



Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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Minutes of the Department Business Meeting 14 October 2023

Open Meeting. Commander Robert Amsler called to order a Business Meeting of the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at 10:45 am, Saturday, 14 October 2023, at Missouri River Regional Library, 214 Adams Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Chaplain Mark Coplin gave the invocation. Patriot Instructor Randal Burd led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ten members were present, meeting quorum: DC Robert Amsler, SVC Robert Abuchon, JVC Mark Coplin, Sec-Trea Dale Crandell, Council Gary Scheel, PCinC Ed Krieser, PCinC Donald Palmer, PDC Walter Busch, PDC Randal Burd, and CC Pete Oetting.

Minutes. Department reviewed the minutes from the Department Encampment on 3 June 2023.

- *Motion by Dale Crandell, seconded by Walter Busch, to approve the minutes subject to correction. Approved.*

Orders and Communications. Department reviewed orders and communications.

1. Department of Rhode Island message, 27 Sep 2023: JVC candidate Joseph Hall.

Officer Reports

1. *Commander.* Robert Amsler reported on efforts to establish General Ulysses S. Grant Day.
2. *Senior Vice Commander.* Robert Aubuchon provided a written report.
3. *Junior Vice Commander.* Mark Coplin provided a written report.
4. *Secretary.* Dale Crandell provided a written report.
5. *Treasurer.* Dale Crandell provided a written report with two recommendations. Dale Crandell requested reviewing the 2024 Department per capita.
 - *Motion by Dale Crandell, seconded by Randal Burd, to maintain the Department per capita at \$6.00. Approved.*

Commander Amsler appointed a Financial Planning Committee: Randal Burd, Walter Busch, Mark Coplin, and Dale Crandell with the charge: present recommendations at the March Department Business Meeting on the per capita rate, funding activities, and fund-raising options.

6. *Chaplain.* Mark Coplin provided a written report.

7. *Counselor*. Robert Amsler asked members to not respond to inquiries concerning transgender membership.
8. *Quartermaster*. Walter Busch provided a written report, highlighting that Department property has been relocated to him.
9. *Grave Registration Officer*. Glen Alsop provided a written report. Department noted 1,578 registrations from Wilhelmi Camp.
10. *Signals Officer*. Walter Busch provided a written report, highlighting that the Department website and domain were renewed.
11. *Historical Records*. Walter Busch submitted a written report, highlighting that when all Missouri-Arkansas monuments are entered in SUVCW National database, the Department database will be shut down.
12. *Unionist Editor*. Randal Burd reported the next issue coming 31 December 2023; submission deadline 23 December 2023.

Standing Committee Reports

1. *Bylaws*. Robert Aubuchon reported committee members: Robert Aubuchon (chair), Dale Crandell, and Randal Burd. Commander Amsler tasked the committee to review the Department's Bylaws for consistency with the SUVCW Constitution amendments on membership qualifications and biological male definition.
2. *Awards*. Robert Aubuchon requested award nominations, submission deadline 15 March 2024. Robert Aubuchon is reviewing design options for member award plaques.
3. *Encampment Site*. Walter Busch reported on 2024 Department Encampment in Kansas City.

Walter Busch proposed combining the camp quarterly and camp PI reports.

- *Motion by Walter Busch, seconded by Randal Burd, to adopt the Missouri Quarterly Patriotic Report Form. Withdrawn.*
- *Motion by Walter Busch, seconded by Gary Scheel, to eliminate the Camp Quarterly Report. Approved.*

Special Committee Reports

1. *Programs*. Donald Palmer reported committee members: Donald Palmer (chair), Gary Scheel, and Mark Coplin. Wilson Creek program planned for 2023 is cancelled. Donald Palmer presented options for future programs:
 - a) Price's Missouri Raid, 29 August - 2 December 1864.
 - b) Battle of Fort Donelson, Tennessee, 11 - 16 February 1862.

Consensus was to pursue a 2024 program for the 260th anniversary of Price's Missouri Raid.

New Business

1. *56th U.S. Colored Troops.* Walter Busch extended an invitation from Grant Camp #68 for their Annual Ceremony Honoring the 56th U.S. Colored Troops: 11:00 am, Friday, 20 October 2023.
2. *Missouri Veterans Home Chapel.* Gary Scheel presented a report and request from St. James Camp #329 to support restoration of the Chapel at the Missouri Veterans Home, St. James, Missouri.

➤ *Motion by Dale Crandell, seconded by Randal Burd, to adopt a statement of support. Approved.*

SUVCW Department of Missouri supports a renovation project of the Missouri Veterans Home Chapel given its GAR and WRC historical significance; however, a business plan is needed to determine the Chapel's future use.

3. *Financial Policy.* Dale Crandell presented financial policies for consideration.

➤ *Motion by Walter Busch, seconded by Randal Burd, to approve policy 900, 901, and 902 with changes. Approved.*

¶ 900 Past Department Commanders Endowment. The Past Department Commanders (PDC) Endowment supports the Department's and Camp's charitable work. The Department, Camps, members, Allied Orders, and non-members may donate to the fund. All donations to the PDC Endowment shall be invested in long-term instruments to produce annual income. All annual income from the PDC Endowment shall be used for the Department's charitable work. The Department Treasurer shall invest PDC Endowment funds and provide regular financial reports. The Department Council shall provide guidance and regular audit reports in accordance with the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations (C&R).

¶ 901 Charitable Fund. One dollar (\$1.00) from each member's annual Department per capita shall be restricted to the Department's charitable work. The Department Treasurer shall maintain a separate Department charity fund and provide regular financial reports.

¶ 902 Reserve Fund. The Department Treasurer shall reserve two-years operating expenses to manage annual cash flow, provide special project seed money, and ensure long-term financial stability. Reserve funds may be invested in short-term instruments. A Department Encampment or Business Meeting may suspend this policy to meet a specific financial obligation or requirement.

4. *Accounts.* Dale Crandell requested review of the proposed starting balances.

➤ *Motion by Dale Crandell, seconded by Walter Busch, to establish the following fund and account balances. Approved.*

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<i>PDC Endowment</i>	<i>Investment</i>	<i>\$ 5,000.00</i>
<i>Reserve Fund</i>	<i>Investment</i>	<i>\$ 2,400.00</i>
<i>Uncommitted</i>	<i>Investment</i>	<i>\$ 2,600.00</i>

<i>Operating expenses</i>	<i>General Account</i>	<i>\$ 1,200.00</i>
<i>Operating uncommitted</i>	<i>General Account</i>	<i>\$1,548.26</i>
<i>Charity expenses</i>	<i>Charity Account</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>Charity uncommitted</i>	<i>Charity Account</i>	<i>\$1,500.00</i>

5. *Investments.* Commander Amsler appointed an Investment Committee: Mark Coplin, Robert Aubuchon, Walter Busch, Donald Palmer, Dale Crandell, and Gary Scheel with the charge: present recommendations on investment strategies for the PDC Endowment and other Department funds.

- *Motion by Mark Coplin, seconded by Gary Scheel, that when the Department's \$10,000 CD matures, invest \$5,000 in a market index stock fund, such as S&P 500 and \$5,000 in a CD. Approved.*

Close Meeting. Commander Robert Amsler closed the Department Business Meeting at 1:15 pm. Chaplain Mark Coplin gave the benediction.

Prepared by,

Dale Crandell, PDC
Department Secretary



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Agenda
Department Business Meeting
14 October 2023

Opening of Meeting

- a. Invocation
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call

Minutes

- a. Department Encampment, 3 Jun 2023

Communications

- a. Rhode Island, JVC candidate Joseph Hall, 27 Sep 2023

Officer Reports

- a. Commander: Robert Amsler, Jr.
- b. SV Commander: Robert Abuchon
- c. JV Commander: Mark Coplin
- d. Secretary-Treasurer: Dale Crandell
- e. Council: Sumner Hunnewell
- f. Council: Gary Scheel
- g. Council: Glen Alsop

Appointed Officer Reports

- a. Asst. Secretary-Treasurer: Walter Busch
- b. Patriotic Instructor: Randal Burd, Jr.
- c. Chaplain: Mark Coplin
- d. Counselor: Robert Amsler, Jr.
- e. Quartermaster: Walter Busch
- f. Grave Registration: Glen Alsop
- g. Signals: Walter Busch
- h. Asst. Signals: James Dixon
- i. Historical Records: Walter Busch
- j. Unionist Editor: Randal Burd, Jr.
- k. Eagle Scout: Sumner Hunnewell
- l. ROTC: Sumner Hunnewell
- m. History Awards: Randal Burd, Jr.

