

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

OUR HISTORY

OUR MOTTO: Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Do you know what it means when you put F, C & L, above your name on correspondence? In 1890 in the Digest of Decisions on the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, Chapter 1, Article 3. states:

Section 6. Charity. 2. To aid the members of the Grand Army of the Republic in the caring for their helpless and disabled Veterans; to extend aid and protection to their widows and orphans; to perpetuate the memory and history of their heroic dead, and the proper observance of Memorial Day.

Section 7. Fraternity. 3. To aid and assist worthy and needy members of our Order.

Section 8. Loyalty. 4. To inculcate patriotism and love of country, not only among our memberships, but among all the people of our land, and to spread and sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty and justice to all. (1)

FOOTNOTES

1. Page 8. Digest of Decisions on the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Sons of Veterans U.S.A. Compiled by Authority of Eighth Annual Encampment of the Commander-in-Chief. Indianapolis; Wm. B. Burford, Printer and Binder 1890. Charles F. Griffin Commander-in-Chief when this was written.

EARLY HISTORY

History of Sons of Veterans according to Journal of Proceedings of the Annual Encampment Volume 10, Parts 1891-1893

There were 2,340 Sons of Unions Numbers in Missouri in June 30 1890. But we were down 498 members in a report in June 30 1891 with 1842 a loss of 498 members which calculates to a loss of 21.2% of their numbers.

The following camps were formed in 1890 and 1891.

Name #	Town	Date
Camp 182	Crocker,	Sept 5, 1890
Camp 181		Sept 12, 1890
Camp 183	Fairport	Sept 25, 1890
Camp 184	Sheridan	Nov. 5, 1890
Camp 185	Lead Mine	Nov. 11, 1890
Camp 186	Piedmont	Nov 27, 1890
Camp 187	Winston	Dec. 9, 1890
Camp 188	Pacific	Dec 16, 1890
Camp 189	Appleton	Dec. 19, 1890
Camp 190	Wheeling	Dec. 24, 1890
Camp 191	Filmore	Dec. 25, 1890

Camp 192 Sharon Jan 23, 1891
 Camp 193 Monett Jan 31, 1891
 Camp 194 Rolla Feb. 11, 1891 32 members
 Camp 195 Panacea Mar, 4, 1891 15 member
 Camp 196 Cainsville May 2, 1891 21 members
 Camp 197 Maysville May 4, 1891 16 members
 Camp 198 Hannibal May 15, 1891 22members
 Camp 199 Honneweil May 15, 1891 22 members
 Camp 200 Hamilton May 29, 1891 15 members
 Camp 201 Bakersfield June 2, 1891 23 members
 Camp 202 North Salem June 8, 1891 24 members

Missouri, Commander - E.W. Raymond, St. Louis, Past Commanders- Will. K. West, Kansas City; F. Neudorff, St. Joseph, J.J. Speaker, Kansas City; A. H. Vandvert, Bethany; E.R. Durham, Bethany; R. Loebenstein, Warrensburg; H.J. Kline, St. Joseph; B.W. Frauenthal, St. Louis. Delegate at Large - Jas. B. Patrick St. Louis. Delegates- Jno. F. Human, St. Louis; Jno. S. Cochran, Creighton. Alternate at Large- M.R. Moore, --Alternates- Frank Beebe, St. Louis; R. Reichards, Washington.

Roster of Division Elective Officers 1892-1893

Commander	Sr. Vice-Commander	Jr. Vice-Commander
E.W. Raymond, ST. Louis;	V. Rockhold, Carthage;	W. J. Schwab, Ironton;
Adjutant	Quartermaster	
James B. Patrick, St. Louis;	Charles R. Seaman, St. Louis	

Division Encampment will be held on May 17 & 18, at Carthage 1893

Commander - Fred E. Ernst, St. Joseph. Past Commanders- Will K. West, Kansas City; A. H. Vandivert, Bethany; E.R. Durham, Bethany; R. Loebenstein, Chicago, Ill.; H. J. Kline, St. Joseph; B.W. Frauenthal, St. Louis; E.W. Raymond, St. Louis. Delegate at Large - W.F. Anderson, St. Louis. Delegates - J.F. Hieronymous, Jr. Sedalia; E.W. Dieterle, St. Louis. Alternate at large - Manley Wren, Bethany. Alternates- John F. Human, St. Louis; W.A. Brown, St. Joseph.

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Commander	Sr. Vice-Commander	Jr. Vice-Commander
F.E. Ernst, St. Joseph	W.G. Schwab, Ironton;	J.N. Hutchinson, St. Louis

Camp 224 Joplin Apr 27, 1892 16 members
 Camp 227 New Union July 9, 1892 21 members
 Camp 228 Gallatin July 25, 1892 18 members
 Camp 229 Clarksville July 25, 1892 17 members
 Camp 230 Farmington July 29, 1892 16 members
 Camp 1 Springfield Sept 29, 1892 17 members
 Camp 2 Olean May 31, 1893 18 members
 Camp 1 St. Louis May 22, 1893 18 members
 Camp 56 Lutesville May 29, 1893 15 members
 Camp 3 Bland June 3, 1893 22 members
 Camp 4 St. Louis July 7, 1893 29 members
 Camp 142 Perryville July 9, 1893 17 members
 Camp 5 Indian Groves July 29, 1893 17 members

Division Surgeon Major R.M. Bradford, M.D. Carthage, MO.

DECISIONS BASED UPON ARTICLE V. SECTION 10. ELIGIBILITY TO MEMBERSHIP

Membership-Eligibility. Whether father's service in Missouri State Militia will render son eligible to membership depends upon the character of the service in which such militia were engaged.

Opinion XI. March 29, 1890. The question propounded are as follows:

"Is the son of an honorably discharged soldier of the so-called 'Provisional Missouri Militia,' which served with the United States forces in the war of 1861-5, eligible to membership in the Sons of Veterans, U.S.A.?"

