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**Department Communique No.1,
Series 2017-2018**

5 Sep 2017

Brothers of the Department of Missouri,

It is with both a sense of urgency and an optimistic outlook that I must inform you that Department Chaplain Robert Hammack is in the hospital fighting a serious infection. His family has requested prayers from those who know and love him. As of the latest update this evening, Bob is stable and improving, and he is awake and coherent. His granddaughter has offered her phone number as a contact point if you would like further details or to arrange a hospital visit. Please email me if you would like that number, or you can retrieve it from the update videos on Bob's Facebook page.

Our thoughts and prayers remain with Department Chaplain Robert Hammack and his family at this time.

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Cc:

Jerome W. Kowalski
Chaplain, National Organization, SUVCW



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**Department Communiqué No.2,
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4 Oct 2017

Brothers of the Department of Missouri,

I have a couple odds and ends to share with you before the next business meeting on Saturday, October 14, 2017.

1.) The Department of Illinois is building a Memorial Plaza in Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, Illinois, around the grave of Dr. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson, creator of the Grand Army of the Republic. Donations are still needed for the completion of this project, and the Commander-in-Chief has encouraged all camps to contribute at least \$100.00 to the project. CinC Day has further incentivized the project by providing certificates to camps who contribute at least \$100.00 and a streamer to departments who have at least 75% of its camps participate. This would be a great opportunity to further the mission of the Order. I urge each camp to pledge and raise at least \$100.00 for this endeavor. For \$150.00, you can have a 4 x 8 brick engraved with four lines of text. I believe we can meet the proposed goal of 75% participation of camps in the Department. More information can be found at <http://www.suvcwil.com>.

2.) When I was installing officers this past holiday season, I noticed the brothers in St. James Camp #326 all had professional looking nametags with the SUVCW logo and their camp name. It occurred to me that these nametags are not only sharp-looking, but must be handy when attending events of the Order and interacting with the community. You can find these nametags in the Ads / Swap section of the Missouri Unionist. They are \$10 each, and orders of up to 3 can be combined for a shipping price of \$2.50. I have purchased and received mine and encourage you to do the same.

3.) Finally, this is a good opportunity to remind you that Department Officer and Committee Chair reports for the Fall Business Meeting are due October 7, 2017 (3 days from now!). We will be holding our Fall Business Meeting on Saturday, October 14, 2017, at 10am in House Hearing Room #7 of the State Capitol Building.

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Department Communiqué No.3, Series 2017-2018

28 Oct 2017

Brothers of the Department of Missouri,

Here are a few updates which may be of interest to you.

- 1.) On Sunday, November 5, 2017, at 1:30pm, I will be swearing in the new members of Camp Lillie #6 at the National Cemetery (2024 East McCarty St.) in Jefferson City, Missouri. The new camp has requested those who own uniforms wear them to the ceremony. There will be a toast and short business meeting following the swearing in at Prison Brews Restaurant Sidebar Lounge (303 Ash St.).
- 2.) The Department of Missouri was informed on October 20, 2017, of the passing of Junior Vice Commander Sumner Hunnewell's mother-in-law, Ingeborg Richardson. Condolences to Sumner & Silvia Hunnewell can be sent to 2030 San Pedro Dr., Arnold, Missouri 63010.



- 3.) Three camps have pledged at least \$100 to the Memorial Plaza in Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, Illinois, around the grave of Dr. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson, creator of the Grand Army of the Republic. Donations of \$150 receive an engraved paving stone, and this can be ordered directly using the form on the Department of Illinois website. Please make a copy of the filled out form for Department records. If a camp does not have the money, it could be raised through a local fundraising event. If two camps want to donate \$100 each and have a stone engraved with the names of both camps, we can also arrange this. I have included a picture of the stones already placed which was taken by the CinC. More information can be found at <http://www.suvcwil.com>.

- 4.) It appears that 2020 is off the table as a possible year for hosting the National Encampment, so sights are set on 2021. If you are interested in assisting with this effort, contact Bob Petrovic.