Standing Committee Reports

- a. Bylaws: Robert Abuchon
- b. Awards: Robert Abuchon
- c. Encampment Site: Walter Busch

Special Committee Reports

- a. JROTC Selection: Sumner Hunnewell
- b. Programs: Don Palmer

Unfinished Business

New Business

Good of the Order

Closing of Meeting

- a. Benediction

June 3rd 2023 Department of Missouri Encampment
Fire Station 1 Community Room – 720 E. Grand Street – Springfield, MO 65807

Attendants - Robert Amsler Jr DC, Joe Rainey CC, Don Palmer Jr. PCinC, John Palmer, Doug Roussin Quarter Master, Dale Crandell PDC, Sumner Hunnewell PDC, Bob Aubuchon SVC/PCC, Ed Krieser PCinC, Craig Mathews CC, Glen Alsop PDC, Kirk Singleton CC, Randal Burd PDC, Mark Coplin PCC/Department Secretary, Walt Busch PDC, Charles Holt – new member Phelps Camp, guest Mrs. Craig Mathews

Opening 10:00

Opening Prayer – Mark Coplin - Department Chaplain

Oct and March meeting minutes approved – Dale Crandell 1st and Randal Burd 2nd – Approved

*Walt Busch made a motion that if a member did not have a written report, then he would only have 5 minutes of discussion. Craig Mathews 1st and Randal Burd 2nd – Approved

Commander Report – Bob Amsler Jr – Started out by mentioning the Sherman Flag program – General Petraeus was given a flag last year at the Grant Event in New York. Gave a flag to the Grant Tomb director Frank Scaturro -- The tomb was in disrepair – He was able to get the government to correct the problems. He also mentioned the apology of Brother Petrovic to the department for his actions against Dale Crandell. Walt Busch – Question – will we see the report? Per the DC the report is in the committee's hands. Don Palmer – The hearing council has to review and make a decision – then send their finding to the DC. Then the findings can be released to the entire department. McNeil Camp has officially folded. *See Report for more details*

Senior Vice Commander Report – Bob Aubuchon *See Report*

Junior Vice Commander – Randal Burd– Multiple new members – A gentleman from Maryland had ancestor who fought for Missouri. He suggested that the new member join a camp in Maryland so he could participate. Dead Line for the Unionist is June 30th - Essay Committee – not appropriate essays submitted. **Recommendations** 1) Quartermaster e501 – rewrite (see report) 2) Adjust the State map to better reflect the areas each camp cover since the loss of McNeil from Northern Missouri. (see report) 3) Department Commander to review all past orders in the Department – (see report)

Point of order – Walt Busch and Don Palmer - Need an Encampment Committee to review all the recommendations, by law and order presented at the Encampment. Bob Amsler Jr. appointed Don Palmer Jr, Joe Rainey and John Palmer to review the items mentioned above. Since only recommendations were made Don asked Sumner to assist in the review.

Essay – Randal Burd – Need to review if want to continue the essay contest. Need also contact the schools so they know what the scope of the essay should be.

Bob Amsler Jr – May want to contact Greg Wolk to see if his organization would be willing to assist with the essay reviews. Need to review and see how best to move forward.

John Palmer – Focus on 7th to 12th grade. They start American History in 7th and review in High School.

Unionist – Randal Burd - Dead line for information is June 30th

Mark Coplin – Mentioned the passing of a member of the Talkington Camp in Arkansas – David Nelson Alexander - 69 of Van Buren, Arkansas – Information to be sent into Randal and to the National Chaplain.

Secretary Report – See Report

Walt Busch suggested that we need to decide if we can have a cut off day earlier in March. To give the Secretary more time to prepare the Per Capita Tax forms. It also gives him more time to chance down problems and make corrections. Maybe a March 15th date? Ed Krieser CinC mentioned that National Sets the deadlines. He did not think a department could change those deadlines. Walt – Withdrew his suggestion and reported we need to think about it and address at a later date.

Treasurer Report – See Report –

Recommendations - 1) Approve the Budget today. 2) Past Department Commander's fund – What is the fund for? 3) *Charitable Fund* (defer this until the October meeting) 4) Would suggest the Department have 2 years of operating funds on hand. Contact Department members to make sure they are aware of the Department's 501C3 status.

Don Palmer Jr – Has anyone requested funds? Dale – No one has requested any funds. He has gotten a request for a project for Grant Camp.

Bob Amsler Jr – We need to have a written definition of what a charity is.

Randal Burd - Is there already a definition out there already? Ed Krieser No – Your use the funds for what you think is for charity and the IRS will see if it meets their requirements.

Walt Busch – Honoring the Civil War or something dealing with Patriotism, Confederate Essay was awarded funds in the past

Bob Amsler Jr – We should not be rewarding someone for a Confederate Essey.

Don Palmer Jr – Just to give a historic perspective the Past Department Commander fund was started 20 years ago

Ed Krieser - Charitable means there is a need. Restricted fund – articles in the bylaws – articles of incorporation

Walt Busch – Can Dale and I meet and put together a form to pass out to the camps on what is expectable as charity? This will be presented in the October meeting.

Don Palmer Jr and Bob Amsler Jr. – Now that we are a 501C3 we need to be very careful.

Dale Crandell – May need to reword the definition of what the Department can do.

Walt Busch – Currently has \$10,000 in a CD with a 4% interest rate for 8 months

Bob Amsler Jr. - Can invest in conservative investments – 501C3 Vanguard - Fidelity or Edward Jones. Stock market is doing better than the rate of inflation. Low risk – Will look at this and present at the October meeting – in the meantime will help look into the type of products we would be interested in investing in. Vanguard takes 1% on the money you make.

Walt Busch – Money Market? Bob Amsler Jr – Looking at what product to place the funds of the department.

Glen Alsop – Mercy where he works uses Vanguard for their 401K and is happy with the product.
Don Palmer Jr – Boeing uses Fidelity – Sumner Hunnewell – Wise to look into investments to grow the funds of the Department

Kirk Singleton – Is there a minimal amount to invest? Bob Amsler Jr - \$5000,00 and you can pull money out without a penalty.

Budget - See Report – Walt Busch 1st and Randal Burd 2nd – Approved the budget section with the cash section put on hold.

Patriotic Instructor – Dale Crandell - Recommendation - The Department send a donation to the Springfield National Cemetery - Patriotic US National Cemetery to Flag Day. Submitted to National

Eagle Scout - Sumner Hunnewell – This past year we had 7 Courts of Honors – We have a patch, challenge coin and certificates. Kevin Miller West had 2, Travis Cummings in Arkansas also had 2, Chris Warren – has talked with his Scouting Troop to make sure they knew of our free program for their Eagle Scout Events.

ROTC – JROTC - Dale Crandell – No report - Arkansas awarded the most, Westport came in 2nd JROTC – 1 nominee for outstanding cadet Joe Rainey – Major Clay contacted all the ROTC and JROTC units. Will be presenting him with an award for all his work. He is a member of Spradling Camp – Was suggested by the encampment that he be an assistant to help with covering the state of Arkansas. Joe will ask him.

Walt Busch – Are the members in Arkansas still trying to establish enough camps to form their own Department? – Suggestion – to have an assistant Patriotic Instructor, Eagle Scout and ROTC/JROTC in Arkansas. That way when you are ready to form your own Department you will already have the frame work set for the leadership in those areas.

Graves Registration Officer – Gary Scheel is stepping down as grave registration officer. Randal Burd – Recommended Glen Alsop to take over the position of Grave Registration Officer. Glen agreed to taking over the position. Bob Amsler Jr. – Recommended that Glen contact Gary if he had any questions or needed help with the position. Gary was one of the hardest working grave registration officers. Glen mentioned that grave registration was one of the reasons he joined the Sons.

Medal of Honor – Randal Burd - No report

Historical Records Officer – Walt Busch (See Report) In July 21 and 22nd - The director of Fort Donnelson to give a talk at The Soldier's Memorial and also at Grant Remembrance Day at U. S. Grant Historical site. October 20th at Jefferson Barracks – US Grant Camp will be holding their annual 56th Colored Infantry Remembrance – two JROTC units will be providing a color guard. Will have a bag piper. Bob Aubuchon is setting up the uniformed units and color guard. Retired General Bagby will be the speaker at the ceremony.