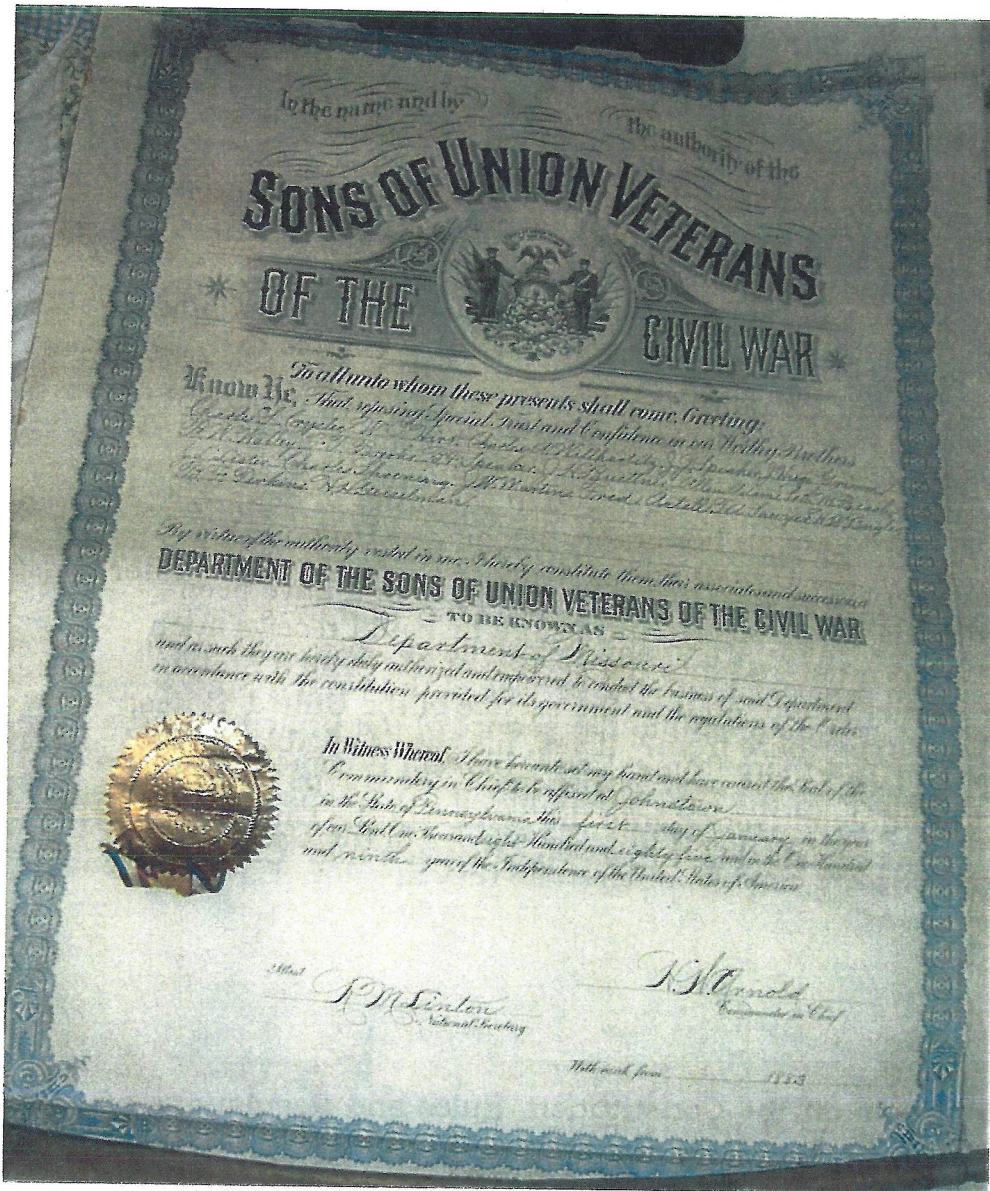
"Is the son of an honorably discharged soldier of the 'Missouri State Militia,' which served in the United States forces in the war of 1861-5 eligible to membership in the Sons of Veterans, U.S.A.?"

The question in the light of our Constitution, are not sufficiently explicit; but deciding them literally as they read, I must answer both questions in the negative. An applicant to be eligible to membership in the order of Sons of Veterans, U.S.A., must be the son of an honorably discharged Union soldier, sailor or marine, who served in the United States Army or Navy, etc. The father of the applicant must have served in the United States Army and have been honorably discharged from the Union Army; and before he could receive such discharge, he must have been mustered into the service of the United States. The question is, was the soldier mustered into the service of the United States, and was he honorably discharged there from? If yes, his son is eligible; if no, his son is not eligible. Therefore, in the case before me, if the troops named in the letter of the inquiry were duly mustered into the service of the United States Government, their sons are eligible; otherwise they are not. C.F.G. (1)

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Original 1883 Charter of the Department of Missouri



CHARTER MEMBERS

Charles L. Crysler,
 W. O. Hirt,
 Charles A. Willhartiz,
 J. J. Speaker,
 J. Hugo Grimm,
 B.W. Walley,
 F. F. Brooks,
 B.F. Speaker,
 J. H. Buettner,
 Allen Adams,
 Seth M. Beach,
 J. L. Lister,
 Charles Shoening,
 J.W. Martin,
 Fred Axtell,
 T. A. Sawyer,
 H. W. Bugle,
 B. F. Perkins
 H.H. Gerselman.

Chartered:

January 1, 1885

Commander in Chief:

H. W. Arnold

Date of Rank: 1883

Missouri Division Sons of Veterans of the USA Commanders

1884 & 1885	Charles S. Crysler	1891	Barney W. Frauenthal
1886	J. J. Speaker	1892	E. W. Raymond
1887	Arthur H. Vandivert	1893	Fred E. Ernst
1888	E.R. Durham	1894	Edw. Gottschalk
1889	Rudolph Loebenstein		
1890	H. J. Kline		

Department of Missouri

Minutes of July 13, 1996 Meeting

First Department of Missouri was held July 13, 1996 at Young's Restaurant, 365 Meramec Station Road, Valley Park, MO. Department organizer was Steven Leicht

The following members were present at the encampment. Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Alan Loomis. From the Richard V. Oglesby/Birds Point Camp 61 was Michael Bub, John Pillers, Zac Caldwell. From the William T. Sherman-Billy Yank Camp 65 was Charles Ed Funck III, Paul Leistriz, Vernon Wilhelm Von der Heydt, Ed McDonald, Mark Kettler. From the Ulysses S. Grant Camp 68 was Steven D. Leicht, Bob Petrovic, Ed Chapman. No members were present from the Phelps Camp 66.