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Department Communiqué No.4, Series 2017-2018

11 Nov 2017

Brothers of the Department of Missouri,

1.) Today is Veterans Day, and as we take this opportunity to honor and celebrate the service of all veterans, it would be fitting to remember those World War I veterans for whom Armistice Day 99 years ago marked the end of their battle for freedom's cause. Thank you also for the work being done to honor those brothers in our Order who have fought and served to preserve the Union for which our ancestors in blue sacrificed so much. To our brothers who have served, we sincerely thank you for your service and your sacrifices.

2.) The spelling of our newest camp is "Lillie." While multiple spelling variations can be found of the camp named after the daughter of General John C. Fremont, "Lillie" is the spelling typed on the lithograph depiction obtained by the organizer. This is also the spelling used on the proclamation received by the mayor and the spelling being used by the press. This will be the spelling on the charter.

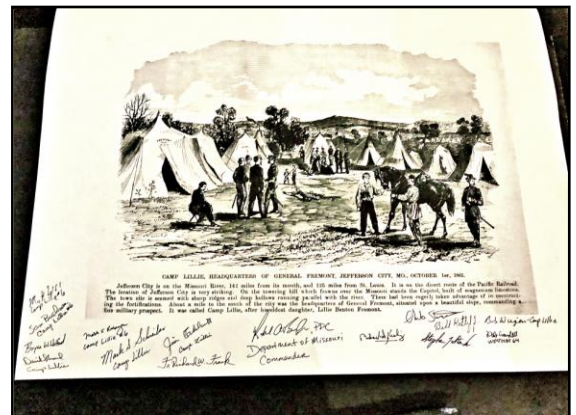
3.) Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day has accepted my invitation to our 23rd Department Encampment, being held at Bennett Springs State Park in Lebanon, Missouri, on June 2, 2018.

4.) At the request of Westport Camp, PDC Brian Smarker and PDC John Martin have been appointed as installing officers for Westport Camp. Pursuant to Chapter I, Article V, Section 3 of the National Regulations of this Order, any PDC or currently serving elected Department officer is authorized to install camp officers in my absence for the 2017-2018 year. Here is a link to the required [Form 22](#).

5.) I have set up a Google Calendar for Department of Missouri events. I would ask that camps post their meetings and events on this calendar, so others in this Order may attend when desired. The link for this calendar is [here](#). If your camp does not have access to post events to this calendar, email me at commander@suvcwmo.org and I will ensure the email address of your Camp Secretary/Commander is added.

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**Department Communiqué No.5,
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16 Jan 2018

Brothers of the Department of Missouri,

This may look a little similar to a communiqué from last year, but the notice is necessary, and the information hasn't changed.

1.) Chapter II, Article VII, Section 1c, of the National Regulations states that as Department Commander, one of my duties is to provide camp secretaries and treasurers with report blanks in the month of January. Let me fulfill this obligation by directing these camp officers to the Governance Page of our National Order's website: http://www.suvcw.org/?page_id=262. On this page, camp secretaries and treasurers will find the following forms necessary for the discharge of their duties:

Form 22 - Certification of Election and Installation of Camp Officers (due Feb. 15th each year)

Form 27 – Camp Annual Report (due April 30th each year)

In addition to these forms, other forms including membership, transfer, camp status report, etc., are all available on the Governance Page of our National Order's website as shown above. If you have any questions about these forms, I would be happy to assist you. If for some reason your camp cannot access these forms, I can print them and snail-mail them to you; however, if you have computer access, it would be much more cost and time efficient if you can download and print what you need from the National Website.

2.) If you have not yet paid your annual dues, JVC Sumner Hunnewell is a Life Member of the Order and has information on the SUVCW's Life Membership program. The SUVCW allows you to pay your life membership fee in three installments; JVC Hunnewell would be happy to provide more information. Form 9 is the Life Membership Application for the Order.

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**Department Communiqué No.6,
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12 Feb 2018

Brothers of the Department of Missouri,

This has been a busy year, and thus I will take this opportunity to keep you abreast of things as we approach our next Department business meeting on Saturday, March 10, 2018. This is not an exhaustive approach to everything currently happening in the Department of Missouri, but hopefully it is an effective reminder of some actionable items which deserve your immediate attention.

