

3 June 2023
Missouri Sons
of
Union Veterans
of the
Civil War
Department
Encampment
Minutes & Reports

Approved 10-14-2023

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 then 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 than 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 Hunnelwell – 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 an 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

2023 Dept of Missouri SUVCW Encampment

Pre-Registered.

2023 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT												
NAME	CAMP	HIGHEST RANK	STAYING HOTEL	TOUR?	BIG WHISKEY	MOLLUS	LUNCH	DONATION	REGISTRATION FEE	LUNCH FEE	TOTAL PAID	CHECK #
ALSOP, Glennon	Wilhelmi	PDC		1 N		1 N	#5 x 2	\$2.00	\$7.00	\$16.00	\$25.00	3230
AUBUCHON, Robert	Grant	PCC/MO SVC		1	1	1	#6	\$35.00	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$50.00	2703
BUSCH, Walt	Grant	PDC		1	1	1	#12	\$10.00	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$25.00	3585
COPLIN, Mark	Grant	PCC/MO-SEC		1	1	1 N	#8	\$15.00	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$30.00	5305
CRANDELL, Dale	Phelps/Westport	PDC		1	1	1	#6	\$10.00	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$25.00	3062
HUNNEWELL, Sumner	Fletcher	PDC		1	1	1	#6	\$5.00	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$20.00	Cash
KRIESER, Ed	Phelps	PC-in-C		1	1	1 N	#12	\$0.00	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$0.00	1981
MATHEWS, Andrea V	Grant Wife	Guest		1	1	1 N	#8	\$3.00	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$18.00	9216
MATHEWS, Craig Sr	Grant	PCC		1	1	1 N	#8	\$3.00	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$18.00	9216
PALMER, Donald	Grant	PC-in-C	N		1	1 N	#1	\$0.00	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$15.00	5527
PALMER, John	Grant	Delegate	N		1	1 N	#12	\$0.00	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$15.00	5527
RAINEY, Joe	McPherson	PCC		1	1	1 N	#6	\$0.00	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$15.00	1874
RUTHERFORD, John	Phelps	PDC			1	1	#3 & #6	\$0.00	\$7.00	\$16.00	\$23.00	OWED
BURD, Randal A. Jr	Fletcher	PDC		1	1	1	N	\$0.00	\$7.00	\$3.00	\$10.00	OWED
TOTAL				11	13	14	6	\$83.00	\$98.00	\$123.00	\$289.00	

Agenda

June 3, 2023 – Department Encampment – Springfield Missouri

<p>AGENDA</p> <p>Opening of the Meeting Invocation Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call of Members Approval of the October and March Department Meeting minutes</p> <p>Officers' Reports</p> <p>Dept Commander Senior Vice Commander Junior Vice Commander Secretary Treasurer Department Councils Chaplain Department Counselor Patriotic Instructor Eagle Scout Coordinator ROTC/JROTC Coordinator Department Organizer Graves Registration Officer Medal of Honor Officer Historical Records Coordinator Signals Officer Missouri Unionist Editor Quartermaster</p> <p>Camp Reports</p> <p>Reference of Communications</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>Committee Reports</p> <p>Officer Reports Committee Department Encampment Committee Awards Committee By-Laws Committee Membership Committee Marketing & Promotions Committee Honoring Living Veterans Committee Essay Competition Committee Special Projects Committee – Don Palmer Other Committees Not Listed</p>	<p>Unfinished Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Group IO - Do we move forward? 2. Treasurer Budget Suggestions - Dale Crandell 3. Awards Committee finding on the idea of having some type of plaque for special awards like the Blair Award, Show Me Sprit Award or for a Meritorious Service Award. Bob Aubuchon 4. Quarter Master Post Open 5. GAR Monument in Mountain Grove 6. Transgender Policy Revision – Randal Burd <p>New Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gifts for the C in C and the President of the Auxiliary 2. Ad in the Encampment Booklet 3. General Order #24 – Weapons Regulation 4. Graves Registration Officer Post Open 5. 56th Colored Infantry Ceremony at Jefferson Barracks on October 20th – Guest speaker General Bryon Bagby 6. Fletcher Camp – Louisa Volker Monument 7. US Grant Camp – Hecker Monument 8. Department Encampment in Kansas City for 2024 and in St. Louis in 2025 9. Election/Appointment of Officers for 2023-24 <p>For the Good of the Order</p> <p>Closing Ceremony</p>
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Senior Vice Commander Report

Robert AuBuchon

June 3, 2023

March 18, 2022; Department meeting at Jefferson City, Missouri

March 19, 2023; Memorial for Medal of Honor soldier at Maple Grove Cemetery. Ceremony conducted by the Westport Camp SUVCW. at Trenton, Missouri

April 11, @023; Grant camp meeting

April 15, 2023; Lincoln Tomb ceremony in Springfield, Illinois and Stephenson memorial at Petersburg Illinois

April 20, 2023; History school days at Perryville Missouri conducted by St. James camp of St. Genivieve, Missouri

April 21, 2023; History school days at Fort Davidson, Pilot Knob, Missouri

April 22, 2023; Memorial for six civil war soldiers at Harugari Cemetery. Manchester, Missouri

April 26, 2023; Presented award to JROTC candidate at McClure High School, 1896, S. New Florrisant rd.

May 7, 2023; Grant camp and eight members of the Legends H.O.A. cleaned up Inks Cemetery at Eureka, Missouri

May 9, 2023; Grant camp meeting

May 18, 2023; sent updated information to the awards committee

May 19, 2023; ordered two GAR awards, Meritorious and Blair awards. per approval by the Awards Committee

May 25, 2023; picked up Blair and Meritorious awards and had them framed. Gar awards will be ready June 2, 2023

May 29, 2023; Grant camp sponser. Memorial Day Ceremony at the Civil War section of Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

February 1, 2023; Hecker camp meeting at Shiloh, Illinois

February 7, 2023; Grant camp meeting

February 13, 2023; Fletcher camp meeting

February 16, 2023; Sent out correspondence, commanders@suvchwmo.org to camps for their recommendations of individual awards for their camp or area

March 11, 2023; Sherman Remembrance Day at Calvary Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri

March 13, 2023; Fletcher camp meeting

March 14, 2023; Grant camp Meeting

March 18, 2023; Missouri Department SUVCW meeting at Jefferson City, Missouri



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Senior Vice Commander Report

Robert Aubuchon

March 18, 2023

October 29, 2022; Department meeting at Jefferson City, Missouri

October 30, 2022; MOLLUS Ceremony at Lafayette Park- rededication of the cannons

November 5; Veterans Day Memorial at Quinette cemetery; one black soldier from WW 2 and 3 USCT troops.
Kirkwood, Missouri

November 6, 2022; D.A.R. Veterans Day Memorial at Bellefontaine Cemetery. St. Louis, Missouri

November 8, 2022; Grant Camp meeting

November 11, 2022; attend opening of Grant Touring Display at Fort Davidson Visitor Center, Pilot Knob,
Missouri

November 17, 2022; Fletcher Camp meeting

December 5, 2022; place wreaths on 4 veteran graves at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery and one near
Hillsboro, Missouri

December 9, 2022; Fletcher Camp Christmas gathering, and installation of new officers

December 13, 2022; Grant Camp Christmas gathering, and installation of new officers

December 17, 2022; Wreaths Across America ceremony at St. John Lutheran Church. Arnold, Missouri.
Conducted by Fletcher camp

January 5, 2023; change out the flag at General Sherman's gravesite

January 10, 2023; Grant camp meeting

started USCT Memorial to attend October 21, 2022 Memorial

October 7-9, 2022; attend school day and re-enactment at Columbus, Kentucky (Battle of Columbus/ Belmont)

October 11, 2022; Grant camp meeting and award presented to Joan Koechig of the DUV

October 14, 2022; School Day at Sunrise school, Fletcher camp and Turner Brigade members present

October 17, 2022; Sumner Hunnewell and I presented award to Kathy Bower at the Logan Museum
Murphysboro, Illinois

October 21, 2022; attend the 56th USCT memorial at Jefferson National Cemetery at 11 am, Attend Fletcher
camp meeting at 6 pm

October 29, 2022; attend SUVCW Department meeting at Jefferson City Missouri

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Senior Vice Commander Report
Robert AuBuchon
October 29,2022

Events following June 4th Department meeting

June 8 2022; awards committee discuss ordering 2 awards

June 9,2022; approve Walt Busch getting prices for ribbon awards

June 10, 2022; approve Walt Busch to get pricing for ribbon awards

June 11, 2022; Honor Guard for the DUV meeting in St. Charles, Missouri. Also was Honor Guard for the Flag Retirement ceremony at VFW Post 4223 in Lemay area.

