates and families from the Department of Missouri. Attending from the Department of Missouri were Department Commander Don Palmer, Department Junior Vice Commander Charles Funck, Department Secretary/Treasurer PDC Bob Petrovic, Council members Jack Grothe and Emmett Taylor, Department Historian PDC Vern Stottlemire, Department Graves Registration Officer Mark Trout, Department Patriotic Instructor John Avery, Sherman Camp Commander Bob Champlin and Ed Eller, also from the Sherman Camp.

Highlights of the National Encampment included the election of Robert Grim of Ohio as the 116th Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW, the passage of a \$6 per member increase in the National per capita tax, the approval of a motion to eliminate quarterly per capita reports in favor of an annual report and a number of amendments to the Constitution and Regulations.

From the standpoint of the Department of Missouri, it was a fruitful weekend. The following are some Missouri-specific highlights from the 121st National Encampment:

- Department Secretary/Treasurer Bob Petrovic was elected to a three-year term on the National Council of Administration. He was elected to a one-year term at the 2001 National Encampment to fill the seat vacated by Senior Vice CinC Kent Armstrong.
- The Missouri Civil War Museum project received a \$2500 donation from the National organization to support renovation of the Post Exchange building at Jefferson Barracks. The National organization also approved the use of the SUVCW mailing list to support a nationwide fund raising initiative by the Missouri Civil War Museum.
- The Department of Missouri was awarded both the August P. Davis-Conrad Linder Award for greatest number of new members and the Grant Trophy Award for largest percentage increase in membership. These awards were based on 42 new members, which constituted a 30% increase in the size of the Department. This was the first time a Department was awarded both in the same year.
- Proposals to host the 126th National Encampment in 2007 were received from the Department of Missouri (for St. Louis) and the Department of Maryland (for Baltimore). The issue was tabled at the Encampment and will be voted on at the 2003 National Encampment.
- At the August 8, 2002 meeting of the Council of Administration, the request made by the Department of Missouri to allow the use of the Department logo approved at the March 16, 2002 Department meeting for purposes of marketing merchandise was denied.

The 122nd National Encampment will be held from August 7-10, 2003 in Fort Mitchell, KY. Missouri delegates to this encampment will be elected at the 8th Annual Missouri Department Encampment to be held in St. Louis on June 21, 2003.



At the 121st Natl. Encampment Allied Orders Banquet: (L to R) CinC George Powell, Department Secretary/Treasurer Bob Petrovic PDC, Department Commander Don Palmer, Department Council Member Emmett Taylor and CinC-elect Robert Grim.

CENTRAL REGION ASSOCIATION COMES TO MISSOURI

*By Don Palmer,
Department Commander*

The 66th Annual Allied Orders of the GAR Central Region Conference was held on Saturday, October 5 in St. Louis. The Central Region Association is made up primarily of the mid-western Departments of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its Auxiliary.

The Central Region Conference is a unique staff experience designed to enhance and reinforce the management skills needed in the Allied Orders. The Conference is designed to provide top quality professional development in leadership, communication and management topics.

The focus of the 2002 Central Region Conference was on "Marketing the Allied Orders". Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Steve Michaels of Wisconsin, who also chairs the Central Region Steering and Training Committee, conducted the training program designed to sharpen marketing skills as they relate to the Allied Orders.

Missouri Department Commander Don Palmer assisted Brother Michaels by surveying state legislators, veterans organizations, educators and other fraternal/patriotic organizations with questions related to the history, purpose and programs associated with the Allied Orders of the GAR.

The data generated by Commander Palmer was used by the four seminar groups to promote discussion on how the Allied Orders might market itself to the various groups based on their specific needs. A summary of the research conducted by Commander Palmer is shown below.

A total of 36 people (non-SUVCW members) were asked if they had heard of the SUVCW, and if so, what was it? Only 28% of those questioned had heard of the SUVCW. Of this number, 70% thought the SUVCW was a Civil War reenactment group. Only 8% of those actually knew that the SUVCW was a fraternal organization made up of descendants of Union Civil War veterans.

Surveys with a series of questions designed to gauge knowledge of the history of the GAR and the SUVCW, as well as soliciting opinions on the programs worked by the SUVCW, were sent to state legislators, veterans organizations, educators and fraternal / patriotic organizations. The following is an encapsulated summary of the responses:

- Veterans groups and Fraternal/Patriotic groups have the greatest knowledge of the GAR, the Allied Orders and their linkage to the U.S.