Awards Committee - Bob Aubuchon – Blair Awarded to Dale Crandell. Meritorious Service Award to Alan Trodus . Two GAR Awards - Louis Volker at Fletcher Sharon Michael Member of the Julia Dent Tent – Can either meet her or can give it to her at the Grant Remembrance Day. Two Eads Awards - US Grant Camp and Fletcher Camp.

By Laws Committee Report - SVC - no changes to be deferred to the October meeting

Membership Committee – Is mentioned in his report.

Marketing and Promotion – James Dixon not present – Did not submit a report

Essay – Mentioned in his report

Special Project Committee – Don Palmer – Options – Do we do a Remembrance Event at Wilson's Creek in Springfield? If we do one do we do it in August or in October? Leaning in the fall Sept or October as August is a rather hot month. MOLLUS is planning an event – not sure the time frame but maybe we could go a combined event. Fall? Will need to look into this further – planning like at Shiloh.

Other committees not listed - none

Unfinished business

Groups IO - Account Premium – purchased by Bob Amsler Jr – Can have sub groups, Genealogy - Walt Busch – Was upset that an order was sent out that we all had to use it.

Bob Amsler jr – It will only work if we use it.

Walt Busch - Free standing web applications. Google has access to similar items already – Do we want to continue to pay 240.00 a year?

Bob Amsler Jr – The dept needs to move forward and spend more money for items to promote and get people engaged.

Walt Busch – Google account – can have it for free. Is it the time for us to do this.

Dale Crandell – It is a nice donation – and I thank Brother Amsler. When did you start our account and when is it up for renewal?

Bob Amsler Jr – It was established in March and was set up by Bob – It was paid for by Bob.

Group IO – Department of Missouri. Glen Alsop – Try it for the year and see how it goes – younger people when they join may help incise them to join and retain members.

Randal Burd – The Department has a policy in place already – not allowed to mass email all the members of the Department. Had too many complaints.

Walt Busch – I have a problem with this program

Bob Amsler Jr – I don' t

Ed Krieser – I get a lot of emails – transfers the emails to spam folder – Delete them

Dale Crandell – What are you looking for – Bob Amsler Jr – Would like an answer about the Department moving forward using Groups IO –

Department Encampments – In 2024 will have it in the Kansas City / Independence area – Westport

Bass Pro may have a room to use – no food served there any longer. To hold the 2025 Encampment in the St. Louis area. Glen mentioned holding it in Sullivan, MO

Bob Amsler Jr – Maybe hold the event in Rolla or the Cuba area, St. James. In 2025 could see if we could hold the encampment at the Civil War Museum. Ponder 2025

Sumner Hunnewell – Need to schedule Walt's retirement

Signals Officer – Walt Busch - Passed on passwords to James Dixon, Jim Morrison for the WEEBLY

Account - Still have Ed Kriser on the information on the account. Recommend – Missouri ribbons – have ribbons from past department meeting for table decorations at an encampment. Gave the roll of ribbons to Sumner Hunnewell – Maybe he can use them for some project. Reminded the Encampment that the Central Regional Meeting this year will be in Dayton OH

Quarter Master – He suggested that all the meeting minutes need to be in binders – Recommendations.

- Physical book of all the encampments – Retiring from the post. Time to give it up. Walt Busch is to take over the position. He has a large garage.

Camp Reports - Arkansas submitted the only camp report. (See Report) Items not mentioned in the

report include – McPherson Camp members volunteer at the Pea Ridge Battlefield and Prairie Grove sites. They run Children's Programs, Artillery Crews. Murphy Camp – Mark Price working on putting up a Colored Infantry Monument – 5 artists so far have submitted their ideas. There will be a review. Shawne Lynn CC – is on the committee in Little Rock – Is requesting funds from the Department and National for the monument.

Dale Crandell – There are funds in the budget for monuments.

Joe Rainey – We have started to receive fund but still don't know the final cost of the project.

Mark Coplin- Have the members in Arkansas asked for funds from any state or local agencies?

Joe Rainey – Central Library is making a donation for the project.

Reference for Communication – No Report

Prior to the lunch break -

New Member – Charles Holt of Phelps was initiated during the Encampment by Brother Ed Krieser

Sumner Hunnewell – Has sent up to the Commander in Chief the Unionist and the Best Camp news letters of the Department. Don Palmer – Reviewed multiple camps and departments can send in more than one report or newsletter. Bob Amsler Jr – Will review the C & Rs.

Ed Krieser – With the computer age more Department and Camp Newsletters are being reviewed by the C in C.

Lunch break

Reconvened at 12:42

Randal Burd – Are Department members using it? How do you we move forward? Issue with the program – There are free version or similar programs that do the same thing?

Glen Alsop – Motion – That we use the Group IO program for one year starting in March.

Dale Crandell - Camps will have a subgroup – top down

Ed Krieser and Don Palmer – They know that most of the camps will not be able to set this up. If all the camp can put up the information on Groups IO – put there calendar up on the Group IO – It will need to be set up initially.

Bob Amsler Jr - Would benefit from the camps to put in basic and information to the members. Not to replace the Unionist and could up load all the older Unionist editions.

Walt Busch – You can't require at camp to use this program.

Dale Crandell – Have a hard enough time getting the camps to get their EIN – Or send in the forms. About 1/3rd of them will try it for the year.

Motion to continue the trial period for Groups IO – Glen Alsop 1st - 2nd by Joe Rainey

Majority of those present voted yea and 2 objected. – Approved

Award Committee – Plaque – Cost increase

Don Palmer – Awards were plaques – other awards for other certificates. He is in favor of returning to using plaques for the top awards – Blair Award, Meritorious Service and Show Me Spirit Awards – We need to stop the cheapness in the Department. We are sitting on funds and can use them to help thank those that have helped the Department.

Walt Busch – Prefers certificates – Made a motion to purchase plaques at \$50.00 or less per plaque. This would include the Blair Award, Meritorious Service Award and the Show Me Spirit Awards. Craig Mathews 2nd

Randal Burd – Why are we asking for an increase in dues?

Mark Coplin – The Blair Award is received in 2005 still hangs on my bedroom wall. I look at it and realize I need to continue to strive to do my best for the Department. The plaque means more to me then a piece of paper in a cheap frame.

Motion to return to plaques as noted above – Unanimous vote –Approved

Treasurer – Dale Crandell - Will move the funds from different accounts and amend the budget. Would prefer to move for the budget to be considered.

Quarter Master – Post to be filled by Walt Busch.

GAR monument in Mountain Grove

Transgender Policy – Randal Burd – Wrote a revised version of the police and read it aloud to those at the Encampment. The Department of Missouri does not concur with the policy as it is currently written. Sumner Hunnelwell – Can this be sent on to National as an amendment to the policy.

Randal Burd – Yes that is the plan. yes, Walt Busch made a motion to approve what Brother Burd has written.

Dale Crandell – Likes the wording from National.

Sumner Hunnewell – Prefers this new version as it provides intent. (Talking to Randal Burd) Can this be drawn up into a resolution. Randal Burd – Agreed to finalize the resolution and send it to the Department Commander. This will then be sent onto National in time for the National Encampment.

Dale Crandell – Wants to make it clear in the resolution that the Department of Missouri is against the current version as written.

Motion 2nd by Craig Mathews – 1 Dissenting vote – Approved to be made into a resolution and sent onto National.

New Business – Walt Busch -Do we want to present gifts to the Commander in Chief and if so, what? Memorabilia form Shiloh? Vicksburg medal, books? Set of coins?

Sumner Hunnewell – He reported he has a 16 x 20 Red Sox signed photo – will donate as a gift.

President of the Auxiliary – She is RN at Fort Leonard Wood. She may be heading to Germany. A gift certificate in Euros would be nice. Should be able to confirm if she is going in the next two months. 25.00 Euros?

Walt Busch – Need to put an ad in the National Encampment book. Motion to put an ad in the Encampment book. 2nd by Randal Burd Ad –Motion approved. Bob Amsler Jr – Make a General Order to allow for the ad to be placed.

