

DEPARTMENT of MISSOURI
SONS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR

General Orders

Department Commander
General Order No. 1
Series 1997-1998

1. I would like to thank those who attended the Missouri Department Encampment and elected me Department Commander. It was an honor to be elected Department Commander. I will do my best to continue to move this Department forward.
2. At the May Department Encampment Charlie Funck requested an appeal for his removal. He was granted his appeal. After both parties presented their side, the decision to remove Charlie Funck from office by Commander Bob Petrovic, was affirmed by the Department delegates. Charlie Funck waved his right for any further appeal to the Commander-in-Chief. This matter is behind us now. We need to concentrate on moving forward. In order for this Department to work, we all must work together. This matter took up a lot of the Department officers' time and prevented us from getting more work accomplished. The more cooperation the Department gets from the camps the faster we'll be able to get over the hurdle of forming the Department. We have a lot of work that needs to be done this year. I encourage everyone to be patient with delays and to assist the Department officers in every way possible. Once new programs are in place and the new officers learn their positions, things should start operating smoother.
3. The Department is here to work for the camps, and to help relieve the national officers of some of their paperwork. If a camp has a question or needs help with a problem, they should go to the Department officers for help. If the Department officers cannot solve the problem within the Department, the Department officers are to contact the national organization for assistance. The Department was formed to serve the camps, to guide and assist them with their problems.
4. One of the concerns that was expressed to me was better communications. I do agree we do need to get information out to the camps as soon as possible after the meetings. We also need to improve communications between camps. However communications is a 2-way street. If anyone wanted to know anything or had any questions, there was nothing preventing them from writing or calling the Department Commander. Therefore I encourage the camp commanders to contact me if they do not understand something or have a question about what's going on. The last thing I want is for a camp to be left out because they did not understand something.
5. The next Department meeting will be held June 21 at Jefferson Barracks. Meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Ordnance Building in the park. The Ordnance Building is just east of the Visitors Center. A map will be enclosed for the members from out of town to show the location of the Ordnance Building. You will also receive a new list of Department camp commanders and secretaries. There will also be a new list of Department officers enclosed. If any camp commander did not get these please let me know.
6. The camp commanders will meet with the department commander for a camp commanders dinner June 21. We will meet about 5:30 p.m. to go to dinner. I will meet with the camp commanders Saturday during the reenactment to decide a location to meet.
7. All camps must have their list of delegates for the National Encampment in Utica, New York at the Department Meeting. We have to elect delegates at the meeting for the National Encampment. Also I

recommend that the members are asked if they will be able to go to the Encampment before their names are submitted at the meeting. It is important that we have good representation at the National Encampment.

8. The 4th quarter per capita tax is due the end of June. They are to be sent to me at my home address or you can turn them in at the meeting June 21. I have given Bill Jackson a temporary leave from his duties so that he can spend time with his mother. She suffered a stroke and her health has taken a turn for the worse and is continuing to decline. Bob Petrovic will be filling in for Bill during this time. Let us keep Bill's mother and his family in our prayers.

9. All camps are to turn in an updated membership list with their 4th quarter taxes. The list should include new members and have any deleted members removed. The Department is responsible for the updating of members to the National Membership Coordinator. I feel we should do this at least twice a year. Also a list of members that are having trouble getting their banners delivered should be turned in with the 4th quarter per capita tax. Please explain if problem is address change or just not getting delivered.

10. This Memorial Day the Sons of Union Veterans and the Sons of Confederate Veterans marched together at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. This is the first time the two groups have ever done a joint Memorial Day ceremony. There were additional reenactors there to help use with this event. For those who are not in the St. Louis area this event was covered on the front page of the St. Louis Post Dispatch. This was a great moment for the Sons organization and a historical event.

11. At the Department Encampment we discussed the possible joint National Encampment with the Department of Kansas. This will be a good merge for the two departments and also increase relations between states. If we are granted the encampment from the National organization it will take all the camps to make this happen. There is a lot of work and preparation in hosting a National Encampment.

12. As a final note I would like to reflect on where we are headed. My main concerns for this year are to get the bylaws completed and approved by the National Organization, and to know where we stand with the GAR building in Austin MO. I want to start working with the fraternal organizations more than we have in the past.

13. I have assigned the department organizer position between Mike Bub, Vern Stottlemyre, and myself. We have a good possibility of having an additional 6 more camps in the Department within 2 years. It is a lot of work forming new camps, even after the paperwork is finished. The new camp will need help getting their tax forms filled out and training their officers. The Department will be there for these camps. If any members are interested in forming a camp, they should contact the department commander. I have studied the new inquiries that have come from the National Organization. If the new applicants are not within a 60 mile radius of a camp, there is less than a 10% chance these men will join this organization. This is why if we are to grow, we need to add camps in the area that have enough members and are getting interest from new inquiries. I have also talked to other departments about this, they have confirmed that they noticed the same trend with the new applicants. Also when a member is active in his own area he is more likely to stay with the organization and become involved.