Government (i.e., chartered by an act of Congress).

- Veterans groups claim to have the most interaction and knowledge of SUVCW programs.
- All state legislators surveyed believe the Allied Orders oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken or destroy our constitutional union and all were left with the impression that the Allied Orders teach and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, of equal rights and impartial justice for all.
- Only 29% of the educators/preservationists knew that the SUVCW perpetuates the memory of the GAR and those who saved the Union 1861-1865, supports the preservation of documents and records pertaining to the GAR and teaches patriotism, the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country and the love and honor of our flag.
- A large percentage of veterans (60%) were aware that the SUVCW honors all who have patriotically served our country in any conflict.
- State Legislators - September 11, 2001 brought about a new wave of patriot-

ism....need a force to help maintain this wave of patriotism.

- Veterans - Need groups to help maintain public awareness and appreciation for observations such as Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Independence Day, etc.
- Educators/Preservationists – Organizations such as this need to reach out more to minorities.
- Fraternal/Patriotic – Need more interaction between fraternal and patriotic organizations.

Prior to the meeting, tours of Jefferson Barracks County Park and the U.S. Grant National Historic Site were provided. Other business conducted at the meeting included approval of the five-sided Past Region Commanders badge and its distribution to qualified members.

The position of Region Historian was created to organize and preserve the multitude of records and photographs from past regional conferences. A committee was also appointed to update the language in the rituals.

Central Region Commander Russ Kirschner of Indiana presented certificates of appreciation to Brothers Steve Michaels and Don Palmer for organizing and conducting the conference training program; Brother Jack and Sister Margaret Grothe for

organizing the conference site and coordinating the tours; and Brother Tom Crawford for his administrative and preparatory work for the conference.

Finally, election of 2003 officers was held. Tom Crawford of Indiana was elected Commander, Margaret Grothe of Missouri was elected Senior Vice Commander, C.R. Stephen of Iowa was elected Junior Vice Commander and Don Palmer of Missouri was elected Secretary/Treasurer. Appointed officers include Merle Rudebusch of Nebraska as Patriotic Instructor, Jerry Kowalski of Illinois as Chaplain, Allan Teller of Indiana as Historian and Ron Aronis of Wisconsin as Guide.

As special thanks for organizing an enjoyable 2002 conference, the Central Region Association donated \$100 to the Department of Missouri. The Department of Michigan will host the 2003 Central Region Conference in Grand Rapids, MI. The date and additional details will be provided in a later issue of the Missouri Unionist.



Central Region Commander Russ Kirschner (Right) presents Missouri Department Commander Don Palmer a certificate of appreciation for his efforts in developing the program for the 66th Central Region Conference.

Department Welcomes Newest Members

Ronald K. Albaugh
Phelps Camp #66

Jim E. Andres
Wilhelmi Camp #17

Matt A. Andres
Wilhelmi Camp #17

Martin R. Aubuchon
Grant Camp #68

John Boucher
Member at Large

Charles Brulle
Member at Large

Russell G. Bryan
Member at Large

Patrick M. Burke
Wilhelmi Camp #17

Ronald L. Burke
Wilhelmi Camp #17

Charles W. Cummings
Member at Large

Michael H. Gardebled
Grant Camp #68

Joseph E. Kalal, Jr.
Member at Large

George A. Keplar II
Member at Large

Robert E. Lee
Wilhelmi Camp #17

Mark A. McGehee
Wilhelmi Camp #17

William McGehee
Wilhelmi Camp #17

James H. Millikin
Phelps Camp #66

Johnnie Robbins
Member at Large

Wayne M. Sampson
Member at Large

Robert I. Wardenburg
Grant Camp #68

NEW PER CAPITA REPORTING PROCESS BEGINS IN 2003

*By Bob Petrovic, PDC
Department Secretary/Treas.*

All Camp and Department officers need to be aware of the new per capita reporting process approved at the 121st National Encampment held in Springfield, IL in August 2002. This new process moves away from quarterly reporting to an annual report with supplements. The following is an encapsulated version of Commander-in-Chief Robert Grim's General Orders No. 2 that pertains to the new reporting requirement. The full transcript of General Orders No. 2 may be found on the National web site at www.suvcw.org:

- Camp Secretaries must file the new Annual Report form (similar in format to the current Quarterly Report form) with the Department Secretary by 30 April 2003.
- Brothers who have not paid their dues by the date of the Annual Report is submitted to the Department by the Camp Secretary should be dropped for non-payment. If a Brother is dropped prior to the Annual Report submittal, the Camp need not pay the per capita for such a dropped Brother.
- Dept. Secretaries must file the new Annual Report form with the National Executive Director by 31 May 2003.
- After the Annual Report

form is filed, if one of the following events occur, the new Camp Status Report form must be submitted by the Camp Secretary to the Department Secretary:

1. New Brother joins the Camp
 2. Re-instated Brother after non-payment of dues
 3. A Brother dies
 4. Brother has address change
 5. Transfers in/out of a Camp
- After 30 April each year (beginning in 2003), two copies of the Camp Status Report must be filed by the Camp Secretary to the Department Secretary no later than the 15th of the month following the event that prompted the need to file the Camp Status Report. If a new Brother is being reported, then the pro-rated per capita for the remainder of the calendar year shall accompany the form. The pro-rated amount shall be based on a quarterly calculation. If a Camp Status Report form reports a Brother re-instated after being dropped for non-payment of dues, then the full annual per capita for that Brother shall accompany the form.
 - After 31 May of each year (beginning in 2003), the Department Secretary must submit a copy of all Camp Status Report forms to the National Executive Director by the 15th of the month fol-

lowing the submission, along with a check for the proper amount of money due the National Organization for a new Brother or a re-instated Brother.

- The new Annual Report form and Camp Status Report form will be mailed by the Dept. Secretary to all Camp Secretaries. They may also be found in a downloadable version of the National web site at www.suvcw.org.
- For 2003, Camp Secretaries are reminded that the \$6.00 increase in National per capita tax should be reflected in all reports. With the \$6.00 increase, a total of \$18.00 per member, per year will go to National. A total of \$6.00 per member, per year Department per capita tax was approved at the last Department meeting. Camps are required to submit \$24.00 per member, per year in total per capita tax.

If there are any questions on the new reporting process, contact:

Department Secretary/Treasurer
Bob Petrovic
at (636) 274-4567
or via e-mail at
rpetro7776@aol.com

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT REGISTRATION...

2003 Encampment of the Department of Missouri Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War

Friday & Saturday, June 20-21, 2003, St. Louis, Missouri

Holiday Inn - St. Louis
Westport

1973 Craigshire Road
St. Louis, MO
(314) 434-0100

Toll Free (800) 465-4329

Room Rate - \$79.00 + tax
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Weekend Agenda & Information

Friday June 20, 2003

- 6:00 pm Registration
7:00 pm Department Fellowship Event
Copperfield's Restaurant (Inside Hotel)
8:30 pm Social at Hospitality Suite
Meet Commander-in-Chief, Robert Grimm

Saturday June 21, 2003

- 7:30 am Registration
9:00 am Department Business Session I
Noon Lunch
1:30 pm Department Business Session II
4:00 pm Elections / Officer Installation
5:00 pm Adjourn
6:00 pm Social Hour
7:00 pm Encampment Banquet

2003 Encampment Banquet

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Meal Options (Adults \$26 ea. /Child \$11)

of Adult Meals X \$26 = Sub Total

of Child Meals X \$11 = Sub Total

No Refunds after June 15th

Meal Preference - Adult (enter # of meals in box)

Pork Chicken

Meal Preference - Child (enter # of meals in box)