Don Palmer DP –Point of Order – General Orders only are issued by the Commander in Chief. Department Commander can issue Department Orders. Resolutions Committee recommendations – (As the resolutions were read the Department Commander would tap the gavel and report passed)

-Patriotic Instructor – US National Cemetery – Passed

-Budget – Taken care of and looks in good order – Passed

-Funds for Monuments – Deferred to the October Meeting in Jefferson City.

-Donation to Mountain Grove Monument – Deferred to the October Meeting in Jefferson City.

-Junior Vice Commander – Randal Burd section 501c3 – Change the policy of the Quarter Master

-Map to update the reflect the loss of Mc Neil Camp – passed

-Department Commander to review all pass department orders and update – Concern is to limit the review to be all orders issued after the department was reorganized in 1996. passed

Walt Busch – Appendix H – Talkington mapping area – Joe Rainey revised - Can resubmit Arkansas map

– revise the map and the next JVC to make recommendations at the October meeting.

Dale Crandell – Had talked to Tiger and they – will look at the map – decided to keep it as it is.

Walt Busch – By changing the map it could give more strength to the smaller camps – in regard to membership.

General Order #24 - We believe the Sons of Union Veterans to Civil War should follow all State and Local laws - Ed Kriser – This came from the East Coast – and would include all SUVCW events and multiple departments.

Resolution – Craig Mathews Motion Walt Busch 2nd The SUVCW should have no gun policy and follow all applicable laws – Passed

Ed Krieser - General orders become the policy of the National Order

Bob Amsler Jr – Will draw up the resolution – Send to the National Secretary, CinC and the National Council - will pass out to the officers for the approval – will add Ed Kriser and Don Palmer.

Glen Alsop - Hecker monument – 3 monument \$70,000 project – Grant camp – historical reference monument has \$2000 from National – needs funds for put the marker in. Col Fredrick Hecker – WB suggested we send \$50.00 to Hecker - Hecker camp in Illinois 443 camp Randal Burd 2nd Approved

Fletcher camp – Doug Roussin – Volker Auxiliary – put up a monument – historical park in Potosi MO – We need \$500.00 from the department will cost \$2000.00. Fletcher camp. WB – monument officer Walt Busch motion 2nd Randal Burd – Volker did telegraph to send information to St. Louis. Why has anything been sent to National – Motion to hold the funds of \$500.00 if National commits \$2000.00 - Friendly amendment -

Joe Rainey – Have everything in order to get the funds. They pay the contractor. Walt Busch – they send the camp the funds

Bob Amsler Jr – Department new flag poles – Strimmer Ring for the top. Prices for flag poles,

Craig Mathews – the two poles for the Department and the State of Missouri need to be lower than the American Flag

Bob Amsler Jr. – Resolution to the State of Missouri to make April 27th a State Remembrance - Birthday – US Grant Day – To take it up with the State of Missouri – Not a holiday just a day to remember on his Birthday. State Senators and State Representatives to see if he can get a bill passed and signed by Governor Parsons

Walt Busch - Resolution – To include the items of breaking up the KKK and he up held the 14 and 15th Amendments

Ohio - Has already passed this. Go in as a bill in January. Ed Krieser – Consensus

Don Palmer – Item for committee reports- program committee – coordination with MOLLUS – Sumner Hunnelwell – member of MOLUS to hold and event at Wilson Creek.

Don Palmer – On the event map for October – Longer term events like Vicksburg in 2017 and Shiloh –

His feeling to continue these events are becoming less. 2024 Chattanooga - Atlanta campaign

Do we want to continue with these events? Some members have shown that they don't want to continue. NPS at Vicksburg had great support – at the Shiloh did not have any support from NPS at Shiloh. No media coverage.

They were to be commemorative events and help promote the organization.

Dale Crandell – Vicksburg was a great success – Shiloh was also a wonderful event. Bigger scope – should have events in the future.

Don Palmer – Department level events – very rarely collaborate on events.

Bob Amsler Jr – What do you mean by support from the Department –

Don Palmer – State Parks Sites within the State of Missouri – Going outside the state helps further the education of the public – But educating those in our own State is important as well.

Walt Busch – We can also focus mostly in Missouri and Arkansas to help add membership to the Department – By going to Tennessee or other states it does not help with our numbers. Some events outside our state tie into those monuments within – The 56th Colored Inf attacked within Arkansas.

Doug Roussin – A lot more local smaller battles as compared to other states that had larger and bigger battlefields. Examples coming up include the anniversary of Price's Raid that is coming up next year.

Bob Amsler Jr - We had a lot of battles and small engagements – Missouri ranks either number 2 or 3 in number of battles.

Don Palmer – Wilsons Creek this year – Chattanooga – Pea Ridge

Doug Roussin – Pilot Knob – State function next year – should the Department hold an event next year at Pilot Knob?

Sumner Hunnewell – Lone Jack – nice location – Lexington has an event center.

Mark Coplin mentioned that John Rutherford was asking the department to help cover the cost of the van he rented for the tour yesterday. Dale Crandell made a motion to donate - DC – motion to donate to be paid 60.00 CW - approved

Awards – Two Eads Awards – Thomas Fletcher Camp - Grant Camp

Blair Award for Most Outstanding Member of the Department - Dale Crandell PDC

Election of Officers –

Department Commander – Bob Aubuchon nominated Bob Amsler Jr to serve a 2nd year- No others nominated – Approved

Senior Vice Commander – Walt Busch nominated Bob Aubuchon to serve a 2nd year – No others

nominated – Approved

Junior Vice Commander – Walt Busch nominated Mark Coplin – No others nominated – Approved

Mark made a statement that he would also be glad to serve as Department Chaplain.

Secretary – Treasurer – Walt Busch nominated Dale Crandell – No others nominated – Approved

Department Council – Randal Burd nominated Glen Alsop – No others nominated – Approved

Good of the Order –

Motion to Close the Encampment - Craig Mathews made the motion Randal Burd 2nd Approved

Encampment ended 16:38

Dale Crandell

From: Benjamin Frail <civilwarfan@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 3:21 PM
To: joe hall; Joe Faiola
Subject: Br. Joe Hall JVCinC Announcement
Attachments: JVCinC Joe Hall.pdf

Brothers,

It is my honor to forward to you all the announcement of Br. Joseph S. Hall Jr's intent to run for Junior Vice Commander in Chief. We humbly ask for you to forward this to your Departments and for your support for Br. Hall at this years National Encampment in Lexington Kentucky, 1 Aug - 4 Aug.

In Fraternity Charity and Loyalty,
Br. Ben Frail, PDC
Secretary
Department of Rhode Island
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



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September 2, 2023

Brothers,

It gives me great honor to officially announce my candidacy for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the 143rd National Encampment to be held in Lexington, KY.

I am lineally descended to our order through my 3rd Great Granduncles Samuel Judson Hall, John Dillon Hall, George Washington Hall, and Stephen Carpenter Hall, all of whom served with the 25th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry.

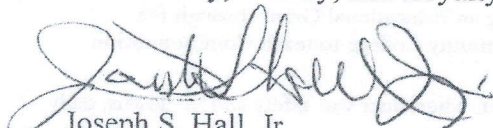
I joined the SUVCW in 1998 and have served as the Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and Camp Commander of General Zenas R. Bliss, Camp #12 and as Department Secretary (7 Years), Department Junior Vice Commander, Department Senior Vice Commander, and Department Commander, Department of Rhode Island. I served on the National Programs and Policy Committee 2006 – 2008, the National Credentials Committee 2009-2022, and have served as Chairman, National Credentials Committee 2015-2022, National Council of Administration 2021-Present, and National Monuments Grant Committee 2021-Present.

I waited for this specific time for my retirement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts so that I could dedicate my time to this office and the future offices I will seek. I will be retiring in July 2024.

I have attached my resume and I am respectfully seeking your support for this office.

Thank you.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,


Joseph S. Hall, Jr.

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Objective To obtain the position of a Developmental Service Worker IV.

Profile

- 24 years as a Direct Care Professional of which eighteen have been in a supervisory capacity.
- Ability to direct projects from concept to fully operational status.
- Goal-oriented individual with strong leadership abilities.
- Organized, highly motivated, and detail-directed problem solver.
- Proven ability to work in unison with staff, volunteers, and senior level management.