June 14, 2022; Grant camp meeting

June 16, 2022; Fletcher camp meeting

June 17, 2022; approve Walt Busch to order award ribbons and to get council approval for expenditures

June 23, 2022; approve Gary Scheel to order 2 GAR awards for Kathy Bower and Joan Koechig

June 25, 2022; attend Wilhelmi camp last soldier of Franklin County memorial near Beaufort, Missouri

July 12, 2022; Grant camp meeting

July 14, 2022; pick up awards for Kathy Bower and Joan Koechig at Arch Engraving

July 21, 2022; Fletcher camp meeting

July 23, 2022; Grant memorial at White Haven

August 6 and 7, 2022; attend living history and re-enactment of Battle of Athens Missouri

August 12-14, 2022; attend SUVCW National Encampment

August 18, 2022; Fletcher camp meeting

August 26, 2022; change flag at General Sherman grave site

August 27, 2022; attend St. James camp Bank money confiscation At St. Genevieve, Missouri

September 4, 2022: attend living history event at Fort D in Cape Girardeau, Missouri September 10, 2022; attend Captain William Barr memorial at Bellefontaine cemetery September 12, 2022; Sent email invitations to Darryl Ryan Assistant Administrator at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery and to Sarah Cato who originally



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Various Reports, June 3, 2023, Department Encampment Fire Station 1 Community Room, 720 E. Grand St., Springfield, Missouri

Junior Vice Commander

Application Referrals:

Justin Baty > Phelps Camp #66
Mark Bierbaum > lives in Connecticut and joined up there.
Dwain Cunningham > Phelps Camp #66
James Elam > Westport Camp #64
Scott Ferguson > Westport Camp #64 - Mustered in: 5 April 23
Carroll Finley > Phelps Camp #66
Mike Goben > Phelps Camp #66
Kegan Hale via Emily Hale > lives in Baxter Co., Arkansas; active duty U.S. Marine; may or may not be interested.
Charles Alan Holt > Phelps Camp #66
David Johnston > Westport Camp #64 - Mustered in: 24 November 22
Cobern Nye > Grant Camp #68
Nathan Provost > Westport Camp #64
Johnny Lee Wagner > Spradling Camp #72
Bryan Wilson > referred to National JVC for placement in Maryland camp.
Dan Woodward > Wilhelmi Camp #17

Missouri Unionist

Next issue will come out on June 30th.

Essay Committee

The National History Day in Missouri, administered by the State Historical Society of Missouri, held its annual contest on April 22, 2023. The theme narrative for 2023 was "Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas." There were no senior individual entries "relating to American Civil War or Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) history in the period before, during, and after the American Civil War including Reconstruction, and throughout the life of the GAR, 1865-1949" which placed in the contest, and no applications were presented for the special award.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC, Kentucky Colonel
Life Member / Junior Vice Commander / Missouri Unionist Editor / Essay Committee Chair
Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

See Page 2 for Recommendation(s)

Various Reports of Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC (continued)

Recommendation(s):

#1: That Section 501 of the Department of Missouri's Policies and Procedures be updated from this:

¶ 501 Quartermaster. The Department Commander shall appoint a Quartermaster with responsibility to inventory and hold property not assigned to other elected or appointed department officers.

to this:

¶ 501 Quartermaster. The Department Commander shall appoint a Quartermaster with responsibility to inventory, store, transport, and sell goods purchased, created, or commissioned by the Department and intended for sale to members and/or the public. Sale price changes and reordering of existing merchandise will be approved by Department Council, by a regular Business Meeting, or by the Department Encampment. An Assistant Quartermaster shall be appointed to inventory, store, and transport Department property not intended for sale or assigned to other camps or officers. In cases where these offices are held by the same person, they shall be combined into one office.

#2: That "Appendix G - Missouri County and Camp Map" be updated to reflect the dissolution of McNeil Camp; dividing the affected counties evenly at 12 apiece between Westport Camp #64 and Tiger Camp #432 with said division occurring at the eastern border of Mercer, Grundy, and Livingston Counties.

Department of Missouri Secretary's Report for June 3, 2023

Actions of the Department Secretary since the October meeting -

3/15/23 Sent Form 30 – Honorable Discharge St. James Camp #336 to National

3/25/23 Sent Form 30 – Honorable Discharge St. James Camp #326 to National

Received Form 27s from all the Department of Missouri Camps.

- Contacted Lillie Camp multiple times to get information corrected
- Contacted Tiger Camp on several occasions to have their Form 27 and the correct per capita tax sent to the department.
- Was in conversation with Vern Stottlemire in regard to McNeil Camp ceasing operations as a camp in the Department of Missouri. 5 members transferred into Tiger Camp and the funds of McNeil were transferred to Tiger Camp. The property of the camp was turned over to Walt Busch. 10 members were dropped from the order. A letter explaining this was sent to National along with McNeil's final Form 27.

Walt Busch and Dale Crandell assisted in the final Form 35 – it took 5 revisions to complete. Thanks to both Walt and Dale – could not have done it without you both.

Was in continued contact with the Executive Director on a few occasions.

I was in contact with Dale Crandell Department Treasurer on a few occasions when checks needed to be sent to National. I think with his knowledge he would do well doing both the Secretary and Treasurer post for the next 3-year term.

Over my brief time as temporary Secretary to the Department of Missouri I learned that this job takes much more time than I have to offer the Department. I will not be seeking a 3-year term following today's Encampment. I will complete my notes and any outstanding correspondents. I will assist the newly elected Secretary as I am able.

That concludes my report.

Mark Coplin – Department of Missouri Secretary

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45	22-May-23	Department per capita	Phelpes Camp	\$	120.00
46	22-May-23	National per capita	St. James Camp	\$	462.00
47	22-May-23	Department per capita	St. James Camp	\$	102.00
48	22-May-23	National per capita	Tigers Camp	\$	396.00
49	22-May-23	Department per capita	Tigers Camp	\$	72.00
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51	22-May-23	National per capita	Wilhelmi Camp	\$	363.00
52	22-May-23	Department per capita	Wilhelmi Camp	\$	36.00
53	28-Mar-23	Other income	Montgomery Bank CD	\$	1,183.08
54	3-May-23	Transfer	First State Community Bank	\$	10,000.00
55	30-May-23	Other income	Balance correction	\$	1.18
		Total Income		\$	<u>18,540.59</u>

Expenses

56	27-Mar-23	Other expense	Error	\$	55.00
57	3-May-23	Transfer	First State Community Bank	\$	10,000.00
58	24-May-23	National per capita	SUVCW National / 181	\$	5,973.00
59	24-May-23	Reinstatement fee	SUVCW National	\$	10.00
60	24-May-23	International mailing fee	SUVCW National	\$	5.00
61	27-May-23	National per capita	SUVCW National / 182	\$	33.00
62	28-Mar-23	Transfer	US Bank / Charity Fund	\$	1,183.08
63	30-May-23	National per capita	Lillie Camp / Refund	\$	44.00
64	30-May-23	National per capita	St. James Camp / Refund	\$	18.00
		Total Expenses		\$	<u>17,321.08</u>

Ending Balance

65	18-Mar-23	General Fund		\$	1,611.54
66	18-Mar-23	Charity Fund		\$	3,913.27
67	18-Mar-23	Investment		\$	10,000.00
				\$	<u>15,524.81</u>

Cash Assets

68	3-Jun-23	Unrestricted		\$	11,364.72
69	3-Jun-23	PDC Fund		\$	3,912.09
70	3-Jun-23	Missouri History Essay		\$	200.00
71	3-Jun-23	JROTC Outstanding Cadet		\$	200.00
72	3-Jun-23	Grant Camp		\$	(83.00)
73	3-Jun-23	Phelps Camp		\$	(39.00)
74	3-Jun-23	Wilhelmi Camp		\$	(30.00)
		Total Cash Assets		\$	<u>15,524.81</u>

Dale Crandell

Dale Crandell, PDC
Department Treasurer



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Treasurer's Report
3 June 2023

Financial Statement. The Department ended the year with a minor \$218.46 spending deficit and \$152.00 accounts receivable from Camps.