By Order of:



Steven Leicht
MO Dept Commander

Department Orders # 4
Series 1997-1998

1. The next Department meeting will be held in mid January in Columbia, MO. The exact date and location will be forwarded to the Camp Commanders as soon as the information is available. There will be an orientation for the Camp Commanders and the Camp Secretaries being installed. Orientation will be prior the meeting. It is important that the Camp Commanders and Secretaries be present at this orientation. Information about operating the camp will be discussed and handed out at this session.
2. I have sent in a request to the National Council of Administration for permission to hold a joint Officer installation for all the Camps at the January Meeting. I would like to know as soon as possible of all the elected officers of the Camps. This is the information that will be put into the Web Page for the Department of Missouri.
3. I have sent a Life membership application and the application for war medals to all the Camp Commanders. If any member would like to become a life member or order a war medal, please contact your Camp Commander.
4. The Camp 2nd quarter per capita taxes are due on or before the 1st day of January. They are to be sent to the Dept. Sec/Tres Bob Petrovic.
5. Camps are to send in a copy of their Camp Bylaws to the Department Sec/Tres when they send in their 2nd quarter per capita tax forms.
6. Camps are to send in an updated membership list to the Dept. Sec/Tres with their 2nd quarter per capita tax forms.
7. Camps need to make a list of the Camp property. Both the preceding and newly elected Camp Commanders are to review the property and the condition of the property and sign the list. It is to be noted the condition of any property that is not in good condition. The list is to be turned into the Department Commander prior to the Camp Officer's installation.

8. According to Chapter 1 Article V Section 1, the Camp Treasurer shall produce a receipt from the Department Headquarters for payment of the per capita tax. If there is any Camp that does not have the receipts, please contact Department Sec/Tres Bob Petrovic.

Section 2. Installing Officer is to examine the books and records of the camp prior to installation. Camp Treasurer and Secretaries need to have their records in order for review before Camp Officers are to be installed.

9. Camps need to appoint a member for a camp Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator and send this information to Bob Petrovic. This member will be in charge of presenting the certificates to the Boy Scout troops in the area of the Camps.

10. I would like to ask the camps to send the original membership application in with their per capita tax forms and not a copy of the application. I do recommend that you make a copy to keep in the camp records.

11. Department Bylaws will be sent to the Camp Commanders as soon as they are returned from the C-in-C Richard Orr.

12. Any Camp wishing to place an article in the Banner needs to get the information to me by December 1, 1997.

By Order of:
Steven Leicht
MO Dept. Commander
Nat'l Chief of Staff

Cape Girardeau

The Richard J. Oglesby-Birds Point, MO Camp 61 convened it's regular 4th quarter meeting at Port Cape Girardeau Restaurant. Officers of Camp 61 present included Camp Commander Mike Bub, Junior Vice Commander Zac Caldwell, and Sec/Tres John Pillers. In addition to 2 other members of the camp and 7 guests, the audience

included Department Commander Steven Leicht and Department Sec/Tres Bob Petrovic.

Posted about the room were: a photograph of Gen. Richard J. Oglesby, the camps namesake; the camp charter; camp banner and camp relic box. Initiated by Commander Bub, the relic box continues a GAR tradition of having civil war relics and related objects at meetings. At present the relic box contains original mini balls, a U.S. eagle button, a piece of an original C.W.-era blanket and a piece of wood from the Andersonville prison stockade.

Some members of the order arrived early to dine at the restaurant. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. with Commander Bub presiding over the meeting.

In addition to the regular camp business and reports, three new members and one current member were initiated into the Order by Department Commander Steven Leicht. The meeting was turned over to the Department Commander to preside over the election of Camp Officers.

New Camp Officers are as follows:
Camp Commander Zac Caldwell
Sr. Vice Commander John Pillers
Jr. Vice Commander Steve Pledger

Past Commander Mike Bub was recognized for his 2 years of service as Camp Commander and for his efforts in forming the Oglesby Camp.

Many thanks to Brother Leicht and Petrovic for attending the Camp 61 meeting.

