



## SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI WITH ARKANSAS

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### DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 1

Series 2021-2022

7 June 2021

### 2020-2021 Elected and Staff Officers

On 5 June 2020 at the Missouri Civil War Museum in Jefferson Barracks, in St. Louis, Missouri, delegates to the 26<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment elected its officers.

Delegates to the 140<sup>th</sup> National Encampment were elected. Following are the elected officers.

Elected Office	Name	Camp
Commander	Gary L. Scheel, PCC	Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James, #326
Senior Vice Commander	Robert J. Amsler, Jr. CC	U.S. Grant #68
Junior Vice Commander	Bryan P. Bradford CC	Columbia Tiger Camp #432
Secretary/Treasurer	Edward J. Krieser PCinC	Phelps Camp #66
Council	Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC	Gen. Thomas Fletcher Camp #47
Council	Dale E. Crandell, PDC	Westport Camp #64
Council	Robert Aubuchon	U. S. Grant #68
Delegate	John Palmer	U. S. Grant #68
Delegate	Joseph Rainey PCC	Gen. James McPherson Camp #1
Delegate	Douglas Roussin PCC	Gen. Thomas Fletcher Camp #47
Delegate	Robert J. Amsler, Jr. CC	U.S. Grant Camp #68
Delegate	Bryan P. Bradford CC	Columbia Tiger Camp #432
Delegate	Robert Aubuchon	U. S. Grant Camp #68
Delegate	Anthony Shane Lind	Capt. G.N. Spradling Camp #72
Delegate	Randel O. Baehr PCC	Francis J. Wilhelmi Camp #17
Delegate	James Dixon PCC	Columbia Tiger Camp #432

In accordance with Department By-laws and Policies and Procedures, the Commander after his election shall appoint officers for a term of one (1) year. These appointments are:

STAFF OFFICE	NAME	CAMP
Patriotic Instructor	Dale Crandell, PDC	Westport Camp #64
Chaplain	Martin R. Aubuchon PDC	U. S. Grant #68
Graves Registration Officer	Gary L. Scheel PCC	Lt. J. Felix St. James #326
Historian	Walter Busch PDC	U. S. Grant #68
GAR Records Officer	Walter Busch PDC	U. S. Grant #68

Counselor	Robert Amsler, Jr. PDC	U. S. Grant #68
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Sumner Hunnewell PDC	Gen. Thomas Fletcher #47
Civil War Memorials Officer	Walter Busch PDC	U. S. Grant #68
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer	Walter Busch PDC	U. S. Grant #68
Quartermaster	Douglas Roussin PDC	Gen. Thomas Fletcher #47
Assistant Signals, Officer		
Social Media, Promotions	James Dixon, PCC	Columbia Tiger #432
Editor, The Unionist (2021)	Walter Busch PDC	U. S. Grant #68
Editor, The Unionist (2022)	Randal A. Burd, Jr. PDC	Gen. Thomas Fletcher #47
Historical Records Coordinator	Walter Busch, PDC	U. S. Grant #68
GAR Memorials Officer	Walter Busch, PDC	U. S. Grant #68
Civil War Memorials Officer Historian	Walter Busch, PDC	U. S. Grant #68
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Sumner Hunnewell, PDC	Gen. Thomas Fletcher #47
ROTC Coordinator	Dale Crandell, PDC	Westport #64
Medal of Honor Coordinator	Randal A. Burd, Jr. PDC	Gen. Thomas Fletcher #47

I am excited for the upcoming year and I really appreciate those who served so faithfully under PDC Sumner Hunnewell and are remaining in the offices they served in last year.

A couple of offices above have new officers in them and I am so grateful for your willingness to serve our Department.

I ask that you support our officers listed above in their endeavors to fulfil the tasks set before them in the upcoming year of 2021 – 2022.