Starting Balance	\$15,743.27
Total Income	\$19,855.34
Total Expenses	\$20,073.80
Closing Balance	\$15,524.81

Bank Accounts. The Department has two checking accounts with US Bank; Treasurer Dale Crandell, Assistant Treasurer Walter Busch, and Past Treasurer Edward Krieser have access. The Department retired its CD with Montgomery Bank. The Department invested \$10,000 with First Community State Bank in an eight-month CD at a 4.05% rate and 2 January 2024 mature date; Assistant Treasurer Walter Busch and PDC Sumner Hunnewell have access.

2023-2024 Budget. The proposed Department budget is based on revenue being low and expenses high with a \$203 deficit.

- *Recommendation 1: Approve the proposed 2023-2024 annual budget [see budget spreadsheet].*

Financial Policy. The Department has accumulated \$15,524.81 in cash assets and would benefit by setting financial policies for the Department Treasurer.

- *Recommendation 2: 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 charitable 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*



Treasurer's Report
Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
3 June 2023

Starting Balance

1	31-Dec-22	General Fund	\$ 10,393.21
2	31-Dec-22	Charity Fund	\$ 2,730.19
3	31-Dec-22	Investment	\$ 1,181.90
			\$ 14,305.30

Income

4	31-Mar-23	Other income	Bank interest	\$ 0.04
5	21-Apr-23	Other income	Error	\$ 55.00
6	24-Apr-23	National per capita	Westport Camp	\$ 792.00
7	24-Apr-23	Department per capita	Westport Camp	\$ 144.00
8	28-Apr-23	Other income	Bank interest	\$ 0.04
9	10-May-23	Encampment	Glenn Alsop	\$ 15.00
10	10-May-23	Donation	Glenn Alsop	\$ 10.00
11	10-May-23	Encampment	Dale Crandell	\$ 15.00
12	10-May-23	Donation	Dale Crandell	\$ 10.00
13	10-May-23	Encampment	Mark Coplin	\$ 15.00
14	10-May-23	Donation	Mark Coplin	\$ 15.00
15	10-May-23	Encampment	Walter Busch	\$ 15.00
16	10-May-23	Donation	Walter Busch	\$ 10.00
17	10-May-23	Encampment	Robert Aubuchon	\$ 15.00
18	10-May-23	Donation	Robert Aubuchon	\$ 35.00
19	10-May-23	Encampment	Ed Krieser	\$ 15.00
20	10-May-23	Encampment	Sumner Hunnewell	\$ 15.00
21	10-May-23	Donation	Sumner Hunnewell	\$ 5.00
22	10-May-23	National per capita	Westport Camp/Scott Ferguson	\$ 24.75
23	10-May-23	Department per capita	Westport Camp/Scott Ferguson	\$ 4.50
24	10-May-23	Application fee	Westport Camp/Scott Ferguson	\$ 5.00
25	10-May-23	Sales	Chris Warren/Eagle Scout patch	\$ 3.00
26	18-May-23	Encampment	Joseph Rainey	\$ 15.00
27	18-May-23	Encampment	Craig Mathews	\$ 15.00
28	18-May-23	Encampment	Craig Mathews	\$ 21.00
29	22-May-23	National per capita	McPherson Camp	\$ 759.00
30	22-May-23	Department per capita	McPherson Camp	\$ 138.00
31	22-May-23	National per capita	Murphy Camp	\$ 264.00
32	22-May-23	Department per capita	Murphy Camp	\$ 48.00
33	22-May-23	National per capita	Spradling Camp	\$ 198.00
34	22-May-23	Department per capita	Spradling Camp	\$ 36.00
35	22-May-23	National per capita	Tarkington Camp	\$ 297.00
36	22-May-23	Department per capita	Tarkington Camp	\$ 54.00
37	22-May-23	National per capita	Fletcher Camp	\$ 462.00
38	22-May-23	Department per capita	Fletcher Camp	\$ 84.00
39	22-May-23	National per capita	Grant Camp	\$ 660.00
40	22-May-23	Department per capita	Grant Camp	\$ 120.00
41	22-May-23	National per capita	Lillie Camp	\$ 594.00
42	22-May-23	Department per capita	Lillie Camp	\$ 108.00
43	22-May-23	Other income	Lillie Camp/Overpayment	\$ 44.00

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Dale Crandell, PDC
Department Treasurer



2023-2024 Annual Budget
Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Income

1	National per capita	National per capita	General Fund	\$	6,006.00
2	National fees	National fees	General Fund	\$	15.00
	Pass-Through Income			\$	<u>6,021.00</u>
3	Missouri per capita	Missouri per capita	General Fund	\$	910.00
4	Department Encampment	Encampment	General Fund	\$	250.00
5	Bank interest	Other income	General Fund	\$	5.00
	Operating Income			\$	<u>1,165.00</u>
6	Missouri per capita	Missouri per capita	Charity Fund	\$	182.00
7	Merchandise sales	Sales	Charity Fund	\$	25.00
8	Donations	Donations	Charity Fund	\$	50.00
9	Bank interest	Other income	Charity Fund	\$	5.00
10	Bank interest	Other income	PDC Fund	\$	400.00
	Charity Income			\$	<u>662.00</u>
	Total Income			\$	<u><u>7,848.00</u></u>

Expenses

11	National per capita	National per capita	General Fund	\$	6,006.00
12	National fees	National fees	General Fund	\$	15.00
	Pass-Through Expenses			\$	<u>6,021.00</u>
13	Encampment meeting room	Encampment	General Fund	\$	150.00
14	Encampment guests	Encampment	General Fund	\$	150.00
15	Encampment refreshments	Encampment	General Fund	\$	50.00
16	History Commemorations	Programs	General Fund	\$	200.00
17	Memorial Day	Programs	General Fund	\$	10.00
18	Annual awards	Programs	General Fund	\$	200.00
19	Eagle Scout	Programs	General Fund	\$	10.00
20	ROTC	Programs	General Fund	\$	10.00
21	Department gifts	Services	General Fund	\$	10.00
22	Recruitment	Services	General Fund	\$	10.00
23	Bereavement	Services	General Fund	\$	10.00
24	Quartermaster	Purchases	General Fund	\$	10.00
25	Merchandise	Purchases	General Fund	\$	10.00
26	Website	Administrative	General Fund	\$	200.00
27	Fees	Administrative	General Fund	\$	50.00
28	Other expenses	Administrative	General Fund	\$	50.00
	Operating Expenses			\$	<u>1,130.00</u>
29	Grants	Charity	Charity Fund	\$	500.00

30	Missouri History Essay	Charity	Charity Fund	\$	200.00
31	JROTC Outstanding Cadet Charity Expenses	Charity	Charity Fund	\$	200.00
				\$	<u>900.00</u>
	Total Expenses			\$	<u><u>8,051.00</u></u>

Surplus/Deficit

32	Pass-Through income-expenes		General Fund	\$	-
33	Operating income-expenes		General Fund	\$	35.00
34	Charity income-expenes		Charity Fund	\$	<u>(238.00)</u>
				\$	<u><u>(203.00)</u></u>

Cash Assets

				2023	2024
35	Operating expenses	General Fund	\$	1,611.54	\$ 1,824.81
36	Operating reserve	General Fund	\$	-	\$ 2,400.00
37	Charity expenses	Charity Fund	\$	3,513.27	\$ 900.00
38	Charity reserve	Charity Fund	\$	400.00	\$ 400.00
39	Investment	Uncommitted	\$	8,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
40	Investment	PDC Fund	\$	1,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
			\$	<u>15,524.81</u>	<u>15,524.81</u>



2023 Annual Per Capita
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Camp	Payment	National Per Capita		Missouri Per Capita		Fees	Total
McPherson Camp	\$897.00	23.00	\$759.00	23.00	\$138.00	\$0.00	\$897.00
Murphy Camp	\$312.00	8.00	\$264.00	8.00	\$48.00	\$0.00	\$312.00
Spradling Camp	\$234.00	6.00	\$198.00	6.00	\$36.00	\$0.00	\$234.00
Tarkington Camp	\$351.00	9.00	\$297.00	9.00	\$54.00	\$0.00	\$351.00
Fletcher Camp	\$546.00	14.00	\$462.00	14.00	\$84.00	\$0.00	\$546.00
Grant Camp	\$780.00	22.00	\$726.00	22.00	\$132.00	\$5.00	\$863.00
Lillie Camp	\$746.00	18.00	\$594.00	18.00	\$108.00	\$0.00	\$702.00
Phelps Camp	\$780.00	21.00	\$693.00	21.00	\$126.00	\$0.00	\$819.00
St. James Camp	\$564.00	14.00	\$462.00	14.00	\$84.00	\$0.00	\$546.00
Tigers Camp	\$478.00	12.00	\$396.00	12.00	\$72.00	\$10.00	\$478.00
Westport Camp	\$936.00	24.00	\$792.00	24.00	\$144.00	\$0.00	\$936.00
Wilhelmi Camp	\$399.00	11.00	\$363.00	11.00	\$66.00	\$0.00	\$429.00
	<u>\$7,023.00</u>	<u>182.00</u>	<u>\$6,006.00</u>	<u>182.00</u>	<u>\$1,092.00</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>	<u>\$7,113.00</u>