Hamburger Chicken Tenders

2003 Encampment Pre-Registration

Registration Fee - \$5.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

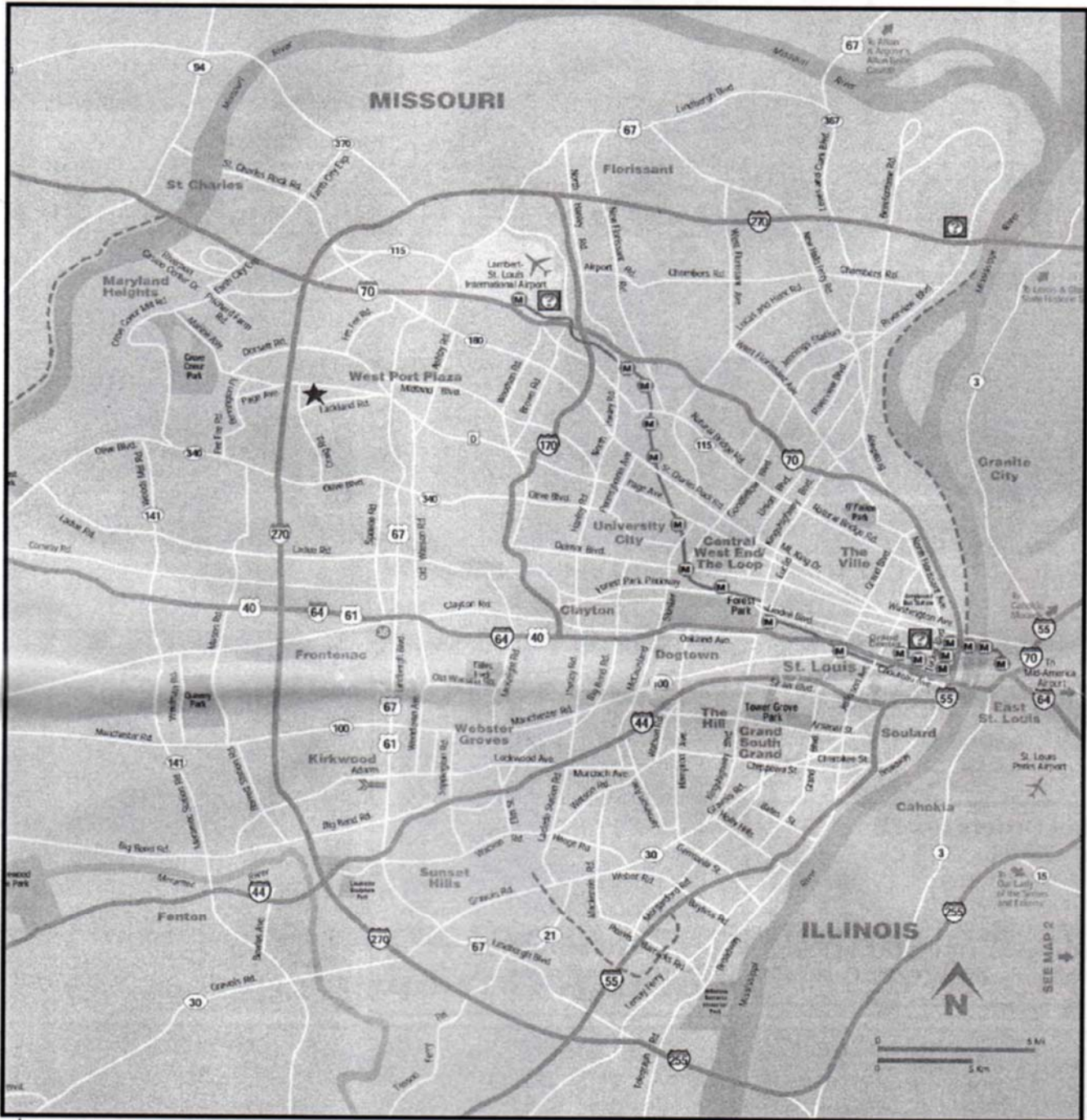
City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Current or Highest Past Office:

- Department Commander
 Past Department Commander
 Camp Commander Past Camp Commander
 Delegate Alternate

DIRECTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT



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Directions from:

Kansas City and Columbia area - I-70 East to I-270 South (to Memphis) to Page Avenue East

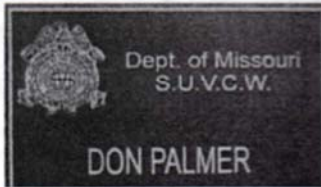
Springfield and Rolla area - I-44 East to I-270 North (to Chicago) to Page Avenue East

