

Central Region Commander 2009

# Walter Busch 2007-2008



A member of the U.S. Grant Camp #68 since 2001. He bases his membership on his great-great-great grandfather, Christoph Schütte, private Co. A, Cape Girardeau Home Guard. In 2006, he was awarded the Frank P. Blair, Jr. Award, as Missouri's most outstanding member. In 2012, he was recognized as one of two outstanding members of the National Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War with the Cornelius F. Whitehouse award. He became department commander in 2007. During his time in office two new camps were started and the department hosted the 2007 National Encampment in St. Louis.

St. Louis native Walter Busch manages Battle of Pilot Knob State Historic Site, Dillard Mill State Historic Site and Elephant Rocks State Park. Walt instructed history, political science and criminal justice part-time at Mineral Area College for over 23 years. For thirty-two years he was a police officer in Missouri and Illinois and a police academy instructor for ten years. Aside from several technical articles, Walt's written two books and edited a third: *Merits & Mistakes- The Life of General Thomas Ewing; Fort Davidson and the Battle of Pilot Knob- Missouri's Alamo;* and *General Sterling Price's Great Missouri Raid: The Missouri Democrat Articles.*

He is married and together with his wife, Sandy, avidly RV across the country, while he tries to learn German.