Steven Leicht presided over the meeting until Department Commander Bob Petrovic was elected. A motion was made by Steven Leicht to use Department of Missouri for the department title. Bob Petrovic 2nd the motion. The motion was passed.

Candidates for Department Commander were Bob Petrovic, nominated by John Pillers and 2nd by Mike Bub. Charles Funck was nominated by Paul Leistriz and 2nd by Ed McDonald.

Bob Petrovic was elected Department Commander. Receiving 6 of the 11 votes.

A \$2.00 per capita tax was voted on. Paul Leistriz moved to motion and Ed McDonald 2nd the motion. The motion passed. All camps are to pay a \$2.00 per person per capita tax each year.

The following were elected Department officers. Charles Funck Senior Vice Commander, Michael Bub Junior Vice Commander, John Rutherford Secretary, Steven Leicht Treasurer.

By-laws committee- John Pillers, James Gallen, Bob Amsler Jr.

Fund raiser committee-William Jackson, Mike Bub.

National Committee on Fraternal Relations-Charles Funck

A motion was presented to elect delegates for the National Encampment. All other will be considered alternates. Motion passed

Representing delegates for the Department of Missouri are Steven Leicht, Grant Camp, Bob Petrovic, Grant Camp, Charles Funck, Sherman Camp.

Note: U. S. Grant Camp donated the Department Commanders medal.

Note: The Department flag was donated by the Sherman Camp with money received from a fund raiser at Mehlville high school. Organized by Steven Leicht.

Acting Secretary Steven Leicht.

Special thanks to Zac Caldwell for doing the calligraphy on the Department Charter.

The U.S. Grant Charter and the Richard J. Oglesby Champ Charter were presented to Steven Leicht at the National Encampment by Commander-in-Chief David R. Mederet August 9, 1996.

General Alexander S. Asboth Camp #5

Wentzville, MO

Chartered: June 2, 2002

Date of Rank:

Name of Charter Members:

Matthew C. Taylor
Benjamin M. Taylor
William McGehee
Harold W. James
Danny Ray James
Mark McGehee

Eugene W. Roberson
James Flint Smith
Emmett P. Taylor III
Joseph D. Crabtree
Nathanael W. James
Bradley Bauman

Organizer: Emmett Taylor

Date Organized: 15 June 2004

Commander-in-Chief:

Department Commander: Charles Edward Funck III

First Camp Commander: Harold W. James

Major Francis J. Wilhelmi Camp # 17

Washington, MO

Chartered: June 22, 2002

Date of Rank:

Name of Charter Members:

Glennon G. Alsop
Timothy L. Dunakey
Douglas R. Niermeyer
Donald E. Bell
Paul F. Winslow
Benjamin M. Taylor

Thomas G. Alsop
Walter E. Larson
Eugene W. Roberson
Roger M. Klingman
Dominic B. Winslow
James F. Smith

Gary D. Dunakey
Jack A. Laubinger
Emmett P. Taylor III
Thomas R. Jett
Matthew C. Taylor
James A. Alsop

Organizer:

Date Organized:

Commander-in-Chief:

Department Commander: Donald Palmer

First Camp Commander: Glennon Alsop

General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47
DeSoto, Missouri

Chartered:

Date of Rank: October 20 2011

Name of Charter Members:

Douglas W. Roussin

Glenon C. Micke

Leonard N. Wright

William R. McKee

David Scott

Colton D. Noack

Duncan E. Noack

Organizer: Douglas W. Roussin

Date Organized: June 26, 2011

Commander-in-Chief: Donald D. Palmer

Department Commander: D. Christopher Warren

First Camp Commander: Douglas W. Roussin

Richard J. Oglesby Camp #61
Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Chartered: 1996

Date of Rank:

Name of Charter Members:

Organizer:

Date Organized:

Commander-in-Chief: David R. Medert

Department Commander: Robert Petrovic

First Camp Commander:

General John H. McNeil Camp #62
Unionville, Missouri

Chartered: June 20, 1998
Date of Rank: March 3, 1997

Name of Charter Members:
Dave Wilson
Ron Ulrich
Paul Burkland
Dennis Danniels
Larry Yowell
Joe Jurado
Vern Stottlemyre

Organizer: Vern Stottlemyre
Date Organized:
Commander-in-Chief:
Richard D. Orr
Department Commander:
Stephen D. Leicht
First Camp Commander:
Vern Stottlemyre

In the name and by the authority of the

SONS OF UNION VETERANS

OF THE CIVIL WAR

To all unto whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Know Ye, That, reposing Special Trust and Confidence in our worthy Brethren Dave Wilson, Ron Ulrich, Paul Burkland, Dennis Danniels, Larry Yowell, Joe Jurado, Vern Stottlemyre

By virtue of the authority vested in us, We do hereby constitute, them, their associates and successors a

CAMP OF THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

TO BE KNOWN AS

John H. McNeil CAMP NO. 62, DEPARTMENT OF Missouri
located at Unionville and in such they are hereby duly authorized and empowered to perform all acts necessary to conduct the business of said Camp in accordance with the constitution provided for its government and the regulations of the Order.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Department Seal to be affixed at Columbia in the State of Missouri this 20th day of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-eight and in the said Hundred and Seventy-second year of the Independence of the United States of America.