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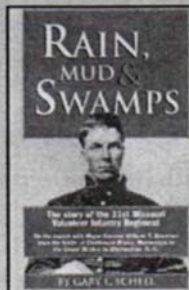
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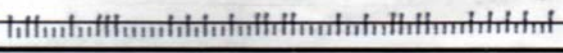
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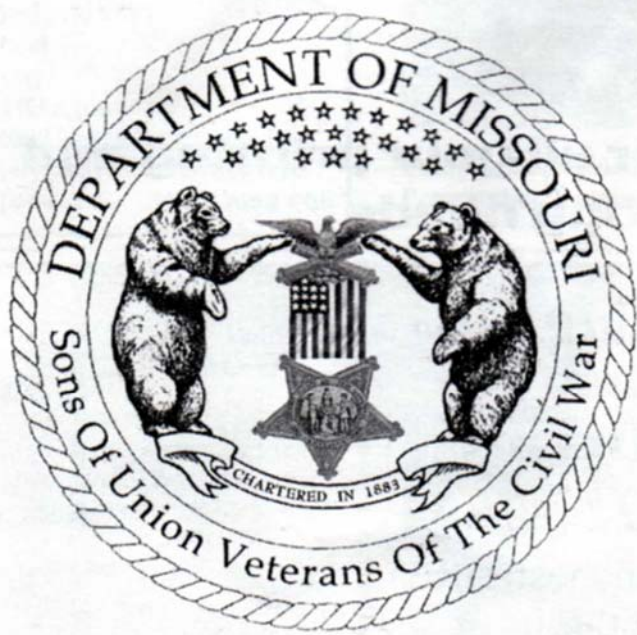


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*Preserving the Memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and our Ancestors
who Fought to Preserve the Union*

SPECIAL PULL-OUT SECTION

LOCAL CIVIL WAR HISTORY PRESERVATION PROGRAMS NEED YOUR HELP

Union Monument for Springfield National Cemetery

*By Michael Price, Commander,
Phelps Camp #66, Springfield, MO*

Phelps Camp #66 in Springfield is currently raising money to establish a monument to the Union dead in southwest Missouri and northwest Arkansas. The monument will be placed in the Springfield National Cemetery. The inscription on the monument will be as follows:

Front:

In memory of the Union soldiers who gave their lives in battles and skirmishes in the Springfield area, and those who died of wounds and disease in the city's hospitals during the Civil War, 1861-1865. When their country called, U.S. Regular Army troops and volunteers from Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Illinois, Arkansas, Indiana, Ohio, Colorado and Wisconsin bravely marched to battle in southwest Missouri and northwest Arkansas and made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the Union and end the institution of slavery. Hundreds of these soldiers now rest in the hallowed ground of the Springfield National Cemetery. Many are unknown, except to God. May the citizens of the United States always remember those who believed that a united country was more precious than life itself.

Rear:

During the Civil War, Union soldiers battled organized Confederate armies and partisan bands for control of southwest Missouri and northwest Arkansas. Facing superior numbers of the enemy, Union armies suffered defeat at Carthage (July 5, 1861) and Wilson's Creek (August 10, 1861), but Springfield was finally secured by Union troops in February 1862. Using the city as a supply base, Union forces launched campaigns to prevent Confederate forces from reoccupying

the region. On January 8, 1863, Union soldiers and convalescents successfully repulsed an attack on the city by Confederates under General John S. Marmaduke. Springfield remained in Union hands for the remainder of the war.

Erected in 2003 by Phelps Camp No. 66 and the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Help is needed to raise the \$3100 to establish this all-important memorial. Tax deductible donations may be made to Phelps Camp #66 and mailed to:

Michael Price
Commander - Phelps Camp #66
3436 N. Fremont Ave.
Springfield, MO 65803

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Civil War Battlefield Hospital

By Walter Busch

As the Civil War broke out, a group of German immigrants living near Pilot Knob, MO began building their new church. Little did they know that within three years, wounded soldiers would lay dying in their house of worship. Doctor Seymour Carpenter, Major, U.S. Army, established several makeshift hospitals in the town of Pilot Knob in preparation for the coming battle. On September 27, 1864, despite Maj. Carpenter's planning, there were more wounded soldiers than his staff and the hospitals could handle.

The entire Arcadia Valley shook with cannon fire on September 26-27, 1864, as Gen. Sterling Price's Confederate Army hammered away at Ironton and Ft. Davidson.

By the time the fighting ceased on September 27, more than 1100 soldiers lay dead or wounded. After rebel fire began peppering the church and schoolhouse, Maj. Carpenter added more hospitals by commandeering several local houses. The Union soldiers slipped out of the fort before dawn on September 28, leaving Maj. Carpenter and his medical staff behind to tend to the wounded. A few weeks after the battle, the Union army re-captured the lost ground, and major fighting would never again touch the valley or the church. Reminders of the battle can still be seen today. A bloodstain is still visible on the floor and a recent archaeological survey retrieved a minie ball from beneath the church's trap door.