I hope to see you all at our National Encampment in St. Louis on August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

Ordered this 7<sup>th</sup> Day of June, A. D. 2021

Gary L. Scheel, PCC  
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Attest:

Edward Krieser, PCinC  
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### DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 2

**Series 2021-2022**  
**18 June 2021**

**Bylaws Committee.** In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article VII, the Department Senior Vice Commander chairs this standing committee and may appoint any brother in good standing to the committee:

Chair: Robert J. Amsler, Jr., PCC

**Awards Committee.** In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article VII, the Department Senior Vice Commander chairs this standing committee with our three most recent Past Department Commanders serving as

Chair: Robert J. Amsler Jr., PCC  
Member: Sumner Hunnewell, PDC  
Member: Dale Crandell, PDC  
Member: Randal Burd, Jr. PDC

**Encampment Site Committee.** In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article VII, the Department Commander appoints at least two members to this standing committee. The committee chair may make any additional appointments he chooses:

Chair: Walter Busch, PDC  
Member: Brian Bradford, PCC  
Member: Peter Oetting Member

**JROTC Selection Committee.** In accordance with the 2017 Department Encampment, this special committee selects the JROTC Outstanding Cadet and administers the Department's money prize. The committee has a 30 October 2021 sunset. The committee chair may make any additional appointments he chooses:

Chair: Dwain Asbury

**History Selection Committee:** In accordance with the 2019 Department Encampment, this special committee selects the National History Day in Missouri competition recipient and administer the Department's \$200 prize. The committee has a 30 June 2022 sunset. The committee chair may make any additional appointments he chooses:

Chair: Randal Burd, Jr., PDC

**National Encampment in Missouri Host Committee** In accordance with the 2019 Department Order #6, Series 2018-2019, this special committee: represent the Department to the National Order to plan and implement all activities associated with a National Encampment and outlined in the *Hosting a National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic* guidebook; represent the Department to other Allied Orders to plan and implement their activities following their guidelines; act on behalf of the Department for all planning, approval, financial transactions, and purchases, subject to regular review and audit by the Departments Officers and Council; provide regular reports at Department Encampments and Business Meetings; and appoint subcommittees and work teams as needed. The committee has a 30 June 2022 sunset. The committee chair may make any additional appoints he chooses.

Chair: Robert Petrovic, PDC  
Secretary—Treasurer: Walter Busch, PDC

**GAR National Encampment Committee.** In accordance with the 2018 Department Encampment this special committee coordinates commemoration of the GAR's 21<sup>st</sup> National Encampment in St. Louis and 50<sup>th</sup> National Encampment in Kansas City. The committee has a 30 June 2022 sunset. The committee chair may make any additional appointments he chooses:

Chair: Martin Aubuchon, PDC  
Member: Rodney Terry, PCC

**Programs Committee:** This special committee coordinates Department-wide programs and activities that advance the principals, mission, and goals of the National Order and Department. The committee has 30 June 2022 sunset. The committee chair may make any additional appointments he chooses:

Chair: Don Palmer, PCinC  
Member: Gary Scheel, PCC  
Member: Mark Coplin, PDC  
Member: Scott Reed

**Honoring Living Veterans Committee.** This special committee is chartered to recognize the service of our members who served in the U. S. Armed Forces. The committee has a 30 June 2022 sunset. The committee chair may make any additional appointments he chooses:

Chair: Randal Burd, Jr, PDC

Ordered this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of July, A.D. 2020

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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

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**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 2 (Revised)**

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Chair: Randal Burd, Jr, PDC

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Attest:

Edward Krieser, PCinC  
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**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 3**

**Series 2021-2022**  
**7 July 2021**

**Passing of Brother David Richard Busch PCC**

It is with sorrow, the Department of Missouri with Arkansas, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, reports the passing of U. S. Grant Camp #68, Past Camp Commander David Richard Busch on 6 July 2021.

Short Bio,

PCC David Richard Busch of US Grant Camp was found dead apparently in his home last night of apparently natural causes. He is the twin Brother of Grant Camp Member Dan Busch and brother of PDC Walt Busch. He is survived by his wife, Xuan. A native of Affton, MO, he worked as a blood lab technician, meat wholesaler and then at St. Louis Lithographing before becoming disabled from a neck surgery. No funeral services are planned at this time and the only thing the family asks is that David's wife be kept in your prayers as she suffers from severe memory loss and could not even call for help when David passed. She was found malnourished and had to be hospitalized.