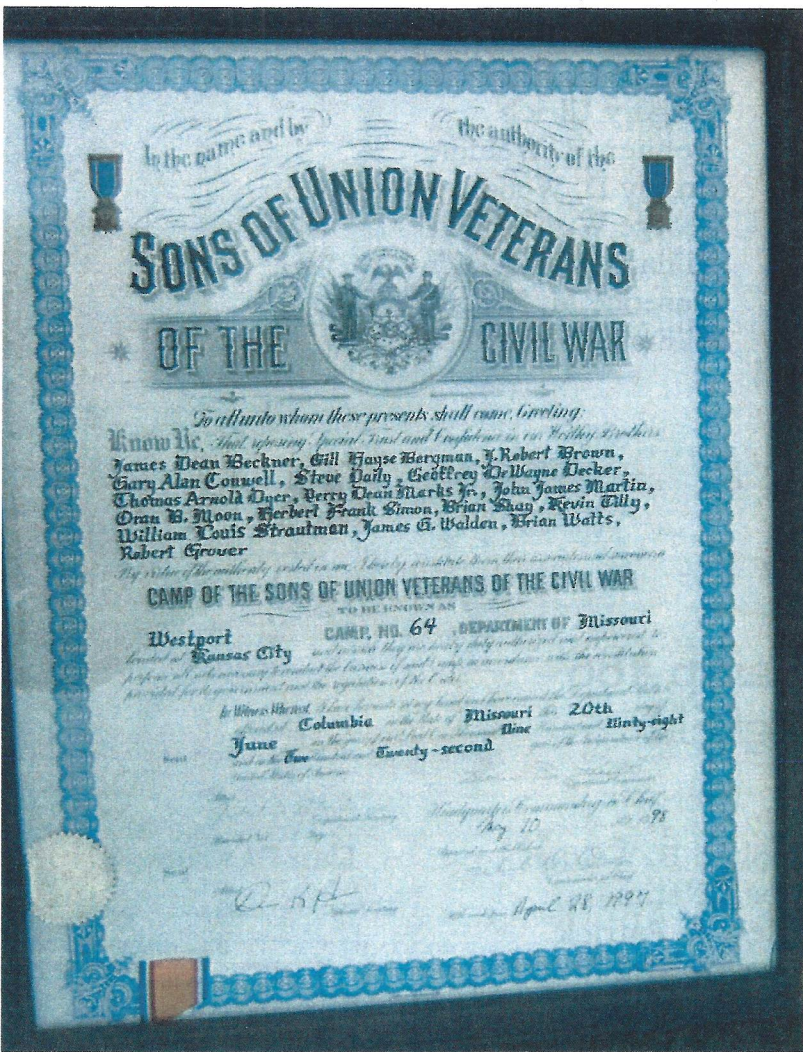
Seal

Attest
Richard D. Orr
Department Secretary

Headquarters Commandery-in-Chief
May 10 1998

Approved and Published
Richard D. Orr
Commander-in-Chief
With rank from March 3, 1997

Attest
D. R. H.
Notary Secretary



Westport Camp # 64 Kansas City

Chartered: June 20, 1998
Date of Rank: April 28, 1997

Name of Charter Members:
James Dean Beckner, Gill Hayse Bergman, J. Robert Brown, Gary Alan Conwell, Steve Daily, Geoffrey DeWayne Decker, Thomas Arnold Dyer, Perry Dean Marks Jr., John James Martin, Oran B. Moon, Herbert Frank Simon, Brian Shay, Kevin Tilly, William Louis Strautman, James G. Walden, Brian Watts, Robert Grover.

Organizer: Steve Leicht
Date Organized: April 18, 1997
Commander-in-Chief:
Richard D. Orr
Department Commander:
Stephen D. Leicht
First Camp Commander:
John J. Martin

General William T. Sherman/Billy Yank Camp # 65 St. Louis

Chartered: June 28, 1982
Date of Rank: 1981

Charter Members:
Vincent Clooney
Edwin J. Eller

William P. Rebori
Jerold E. Rowe

Charles P. Fetterman
Gary Glick
Jack G. Grothe
Crawford A. King
John L. Maurath
Kim McCall
Ellis E. Moore
William Osborne
Gary Powell

Charles J. Staats II
Charles J. Staats III
Gregory Ulrich
Stephen B. Weldon
Jimmy D. Woods
George Wunderlich
William Wunderlich
Clarence M. Zengel
William Wunderlich

Organizer: Jack G. Grothe
Date Organized: 1981
Commander-in-Chief: Harry E. Gibbons, Sr.
National Camp at Large
First Camp Commander: Jack G. Grothe

Phelps Camp #66 Springfield

Chartered: July 13, 1994

Charter Members;

Michael Price

Tim Wilkinson

David Long

John M. Sutton

John C. Rutherford

Craig Jones

Todd J. Wilkinson

Francis M. Kunkler

Kip A. Lindberg

Stephen B. Weldon

Robert Neumann

Jeffery L. Patrick

Robert Clanton

Steve Cottrell

Brian Shay

Kevin W. Hageman

Earl Slavens

Herbert W. Jackson

Dan Dawson

Organizer: Robert Clanton

Date Organized:

Commander-in-Chief: Keith G. Harrison

National Camp at Large

First Camp Commander:

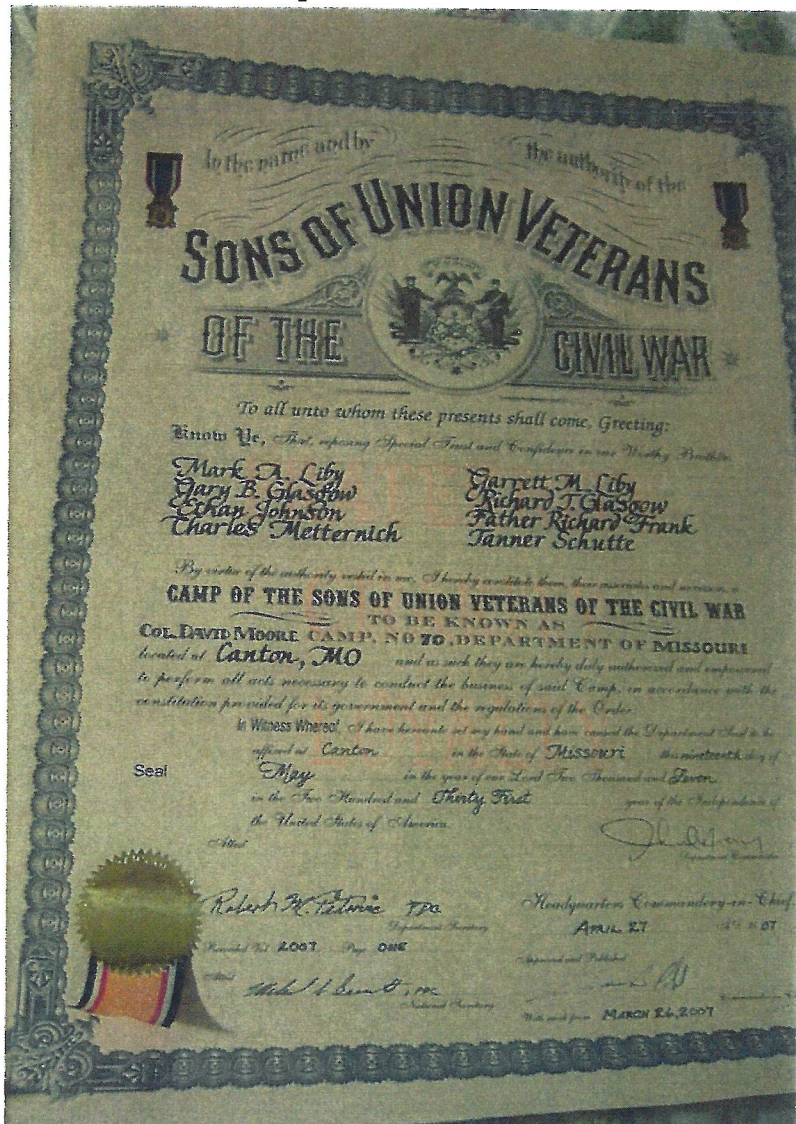
U. S. Grant Camp #68 St. Louis

Chartered: Jan 25, 1996

Date of Rank:

Charter members:

Organizer: Jack G. Grothe
 Date Organized: 1981
 Commander-in-Chief: Harry E. Gibbons, Sr.
 National Camp at Large
 First Camp Commander: Jack G. Grothe



Colonel David Moore Camp #70 Canton

Chartered: May 19, 2007
 Date of Rank: April 27, 2007
 Surrendered to the Department:

Name of Charter Members

Mark A. Liby
 Garrett M. Liby
 Gary B. Glasgow
 Ethan Johnson
 Richard T. Glasgow
 Charles Metternich
 Father Richard Frank

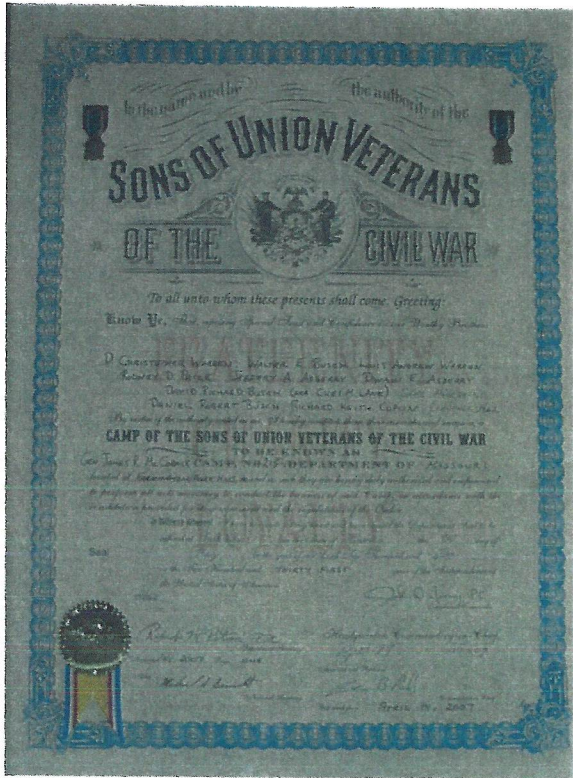
Organizer:
 Date Organized:
 Commander-in-Chief:
 Department Commander:
 John Avery
 First Camp Commander:

Palmer Camp # 73 Hartsville

Chartered: 2001 (Camp disbanded by 2005)
 Date of Rank:

Charter Members:

Organizer:
 Date Organized:
 Commander-in-Chief: Edward J. Kriesler
 Department Commander: Donald D. Palmer
 First Camp Commander:



General McCormick Camp #215 Farmington/Park Hills

Chartered: May 24, 2007
 Date of Rank: April 24, 2007
 Name of Charter Members:

- D. Christopher Warren
- Walter E. Busch
- Louis Andrew Warren
- Rodney D. Price
- Jeffery A. Asberry
- Dwain E. Asberry
- David Richard Busch
- Gene Murdock
- Daniel Robert Busch
- Richard Keith Coplin
- Clarence Hill

Organizer: D. Christopher Warren
 Date Organized: August 20, 2006
 Commander-in-Chief: James B. Paul

Department Commander: John D. Avery
 First Camp Commander: D. Christopher Warren



Lt Col J Felix St. James Camp #326 Ste. Genevieve

Chartered: June 13, 2009
 Date of Rank: February 27, 2009

- Name of Charter Members:
- Wilfred N. Bauman
 - Thomas W. Farlow
 - Gary L. Scheel
 - Bob Schmidt

Paul S. Cameron
Thomas J. Greminger
Clarence S. Hill

Organizer: Gary L. Scheel
Date Organized: October 15, 2008
Commander-in-Chief: David E. Medert
Department Commander: Emmett P. Taylor
First Camp Commander: Paul S. Cameron

Columbia Tigers Camp #432 Columbia

Chartered: June 6, 2008
Date of Rank:

Charter members:

Robert Max Allen,
Charles D. Boydston
Bryan Patrick Bradford
Jimmie Dean Cunningham
Eric Wayne DeVenney
Russell Frederick DeVenney Jr.
Hans Andrew Albert Rudolf Wetter

Edmund Barry Labirth
Warren David Livingston
Larry D. Dietzel
Roger Kale McCoy
Paul Moody Summit

Organizer:
Date Organized:
Commander-in-Chief: Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.
Department Commander: Emmett P. Taylor III
First Camp Commander: Colonel James McCoy

Photo of Sigel Camp # 614 Charter presented at Department of Missouri
Business Meeting in March 10, 2012

He replaces Camp Commander Randal A. Burd, Jr., who organized the camp, which was
chartered in December of 2011.