1.) Regarding Department Order #10: I have contacted the National Treasurer regarding the bylaw language as it relates to the incorporation status of our department and its camps. We must change the wording provided to reflect our incorporation status; however, we must keep the 501(c)3 language even though we currently have 501(c)4 determination. The National Treasurer explains as follows:

"You may substitute however your entity is constituted in your state (or states since some Departments are in more than one state). If the Department and Camps have articles of incorporation and you are corporations, then substitute that language. And it says 501(c)3 so that all bylaws in the Order comply with the requirements set forth by the IRS to request a change in the Group Exemption to 501(c)3. We cannot move forward with the change in Group Exemption until these bylaw changes are made."

Keep in mind the time needed to notify members of a bylaws vote as you strive to have camp bylaws ready for a signature by the Department Encampment on 2 Jun 2018. The bylaw wording which you must customize for your camp is included in CinC Mark Day's [General Order #18](#). We will be discussing this topic further at the March business meeting.

2.) Speaking of bylaws, do your bylaws (or policies) include minimum protections for juniors and junior associates? PCinC Kenneth Freshley's [General Order #22, Series 2013-2014](#), provides suggestions.

3.) Have you paid your annual dues? For an extra few dollars you can join an SVR unit. Lifetime memberships for the SUVCW are also available; contact JVC Hunnewell.

- 4.) Past Camp Commanders who have left the camp they commanded need to apply for rank reinstatement in their current camp. These are voted on at the camp level and then forwarded to the Department for a vote at the next Encampment.
- 5.) [Department Order #7](#) directs all camps and (current and former) department officers to submit a complete list of items in their possession which are owned by the Department of Missouri to commander@suvcwmo.org. These lists should be submitted by March 3, 2018, in time for review at the March 10, 2018, Department business meeting. We are compiling a comprehensive inventory of Department property.
- 6.) Check in with your committee chairs!
- 7.) The time of year is approaching for presenting ROTC awards to your local ROTC units and for submitting nominations for Department awards to the SVC. Don't forget to also review the Eads Award checklist for your camp – there is still time to get things done!
- 8.) Submissions for the March 31st *Missouri Unionist* are due March 28th. Submissions for the Spring Issue of *The Banner* are due March 15th.
- 9.) Camps do not forget the **Department Secretary** needs your signed Form 22 by Feb 15th. I will forward those which have been sent to me for a signature (or for any other reason).
- 10.) The next business meeting for the Department of Missouri is **Saturday, March 10, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., House Hearing Room #7, State Capitol Building, Jefferson City, Missouri.** All camps are encouraged to send representatives to the meeting. All officers and committee chairs should submit written reports to the Commander and to Department Secretary Ed Krieser at least one week prior to the date of the business meeting (March 3, 2018).

As stated previously, there have been a lot of things going on this year, so look back over the department orders, communiqués, and issues of the *Unionist* for things you may have overlooked. Stay warm and drive safely. I'll see you at the March business meeting!

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**Department Communiqué No.7,
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9 Mar 2018

Brothers of the Department of Missouri,

There is construction ongoing at the Capitol Building which will make parking more difficult than usual for the business meeting tomorrow, Saturday, March 10, 2018 @ 10am.