National per capita	182.00	\$6,006.00
Reinstatement	1.00	\$10.00
International mailing	1.00	\$5.00
Total		<u>\$6,021.00</u>

Grant Camp	Payable	\$ (83.00)
Lillie Camp	Refund	\$ 44.00
Phelps Camp	Payable	\$ (39.00)
St. James Camp	Refund	\$ 18.00
Wilhelmi Camp	Payable	\$ (30.00)
Total		<u>\$ (90.00)</u>

Department of Missouri Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War -

Mark Coplin – PCC – Department Chaplain

3 June 2023

Brothers of the Department of Missouri –

Please be in prayer for the following brothers –

Monsignor Michael Witt – health issues

Gary Scheel – PDC- health issues and good news from test results

John Avery – PDC – continued healing

Craig Mathews – Camp Commander US Grant #68 – For his parents and his wife's health

As the Chaplain it is important to have good communications with the Department Members. There are a lot of needed prayers for our members and their families. Please pass on any prayer needs to me. Also, if a member passes on, please let me know as soon as possible so I can share this with the National Chaplain and have that Brother's name included in the Banner. You can get a hold of me by email, phone or by mail.

Email – macnac4856@gmail.com

Phone- (314) 302-4775 (This is a cell phone – I don't answer numbers I do not recognize

– please leave a message and I will call you back when I am able. I work in a hospital and do not answer my phone or listen to messages until lunch time or at the end of the day.)

Mail – 4856 Hursley Drive – Sappington, Missouri 63128

If I can be of any service or offer any prayers for you or your camp, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to serving with each one of you in the coming months.

In Christ -

Mark Coplin – Chaplain Department of Missouri



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Patriotic Instructor Report 3 June 2023

Camp Patriotic Instructors. PIs receive the National PI monthly messages and U.S. flag half-staff notices. They also receive requests for Form 40 submissions and SUVCW Flag Patriotism Certificate nominations.

Fletcher Camp	Mark Arbutnot	markelmoarbutnot@gmail.com
Grant Camp		
Lillie Camp	Samuel Bushman	sbushman@colecouny.org
McPherson Camp		
Murphy Camp	Anthony Lind	alind@littlerock.gov
Phelps Camp	John Rutherford	jrutherf@juno.com
St. James Camp	Gary Scheel	somewhere1@sbcglobal.net
Spradling Camp	Scott McClelland	scottyboyrides@gmail.com
Tarkington Camp		
Tiger Camp	Paul Hobbs	pshobbs62@gmail.com
Wilhelmi Camp	Jack Laubinger	jacklaubinger@yahoo.com
Westport Camp	Robert Grover	groversar@aol.com

Patriotic Instructor Report. Form 41 Department PI Report submitted on 30 May 2023.

Patriotic Instructor Message. Publish quarterly PI message in *Missouri Unionist* with upcoming patriotic holidays, Missouri Civil War battle anniversaries, and Civil War leader biographies. Short summaries have been written for 20 patriotic holidays, 25 of 30 Missouri Civil War battle anniversaries, and 4 Civil War era people with a Missouri connection.

Flag Patriotism Certificate. SUVCW Policy provides for recognition of "individuals, companies or agencies, which proudly, conspicuously, and properly fly or display the US Flag". Department Policy tasks the Department PI to "recognize one individual, company, or agency for Flag Day." There were no Camp or member nominations, so the Springfield National Cemetery is nominated.

- *Recommendation.* Award the SUVCW Flag Patriotism Certificate to the U.S. National Cemetery in Springfield, Missouri.

Inventory

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. PI binder, paper records | 1 |
| 2. PI flash drive, electronic records | 1 |

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Dale Crandell, PDC
Patriotic Instructor

Grave Registration Officers Report
Department Encampment
2-3 June 2023

Brothers,

Since most of the graves registered this year were submitted to the SUVCW National Database as individual submitters, which I am good with, I can only submit the ones reported to me from the four or five Department members that submit numbers to me.

As you can tell from the numbers below Brother Glen Alsop has submitted 3,076 grave registrations through the National Database. These numbers blow my mind and I do not know how to express my gratitude for his perseverance registering Grave Registrations.

Since March Report

Wilhelmi Camp #17.....	1,422
St James Camp #326.....	31
Total	1,453

For Year

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Total...	3,223

I apologize for my absence from the encampment but I have a graduation party to go to on this date. This is my last Department Grave Registration Report. I have enjoyed my time in this position but I am no longer going to serve in this position.

In F, C, & L,

Gary L. Scheel, PDC

Department of Missouri
Quartermaster's Report
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Walt Busch Report for 2022-2023

Walt's Notes & US Grant Camp 68 Report

6/3-4/2022	Walt, Bob Aubuchon, Bob Amlser, Sumner Hunnewell, Don Palmer, and John Avery (zooming), attend the department encampment in Jefferson City at the Best Western Pro. Bob Amlser elected department commander. Bob Aubuchon elected SVC. Sumner Hunnewell elected Council member.
6/11-12/2022	Bob & Marty Aubuchon act as color guard for DUVCW Encampment in St Charles. Walt gives dinner speech to DUVCW on 12 th about "Did the Battle of Pilot Knob save America"
6/14/2022	US Grant Camp Meeting
7/12/2022	US Grant Camp Meeting (no Walt)
7/23/2022	Grant Remembrance Day at Grant National Historic Site - White Haven
7-28-2022	1 Indiana cannon, 2 PA cannons and one PA monument recorded on my vacation.
8-5-2022	Bay City Area 1 Cannon, 2 markers and one GAR monument recorded.
8/11/2022	Marshall, MI - 1 cannon, two markers and 1 GAR hall recorded
08/11-13.2022	National Encampment - Grand Rapids, MI (Ji Pahl, Walt, Don, John Palmer, Bob P, Bob A)
8/16/2022	Homer, IL - 1 Statue and 1 GAR Cemetery Entrance
09/10/2022	Captain Wm Barr Ceremony - Bellefontaine Cemetery - Bob A & Amlser, Walt, Dan Jackson,
9/13/2022	US Grant Camp Meeting
9/18/2022	Walt meets German Consul at Hecker Monument
09/30-10/1/22	Central Region Conference - Lansing, MI (Jim Pahl, Bob Amlser, Don & Walt attending)
10/6/22	USCT Monument documented in Jackson TN
10/11/2022	US Grant Camp Meeting (no Walt) Joan Koeching presented an award at meeting.
10/21/2022	US Grant 56 th USCT Ceremony at Jefferson Barracks
10/29/2022	Department Meeting in Jefferson City - DP, ARams, RAUB, Sumner, Walt, DC Amlser has donated (paid for) one year of group.io to the dept
10/30/2022	Grant Camp members at the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) re-dedication of the Revolutionary War Cannons at Lafayette Park in St. Louis. Walt Busch, Dept SVC Bob Aubuchon, Jim Morrison, PDC Gary Scheel, PCC & 4th Military District Inspector General Captain Randall Baehr, Alan Trodus, PCC Doug Roussin, PDC Sumner Hunnewell (MO Dept - MOLLUS Commander) and PCC Dan Jackson.
11/6/2022	Grant Camp members Craig Mathews Sr, PDC Sumner Hunnewell and PCC Bob Aubuchon assist the Daughters of the American Revolution at their ceremony for Veterans Day on 6 Nov 2022 at Bellefontaine Cemetery.
11/11/2022	Grant and other Camp Members Attend Opening of Battle of PK Grant Touring Display
11/13/2022	US Grant Camp 68
11/25/2022	Monument at the Rolla Post Office Recorded
12/13/2022	US Grant Christmas Party & Officer Installation (form 22 Filled Out) Greenbriar Hills Country Club
12/17/2022	Fletcher Camp ran Wreaths Across America event at St Johns Lutheran Church in Arnold. Bob Aubuchon, Dan Jackson, Sumner Hunnewell and Walt Busch