Palmer on 27 December 2011.

Sigel Camp #614: Rolla Camp Chartered in the SUVCWMO

On 14 June 2011, the 150th anniversary of General Franz Sigel's occupation of Rolla, Missouri, Camp Organizer Randal A. Burd, Jr. applied for authorization to form a new camp of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Rolla. Combining efforts with charter members Steve Allen (St. James, MO), Brandon Brown (Rolla, MO), Scott Brown (Rolla, MO), and Nick Burchett (Laquey, MO), the name of "Franz" was dropped in order to honor both Franz and his brother, Col. Albert Sigel. Sigel Camp #614 was born. Officers were sworn in on 12 December 2011: Randal Burd as Camp Commander, Nick Burchett as Secretary, Steve Allen as Treasurer, and Scott Brown as Chaplain. The charter was signed by Commander-in-Chief Donald

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Bob Petrovic 1996-1997

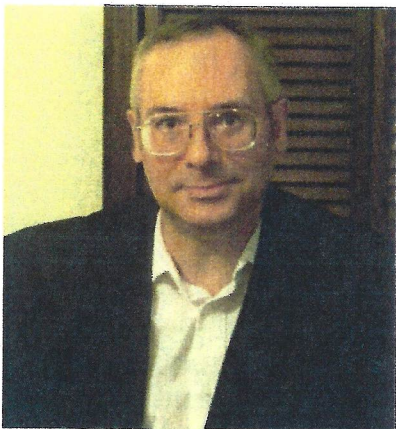
In 1984 joined the W. T. Sherman Camp elected secretary/treasurer serving 10 years which equals the rank of Past Camp Commander
1995 helped form the U. S. Grant Camp #68, elected secretary/treasurer
1995-1996 help form the Department of Missouri elected the first Department Commander. Helped several camps in the Department to secure Federal and

Missouri papers. Formed Co A 2nd Mo Vol. Inf. SVR unit and was appointed the Adjutant. Committee member on the 2001 National Encampment in Springfield MO, Chairman Department of Missouri committee for the 2007 National Encampment in St. Louis.

National Committee's and offices include; Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Real Sons & Daughters committee, Chairman of the Ebay Surveillance committee, National Encampment Site committee, National Council of Administration, chairman of the SUVCW Charitable Foundation and in charge of its merchandise, Chairman of the Lincoln Tomb Observance in Springfield IL, assistant chairman of the National Encampment Site committee. 2004 the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star by Commander-in-Chief Kent I. Armstrong the SUVCW's highest honor.

2012 Distinguished Service Medal with Gold Star by Major General Robert E. Grim is the SVR's highest honor.

Steven D. Leight 1997-1998



John Rutherford 1999-2000

John Rutherford was born June 5, 1962, in Fremont, Ohio. He is a 1987 graduate of Middle Tennessee State University with a bachelor's degree in Historic Preservation. On July 13, 1994, he became a charter member of Phelps Camp Number 66 of Springfield, Missouri. His Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War membership was based on the service of his great-great-grandfather, Captain Dewitt Clinton Wadsworth. As Missouri Department Commander, John headed the committee which planned the SUVCW, ASUVCW, and

LGAR 2001 joint National Encampments at Springfield, Missouri. He is a local history associate at the Springfield-Greene County Library.

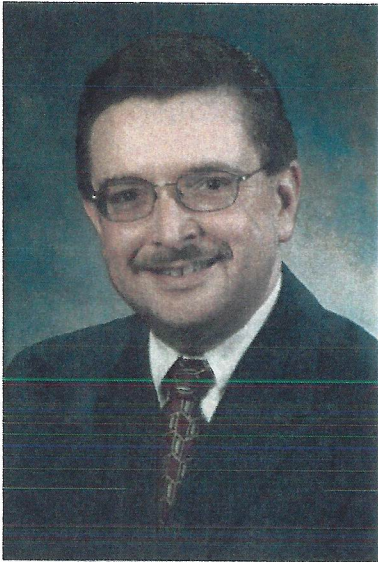


Vern David Stottlemyre 2000-2001

He is a member of the John H. McNeil Camp # 62. He attended Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville, MO and received a Bachelor of Science in Education degree. He taught school in Wyaconda, MO for 4 years and Green City, MO for 26 years retiring in 2005. Vern and his wife Nancy live on a small farm in Sullivan County.

He joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on August 10, 1996 at the 115th National Encampment in Columbus, Ohio. He became a member of the Grant Camp and was initiated into the order during the assembly of the National Convention. In 2000 he was elected Department Commander helping plan the first National Convention to be held in Missouri.

His Civil War ancestors were John Potter, 1st MO Cavalry, Grandville Vanderpool and Moses Vanderpool both in 35th MO Infantry, Garrett Humphreys 7th MO Cavalry and Samuel M. Smith 21st MO Infantry.



Donald D. Palmer 2001-2004

Donald D. Palmer, Jr. of Ballwin, Missouri was elected Commander-in-Chief at the 130th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) in Reston, Virginia on 13 August 2011. In the 130-year history of the SUVCW, he is the first Missourian to be elected Commander-in-Chief.

Don claimed his right to membership through his great-great grandfather, Sylvester J. Alden, who served as a private in Co. D, 11th Iowa Infantry. He has also researched 14 other members of his family known to have served in the Union forces during the Civil War. Don's interest in the Civil War began when, as a child, he was shown an old tin-type photo of his great-great

grandfather in uniform as well as letters he wrote home to his wife.

Don joined Ulysses S. Grant Camp #68 located in St. Louis, in December 1997. He served in a number of Camp offices, including Camp Commander in 2000. Don is also a member of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR), holding a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in Co. A, 2nd Missouri Infantry and also serves as a private in the 1st Missouri Engineers.