By the 1970's, Immanuel was the only battlefield hospital left in Pilot Knob. It was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1979 and, before the structural damage became apparent, the congregation created a museum display room in 2000 to return the church to its original appearance. Today, the church, largely unchanged, remains a beautiful example of an 1860's house of worship. It also remains a monument to the men who died within these walls during one of the greatest battles in Missouri during the Civil War.

Funds dedicated to building repair, maintenance and historic preservation are needed. Besides the recently discovered damage to the foundation (\$15,000), age damage associated with the organ's leather bellows and internal mechanisms (\$9,000) must also be repaired. Repairs to the

schoolroom windows will be quite expensive in order to maintain the original appearance (\$2,000). Maintaining the historical integrity of the building requires special consideration and expensive materials. Please become a Friend of Immanuel Lutheran Church by making your tax-deductible contribution today. Donations may be made at the following levels:

- Life Friend - \$500
- Supporter - \$100
- Sustainer - \$50
- Friend - \$20
- Other - ??

Checks may be mailed to: Immanuel Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 26, Arcadia, MO 63621. If you have any questions, please call (573) 546-1222 or check out Immanuel's website at www.lutheransonline.com/lo/historicimmanuel.



Immanuel Lutheran Church - Arcadia, MO

Uniforms for Pea Ridge National Battlefield

By David T. Lewis, Vice President, Pea Ridge National Military Park Foundation

General Samuel R. Curtis was arguably the most successful Union General west of the Mississippi River and one of the most effective generals to lead Union armies during the Civil War. The Pea Ridge Campaign

was a model of planning, execution and follow-through against difficult odds with an army smaller than that of his opposition, in a region controlled by the Confederacy. Battle necessities required that he move his army out of entrenchments, turn it 180 degrees and face the larger and determined Confederate army, and do so in a very short time. This maneuver was a classic of a poised and insightful military leader who knew his men, and knew how to handle them so their smaller number would be most effective. His ability to complete this maneuver saved the battle for the Union and kept the Confederate troops from gaining control of strategic parts of Missouri. His other assignments were carried out with the same confidence and poise as the Pea Ridge Campaign. For these things, the Country as we know it today is in his debt.

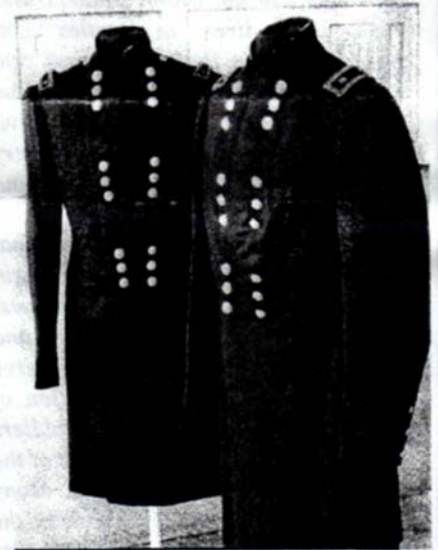
As you may know, members of the Foundation are raising money to bring home two uniform jackets worn by General Curtis. He wore one of these during the battle of Pea Ridge. These jackets have been in a museum in Connecticut, and have now been offered to the museum at Pea Ridge. We currently have them on loan for three years, but they must be purchased. The cost of the coats and display cases will total nearly \$50,000. Efforts to date have raised between \$5,000 and \$6,000 toward this total. The Foundation is calling on all who value this heritage, and who are proud of the history of this region and regions from which came the armies that fought so valiantly here on two cold March days so long ago. These jackets are unique artifacts, for no other for no other garments worn by a general officer during a major battle are known to exist

today. We need your help to preserve and share with others these irreplaceable connections to our history and culture.

If you would like more information on this program or the Foundation in general, please contact them directly at:

**Pea Ridge National Military Park
Foundation
P.O. Box 700
Pea Ridge, AR 72751**

Contributions to support this program are tax deductible and should be made payable to the Pea Ridge National Military Park Foundation.



Note: Since receiving this information, Mr. Lewis brought it to our attention that Pea Ridge has been funded to purchase the display cases for the coats. He points out, however, that funds to purchase the coats must still be obtained.