Education

A.S., Human Services, Mount Wachusett Community College (Phi Theta Kappa/National Dean's List)
Human Services Certificate, Mount Wachusett Community College
Direct Support Professional Certificate, Mount Wachusett Community College
Navy College Program (78 Credits in Automatic Data Processing, Clerical Procedures, Interpersonal Communications, Military Legal Practices and Procedures, Office Administration, Record Keeping, Typing, Technical Writing, Field Experience in Management, Human Resources Management, and Management Problems.
Dean Junior College (45 Credits toward Associate in Liberal Arts)(Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges 1980-81)

Relevant Experience & Accomplishments

Management/Supervision

- Supervised a staff of 50 on first shift and 145 overall as an MRWIV.
- Currently serve as a DSWIII for Unit 1, Wrentham Developmental Center ensuring the smooth operation of 10 work areas involving 40-50 staff and 56 residents with severe developmental disabilities.
- Presented programs to staff and monitored the performance of staff in program implementation.
- Communicated to appropriate staff regarding maintenance of residence/living environment, including making arrangements for minor household maintenance.
- Performed weekly inspections of the facility and made recommendations to Program Coordinators on maintenance needs to be performed such as broken furniture repair, damaged walls, damaged doors, lighting fixtures, etc.
- Trained, supervised and evaluated staff.
- Monitored three private vendor contracts to ensure compliance, quality of services, and cost effectiveness.
- Identified several areas needing improvement, assisted management in developing corrective action plans and their implementation.
- As President of the Local Union, assisted in securing an Educational Grant through the Department of Education and Quinsigamond Community College to teach Communication Skills to staff on site.
- Trained new employees in client money management, wheelchair van safety and tie downs, daily routines.
- Served on Support Services Committee.
- Fire Safety Trainer for the Glavin Regional Center, Shrewsbury, MA.

Employment

Developmental Service Worker III (Supervisor) , *Wrentham Developmental Center*, Wrentham, MA 2013-Present

- Supervise Unit 1 with a staff of 40 to 50 individuals, ensuring agency policies and procedures are followed.
- Perform daily inspections of all living areas to ensure the safety and well-being of the residents living in each area.
- Complete yearly employee evaluations,
- Set of daily schedules.
- Complete necessary paperwork for daily reports and emergency hospitalizations when needed.
- Communicate all individual and facility related issues to Manager.

Mental Retardation Worker II/IV (Supervisor) , *Glavin Regional Center*, Shrewsbury, MA 1999-2013

- Supervised and participated in the provision of direct supports in accordance with people’s ISPs and agency-established policies and procedures.
- Assisted and taught the individual being supported in the maintenance and care of their living area and personal belongings.
- Accompanied people out in the community for activities, events, errands, appointments, etc.

Communicated all individual and facility related issues to supervisors.
Second Shift Supervisor, *Medico Transcription*, Cranston, RI 1994-1999

- Supervised 20 staff ensuring completion of physician/hospital reports.
- Medical Language Specialist
- Transcribed and interpreted dictation b y physicians and other healthcare providers.
- Company sold to NASDAQ Traded MedQuist.

Second Shift Supervisor, *International Transcript*, Lincoln, RI 1991-1994

- Supervised 20 staff ensuring completion of physician/hospital reports.
- Medical Language Specialist
- Transcribed and interpreted dictation b y physicians and other healthcare providers.
- Turned around a deficit shift and made them profitable.
- Company sold to NASDAQ Traded MedQuist.

Sales Representative, *Various Automobile Dealerships* 1988-1991

- Ranked 15 out of 50 in the Boston, MA Zone for Jeep-Eagle sales with Chrysler Corporation.
- Superior product knowledge and sales presentation skills.

United States Naval Submarine Force, *U. S. Navy*, Groton, CT 1981-1987

Community Involvement

Blackstone Valley Community Concert Band, Trumpeter and Board of Directors.

Free and Accepted Masons, Master Mason, Lafayette Lodge #47

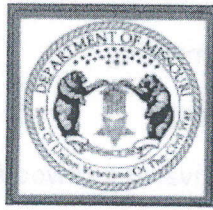
Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Providence

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Past Department Commander for Rhode Island and Chairman, National Credentials Committee, Administration, Monuments Grant Committee.

Lions Club, Past President

**Honors &
Awards**

Central Region Citizen's Advisory Board, Direct Care Recognition Recipient
Glavin Regional Center Employee of the Year
Submarine Group TWO Letter of Commendation
Submarine Squadron FOURTEEN Letters of Commendation (2)
USS Daniel Webster (SSBN 626)(Blue) Sailor of the Month
United States Navy Good Conduct Medal
Honorable Discharge, United States Navy
Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society, Phi Delta Chapter
Honorary Parade Marshal, Memorial Day 2010, Uxbridge, MA
Commissioned as an Honorary Kentucky Colonel by Governor Steven L. Beshear
SUVCW Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star



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Senior Vice Commander Report

Robert AuBuchon

October 14, 2023

- June 2-3, 2023; Deptment meeting at Springfield, Mo. Blair Award presented to Dale Crandell
- June 7, 2023; Hecker camp meeting
- June 12, 2023; Fletcher camp meeting. GAR Award presented to the Louisa Volker Auxillery, and Meritorious Award presented to Alan Trodis of the Fletcher Camp
- June 13, 2023; Grant camp meeting
- June 24, 2023; attend Artillery School at Beaufort, Mo.
- July 14, 2023; attend the Grant Symposium at Soldier Memorial, St. Louis, Mo.
- July 16, 2023; asked Dale Crandell and Randal Burd to be on Policy and Procedures Committee
- July 22, 2023; Grant Rememberence Day at White Haven, Gar Award presented to Sharon Michaels of the Julia Dent Tent Camp
- July 29, 2023; attend wake for Dave Wilermuth who was Hecker Camp Commander
- August 4-6, 2023; Attend National Encampment at Nashau, New Hampshire
- August 14, 2023; Fletcher camp meeting
- September 4, 2023; attend flag pole dedication with Walt Busch for VFW Post 4223 Lemay, St. Louis

September 5, 2023; attend meeting at Fort Davidson. planning Re-enactment for September 2024

September 11 , 2023; Fletcher camp meeting

September 12, 2023; Grant camp meeting

September 16-17, 2023; Folk Life Festival at Kirkwood Park (living history)

October 6- 7, 2023; Central Allied Orders meeting

October 14, 2023; Department meeting at Jefferson City, Mo.

**Junior Vice Commander – Department of Missouri
Activity June 3 to October 14, 2023**

Brothers of the Department of Missouri – This is a report of the activity of what I have been up to since our last meeting in June.

- 6/7/23 – Received a contact email from Brother Burd. David Fox of Columbus, GA was contacted by email and by phone. He did not seem to be excited about being contacted. He is a member of MOLLUS. His ancestor was Brevet General Ira C Abbott of the 1st Michigan Infantry. Not sure how is information was put on the contact list. Did not want to join the SUVCW.
- 6/20/2023 – Received a contact email from Brother Burd. Glen Williams of the Kansas City areas had contacted the National JVC about joining the Sons.
- 6/21/2023- Contacted Kevin Martin the National JVC informing him of the change of Department JVC as of June 3rd.
- 6/21/2023- Contacted Glen Williams on how to find the Form 3 on the National website. Also informed him that I would have someone from Westport Camp #64 contact him.
- 6/21/2023- Contacted Westport Camp #64 with the information and email address for Glen Williams.
- 10/5/23 – Received a request from Paul Tague a former member of McNeil Camp. Was transferred to Tiger Camp. Was in contact with Brother Crandell to see if this information was correct. Responded to Brother Tague and informed him of the change in camp membership.

This is the conclusion of my report to the Department.

Mark Coplin – Department Junior Vice Commander



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Secretary Report
14 October 2023

Roster. Department roster reports 204 members: 20 life, 174 member, and 10 associate.

Form 30. Reported three new members.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Camp</i>	<i>Muster-in</i>
Porter, Andrew Jayson	Fletcher	22-Jun-23
Janis, William Ross	St. James	22-Jun-23
Smith, Joseph Allen	St. James	12-Sep-23

Form 49. Reported the Department elected and appointed officers.

Form 2. Prepared credential cards for 2023 National Encampment and 2023 Special Department Encampment.

Orders. Prepared and distributed six Department Orders. Distributed four General Orders.

Missouri Unionist. Submitted Secretary-Treasurer Message for *Missouri Unionist* (fall ed.).

