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Subject: DEPARTMENT ORDERS #2

DEPARTMENT ORDERS NO. 2  
SERIES 2002-2003

29 May2003

1. As a reminder, the 8th Annual Missouri Department Encampment will be held

on Saturday, June 21 at the Holiday Inn-St. Louis Westport. The business sessions will commence at 9:00 am. A fellowship event will be held on the preceding evening in the hotel. Commander-in-Chief Robert Grim will be in attendance.

It is essential that all Camps have representation. Camp Commanders are reminded that it is their responsibility as leader of their Camps to participate in

the business of their Department. If they cannot attend, it is their responsibility to insure that the Camp is represented and appoint a designee. Last year,

we had the highest attendance since the first Department Encampment in 1996.

Let's strive to do even better this year!

2. Nomination forms for Department Awards were distributed at the March 29

Department meeting in Jefferson City and during visits I have made to various

Camps since then. All Camps are required to turn in point totals for the James

B. Eads Award for most outstanding Camp. Nominations for the Francis P. Blair,

Jr. Award for most outstanding member and the Show-Me Spirit Award for outstanding contributions by a non-member are not mandatory; however, if you know

someone that is deserving of either of these awards, don't let their contributions go without recognition. Completed forms should be returned to Department

Senior Vice Commander and Awards Committee Chairman John Pillers, 840 Delta Pine

Lane, Sikeston, MO 63801, no later than June 10.

3. On the subject of supporting National initiatives, we are meeting with

mixed results so far this year. We are doing extremely well with respect to

graves registration and, as a result, have exceeded our goal for 2002-2003. When it

comes to graves registration, we are tracking well with our Vision 2010 plan.

On the other hand, when it comes to GAR post records research and Civil

War

monuments documentation, we have stagnated. In fact, we have shown little

activity to date as a Department relative to the Civil War monuments project. I am requesting that all Camps take more aggressive steps to help put us back on track as a Department in our overall support of these important National programs.

4. Department Chief-of-Staff John Martin has yet to receive inputs from all Camps relative to the quarterly activity reports that cover January-March 2003.

The quarterly activity report is an invaluable tool to help us track progress toward our Department goals, so it is important that all Camps provide a status, even if progress is minimal. If your Camp has not submitted a third quarter status, then please return it as soon as possible to: John Martin, 9410 Eastern, Kansas City, MO 64138. Fourth quarter reports will be due by July 15.

5. It was reported at the March 29 Department meeting that Missouri Unionist editor Mark Trout has resigned as editor. As Executive Director of the Missouri Civil War Museum, Brother Trout now has very little free time and timely publication of the Missouri Unionist became a problem. Since the success of the Museum will depend heavily on the contributions of Brother Trout, it is imperative that he be allowed to devote as much of his free time as possible to this all-important program. At the same time, we cannot let one of the most important products of the Department fade into history. If any member is interested in serving as editor of the Missouri Unionist, please contact Department Commander Don Palmer as soon as possible.

6. Now that we have gone through the first cycle of the new annual reporting process, I would like to find out how many members each Camp lost as a direct result of the \$6 increase in per capita tax imposed by the National organization. This is information I would like to present at the upcoming Department Encampment. I am asking all Camp Commanders to provide me with this information by 13 June.

By Order of:

Donald D. Palmer, Jr.  
Department Commander  
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Subject: DEPARTMENT COMMUNIQUE #1(2002-2003)

DEPARTMENT COMMUNIQUE #1

Series 2002-2003

It is now time to do a final compilation of the Department survey results.

Surveys were distributed during my visits to Camps this past year. The surveys also appeared in the summer issue of the Missouri Unionist. Department Senior Vice Commander John Pillers compiled a set of preliminary results based on surveys he had received to that point. These results were included in the proceedings of the 7th Annual Missouri Department Encampment.

A short article summarizing the trends to date will appear in the Fall issue of the Missouri Unionist to be released very soon. In preparation of the Winter issue, I would like those Camps who have not returned their results to please do so by 31 October. Those Camps who have yet to submit their results should return them to me at 147 Lucerne Place, Ballwin, MO 63011. Camp Commanders should keep copies of the results for their Camp to help in the development of their programs. Please add this item to your October Camp meeting agendas.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Don Palmer  
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Subject: DEPARTMENT COMMUNIQUE #2 (2002-2003)

DEPARTMENT COMMUNIQUE #2  
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At the 7th Annual Missouri Department Encampment held this past June, the

Department voted to initiate a program to rename a Missouri state highway the

"Missouri GAR Highway". The National GAR Highway, U.S. 6, does not run through Missouri, but with over 500 Posts that once operated in the state, it

was decided that Missouri should have their own. William T. Sherman Camp #65

Commander Bob Champlin volunteered to lead this effort and has been in contact with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDot) regarding our

interest. The first step in the process is to identify a highway, or a portion thereof, and submit our request to MoDot. They will determine if our

selection has been named previously, and if not, will request that we work

with a local legislator to introduce legislation to make it happen. Costs for

placement of the signs will be the responsibility of MoDot.

I am requesting that Camp Commanders add this item to their October meeting

agendas and come up with a short list of recommended highways for Department

consideration. Please forward your lists, along with rationale for each item,

to Bob Champlin at rchamplinr@cs.com, with a carbon copy to me at pondook@aol.com by 31 October. Recommendations submitted by Camps will be

discussed at the next meeting of the Department, which is planned for sometime in November.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

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Subject: DEPARTMENT COMMUNIQUE #5

DEPARTMENT COMMUNIQUE #5  
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Based on feedback from a variety of National officers and members of the Department of Missouri, the inaugural issue of the Missouri Unionist was a

great success. The second issue will be published at the end of April.

Please

submit your articles as soon as possible (but no later than 23 April) to newsletter editor Mark Trout via E-mail at [mtrout1963@msn.com](mailto:mtrout1963@msn.com) or via regular

mail to the Missouri Unionist, P.O. Box 24, Wildwood, MO 63040. In this

next issue, we plan to have more information on Department initiatives, the

upcoming Department Encampment and the latest news from Camps around the state. In the first issue, we had inputs from the Sherman, Grant, Phelps and

Palmer Camps. In addition to continued input from these Camps, I would like

to see news from the Oglesby, Westport and McNeil Camps, and even an update

from the Camp organizing in Washington, MO. Also, news from the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR), 4th Military District, will be of interest. The Missouri Unionist is a powerful forum to spread the word about your Camp and

SVR activities. I am looking forward to the next issue and sharing our progress with the Missouri membership and the National organization!

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

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Subject: DEPARTMENT COMMUNIQUE #5

DEPARTMENT COMMUNIQUE #5

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With Tampa Bay and Oakland playing in the Super Bowl this year, Missouri may not have a lot of interest in the game. However, SUVCW members may want to tune in to the pre-game show. Our brethren in the Department of California & Pacific, SUVCW, will be participating in the pre-game ceremonies and the National Anthem. Twenty-five brothers will be in uniform participating in the event, complete with Camp and Department flags. Kick-off is at 5:18 pm CST, so you may want to tune in a little earlier to catch the pre-game festivities. Congratulations to the Department of California & Pacific for effectively promoting the good of the Order.

In F, C & L,

Don Palmer  
Commander  
Department of Missouri