In memory of Brother David Busch, the Department's Charter and web site shall be draped, all Camp Charters and websites, shall be draped, and brothers shall attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge. Following the Department's mourning policy, this Order shall remain in effect for 14 (fourteen) days from this date.

Ordered this 7<sup>th</sup> Day of July, 2021

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**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 4**  
**18 Aug 2021**

**2021-2022 Department Business Meetings**

In accordance with the Department By-laws, Article II, the Department Commander shall schedule business meetings in October and March and give notice of the date, time, and location.

**Date: Saturday, 16 October 2021**

**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**Location: Mark Twain Room**  
**Missouri River Regional Library**  
**214 Adams Street**  
**Jefferson City, MO 65101**

**Date: Saturday, 5 March 2022**

**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**Location: To Be Determined**

**I called several locations and was told because of the Delta Covid virus they would not confirm this date this far in advance. Look for future location updates when I can get a firm date.**

Per Department Policy 402, all elected officers, staff officers, and committee chairs should attend and shall submit written reports to the Department Commander and Department Secretary at least one week prior to the date of the business meeting (16 October 2021 and 5 March 2022). Per Department Policy 100, all elected and appointed officers and Past Department Commanders must wear their membership badge.

All camps are encouraged to send a representatives to our business meetings, and all members in good standing may vote. Per Department Policy 401, all members must present their membership card when requested. All members are encouraged to wear their membership badge.

**Note:** Brother Jim Pahl, PCinC and Assistant National Counselor-C&R, has advised Item#1 in my Special Communique #1 delivered 12 Aug 2021 is not accurate. **All Department meetings must be in person.**

Ordered this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of August, 2021

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**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 5**

**Series 2021-2022  
15 December 2021**

**Passing of Brother Jerry Kasten**

It is with sorrow, the Department of Missouri with Arkansas, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, reports the passing of a member of the Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326, Brother Jerry Kasten on 15 December 2021.

Short Bio,

Brother Jerry joined St. James Camp #326 and was an active member in the camp and its activities. He built a Civil War Cannon and would bring to Ste. Genevieve for our activities. Brother Jerry loved to teach children about the Civil War. The last year we were at the Middle School in Ste. Genevieve for their Civil War days at the very end of the day he would fire his cannon. He turned to the students and asked them if they wanted to see it fire again. They always would yell yes. We would usually fire about three or four more rounds.

Brother Jerry also served as Commander of the SVR Unit that our camp had before we disbanded it.

He was instrumental in the restoration of Fort D, in Cape Girardeau. This year they had a grand opening and rededication of the stone building at Fort D and he was present for that. He was a reenactor serving with the Turner Brigade in the Engineer Company.

He shall be missed by St. James Camp #326 and all who knew him. Please remember his family in prayer as they are going through this experience.

In memory of Brother Jerry Kasten, the Department's Charter and web site shall be draped, all Camp Charters and websites, shall be draped, and brothers shall attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge. Following Department mourning policy, this Order shall remain in effect for 7 (seven) days from this date.

Ordered this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2021

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**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 6**  
**17 December 2021**

**2021-2022 Department Business Meeting**

In accordance with the Department By-laws, Article II, the Department Commander shall schedule business meetings in October and March and give notice of the date, time, and location.

**Date: Saturday, 5 March 2022**

**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**Location: Mark Twain Room**  
**Missouri River Regional Library**  
**214 Adams Street**  
**Jefferson City, MO 65101**

Per Department Policy 402, all elected officers, staff officers, and committee chairs should attend and shall submit written reports to the Department Commander and Department Secretary at least one week prior to the date of the business meeting no later than 25 February 2022. Per Department Policy 100, all elected and appointed officers and Past Department Commanders must wear their membership badge.

All camps are encouraged to send a representative to our business meetings, and all members in good standing may vote. Per Department Policy 401, all members must present their membership card when requested. All members are encouraged to wear their membership badge.

**Note:** Each Camp that has a representative attending this meeting will receive several free items from our National Encampment in St. Louis this past August. These items will be for the Camp to distribute as they desire.