Walt Busch Report for 2022-2023

12/22/2022	Fill out Unionist Report for Grant Camp
2023	
01/10/2023	Grant Camp Meeting
2/7/2023	File Form 990Ns for Grant Camp, 2 nd MO Inf SVR, & Dept of Missouri
2/7/2023	US Grant Camp Meeting
2/8/2023	Genealogy - US Soldier work for Kitty Davis of Kahoka, MO - Mailed Off
2/8/2023	Asked to work on Carthage Monument of Sigel's Troops - Jeff Patrick & Paul Teverow. Made recommendations to their text.
2/9/2023	Letter of Support written for Carthage Monument
2/19/2023	Sappington House - US Grant Display. Greg Wolk speech. Craig, Sumner & Jim in attendance
2/20/2023	Lafayette Park - Washington /President's Day - DAR Ceremony - Sumner, Jim, Craig & Walt in attendance. Doug Niermeyer also.
3/2/2023	ZOOM Meeting - National Monuments Computer Database
3/3/2023	ZOOM Meeting - Hecker Monument
3/10/2023	Bob Aubuchon, Walt and Duncan Noack all present on planning with the Friends of Fort Davidson at their annual meeting for events, artifacts, etc at Battle of Pilot Knob State Historic Site.
3/11/2023	Sherman Remembrance Day - Calvary Cemetery about 30 people - Submitted photos to Banner and Unionist - Sherman Remembrance Day was held on 3-11-2023 at his family gravesite in Calvary Cemetery, St. Louis, MO. Members of US Grant Camp 68 held the ceremony assisted by General Thomas Fletcher Camp 47, Lt. Colonel Franz Wilhelmi Camp 17, and from Illinois - the Colonel Frederick Hecker Camp. Also assisting were members of the Julia Dent Grant Tent 16 - DUVCW; Louisa Volker 215 - ASUVCW; Missouri MOLLUS; Randy Baehr - Inspector General of the 4th Military District SVR; and also present were members of the reenacting group - Turner Brigade. During the ceremony, the old flag was retired to be preserved for later presentation to a patriotic American. The US Grant Camp has taken on the duties of maintaining the site and are planning a remembrance plaza there in the future.
3/14/2023	US Grant Camp Meeting - Fraileys
3/18/2023	Missouri Department Meeting - Jefferson City
3/28/2023	Hecker Monument Zoom Meeting
4/3/2023	We have been working on creating a plaza at Sherman's Grave and today Brothers R Aubuchon and S Hunnewell met with the cemetery officials to get approval for one of our proposed plans.
4/10/2023	Brian Smarker sends info on Gallatin MO Cannon March thru May Walt working on National Monument Database.
4/13/2023	Dropped off Memorial Day paperwork at JB
4/15/2023	Bob Aubuchon, Bob Amlser & Craig Mathews at Lincoln Tomb Ceremony. Bob Petrovic in charge of organizing the entire event.
4/15/2023	New Required form for Memorial Day at JB sent in
4/18/2023	Correction to form for Memorial Day at JB sent in
4/18/2023	Make File for web and post it for info about Mansfield, AR GAR Post 100
4/18/2023	Work with Mark Coplin and complete our camp's per capita (35 members)
4/19/2023	Work on filling out form 62 for Hecker Project.

Walt Busch Report for 2022-2023

- 4/22/2023 John Avery, Mark Coplin, Bob Amsler, Bob Aubuchon, Marty Aubuchon, Msgr Michael Witt, Sumner Hunnewell, Craig Mathews Sr, Walt Busch and Don Palmer conduct ceremonies at Civil War Soldiers Graves in Harugari Cemetery, Manchester
- 4/26/2023 Sumner, Jim Gallen, Dan Woodruff and Walt attend and schmooze at St Louis Civil War Roundtable
- 4/27/2023 Walt submits request for grant for Hecker Monument from St Louis Civil War Roundtable
- 5/2/2023 Walt attends ZOOM Hecker Monument Meeting
- 5/2/2023 Sumner & Walt to 1st State Community Bank to get CD for Dept
- 5/9/2023 US Grant Camp Meeting
- 5/17-20/2023 Walt & Mark Coplin reconcile Department Per Capita Report
- 5/18/2023 Walt updates file on McCroskey Post 210, creates report on Ferguson Post 358, Adds pics to regional GAR Meetings, 1916 National Encampment & 1897 SV Encampment
- 5/29/2023 PDC John Avery participated in Memorial Day ceremonies in Manchester, MO, PCC Dan Jackson Memorial Day ceremonies in Kirkwood, MO and members Bob Amsler, Don Palmer, Walt Busch, Sumner Hunnewell, Bob Aubuchon, Craig Mathews Sr, Jim Morrison, and of the camp are holding annual ceremonies at Jefferson Barracks

UPCOMING EVENTS

- A. Grant Remembrance Day at US Grant National Historic Site (White Haven) on July 22 at 10 AM
- B. 56th US Colored Troops Remembrance, hopefully in Jefferson Barracks on October 20. We have confirmed that Major General Byron Bagby will speak at the event. This is costing us a little money, but we want to try to get some publicity for it.

Assistant Treasurer/Secretary Report

- 1. Walt, Dale and Mark work on submitting Department per capita. Reconciled and sent in.
- 2. Walt finds bank giving CDs at over 4%. Helps department get one \$10,000 one.

Historical Records Officer Report

- 1. Updates to the web adding historical information were made. See above combo Walt Busch/US Grant Report

Signal Officer's Report

Domains & E-Mail

GODADDY
 suvcwmo.org renews 16 June 2024 for \$20.99/year
 suvcwmo.com renews 16 June 2024 for \$21.99/year

Walt Busch Report for 2022-2023

Using 89 e-mail addresses out of 200 available. These are free because we got them years ago. If we move our domains from GODADDY we lose these and pay around \$2/Month for year e-mail used.

WEEBLY

Our account is on a credit card under name of Ed Krieser, we probably need to change that. Our website expired on 13 September 2024. Renewal is \$469.00 for 2 years which is \$120 cheaper than yearly rate. We can renew at any time if we want to do it early.

OTHER

Passwords have been shared with PDC Brian Smarker, PCC James Dixon and Jim Morrison.

STATS



- Walt will most likely be putting Missouri monuments on the National webpage and removing them from ours, but providing a link to them over this next year.
- I've created webpages on our site for MOLLUS, SVR, A-SUVCW, WRC, L-GAR. I've been updating the pages for Fletcher & Phelps Camp because they send me stuff,, other camps do not.

Inventory in possession of Walt as of 30 May 2023

Resale Items

• 2021 Ladder Medal – 40	• Last GAR Burial Ribbon & Bookmark – 1 (several bookmarks as giveaway)
• Encampment Medal – 40	• Shiloh Ribbon – 64
• Goody Bag – 9	• Vicksburg Coin – 15

Walt Busch Report for 2022-2023

• 2XL Shirt – 9	• Taps Patch – 1
• 3XL Shirt – 3	• Coors Light Cozies – 10
• Encampment Book – 4	

I really don't believe we will sell all of this. I think we should be open to other ways to make use of these. Maybe sell them super discounted to camps? Give more away to camps? Sell today at ridiculously low prices of whatever I am happy to take for items? Cozies 1 cent? Shirts \$5? What do you say?

Also the following Quartermaster Stores for our permanent records

One McNeil Camp Charter with Frame	2 Rolls R/W/B Missouri Seal Ribbons
One large canvas bag of McNeil Camp Records I haven't gone through yet	1 Sherman Camp 2018 Stephenson Award Ribbon
One large tote of records I couldn't get rid of by giving them to Mark Coplin	1 Roll Red Raffle Tickets
2 CDs of Missouri Records	A few department checks and deposit slips
	1 copy of the 1 st State Community Bank CD
1 2021 Challenge Coin	1 Encampment Goody Bag
1 Encampment Ladder Medal	1 Encampment Medal
1 3XL Shirt	1 Encampment Book
1 Encampment Wine Glass	1 2005 John Byrne GAR Burial Ribbon
1 2021 Ribbon Ribbon	1 2017 Vicksburg Coin

I would recommend that the Missouri Seal Ribbons above be used by whoever makes up our encampment ribbons over the next several years or for another similar purpose.