Inventory

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|---|---|
| 1. 32-GB thumb drive, electronic records | 1 |
| 2. Half-inch three-ring binder, officer manual | 1 |
| 3. Five-gallon plastic file container, current record | 1 |
| 4. 20-gallon plastic file container, archive records | 3 |

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Dale Crandell, PDC
Department Secretary



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Treasurer Report 14 October 2023

Financial Statement. The Department is operating within its budget.

Starting Balance	\$15,674.75
Total Income	\$355.78
Total Expenses	\$782.25
Closing Balance	\$15,248.28

Financial Policy. The Department has accumulated \$15,248.28 in cash assets and would benefit by setting financial policies for the Department Treasurer.

- *Recommendation 1: Approve the following three Department Policies and authorize the Bylaws Committee to add them to the Department Policy and Procedures Manual (P&PM):*

¶ *900 Past Department Commanders Fund. The Past Department Commanders (PDC) fund is an endowment to support the Department's charitable work. The Department, Camps, members, Allied Orders, and non-members may donate to the fund. All donations to the PDC fund shall be invested in long-term instruments to produce annual income. All annual income from the PDC fund shall be used for the Department's charitable work. The Department Treasurer shall invest the PDC funds and provide regular financial reports. The Department Council shall provide guidance and regular audit reports in accordance with the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations (C&R).*

¶ *901 Charitable Fund. One dollar (\$1.00) from each member's annual Department per capita shall be restricted to the Department's charitable work. The Department Treasurer shall maintain a separate Department charity fund and provide regular financial reports.*

¶ *902 Reserve Fund. The Department Treasurer shall reserve two-years operating expenses to manage annual cash flow, provide special project seed money, and ensure long-term financial stability. Reserve funds may be invested in short-term instruments. A Department Encampment or Business Meeting may suspend this policy to meet a specific financial obligation or requirement.*

Accounts. With approval of the financial polies, the Department should set starting balances for each fund.

- *Recommendation 2: Establish the following fund and account balances:*

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Account</i>	<i>Balance</i>
PDC Fund	Investment	\$ 5,000.00
Reserve Fund	Investment	\$ 2,400.00
Uncommitted	Investment	\$ 2,600.00
Operating expenses	General Account	\$ 1,200.00

Operating uncommitted	General Account	\$ 1,548.28
Charity expenses	Charity Account	\$ 1,000.00
Charity uncommitted	Charity Account	\$ 1,500.00

Inventory

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|---|---|
| 1. PDC badge | 1 |
| 2. General account checkbook | 1 |
| 3. General account deposit stamp | 1 |
| 4. Charity account checkbook | 1 |
| 5. Charity account deposit stamp | 1 |
| 6. 32-GB thumb drive, record storage | 1 |
| 7. Half-inch three-ring binder, records storage | 1 |
| 8. Five-gallon plastic file container, record storage | 1 |
| 9. Bank pouch | 1 |

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Dale Crandell, PDC
Department Treasurer



Treasurer's Report
Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
14 October 2023

Starting Balance

1	3-Jun-23	General Account		\$	1,761.48
2	3-Jun-23	Charity Account		\$	3,913.27
3	3-Jun-23	Investment		\$	10,000.00
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				\$	15,674.75

Income

4	12-Jun-23	National per capita	Grant Camp / Patrick Raney	\$	24.75
5	12-Jun-23	Missouri per capita	Grant Camp / Patrick Raney	\$	4.50
6	12-Jun-23	Application fee	Grant Camp / Patrick Raney	\$	5.00
7	12-Jun-23	National per capita	Lillie Camp / William Meyer	\$	24.75
8	12-Jun-23	Missouri per capita	Lillie Camp / William Meyer	\$	4.50
9	12-Jun-23	Application fee	Lillie Camp / William Meyer	\$	5.00
10	12-Jun-23	National per capita	Lillie Camp / Craig Haugen	\$	24.75
11	12-Jun-23	Missouri per capita	Lillie Camp / Craig Haugen	\$	4.50
12	12-Jun-23	Application fee	Lillie Camp / Craig Haugen	\$	5.00
13	12-Jun-23	Other income	Lillie Camp / Overpayment	\$	10.00
14	30-Jun-23	Other income	Bank interest	\$	0.03
15	18-Jul-23	National per capita	Fletcher / Andrew Porter	\$	16.50
16	18-Jul-23	Missouri per capita	Fletcher / Andrew Porter	\$	3.00
17	18-Jul-23	Application fee	Fletcher / Andrew Porter	\$	5.00
18	18-Jul-23	National per capita	St James / William Janis	\$	16.50
19	18-Jul-23	Missouri per capita	St James / William Janis	\$	3.00
20	18-Jul-23	Application fee	St James / William Janis	\$	5.00
21	18-Jul-23	Other income	St James / William Janis	\$	9.50
22	18-Jul-23	Transfer	SUVCW General Account	\$	50.00
23	30-Sep-23	National per capita	Fletcher / Joseph Smith	\$	16.50
24	30-Sep-23	Missouri per capita	Fletcher / Joseph Smith	\$	3.00
25	30-Sep-23	Application fee	Fletcher / Joseph Smith	\$	5.00
26	30-Aug-23	Sales	Quartermaster sales	\$	110.00
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				\$	355.78

Expenses

27	12-Jun-23	National per capita	SUVCW / Charles Holt	\$	24.75
28	12-Jun-23	Application fee	SUVCW / Charles Holt	\$	5.00
29	12-Jun-23	National per capita	SUVCW / Patrick Raney	\$	24.75
30	12-Jun-23	Application fee	SUVCW / Patrick Raney	\$	5.00
31	12-Jun-23	National per capita	SUVCW / John Ferguson	\$	24.75
32	12-Jun-23	Application fee	SUVCW / John Ferguson	\$	5.00
33	12-Jun-23	National per capita	SUVCW / William Meyer	\$	24.75
34	12-Jun-23	Application fee	SUVCW / William Meyer	\$	5.00
35	12-Jun-23	National per capita	SUVCW / Craig Haugen	\$	24.75
36	12-Jun-23	Application fee	SUVCW / Craig Haugen	\$	5.00
37	18-Jun-23	Purchase	SUVCW NH / Encampment Ad	\$	50.00
38	18-Jul-23	Transfer	SUVCW PDC Account	\$	50.00

39	18-Jul-23	National per capita	SUVCW / Andrew Porter	\$	16.50
40	18-Jul-23	Application fee	SUVCW / Andrew Porter	\$	5.00
41	18-Jul-23	National per capita	SUVCW / William Janis	\$	16.50
42	18-Jul-23	Application fee	SUVCW / William Janis	\$	5.00
43	18-Aug-23	Website	Square Weebly / two years	\$	469.00
44	30-Sep-23	National per capita	SUVCW / Joseph Smith	\$	16.50
45	30-Sep-23	Application fee	SUVCW / Joseph Smith	\$	5.00
		Total Expenses		\$	782.25

Ending Balance

38	14-Oct-23	General Account		\$	1,225.01
39	14-Oct-23	Charity Account		\$	4,023.27
40	14-Oct-23	Investment		\$	10,000.00
				\$	15,248.28

Cash Assets

41	14-Oct-23	General account available		\$	1,165.01
42	14-Oct-23	Charity account available		\$	3,473.27
43	14-Oct-23	Investment		\$	10,000.00
44	14-Oct-23	Hecker Camp / Hecker Monument		\$	50.00
45	14-Oct-23	Fletcher Camp / Potosi Monument		\$	500.00
46	14-Oct-23	John Rutherford		\$	60.00
		Total Cash Assets		\$	15,248.28

Dale Crandell

Dale Crandell, PDC
Department Treasurer

Department of Missouri Chaplain Report
Activity from June 3 to October 14, 2023

Brothers of the Department of Missouri – This is what I have done since our last meeting in June.

6/8/23 – Sent a sympathy card to Mrs. Alexander in Arkansas. Her husband David Nelson Alexender of the John Talkington 2nd KS Colored Inf Camp #3 passed away on March 25,2023. The camp was formed earlier in the month.

7/2/23 – Sent a sympathy card to Doug Niermeyer’s wife and family on his passing on June 27,2023

8/29/23 – Attended the visitation for Brother Craig Mathews’ mother Arlene Mathews. She passed away on August 22, 2023.

This concludes my report to the Department.