Ordered this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2021

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**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 7**

**Series 2021-2022**  
**8 February 2022**

**Passing of Brother Harold Hunt**

It is with sorrow, the Department of Missouri with Arkansas, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, reports the passing of a member of the General U. S. Camp #68, Brother Harold Hunt on 17 January 2022.

Short Bio,

Brother Harold Hunt, at the age of seventy-eight, passed away in Orange Park, Florida. He was born on in Deventer, MO on August 9, 1943. He retired as plant manager of the Emperier Gas Turbines. He was a member of the Jonesboro #129 Free Masons, Sons of the Confederate Veterans, Sons of the American Revolution, and the SUVCW. He was married on January 28, 1962 to Welda Jones in Studivant, MO and she survives. He was buried at Morgan Memorial Park in Advance on January 22, 2022.

In memory of Brother Harold Hunt, the Department's Charter and web site shall be draped, all Camp Charters and websites, shall be draped, and brothers shall attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge. Following Department mourning policy, this Order shall remain in effect for 7 (seven) days from this date.

Ordered this 8<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2022

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**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 10**  
**Series 2021-2022**  
**21 March 2022**

**JROTC Selection Committee.** In accordance with the 2017 Department Encampment, this special committee selects the JROTC Outstanding Cadet and administers the Department's money prize. The committee has a 30 June 2022 sunset. The committee chair may make any additional appointments he chooses:

Chair: Sumner Hunnewell, PDC

Ordered this 21<sup>st</sup> Day of March, A.D. 2022

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### **DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 11 SERIES 2021-2022 26 May 2022**

#### **Memorial Day Observance**

Major General John A. Logan while serving as Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic issued Order #11 on May 5, 1868 establishing May 30<sup>th</sup> as Decoration Day which we now celebrate as Memorial Day. We have the rare privilege of celebrating Memorial Day on May 30<sup>th</sup> this year.

While watching on you tube a program link “Civil War Veterans Talking and Telling Stories: Filmed on May 30, Memorial Day, 1930” shared on Department of Missouri – Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War facebook page.

One of the following Civil War veterans said,

“Boys and girls, 62 years ago, my corps commander John A. Logan (1826-1886) issued an order that this 30<sup>th</sup> of May should be used as a Memorial Day in honor of the soldiers that fought during the Civil War.”

As the descendants and lawful heirs of the GAR, each of us pledged during our membership induction to always observe the day set aside as Memorial Day, sacred to the memory of the Union Soldiers and Sailors.

I encourage you to take the time to participate in a Memorial Day ceremony near you and honor those Civil War veterans who have long been gone.

As you are wondering around in the cemeteries think of those who we once enjoyed fellowship with who throughout the year have passed on to their eternal reward. We miss them and we should take this time to remember their families at this time also.

Ordered this 26<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2022

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**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 8**

**Series 2021-2022**  
**18 February 2022**

**Suspension of John H. McNeil Camp #62**

Our order's Constitution and Regulations (C&R), Chapter 1, Article VII, Section 4 assigns the Camp Secretary with the duty to annually file a Form 22 Certification of Election and Installation of Camp Officers with the Department Secretary by February 15th. Our order's C&R, Chapter 1, Article I, Section 16 states:

*Any camp which fails to file the Form 22, Form 27, or EIN report by the dates specified herein shall have its charter automatically suspended. The Department Commander shall issue a Department Order noting the automatic suspension.*

This Department Order reports the automatic suspension of the John H. McNeil Camp #62, for not filing their Form 22 by 15 February 2022.

This Camp may send their completed Form 22 via electronic or postal mail to the Department Secretary. Once this camp's Form 22 is reported filed by the Department Secretary, the camp's suspension will be lifted.

Ordered this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of February, A.D. 2022

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**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 9**  
**Series 2021-2022**  
**20 March 2022**

**John H. McNeil Camp #62 Suspension Lifted**

The John H. McNeil Camp #62 has submitted their Form 22 and has been received by the Department Secretary. Therefore, the suspension of the Camp has been lifted.