General Information From Walt -- Central Region Association Meeting Oct 6-7

Planned Hotel: Under GAR-Central Region 2500 Paramount Pl, Fairborn, OH, 45324 (937) 427-0800 Events Mgr Henil Patel 937-716-8888 Rooms \$89.99	Planned Tour: National Museum of the United States Air Force National Museum of the US Air Force 1100 Spaatz St, Dayton, OH 45433
Planned Meeting Room as all booked at the Air Force Museum Fairborn Community Library (Meeting Room Confirmed 12 Noon-5PM)	Other Possible Tour Opportunity: Miami Valley Military History Museum 4 E. Main Street, Fairborn, OH 45324

Walt Busch Report for 2022-2023

1 East Main Street Fairborn, OH 45324 (937) 878-9383	(937) 318-8820
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Department Encampment Investigations Officer

2024 - Working with Westport Camp to find place in KC/Independence area for an encampment.

2025- If it is still decided to keep me as the lead on all this, I plan on finding a place in the St Louis Metro area. We have more people show up from this area than any other area so having it there for the first time in many years allows the majority of our members to save money and may encourage more than just 15-20 people showing up for an encampment.

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ARKANSAS CAMPS REPORT

Mcperson camp

Repaired Gentry monument

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Took part in July 4 parade in Bella Vista, AR.

Took part in wreaths across America

Place wreaths at Rogers and Bella Vista Veterans park

Took part in 161 memorial day at Pea Ridge Battlefield park.

Opened and closed Memorial day program at Fayetteville National Cemetery,

Conducted Memorial day program at the Sulpher Springs GAR Cemetery

Murphy camp

Cleaned Judsonia Monument

Worked with Mark Christ on Colored Troops monument

Turned in numerous memorial Assessment forms

Talkington camp

Raised flag at Ft. Smith National Park on day that U.S. Troops liberated Ft. Smith in the Civil war

Resetting Richard Holcrofts GAR Headstone that was pushed over.

Spradling camp

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Approved this encampment

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Department Meeting 10-29-2022
Missouri Regional Library
Jefferson City, MO 65101**

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ZOOM ATTENDEES: PDC John Avery – Grant Camp; PCC Joseph Rainey – Several Arkansas Camps.

OPENING: 10:10 AM Prayer led by Acting Chaplain Mark Coplin and Pledge of Allegiance by Commander Robert Amsler

Minutes from the 2022 Department Encampment Approved Unanimously.

Commander Amsler's Report – Been in and out of hospitals. Have issued two orders and they are posted online. Attended ceremony for Capt Barr in September

Senior Vice Commander Aubuchon's Report – [See Attached].

Re: Awards – Awards were presented to Joan Koechig (DUVCW) & Kathy Bower (WRC) as approved at 2022 Dept Encampment

Junior Vice Commander Burd's Report – [See Attached]

Secretary-Treasurer Walt Busch's Report – [See Attached]

Discussion about what to be done with the CD held by Montgomery Bank. Martin Aubuchon no longer wants to be the one receiving the mail concerning this account. After discussion, JVC Burd made the motion that all correspondence concerning this account be mailed to Walt Busch at his home address. This was seconded by Mark Coplin. Motion passes. [CD transferred to being mailed to Walt's home address on 11/1/2022]

All concurred that just prior to the March 2023 renewal of the CD, it be reviewed to see if we can get a better interest rate.

[Not Covered in Treasurer Report – Treasurer had bill of \$62.05 paid to Office Depot for printing reports for this meeting for monies expended after the report was written. Office

Depot paid by department check. Also had one from Sumner Hunnewell for \$65.50 for Eagle Scout supplies he ordered from National. Hunnewell cut check at end of meeting]

Motion by Sumner Hunnewell and Second by Ed Krieser to approve the Secretary-Treasurer Report with the Treasurer report subject to audit. Approved.

Department Chaplain Martin Aubuchon resigned in an e-mail. Commander Amsler appointed Mark Coplin to complete the year as the chaplain.

Department Counselor Amsler – We are not suing anyone or being sued.

Patriotic Instructor Dale Crandell – [See attached]

The department policy on flags was referred to the by-laws committee but was written up instead by the patriotic instructor. The patriotic instructor made a motion to approve the proposed department policy and procedure on Flag Day. 2nd by Walt Busch. Passes.

Eagle Scout Coördinator Sumner Hunnewell [See attached]

Has invoice so needs check for Eagle Scout Patches and Certificates that he purchased. [See above re payment]

ROTC/JROTC Coördinator Dale Crandell: [Report attached]

Motion on Procedure for Outstanding JROTC Cadet Award. Motion by Coördinator. Second by Walt Busch. Motion Passes.

ON ANOTHER NOTE: The Policy & Procedure manual needs to be updated generally and published. Dale will resend updated version to officer.

Department Camp Organizer: The Junior Vice Commander is the Organizer and has nothing to report. Joseph Rainey is organizing camps in Arkansas and said he wants some help in organizing a Department of Arkansas and splitting it from Missouri. PcinC Krieser advised he would assist him.

Graves Registration Officer Gary Scheel: [Report attached]

55 Graves from St James Camp.

Medal of Honor Officer Randal Burd: No Report

Missouri Unionist Newsletter Editor Randal Burd: [Report Attached] Received National Marshall Hope Award. Next issue 12/31/2022.

Historical Records Officer Walt Busch: See Report.

Bob Amsler – Is every Past Department Commander always a delegate to the National Encampment?

Dale Crandell – Past Department Commander are forever allowed to be a delegate to the National Encampment.

- Very generous of Bob to purchase the Group IO

- Invitation options

- Documentation Management

- can share files

Bob Amsler – Cost is \$220.00 a year and can accommodate 200 members.

Walt Busch – As webmaster – should we have a committee set up – current set up is good for 2 years. \$280.00

Bob Amsler – Test Drive the program for 6 months and then put together a committee.

Sumner Hunnewell – Genealogical sight – can help with collaboration with all the officers and department of members.

Bob Amsler – Sumner Hunnewell is right on seeing how it can work – there are items in Group IO that I have not used myself.

Walt Busch – At the Department Encampment will set up a committee to see about the options available to the Department. We can't alienate the public. It means the Webmaster has to maintain the Website, Facebook and then Group IO. Do we need a moderator?

Bob Amsler- An individual needs to set up the files for each camp.

Walt Busch – With the Website it informs the public.

Chris Warren – Younger members of the camp have the ability to work with the new technology. Most of the members of my camp are not tech savvy with the internet – Can see the value of the program.

Tech will surpass the members ability to maintain information

Bob Amsler – Can tie it to personal emails like Outlook and Gmail. Can set up the rules, can set up the rules. Can stay digital and stay relevant – too bad you can't be held back. Internet in the US is in over 90% of households. Don't let the 10% hold you back.

Chris Warren – Need to gear up for the younger generation. Have to have multiple ways of getting information to the membership through texts, email, etc.

Bob Amsler – His new office is paperless.

Regarding his section of the report on possible monuments missing from older reports, Doug Roussin may have info on Belmont Monument.

Signals Officer Walt Busch: Attached.

Quartermaster Doug Roussin's Report: All good

Camp Reports:

Grant Camp- Written report attached.

Fletcher Camp – Written report attached.

St James – Gary Scheel – See attached.

Phelps Camp - Dale Crandell New Historical Marker in Joplin & Last Union Soldier in Joplin. GAR Foot Soldier in Mountain Grove - \$2,200 away from goal! Thanks to our donations.

Lillie Camp– Pete Otting – Planted a tree at courthouse. Scanning records in State Archives. Dooley Home which was commandeered by Union early in war helped out.

Westport – Dale Crandell– Last weekend did event.

Arkansas – ZOOM- Joe Rainey: [Report Attached] All AR Camps have changed the by-laws for all the camps McPherson Camp presented a JROTC award just over the border in Missouri. Presented 4 wreaths on medal of honor day. Changed the flags at Prairie Grove monument. Repaired the Gentry Co GAR monument. Working with Mark Christ on USCT Monument near Little Rock. Been presenting JROTC Awards

Department Encampment Committee: Commander would prefer at meeting at Wilson's Creek. He would prefer one year soon being in the Pea Ridge area. Joe Rainey would not recommend Pea Ridge due to lodging issue. 2023 – Springfield 2024 – KC 2025 -?

Awards Committee: Bob Aubuchon about 2 awards given out again. Commander Amsler presented Blair award to Walt Busch.