Mark Coplin – Department Chaplain

Graves Registration Officers' Report

10-9-23

I received responses from 2 other Camps regarding Graves Registered:

Grant- 0

Wilhelmi – 1,578

Bob Underdown – 0

Glen Alsop PDC Department Graves Registration



Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326, would like to ask the Department of Missouri to consider becoming involved with the saving of the Chapel at the Missouri Veterans Home in St. James, Missouri.

Camp Commander Michael Schaaf and I met with Tim Hoyer, Director, Facilities Operations, Missouri Veterans Commission; Shane Bullock Construction Project Specialist, Missouri Veterans Commission; Brittany Ritter, Facility Administrator. The main reason for this meeting was because of the concern of the destruction of the Chapel.

I explained that we would not be able to donate enough money to accomplish their goals for this building.

The inside of the building is in great shape having been renovated in 1971.

They are hoping that we can support them with monetary donations, also expressing we would be the most beneficial as a heredity organization of the Grand Army of the Republic appearing in front of the legislature the importance of supporting the restoration of the Chapel

When asked the projected use for the building once it is restored, Facility Administrator Brittany Ritter sent the following answers. Found below are the questions and answers



Photo: March 1915

1. *What is the purpose of the restoration?* (Brittany) I feel that the purpose of the restoration is really for the community, as this has sentimental value to the community. This building represents significant historic roots for the city of St. James.

2. *If the building is restored are there plans to use the building in any capacity?* (Brittany) At this time, for the Home, I don't see utilizing this building on a regular basis. I think it could be used for special occasions, such as certain activities, family events, etc.

The immediate concern is the removal of the bats that live in the attic.

There were three GAR Posts in St James and two of them were at the Soldiers Home. Veterans at the Soldiers Home had joined Post 297 but when the two posts were formed at the Soldiers Home they joined these two posts.

Post 297	John S Phelps	St James	Phelps
Post 586	Col A.W. Maupin	St James	Phelps
Post 593	John W. Noble	St James	Phelps

History: Taken from SUVCWMO Website Missouri GAR Post Records

St James is the site of the first state veterans home. It was originally opened in 1896 by the Women's Relief Corps Soldier's Home Association, and was deeded to the State of Missouri in 1897. Mrs. Hollen E. Day, President of the General Lyons Corp, No. 38, Women's Relief Corps, St. Louis, MO, pushed for the opening of the home. The town of St. James presented the William James Mansion and the surrounding 60 acres to the W. R. C. in 1895 to serve as 34 room home.

In the cemetery in there are three hundred and twenty graves of Civil War Veterans buried in the cemetery on site. Of these approximately two hundred of them died after the Chapel was built.

Our hope is that helping to restore the Chapel, that we may be able to preserve the memory of the members of Post 586 and Post 593 of the Grand Army of the Republic that existed on this site.

“Proceedings of the Eighteenth Annual Encampment
of the Department of Missouri
Grand Army of the Republic,
Kirksville, Missouri, May 11 and 12, 1899

Annual Address of Department Commander Andrew G. Peterson

SOLDIERS' HOME

The Soldiers' Home at St. James, Mo., while not under the immediate care of our organization, comparatively speaking. It is, from the fact that the majority of its officers and board of directors are Comrades or the wives of Comrades, and on that account the institution is one that the old soldiers of Missouri have a direct interest in, and one that we as Comrades are justly proud of. It is beautifully situated at the foot of the knobs of the Ozark Mountains, six miles from the Meramec River. It contains sixty acres of land, comprising orchards and lawn. It has accommodations for about sixty people; but when I visited the Home on January 27th it had seventy-six inmates, old soldiers and their wives.

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On August 18, 2023 Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326, Camp Commander Michael Schaaf and Gary Scheel traveled to St. James for a meeting with representatives of the St. James Veterans Home. The reason for our going there was to look at the condition of the historic 1906 Chapel on its property.

This is the last remaining building that is still in existence that has an affiliation with the Grand Army of the Republic. There is much concern of the possibility the State of Missouri has interest in tearing it down.

Those we met with want the building to remain. The City of St. James has expressed interest in the building remaining because of its historic significance to the site.

On September 12, 2023 at our Camp Meeting a motion was made by Marty Aubuchon that Camp #326 support the efforts to restore this building to keep it from being destroyed. It was seconded by Paul Kist and approved unanimously by those present at the meeting.

Our hope is by helping to restore the Chapel that we may be able to preserve the memory of the presence of the members of Post 586 and Post 593 of the Grand Army of the Republic that were active on the site.

Photos courtesy of the St. James Public Library

G.A.R. Post 586

G.A.R. Post 593



680
Grand Army of the Republic, Post #586
at Soldiers' Home, St. James
1st row
L. Rev. John Harp
2nd row
L. Henry Dopheide

Walt Busch's Various Reports for the Department Encampment 10-14-2023

Itinerary since Department Encampment

- 6/13/2023 US Grant Camp Meeting
- 7/8/2023 Erie, PA - Walt records Soldiers and Sailors Monument.
- 7/9/2023 Walt submits US Grant Camp Quarterly Report to Dept
- 7/15/2023 4 Monuments recorded at Grant's Mt McGregor House, NY
- 7/18/2023 GAR Post Cannon Recorded - Union, CT
- 7/19/2023 Soldiers & Sailors Monument Recorded - New London, CT
- 7/22/2023 Grant Remembrance Day at US Grant NHS (White Haven), Walt
Absent
- 7/22/2023 Fall River MA - 6 Monuments recorded at Oak Grove Cemetery
- 7/23/2023 Plymouth MA - 1 Soldiers Monument recorded on Sandwich St.
- 7/23/2023 Middleboro MA - 1 Eagle on Pillar Monument recorded on So Main
- 7/23/2023 Concord MA - Soldiers Memorial Obelisk recorded in Monument
Square
- 7/28/2023 Soldiers Monument -Kennebunk Maine & Monument - Ocean View
Cemetery, Wells, Me
- 8/1/2023 Cannon & Soldier's Monument - Antrim, NH & GAR Hall, 2 Cannons &
Soldier's Monument Petersborough NH
- 8/2/2023 Soldier's Monument Sudbury MA & Soldier's Monument at Townsend
MA.
- 8/3/2023 Nashua, NH - one monument and 3 cannons.
- 8/3-5/2023 Walt, Craig, Bob Aubuchon, Sumner, Bob Amsler, Bob Petrovic, PcinC
James Pahl all attend National Encampment in Nashua, NH.
- 8/5/2023 Marty Aubuchon - Monument Dunstable
- 8/6/2023 Walt - Monuments Hollis NH & Fitchburg MA
- 8/9/2023 Walt - DUVCW & WRC Monuments Rutland VT, Soldier Monument
Brandon, VT
- 8/10/2023 Walt - Middlebury VT (Cannon & Soldier's Monument)
- 8/14/2023 Walt - Monuments Jordanville & Cherry Valley NY
- 8/18/2023 Sumner - 2 Monuments Effingham IL
- 8/19/2023 Sumner - One Canon - Brazil, IN
- 8/19/2023 Walt - One Monument Paineville and One Mentor OH
- 8/20/2023 Walt - One Monument Mentor OH
- 9/2/2023 Walt & Bob Aubuchon attend Lemay VFW Post New Flag Pole
Ceremony. Ceremony led by member Noel Staisak
- 9/5/2023 Walt & Bob Aubuchon attend Friends of Fort Davidson meeting
Prepping for the 2024 Reenactment
- 9/12/2023 Grant Camp Meeting

9/29/2023 Walt records 2 monuments in U City -2 Stars on walk of fame
10/6-7/2023 Walt, Sumner, Don, Bob Aubuchon, Bob Amsler, Craig and Andrea Mathews, and Jim Pahl attend Central Region Association - Allied Orders in Fairborn, OH
10/08/2023 Walt submits Grant Camp Quarterly Report
10/10/2023 Walt - Battle of Pilot Knob SHS - Walt Reenactment Meeting
10/10/2023 Maybe Sumner & Bob Aubuchon at Sarah Cato Funeral
10/10/2023 US Grant Camp Meeting
10/14/2023 Department Meeting

Monument Officer's Report

1. I still have 380+ Missouri Monuments to enter in the national database. Once that is done, I will delete them our website and redirect the site to Missouri in the national database. As an FYI, only files from Missouri and Iowa are still needed to complete the database.
2. I have:
 - a. 52 Monuments to still fully record; 7 are from Missouri
 - b. 5 More Monuments are now to be photographed and recorded in Missouri they are:
 - aa. Shermom Star on the University City Walk of Fame
 - bb. James Eads Star on the University City Walk of Fame
 - cc. Harriet Scott Monument in Greenwood Cemetery
 - dd. New Dred Scott Monument in Calvary Cemetery
3. Still working with Hecker Monument Committee. The German American Heritage Society is now taking donations for it. I have signage for two Markers in my garage. One to be placed in St. Louis and the other in Summerfield, IL.