Ordered this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of March, A.D. 2022

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SPECIAL COMMUNIQUÉ NO. 1  
SERIES 2021-2022  
140<sup>th</sup> SUVCW National Encampment

Brothers,

As we have recently experienced the successful close of the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the SUVCW Encampment in Frontenac, MO, I would like to share with you how important it was.

There were four different organizations of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic in attendance. The Allied Orders that were present were the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Woman's Relief Corps. This is the first time that four of the Allied Orders have all had their annual meetings in one location at the same time since 2007. If you do not know, the 2007 meetings were held in St. Louis. Eight of our camps were present. They included members of the Grant Camp, Wilhelmi Camp, Fletcher Camp, Tiger Camp, Phelps Camp, Westport Camp, McPherson Camp and St. James Camp. Brother Joseph Rainey accepted the Isaac Murphy Camp #2 Charter from Commander in Chief Brian Pierson during the encampment.

Some information that I found interesting in the business meeting that pertains to our camps. These are just short bullet points of what was discussed about these subjects.

1. Each Camp and Department can decide to conduct its meetings using one of three options. These include either in Person, Hybrid (defined as a combination of in person and virtual) or virtual. You will not have to change your bylaws if your camp uses either of these options.
2. We are covered by insurance while firing black powder weapons in a ceremony that is conducted by our camps. If you contact the National Treasurer at least **45 days** in advance he will send you an insurance rider free of charge. He will send you a 501 C-3 letter. The National Treasurer is Brother D. Michael Beard, PDC and his email is [treasurer@suvcw.org](mailto:treasurer@suvcw.org)
3. During the meeting we were encouraged to conduct activities in Veterans/Soldiers Homes located near camps. Even up to the point of starting a camp in them.

The Marshall Hope Awards for best Department Newsletter and best Camp Newsletter for 2019-2020 were handed out during the meeting. Editor Walt Busch received the Marshall Hope Award for Best Department Newsletter and Camp Commander Doug Roussin of the Thomas Fletcher Camp #47, received the Marshall Hope Award for Best Camp Newsletter. Brother Sumner Hunnewell is the editor for the Fletcher Camp newsletter. Congratulations to you all and Thank you for your efforts in this normally thankless job.

Your new National Elected Officers are as follows:

Commander in Chief – Michael Pacquette  
Senior Vice Commander in Chief – Bruce Frail  
Junior Vice Commander in Chief – Peter Hritsko  
National Council of Administration Members  
Shane Milburn  
Joseph Hall

When you consider the time and effort by members of the Department of Missouri National Encampment Host Committee, it is staggering. They have been working on this encampment for almost two years. They have spent countless hours working on reserving rooms and the banquet with the staff of the Hilton Hotel in Frontenac, acquiring donations and purchasing items from different businesses in the area with some of the items which included the goodie bag and contents (I have been to several encampments and this goodie bag contained items that many of those in attendance just could not believe), gathering drinks for the hospitality room, supplying a flag detail not only for our encampment but also for the Daughters convention. The table decorations for the banquet were stunning. There were three different tours that were planned and conducted.

We were, and are fortunate that members of our Department have the expertise and knowledge to conduct one of the most successful encampments in recent history of our organization. Our new National Commander in Chief made the remark that he had not heard one complaint during the entire encampment. That is the ultimate compliment and there really is nothing else that needs to be said.

The following are members of the National Encampment in Missouri Host Committee are...

Robert Petrovic, Chair  
Walter Busch, Secretary/Treasurer  
Don Palmer  
Bob AuBuchon  
Cher Petrovic  
Martin Aubchon  
Kim Palmer

Next time you see any of these members, give them a hearty handshake or a pat on the back and let them know how much you appreciate everything they did for the Department of Missouri.

I would like to express my personal sincere THANKS and APPRECIATION to all of our members who volunteered to be on this committee and to those who volunteered in any capacity during the encampment that were not on the committee. I am proud to say that I am a member of the Department of Missouri, SUVCW.

Delivered this 12<sup>th</sup> Day of August 2021

Gary L. Scheel, PCC  
Commander  
Department of Missouri  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Edward Krieser, PCinC  
Secretary  
Department of Missouri  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War