Charles Edward Funck, III 2004-2005

Born 1936 and died 2011. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps; and worked at Ford Motor Co. for 31 years. He joined the SUVCW in 1987 a member of the William T. Sherman/Billy Yank Camp#65, after discovering he was descendent of a Union Civil War veteran. He was a Camp Commander twice and MO Department Commander in 2004-2005. He visited and installed the officers of every camp in MO and saw to it that they received a copy of all Department

minutes. He participated in the burial of the last C.W. Union Soldier, Corporal John Byrne, at Memphis, MO. In all, there were 23 activities in which he participated, visited, or represented the MO Department SUVCW. He served as Commander of MOLLUS, MO Commandery (2009-2011); and Commander of Co. C, 34th IL. Vol. Infantry of the SVR. Charlie was married to Ruth and they have three children; three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.



John J. Martin 2005-2006

Born 9 February, 1937, at Coles Station, Illinois. Graduated high school in 1956 at Sullivan, Illinois, enrolled at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana in the autumn of that year he received a notice of induction into the U.S. Army. Completing basic training and medic tech school he was assigned to the Army Hospital at Sandia Base, N.M. While stationed at Sandia Base he was assigned

independent duty at the atomic test site, Camp Mercury, Nevada. Finished his Army tour with a MAAG unit at Pleiku, S. Vietnam during 1958-59. In law enforcement until 1967, graduated from UMKC and applied for an Air Force commission and flight training. Retiring from the USAF in 1993 with almost 9,000 hrs of flight time logged in a variety of aircraft, mostly C-130s, and 30 years total service.

While a Civil War reenactor, he became familiar with the SUVCW and open to starting a camp in Kansas City. After preliminary meetings with the department's organizer and prospective members Westport Camp # 64 was formed, and conducted its first meeting in April, 1997



John D. Avery 2006-2007

I am a native of Wayne, Michigan. I have a Master's in education with extensive post-graduate work in counseling. A Certified Thanatologist in Death, Dying & Bereavement, Funeral Service Professional and a Professional Family Counselor.

A teacher for thirteen years in the State of Michigan. As a diaconal minister in the United Methodist Church, serving fifteen years in pastoral counseling, church music, and education administration.

In 1997, John and Peggie began Civil War reenacting as members of 8th MO Infantry. Zouaves and Ladies Aux. In 1998, I purchased a 1860s hearse, restored

it and in 1999, began my impression of a Civil War undertaker/embalming surgeon .

I joined U.S. Grant Camp #68, in 1999, under my gr. gr. Uncle, Private Charles Avery of Co. H, 5th. Michigan Cavalry.

Served as Department Eagle Scout Coordinator and am a Sergeant in the 4th Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Peggie and I live in Manchester, Missouri. We have four daughters, seven grandchildren, one great granddaughter and two dogs.

Walter E. Busch 2007-2008

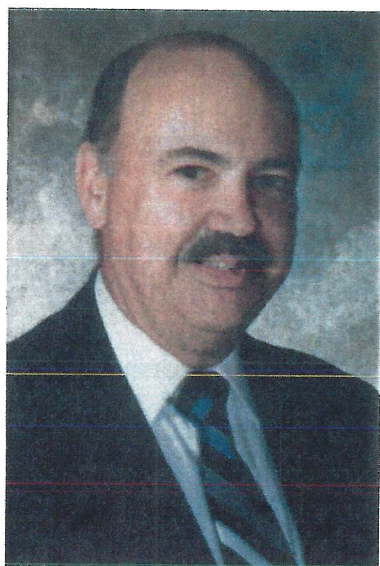


A member of the U.S. Grant Camp #68 since 2001. He became department commander in 2007 and during his time in office two new camps were started, Department hosted the 2007 National Encampment in St. Louis.

St. Louis native Walter E. Busch manages Fort Davidson State Historic Site, Dillard Mill State Historic Site and Elephant Rocks State Park. Walt instructs history, political science and criminal justice part-time at Mineral Area College. 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

Emmett P. Taylor 2008-2009



He lives with his wife Brenda in 19-century log home near Wentzville, Missouri. Emmett has been a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War since 1994. Deriving his right to membership from his Great Grandfather, St. Frederick Schwaebe of Co. F, 4th Regt. MO Vol. Cavalry.

He served as Commander of the Department of Missouri, SUVCW, between 2008 and 2009.

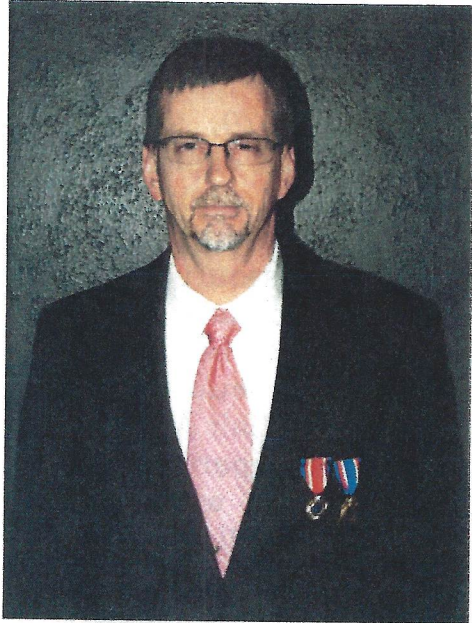
His served in the following camps, Wm. T. Sherman Billy Yank Camp, #65, He was the organizer of the Major Francis Wilhelmi, Camp #17, Gen. Alexander S. Asboth

Camp #5 in Wentzville. He also helped in forming a new Camp in Columbia Mo-The Tigers Camp.

Emmett graduated from Missouri State University (SMS) in 1970 with a BS in Sociology. He earned a BS in Nursing from Missouri Baptist University in 1998, and an MA from Covenant Theological Seminary in 1989.

He completed a 20-year career in the U.S. Army.