Honoring Vets Committee– Gary Scheel – No Report

Essay Competition – Randal Burd reporting – Sumner Hunnewell joining Committee since Jim Stebbings no longer here.

Marketing Committee – Don says we need to bring in more 501-c-3 activities. Discussion about maybe having people contributing money thru Paypal. The marketing committee should be standing committee, like national, but currently isn't. Bylaw committee to write up section on standing committee and hold the vote on this by-law change at encampment. Don now chairing this as special committee until department encampment.

Special Projects /Programs Committee – Don Palmer 2023 Program at Wilson's Creek. Chattanooga Campaign for 2024. Working with Jeff Patrick on 2023.

Wilson Creek Special Missouri SUVCW Event – Straw pole: 4 voted for Private Event. 6 voted for Public Event. Commander wants a decision by the committee on Jan 1 as to what type of event we want to do. Walt would like a decision sooner to plan the encampment better. And discussion follows.

Questions to answer: Do we hold Wilson's Creek event on the weekend of our department encampment or separately. Near the anniversary of the battle? Decided that we hold an event separate from the department encampment, but that the department encampment committee is charged to create a small event in June at Springfield or Wilson's Creek.

12:30 to 12:53 break to refresh ourselves

Unfinished Business

On the agenda, items 1, 2 and 3 are already done. Item 4 has not been worked on yet. Item 5 is completed.

Item 6 – regarding the Eads Award – has been referred to the Awards committee to adjust wording to imply that the Graves Registration Officer can not count graves toward a camp's count for the award if the information duplicates previous works

New Business

1. Motion Dale Crandell moves to raise dues to \$8.50 so that camps can raise dues to \$8.50 to even it out to an even \$50. Commander rules that the Treasurer should come forth at Dept Encampment and make his recommendation. The motion was then tabled whether out of order.

Randal Burd then reviewed the By-Laws and it was determined that dues can be set by those present at the October meeting. Motion brought back to the floor. Sumner stands against the motion.

Don Palmer: We originally set the dues at \$6 back around 2003 to cover mailing out the Unionist. It is now delivered via e-mail.

Walt Busch: Our dues continue to cover our general expenses, but just barely. We should consider raising the dues, but he is not necessarily in favor of raising them now. We need to get members like life members that do not pay toward state dues to donate some after all it is tax dedecutable.

Ed Krieser: Life members should pay toward state dues. Majority say NO.

Vote called regarding increase of dues to \$8.50. Vote taken. Three in favor, three against. Motion fails. Commander charges treasurer to look to see if we should increase dues along with the potential of the genealogist. Get up a committee.

2. Do we want a state genealogist? Do we pay for his fold3 service? To be reviewed.

3. groups.io So that our members can blog info between each other and get more activity between camps. Commander Amsler said he would pay for first year. [Walt going to check to see if we can do this on our website in a members only section. - Just FYI]

4. Randal Burd thinks we need to develop more fundraising activities on the web, within camps, etc. - No action taken at this time, though all concur.

5. Election of Officers and Appointment of Officers

After review and discussion.

Mark Coplin appointed to be Department Chaplain.

Councils Gary Scheel and Sumner Hunnewell reported that after Walt Busch is done putting the finishing touches on these minutes and organizing files (a few weeks) that since no one wants to be Secretary and Treasurer, that Mark Coplin take over Secretary duties until the end of the 2023 Department Encampmemnt, and;

Dale Crandell take over Treasurer duties until the end of the 2023 Department Encampment, and that:

Futthermore Ed Krieser and Walt Busch are assigned duties as Assistant Secretary/Treasurers.

The members are asked if they have any objection to the ruling of the councils. None given.

The signatories of our bank accounts is discussed. With the change, we need to probably have new signatories on all accounts. After discussion about who to add and who to take off, the members present approve the substitute motion by Sumner Hunnewell on the motion by Dale Crandell (both seconded by Gary Scheel). The motion reads: Walter Busch, Dale Crandell and Edward Krieser shall be the signatories to all our department bank accounts at US Bank and Montgomery Bank.

The department business meeting closes with prayer led by Chaplain Mark Coplin on 2:25 PM.

Afterwards, a fellowship dinner was held at our normal Mexican restaurant with about 12 people there.

There are the minutes of the October 29, 2022 Department Business Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Walter E. Busch, PDC
Interim Secretary-Treasurer
Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Approved this encampment

**Missouri Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department Meeting March 18, 2023
Missouri Regional Library
Jefferson City, MO 65101**

Present: DC Bob Amsler Jr.; PCC, SVC Robert Aubuchon, PCC; JVC Randal Burd Jr, PDC; Treasurer Dale Crandell, PDC; Secretary/ Chaplin Mark Coplin, PCC; PDC Sumner Hunnewell – JROTC/ Eagle Scout Coordinator – Fletcher Camp; PCinC Ed Krieser – Phelps Camp; PCinC Don Palmer – Grant Camp; Assistant Secretary – Treasurer Walt Busch – Grant Camp, PDC; Chris Warren – PDC – Fletcher Camp; Vern Stottlemeyre PDC – Tiger; Billy Meyer – Lillie Camp; PCC Pete Oetting – CC Lillie Camp - No Zoom was offered at this meeting.

Opening: 10:00 Opening Pledge of Allegiance lead by DC Amsler Jr – Opening Prayer offered by Chaplin Mark Coplin

Prior to the first report – Walt Busch made a motion to only allow 5 minutes of conversation for anyone who did not submit a report. Ed Krieser 2nd – DC Amsler called for a vote. Past with out anyone in opposition.

Commander Amsler's Report – See attached – He referred to his report in regard to his purchase for the Department of an account to Group IO. It is used by his train organization to share information with all the members. Encourages all members to use it. Each camp can make a subgroup. Can post events so all members can know what is going on in the Department or the Camp. His friend who works at IBM reported it keeps up interest and encourages engagement of members.

Randal Burd – Asked if folks can opt out?

Bob Amsler – It is a closed group – You don't have join – Group IO account allows you to add photos, files.

Chris Warren – Will this get rid of emails?

Walt Busch – Can't give up emails – current set up is free.

Vern Stottlemeire – McNeil Camp is folding because of this very issue. No one in the camp uses the internet.

Ed Krieser – Years ago we sent letters. Computers have changed the way we communicate and we need to continue to have the information avenues we have used in the past. We can't leave out our members.

Bob Amsler – No one in the Sons are out to hurt a member of the order. (Mark Coplin, Walt Busch and Bob Aubuchon made reference to issues with some of our members currently.) Messages go to everyone – can't separate. If a camp sets up their own account, then only members of the camp will see the messages.

Randal Burd – No one in the Department can see Camp messages? The can see the messages? Bob Amsler – If the Camp wants something on the event calendar, then they can post information. Put yes if the camp has a separate section to Group IO then only those in the camp can see the information.

Mark Coplin – Try it out and let's move on.

Bob Amler -A member of the Massachusetts Department is asking for our support for a run at the Council of Administration.

Randal Burd – Table until the Encampment

Ed Krieser – Vote and determine who the Department will back at the Encampment of even at National.

Bob Amsler – I was just forwarding the request from the Massachusetts member.

Walt Busch – Pick a candidate at the Encampment.

Senior Vice Commander – Robert Aubuchon -See Report

Secretary Report – Mark Coplin - See Report

*****After leaving the meeting noted that the Meeting Minutes from October were not reviewed or voted on**

Walt Busch – With the transfers of members from McNeil to Tiger we need to make sure that Tiger camp restore the PCC rank to those who served at camp commander with McNeil.

Treasurer Report – Dale Crandell – See Report

I made four recommendations/motions that were approved:

Ø *Authorize the Bylaws Committee to edit Department Policy 301 as follows:*

¶ *301 IRS 990 Filing. Camps are required to maintain their IRS 501(c) tax exemption status with annual submission of an IRS 990 Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax. Camps must forward a PDF copy of their most recent IRS 990 filing to the Department Commander and Department Secretary Treasurer or Secretary-Treasurer by March 1st.*

Ø *Authorize Assistant Treasurer Walter Busch to pay penalties, fees, and lost interest to close the Department's certificate of deposit with Montgomery Bank.*

Ø *Authorize adding Treasurer Dale Crandell, keeping Assistant Treasurer Walter Busch, and cancelling all others as account signers for the Department's certificate of deposit with Montgomery Bank.*

Ø *Authorize Treasurer Dale Crandell to destroy unused check books, deposit books, and miscellaneous banking items not listed on inventory.*

Unable to locate the original letter for the Department's CD from Montgomery Bank.