Article Submitted by:
John Pillers
Oglesby Camp 61

Internet Information

The following addresses can be contacted for civil war information

American Civil War Home Page

<http://funnelweb.utcc.utk.edu/~hoemann/warweb.html>

National Park Service

<http://www.nps.gov>

African-Americans in the Civil War

<http://www.idt.nps.gov/cwss/africanh.html>

Battlefield Update, Newsletter Fulltext

<http://www.nps.gov/crebl/abpp/latest.htm>

Civil War Soldiers and Sailors Systems

<http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/usct.html>

Links, NPS Civil War Site

<http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/usct.html>

U.S. Colored Troops (USCT) Database

<http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/usct.html>

U.S. CivilWar Center

<http://www.cwc.lsu.edu/index.html>

Civil War Sesquicentennial News

<http://www.cwc.lsu.edu/projects/sesqui.htm>

Thanks to the Colonel Hecker Camp #443 for allowing the Dept. of Missouri to reprint this information from their newsletter.

Official Civil War Recorders on CD

The 130 volumes of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies is now available on CD-ROM. The price for the CD is \$69.95 plus shipping and handling. Those who are interested in ordering the Civil War on CD-ROM can contact Guilded Press at 435 Gradle Dr. Carmel, IN 46032 or call 1-800-913-9563.

Reenactment Cannon Accident

October 19th at a reenactment at North Collage Hill in Cincinnati, Ohio, a 14 year old boy was critically injured when the cannon he was loading fired. He was thrown several feet from the blast. He has lost the sight in his right eye and has damage to the left eye. He had reconstructive surgery to his right hand and will need more. It appears the crew might have been rapid firing without sponging the barrel between rounds.

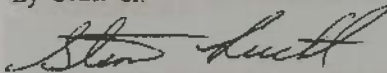
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Department Orders # 5

Series 1997-1998

1. The Department Encampment will be held June 20th. I will send the location of the meeting to the Camp Commanders as soon as a location has been scheduled. I encourage the camps to have as many members come to the meeting so that we have a good representation of all the camps.
2. The Camp Commanders have been sent 2 spreadsheet samples. These are examples of the spreadsheets that were discussed at the department orientation in Kansas City. We are to keep our records in accordance to the General Accounting Principals. The sample spreadsheets can be used as a reference for the Camp Treasurer. If anyone has any questions please contact Bob Petrovic.
3. The raffle tickets have been sent out to all the camps. We will be having the drawing for the videotapes at the Department Encampment. The next raffle for one of the prints will start after the Department Encampment. Tickets will be issued at the Department Encampment to the Camp Commanders.
4. The 117th National Encampment will be held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania August 6th - 9th. The Encampment will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center at I-83 and the Pennsylvania Turnpike. If anyone is going to the Encampment they can make their reservations by calling 1-800-465-4329. Rooms are \$6500 per night.
5. Camps need to have their delegate names ready by the Department Encampment, so the Department can vote on who will represent the State of Missouri. I encourage as many members try to make the National Encampment so Missouri can have a good representation.
6. Bob Petrovic is in the process of starting a master file for information about the camps to be kept by the Department Secretary. He has requested a copy of the SS-4 form with the EIN number, Camp Bylaws, Sales Tax Exemption Form and Incorporations Papers. If any camp has not turned this information into the Department Secretary please do so by April 30th.
7. If any members would like to be active at the department level, please let me know. I would like to give as many of the members as possible the opportunity to participate within the department. The more members willing to help the better the department will be able to serve the camps.
8. The National Secretary has sent Bob Petrovic some new per capita tax forms. Copies of these forms were sent to the Camp Commanders with their copy of the Department Orders. They are to be turned into the Department Secretary/Treasurer on or before July 1st. Camp may turn the per capita tax forms in at the Department Encampment. Per Capita tax is \$3.00 per member.

By Order of:



Steven Leicht
MO Department Commander

Received
6/15/98

Department Orders #6

Series 1997-1998 Department of Missouri

1. The 117th National Encampment will be held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania August 6th - 9th. The Encampment will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center at I-83 and the Pennsylvania Turnpike. If anyone is going to the Encampment they can make their reservations by calling 1-800-465-4329. Rooms are \$65.00 per night.
2. The tickets for the next Department Raffle will be handed out at the Department Encampment. This next raffle will be a Don Troiani print "Emmitsburg Road". The print depicts Pickett's Charge crossing of Emmitsburg Road at Gettysburg. Drawing will be held September 26, 1998. Camps are to have tickets turned in before the September 26th date.
3. Camp per capita tax is due on or before the 1st day of July. It is to be turned into the Department Secretary.
4. The following members have been appointed to the 2001 National Encampment Committee: Bud Marks, John Rutherford, Zac Caldwell and Bob Petrovic. They will start their positions as soon as we have approval from the National Encampment to host the 2001 National Encampment.
5. I have assigned the project of working with the Austin Baptist Church to save the Stambaugh GAR Post #180 to John Martin.
6. Department Orders #5 was sent to the Camps in April. If any member did not receive his copy of Department Orders #5, please send a letter to Department Commander Leicht. I will forward you a copy.
7. About the first part of May I received an e-mail from the C-in-C Richard Orr pertaining to the suspension of the William T. Sherman Camp 65. According to his interpretation of the C&Rs the Department of Missouri cannot hold the Sherman Camp in suspension for any violation other than failing to pay their per capita tax. I had spoken with Commander Winslow about this briefly on Memorial Day and have sent an e-mail to the Camps notifying them that the suspension placed on the Sherman Camp in October has been lifted by the Department of Missouri.
8. The William T. Sherman Camp 65 is still in violation of Chapter I, Article V, Section 2. They did not have their records completed and available for the installing officer to review. They also do not have the financial records for 1996 and 1997 kept in accordance to the General Accounting Practices. This was discussed with elected Commander Paul Winslow at the March 5, 1998 Sherman Camp meeting prior to installation of the Camp Officers. At this meeting I made an agreement with Commander elect Paul Winslow that I would install the Camp Officers provided they would complete the camp financial records and have the file ready for review. As of June 18, 1998 I have not received any information from the Sherman Camp nor have I been notified that the Records have been completed and are ready for review.
9. After discussing the violations of the Sherman Camp 65 with the Elected Department Officers it was agreed that a letter be sent to Richard Orr demanding the National Organization do something about this. On June 8, 1998 a letter was sent to C-in-C Richard Orr filing charges against the Sherman Camp 65 for not complying with Chapter I, Article V, Section 2. Charges were filed for not complying with Chapter I, Article VI, Section 5. Charges were filed for being in violation of Article VII, Section 2, and charges were filed for being in violation of Chapter I, Article VII, Section 1.
10. At the January 17, 1998 Department meeting a motion was made and passed to press charges against Charlie Funck and Paul Leistritz. On June 17, 1998 the Department sent the Charges to C-in-C Richard Orr. Charges are as follows: Charlie Funck was charged with 9-counts against him for conduct injurious to the

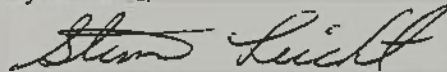
good of the Order and Violations of Chapter VI, Article VI, Section 2. And 5-counts for being derelict in the performance of his duties and violation of Chapter I, Article VI, Section 1,2,and 4. Paul Leistriz was mentioned and charged in 3-counts for being derelict in the performance of his duties and Violation of Chapter I, Article VI, Section 1,2,and 4.

11. A copy of the charges will be given to the Camp Commanders at the Department Encampment. If any member wishes to review these charges you can contact your Camp Commander. If any member would like to receive a copy of the charges send \$5.50 to the Department Commander Steven Leicht for copying cost and shipping. 2743 Bloomfield, St. Louis, MO 63129.
12. Once again we have a dark cloud hanging over the Department, with continuing disruption from some of the members of the Sherman Camp. I am disappointed that a large amount of my time as Department Commander was wasted, having to deal with foolishness from a few members. Trying to move the Department forward, we have been hampered with the continuing problems of the Sherman Camp and progress has suffered because of it. As a member of the SUVCW I personally have spent my time trying to create growth in this organization and perpetuating the memory of our Ancestors. I think that it is time for those members who have continued to break the rules of this Order, to ask themselves why they really joined this Organization. This constant disruption does not promote Brotherhood; it only leaves a bad taste with the members who joined to preserve the memories of our ancestors. This has to stop!

I have left this information about the suspension out of previous Department Newsletters and Orders in hopes not to embarrass the Sherman Officers so they would cooperate with the Department. I do regret that this failed to produce any cooperation from the Camp Officers. It was obvious to the Department Counselor and myself at the February 5, 1998 Sherman Camp meeting, that a number of members were not aware that the Camp had been suspended by the Department in October and that the Camp Officers were not turning in their reports on time.

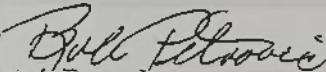
13. The Department bylaws were returned from the National Counselor. The bylaws committee will be reviewing the changes in the near future and should hopefully be available for the next Department meeting for approval.
14. The raffle tickets are to be turned in at the Department Encampment June 20th and we will be drawing the winning ticket at this meeting. This will complete the first of a series of Raffles the Department has scheduled for raising money to support the Department. The winner of the raffle will be listed in the next Department Orders.

By Order of:



Steven Leicht
MO Dept. Commander

Attested by:



Bob Petrovic
MO Dept. Sec/Tres

6-18-98