Brian V. Smarker 2009-2010



Brian Vincent Smarker was born 14 Nov 1961 in North Kansas City , Missouri to Donald and Suzanne (Fisher) Smarker. He joined Westport Camp #64, SUVCW on 3 Apr 2002 in honor of his 2nd great-grandfather, James I. Moss of Co. D 15th Iowa Inf. For the Department, Smarker served as Junior Vice Commander in 2007-08, Senior Vice Commander in 2008-09, Department Commander from 2009-10, and on the Council from 2010-12. During his term as Commander, the Department of Missouri was the recipient of the Marshall Hope Award for the year's best department newsletter in 2009 at the 128th National Encampment in Louisville, Kentucky. At the end of his term, the Department of Missouri held its Annual Encampment for the first time in Kansas City.

In addition, the first Arkansas camp, Gen. James McPherson Camp #1, was officially chartered at the 15th Annual Department

Rodney D. Price 2010-2011



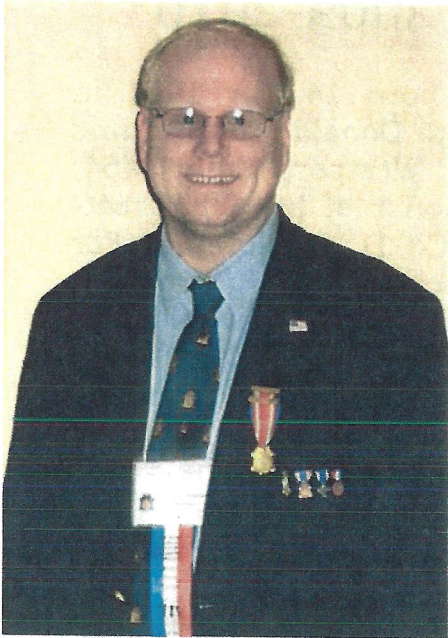
Rod lived most of his life in the Jefferson County area. In his teens, he joined the U.S. Navy and served on board ship in the Vietnam Conflict.

After military service, he desired to continue service for his country and became a police officer. He worked in both DeSoto and Crystal City, MO, rising to the rank of Sergeant at the latter department. After police service, he worked assorted security jobs.

Rod is married to Mary and has two grown sons, Jeremy and Matthew.

He was a member of the McCormick Camp # 217 in Park Hills and a member of the Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 in DeSoto.

Rod served as the Department of Missouri commander in 2010 and 2011; however, he decided to resign one day prior to serving out his term and as such is not afforded past department commander honors.



D. Christopher Warren 2011-2012

Born in, Missouri on November 26, 1979, Chris became interested in Civil War history at age eight. He joined the SUVCW (Grant Camp) in 2004 and was soon elected Camp JVC . In 2006 he founded the McCormick Camp 215 in Farmington, Missouri, and since served several terms as Camp Commander. In 2008, he founded the 47th Missouri Infantry, Company E – SVR, and has risen to first lieutenant. During his SUVCW years, he received the Blair Award and Meritorious Services Awards (Department, National, & SVR). In addition, he graduated with his Master of Arts degree in Civil War Military History in 2011. That same year, he was elected to fill an unexpired term as Department Commander, and then

elected for a full term; having presented two camps with charters during his tenure. Chris and his wife Twyla, stay active in Civil War programs with the SUVCW & ASUVCW.

Department Awards

The **James B. Eads Award** is presented annually to the most outstanding Camp in the Department of Missouri. The Camps that have been presented the award are listed below.

- 2012: Ulysses S. Grant Camp #68, St. Louis, MO
- 2011: Ulysses S. Grant Camp #68, St. Louis, MO
- 2010: Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326, Ste. Genevieve, MO
- 2009: Ulysses S. Grant Camp #68, St. Louis, MO
- 2008: Ulysses S. Grant Camp #68, St. Louis, MO
- 2007: Westport Camp #64, Kansas City, MO
- 2006: Ulysses S. Grant Camp #68, St. Louis, MO
- 2005: Westport Camp #64, Kansas City, MO

2004: Phelps Camp #66, Springfield, MO
2003: Ulysses S. Grant Camp #68, St. Louis, MO
2002: Ulysses S. Grant Camp #68, St. Louis, MO

The **Francis P. Blair, Jr. Award** is presented annually to the most outstanding Member in the Department of Missouri. The members who have been nominated by their Camp Commanders and have been presented the award are listed below.

2012: Dr. Donald Palmer, Jr., U.S. Grant Camp #68
2011: Wayne Simpson, Gen.Asboth Camp #5
2010: James Beckner, Westport Camp #64
2009: Robert J. Schmidt, McCormick Camp #215
2008: Robert Petrovic, Grant Camp #68
2007: Chris Warren, McCormick Camp #215
2006: Walter E. Busch, Grant Camp #68
2005: Mark Coplin, Grant Camp #68
2004: Gary Scheel, Grant Camp #68
2003: Brian V. Smarker, Westport Camp #64
2002: Mark L. Trout, Grant Camp #68

The **Meritorious Service Award** is presented to members in the organization are active not only during the course of a given year, but over a number of years. Their individual accomplishments during a given year may or may not warrant special attention; however, their level of support is significant and consistent over time. This outstanding commitment to the Department of Missouri should be recognized. The individual must have been a member in good standing for a minimum of five years.

2012: Dr. Donald Palmer, Jr.
2011: Wayne Sampson
2010: Gary Scheel, St. James Camp #326
2009: Chris Warren, McCormick Camp #215

2007: Bob Petrovic, Grant Camp #68
Brian Smarker, Westport Camp #64
2004: Jack G. Grothe, Sherman Camp #65

The **Grand Army of the Republic** award was established to honor those members of the SUVCW and/or other Allied Orders who go above and beyond in cultivating fraternal relations and take an added interest in working together with other Allied Order organizations in Missouri. It is presented to those who "promote fraternal relationships between the Allied Orders in perpetuating the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and our ancestors who fought to preserve the Union.

The **Show-Me Spirit Award** is presented annually to an individual in Missouri that provides outstanding support to the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Each year, the Sons of Union Veterans receive invaluable support from non-members in the community who are interested in seeing our organization succeed in its mission. It is in our best interest to show our gratitude to these individuals in order to foster continued support