Mark Coplin – The CD was initiated March 1, 2007 \$1,183.10

Walt Busch – When we obtain the funds from the Montgomery Account, we can open another account. When the Secretary gets a Notarized copy of the minutes we can go to the bank to have the funds of the CD released.

Bob Amsler – Use the funds to open a Vanguard S&P 500 – minimal investment is \$6,000. Any return is around 10% - can loss money but during

the past few years the return has been between 15-18% - the fee is 1% for computer transfers. No manager. We can move funds as we would like.

Dale Crandell – Placement of funds in the PDC fund.

Don Palmer – National is now a 501c3

Bob Amsler – No issues with the IRS

Ed Krieser – File 990 forms – the way it is set up you can see the results in a few hours. Some numbers are used multiple times.

Dale Crandell – The EIN numbers for Arkansas – Two camps have revoked EIN numbers.

Walt Busch – Appropriate to ask Joe Rainey for the original letter of the EIN#

Dale Crandell – We have that – there is no more letter – it is on computer.

Bob Amsler – Tax report #

Dale Crandell – We are under group exemption – National can't add those camps. They operate under un-organized. If the camps apply for an EIN number they would have to pay a large fee. Jim Pahl stated they can stay un-organized.

Ed Krieser – Bank can check on the EIN #

Don Palmer – Original into the Department – Does this throw a wrench into the organization of a Department (Arkansas) – It is not an IRS rule it is a National issue. How many camps are currently in Arkansas (4) – are they solvent?

Bob Amsler – Not as strong as it could be. There are quite a few members that below to multiple camps.

Randal Burd – Joe Rainey wants to form a Department in Arkansas.

Ed Krieser – The Department of Missouri had to approve the forming of the new department.

Eagle Scout Coordinator – Sumner Hunnewell – See Report

ROTC Coordinator – Dale Crandell – See Report

Dale Crandell – There is a new Form 7 – includes Space Force and National Defense Force

Sumner Hunnewell – Clearing house of units in the state?

Dale Crandell - Reviewed each fall to confirm units in the state.

Ed Krieser – Each branch of the military has their own ROTC program – Each branch has a slightly different variation of awards.

Bob Amsler – Can we contact the services to determine what units are active?
Does the information available include the unit commander's name and contact information?

Walt Busch – Colonel Hecker Monument – Would like the Department to issue funds for the project. Would like \$200.00 from the Department.
Made out to the German American Committee.

Dale Crandell – Who was Hecker?

Walt Busch - Hecker was born in 1811 in Germany. He was an agitator of the 1848 German Revolution. He immigrated to the United States. During the Civil War he started out as a Private and moved up to Colonel of the 24th Illinois Infantry Regiment.

Department Encampment - On Friday June 2nd John Rutherford will be giving a tour of the Battlefield in down town Springfield, MO – Pay John \$50.00

Bob Amsler – Should we increase the registration fees for the encampment. The Depart should not lose money on the encampment.

Walt Busch – This needs to be brought up at the Department Encampment and voted on. We almost always lose money at the Department Encampment. If a National Officer attends the meeting we pay for his room and food. A few hundred dollars. If we increase the funds we could be pricing some members out of being able to attend.

Bob Amsler - Consider how we fund ourselves.

Sumner Hunnewell – Budget items, certificates and badges for the encampment.
Don't put the cost of the Encampment items on the backs of the members.

Walt Busch - Dale Crandell needs to sit down and see what our budget items are

and determine if a fee increase is warranted.

Don Palmer – The last increase in Department fee was in 2002 – it has been \$6.00 since then. That increase was due to the rise in postage for the Unionist. We no longer send out the Unionist by mail. So the increase for postage is no longer an issue for the increase. A Committee to look at the budget, needs to be formed at the Encampment.

Walt Busch – We are doing okay.

Bob Amsler – We should run the Department more like a business.

Walt Busch - Dr. Hair mentioned that we have not had an increase since 2001. Maybe increase to \$10.00. Look at the budget with the fees of \$6.00 and then look at a budget with the increase to \$10.00

Patriotic Instructor - Dale Crandell – Fletcher and Grant Camp are the only camps in the department that send in reports.

Walt Busch – Patriotic report is covered in the quarterly reports.

Sumner Hunnewell – National has a form.

Don Palmer - Program Committee for the Encampment – to Hold an event at Wilson's Creek – a program similar to the one we held at Shiloh. To meet with the Park Rangers at Wilson's Creek to determine a program sometime in October. Use the ideas we used at Shiloh.

New Business –

Awards –

Bob Amsler – Return to using plaques for awards. Discuss at the Encampment.

Pete Oetting – Was not for a plaque – A piece of paper is just fine. Would not put a plaque on the wall.

Dale Crandell – There are quite a few awards. Are we talking about all the awards. Should we limit it to just the Blair Award and the Show Me Spirit

Award.

Walt Busch – Plaque with brass at Arch Engraving for about \$30.00.

Randal Burd – Maybe just the Blair Award

Mark Coplin – When I was awarded the Blair Award in 2005 – I was very honored by the awarded the plaque and it hangs up in my room along with my membership certificate signed by Richard Orr and Steve Leicht.

Randal Burd – Use a raffle to raise funds for the awards.

Bob Aubuchon – Meritorious Service Award would also be a good award to be on paper.

Bob Amsler – Would prefer a plaque.

Don Palmer – Meritorious Service Award is for above and beyond.

Randal Burd – Normally for over 10 years – it is the bylaws.

Bob Aubuchon – SVC is a member of the Awards Committee and they will discuss this and report at the Department Encampment in June. If they decide to reinstitute plaques they will do so at the up coming encampment in June.

Transgender Policy Discussion -

Bob Amsler – National has put forward a policy on transgender issues that may face the order. May need to change language and remove assigned. Strike section 3.

Dale Crandell, Ed Krieser – mentioned items of interest and that Ed would be in contact with the CinC.

- There was much more discussion – too much to write down

Walt Busch – Motion to have Randal Burd rewrite the recommendations that National is proposing – 2nd by Mark Coplin – PASSED

Randal Burd – Agreed to the rewrite

Quarter Master – Doug Roussin has put a letter of resignation as the Department Quarter Master.

Walt Busch – Thoughts –

1) Space for original charter, flags, GAR alter. The space

needed to be about 3 x 4 x 5. We need have 2-3 members to go through all the material that Doug Roussin has and get rid of what we don't need. Send files and paper work to the historic society for them to keep in their records.

- 2) Don't rent storage space – Purchase a trailer to store the camp items.

Walt Busch – Is currently the Retail Quarter Master. Will need to find a new Assistant Quarter Master for the items Doug Roussin is currently storing.

Randal Burd - Motion - To rewrite the bylaws to - Redefine in the position of the Quarter Master as the retail Quarter Master and then let the Assistant Quarter Master be in charge of keeping the items of the Department. 2nd by Don Palmer – PASSED

Ed Kriser – Anything that is of value to the order goes to National – records, camp or department items.

Sumner Hunnewell - Mentioned that we had been through the items that the Quarter Master is currently holding and got rid of some materials. There are still old business cards from the 1880s – Could be auctioned off or sold for funds to the department.

Altar at the Encampment – Currently stored with the Quarter Master - We need to see if someone can transport the altar to Springfield, MO for the encampment in June. It has to be upright to be moved. It was damaged when it was laid flat. Will need to see if someone is able to use a truck and secure it in the back with a tarp over it. Bob Aubuchon will look into who can bring it down. Chris Warren, Walt Busch and Sumner Hunnewell made comments.

GAR Monument in Mountain Grove – Dale Crandell reporting that they have exceeded the goal to restore the monument. About \$5600 over. To have it restored and set a date to rededicate it – maybe around July 4th – add a ground level plaque to honor those who first put it in and a second to recognize those who restored it. Sumner mentioned an Aluminum device. Don Palmer mentioned that aluminum corrodes. Walt – suggested stone.

Vern Stottlemeyre- He had heard that a Medal of Honor grave was to be dedicated in Trenton. Wanted to know if anyone knew anything about it. Dale Crandell mentioned that Westport Camp was holding the event Sunday at 2 PM.

Meeting was called to a close by Commander Amsler
Closing prayer by Department Chaplin Mark Coplin

Ended at 13:22

*Some information may be missing as the notes and my memory of what was written down is not always the best. If you remember any details of the events of the meeting – please let me know so I can include them in the final draft.