Full information is here: <https://capitol.mo.gov/construction/>

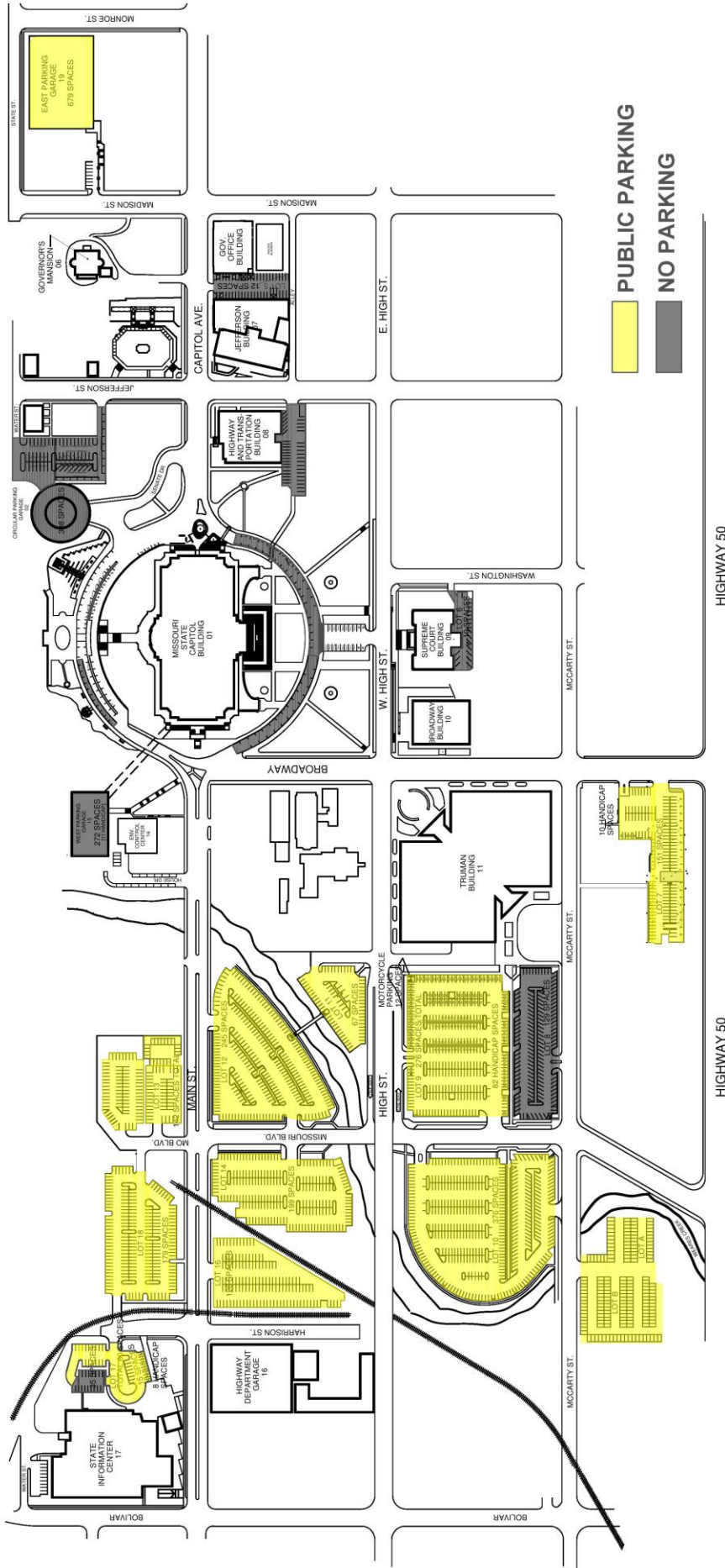
The construction period of Phase II of the Missouri State Capitol Construction Project will begin on Friday, March 2nd, 2018.

During this incredibly complex and long-term project, the south lawn of the Capitol building will be converted into a construction staging area in order to allow for heavy equipment & materials to be stored on-location. As such, the south circle drive will CLOSE to public traffic from Friday, March 2nd until late 2020. Eastbound traffic approaching the Capitol Building from West Main will be diverted right onto Broadway Street. Westbound traffic approaching the Capitol Building from Capitol Avenue will make a slight diversion on Senate Garage Drive and then proceed around the north side of the Capitol. As a precaution, please note the speed limit on the north drive is 20 mph and traffic will be limited to one lane only. Visitors will continue to enter the Capitol through the south carriage & west public entrances.

I have included the Capitol Area Parking map with this document. It and other maps and info are located at the aforementioned website.

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**Department Communiqué No.8,
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3 Apr 2018

Brothers of the Department of Missouri,

Please take note of these actionable items which may deserve your attention.