Webmaster Report

Updates posted as needed. No issues.

Miscellaneous:

We need support for the 56th USCT Ceremony on Feb 20. We have school groups, ROTC, VFW and General Bagby and could use a Civil War color/honor guard.

I would also like to recommend that the quarterly report form be revised to follow the patriotic officer's form so that we have more camps that submit this form to help the dept patriotic instructor complete his annual report. I recommend a committee to review the old quarterly form and my proposed one to determine if we need this

Annual Ceremony Honoring the 56th U.S. Colored Troops
Friday October 20th 11 a.m.
Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery Section 57

Hosted by U.S. Grant Camp #68, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Key Note Speaker: Major-General Byron Bagby, USA (Ret.)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

-Returning from the Civil War, 175 African American Infantrymen contracted cholera and died just south of St. Louis. Refused burial at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, they were buried in a mass grave. In the 1930s the members of the African American community spearhead the re-interment at the national cemetery and the creation of a monument in 1939. In 2014, Sarah Cato, an educator in African American History, led a movement to add to the monument the names of the interred soldiers. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were active with Ms. Cato throughout the event and with her guidance have taken over the responsibility to honor these patriotic men on a regular basis.

To remember and pay tribute to these men, the U.S. Grant Camp #68, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, located in the St. Louis Metro Area, annually holds a graveside ceremony in their honor. We are dependably assisted by other patriotic organizations such as the Julia Dent Tent, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War [1861-1865](#); the Woman's Relief Corps; Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; the Sons of Veterans Reserve; and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, amongst others.

This year, we are honored to welcome a descendant of one of the veterans of the 56th USCT, [retired Army](#) Major General Byron Bagby, [US Army \(Ret.\)](#), as our featured speaker. Major General Bagby, who retired after 33 years active duty while serving in a multitude of leadership positions, will deliver our keynote speech: **"The 56th USCT, They Served Proudly!"**. A native Missourian, he currently serves on the Board of Trustees at William Woods University in Fulton, Missouri, and also is a member of the Board of Trustees at Columbia Southern University (Orange Beach, [Alabama](#)); Byron also serves as chair of the Board of Advisors for the Ryan Consulting Group, [is a](#) member of the Board of Directors for Management Support Technology Inc., and was a member of the Westminster College Board of Trustees from 2012 to 2017.

-This patriotic remembrance will commence at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, October 20, 2023, and will be held near the [regiment's](#) monument located at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery Section 57, Lot 15009. The main entrance to Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery is 2900 Sheridan Rd, Lemay, MO 63125. After the event, a meet-and-greet with General Bagby will be held at the reception hall in the **Missouri Civil War Museum**, 222 Worth Rd, St. Louis, MO 63125.

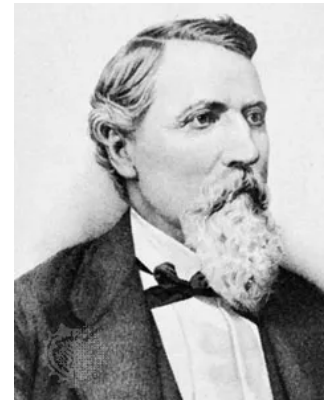
More Information about the event, contact us at wbusch@suvcwmo.org or (314) 630-8407.

Research References:

1. [56th United States Colored Infantry Regiment - Wikipedia](#)
2. [Jefferson Barracks Monument Information: 56th USCT](#)
3. [56th U.S. Colored Troops – ST. CHARLES COUNTY HISTORY](#)
4. [Missouri Civil War Museum](#)

RESTORE OUR HERITAGE

Help us to restore and provide context to the Friedrich Hecker Monument and his gravesite.



Friedrich Hecker

Restore the Benton Park Monument to its original 1882 design. Add a graphic panel in Benton Park and in the Summerfield Cemetery to provide the story of Friedrich Hecker and why his ideals, service, and life are still important today.

All funds raised will be held by the German American Heritage Society of St. Louis (a non-profit organization) and will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous donor!

St. Louis Project in Benton Park includes:

- Recreation of original Friedrich Hecker bas relief and wreath on the monument (currently missing); infill dates and name for visibility
- Cleaning and granite repair of obelisk
- Graphic panel near the obelisk explaining his life and service to Germany and the United States

Projects in Illinois include:

- Placing an Illinois State Historical Society Marker in the town center of Summerfield (completed)
- Graphic panel in the Summerfield Cemetery explaining his life and service
- Proposed placement for a new flagpole in the cemetery



Donations can be sent to:

'Hecker Project'

c/o GAHS

330 Wenneker Drive

St. Louis, MO 63124

OR

USE THIS PayPal Link

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=LTERSJJWMU2VQ



Missouri's Quarterly Patriotic Report Form

Covering _____, 20____ to _____,20_____

Camp Name and Number:

Signature of Person Completing Form :

Camp Commander Signature:

INSTRUCTIONS: Reporting period is Quarterly. Due 20 days after March 31, June 30, Sept 30, and December 31. Complete form and send to officers@suvchwmo.org & pdc@suvchwmo.org. Report numbers, hours volunteered and money spent. Hours are calculated by multiplying the number of hours for an event by the number of Brothers participating. (e.g. 10 hours x 3 Brothers = 30 hours reported) Fill in box or write narrative as applicable.

KEY: Y = Yes. N = No. # = Number. Hrs = Hours. Amt = Dollar amount spent.

Do not fill in shaded boxes.

		Y	N	#	Hrs	Amt
1	How many Civil War history education events conducted to include Patriotism, Americanism, and Civic Responsibility?					
2	How many Civil War history education events conducted via living history or other venues?					
3	How many flags given or sent to military troops?					
4	Armed Forces Day participation?					
5	Memorial Day participation?					
6	Flag Day participation?					
7	July 4 participation?					
8	Remembrance Day participation?					

9	Veterans Day participation?					
10	How many community events involving Patriotic Holidays?					
10a	How many Patriotic / Americanism Essay Contest participation?					
10b	Number of schools participating?					
10c	Number of Youth Groups participating?					
10d	Number of students involved?					
11	Scholarships awarded if any?					
12	How did you promote the SUVCW in your community? (continue on page 4 if necessary)					
13	Did SUVCW members wear and display member badges?					
14	How many Flag Etiquette programs did you provide to the community, businesses, and schools?					
15	Did you actively promote Patriotic Holidays participation in your Camp?					
16	Did you actively support the Eagle Scout Award program? # Awards Presented					
17	Did you actively support the JROTC/ROTC Cadet program? # Awards Presented					

18	What events or functions did your Camp participate in by showing how important Patriotism / Americanism is to our organization, community, state, and nation? (continue on page 4 if necessary)
19	Did your Camp include our Sisters from the Allied Orders?
20	How many events were the Sisters of the Allied Orders included?
21	Was a Patriotic Instructor appointed?
22	Camp Patriotic Instructor provided patriotic and/or educational presentations at Camp meetings?
23	What forms of communication does your camp use? (continue on page 4 if necessary)

_____ Articles submitted to the
_____ Unionist _____ Banner _____ Local News

_____ At least one camp member attended
_____ Dept Meeting or Encampment _____ Nat'l Encampment

_____ Graves Recorded and Submitted to the Dept GRO

The Following Must Be Submitted to the Department Historical Records Officer to
be counted towards the EADS Award

_____ Monuments Recorded

_____ MO GAR Posts Records or MO SV/SUVCW Camp Records
Recorded/Updated

_____ MO Last Soldier Projects Recorded/Updated

_____ MO Civil War Medal of Honor Recipients Researched

_____ Other Items Recorded for the Dept Website - list

_____ Items that don't fit any listing in the report so far
(itemize). Efforts to start a new SVR Unit, Camp or Auxiliary;
Programs supporting state or national parks; highway adoption,
clothes drives for veteran homes, etc.