- 1.) PDC Brian Smarker of Westport Camp #64 has informed me that Fold3.com is opening up their entire Civil War collection for free online research now through April 15.
- 2.) Do you have a camp member who deserves Department recognition? Award nominations are due April 15. This deadline also applies to the Eads Award.
- 3.) The Marshall Hope Award (newsletter) and Horace Greeley Award (website) have a category for camps as well as departments. I submitted nominations for The Missouri Unionist and the Department of Missouri website; if your camp has a newsletter or website to put forth for the camp awards, the deadline is 30 May 2018.
- 4.) Past Camp Commanders who have left the camp they commanded need to apply for rank reinstatement in their current camp. These are voted on at the camp level and then forwarded to the Department for a vote at the next Encampment.
- 5.) Camp Secretaries, remember that your Camp Annual Reports (Form 27) are due to Department Secretary Ed Krieser by April 30.
- 6.) Be sure to keep the Department ROTC Coordinator informed of the ROTC awards you present.
- 7.) So far, I have received the bylaws of Felix St. James Camp #326 for signature. If you have any questions on what needs to be done in regards to amending camp bylaws, please don't hesitate to ask.
- 8.) Don't forget to register for the 2018 Department Encampment at Bennett Springs State Park on 2 Jun 2018. Registration form is [here](#). More info is on the [website](#) or in the [latest Missouri Unionist](#).

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**Department Communiqué No.9,
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23 Apr 2018

Brothers of the Department of Missouri,

Please take note of these actionable items which may deserve your attention.

1.) On Friday, April 27, 2018, at the [13th Annual Missouri Cherry Blossom Festival](#) in Marshfield, Missouri, there will be a meet and greet session for Helen Johnson (97), widow of James Bolin, 14th Missouri Cavalry, USA. She will be inducted into the LGAR this day as well. The Commander-in-Chief has personally asked that any brothers from the Department of Missouri who can attend this induction do so. The event is scheduled for 1pm at the Marshfield Assembly of God. If your camp members can't make it to visit with her in person but would like to send a card, those can be mailed c/o Rev. Inman, P.O. Box 212, Marshfield, MO 65706.

2.) The Julia Dent Grant Tent #16 DUVCW is planning a Lineage Workshop at the Missouri Civil War Museum on Saturday, November 3, 2018. We have been invited to participate. If your camp is interested, it could be listed among the sponsors of this event. There will be different sources available to help people identify potential ancestors which would allow them to join our respective groups.

3.) Camp Secretaries, remember that your Camp Annual Reports (Form 27) are due to Department Secretary Ed Krieser by April 30.

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**Department Communiqué No.10,
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28 May 2018

Brothers of the Department of Missouri,

1.) In designating the 30th Day of May 1868 as Decoration Day with the purpose of inaugurating an annual observance of memoriam for those who paid the ultimate price to preserve the Union, General John A. Logan gave wide berth to posts and individual members to accomplish this task:

“In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.”

As has been witnessed today in the Department of Missouri with ceremonies at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, Hopewell Union Church Cemetery in Washington County, and Memorial and Crestlawn Cemeteries in Ste. Genevieve among others, brothers and camps of the Department have stepped up to continue fitting services which carry out this sacred duty. I know our Department Secretary/Treasurer has traveled to Arlington National Cemetery to mark this anniversary there. Additional poignant services to the ones specifically mentioned here both occurred today and will likely occur on the traditional date of May 30th throughout the Department.

Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day has called on us in General Order #31, Series 2017-2018, to make both the observed Memorial Day of today, May 28th, and the traditional Memorial Day of May 30th “*a time for solemnity and reflection on the cost of our freedom and prosperity.*” I see that many in our Department have done so and trust that the rest have and/or are planning to do so “*in their own way...as circumstances may permit.*”

2.) There is still time to register for the 23rd Encampment of the Department of Missouri at Bennett Springs State Park on 2 Jun 2018. Registration form is [here](#). More info is on the [website](#) or in the [latest Missouri Unionist](#). The registration fee is \$7.00 on the form and has traditionally been \$10 if you wait until you arrive. Those coming in Friday night can meet me and the JVC at Bandana’s in Lebanon, Missouri, @ 6pm for dinner. We will travel to Walt Busch’s campsite following dinner for a campfire, weather-permitting. The meeting will begin at 9a.m. on Saturday. Officers, please bring copies of your reports.

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