



THE CAMP FIRE

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NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The 1997 116th National Encampment was held in Utica, New York.

The following members from the Department of Missouri were present at the Encampment: Department Commander Steven Leicht, Past Department Commander Bob Petrovic, Brady Umfleet from the Grant Camp, and Paul Winslow from the Sherman Camp.

The new National Officers are:

Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr
Sr. Vice Commander Andy Johnson
Jr. Vice Commander Danny Wheeler
Secretary David Hann
Treasurer James Pahl
COA member PC-in-C David Medert

Department Commander Steven Leicht was appointed National Chief of Staff. Past Department Commander Bob Petrovic is the Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator. The appointment of Commander Steven Leicht will be the first time in over 50 years that any member from the State of Missouri has held a position this high in the National Organization. P-D-C Bob Petrovic is the first member from the State of Missouri to hold a Coordinators position in over 50 years. Bob Amsler and James Gallen have been appointed positions on the National Legal Staff. Members in the State of Missouri are starting to get recognition for the good that some of its members are doing. Any additional members appointed to positions at

the National level will be posted in the next newsletter.

The Ulysses S. Grant Camp was the recipient of the Abraham Lincoln Award for 1996-1997. This award is given to the camp which has demonstrated outstanding achievements within any one year. Some of their achievement were: sponsoring a needy family for Christmas; conducting a toy drive to help toys for tots; holding public presentations at schools; participating in three cemetery projects; organizing and participating in public presentations at White Haven; and bringing 18 new members into the organization as new camp members. Congratulations to the Grant Camp for an outstanding year!

The National Organization is encouraging everyone to write their Congressman and show their support for Bill #S.116. The 105th Congress will be bringing this bill to the floor for a discussion and vote for the return of Memorial Day to its original day May 30th. This is the day Major General John A. Loan had set aside to honor the soldiers whom have passed away.

Sr. Vice Commander Richard Orr called for the removal of the National Treasurer Charles Corfman for attempted blackmail against the Sr. Vice Commander. National Treasurer Charles Corfman resigned as National Treasurer, under the conditions that charges will be dropped against him for his removal from office and exclusion from holding any office within the Organization. He shall retain his rank of General received

while in the SVR, but he no longer holds any office within the SVR.

The National Chaplain asked if the Camps would start sending him a notice when any member of a Camp passes away. It is also a good idea to send the notice to the Department Secretary and Chaplain so we can put the notice in the Newsletter to let the other members know.

Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr is encouraging everyone in the Organization to recruit one new member this year. If this happens we will double in size and will be 10,000 strong in membership.

DEPARTMENT ORDERS

1. The proposed Department Bylaws was sent to all Department Officers, Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries. **NOTE:** We are taking written comments which can include any proposed modification for the Bylaws, and should be sent to the Department Commander by September 20. Discussion will be limited solely to those modifications or any matters deemed appropriate by the Department Commander.

2. We will be having a Special Department meeting to discuss the Department Bylaws. We will read past Department meetings, discuss reimbursements to the Sherman Camp for a stopped check charge, Department web page, Department fundraiser and Department Bylaws. The Phelps Camp will be hosting the Department meeting in Springfield. The meeting will be held at Wilson's Creek. Directions on how to get to the meeting will be sent to the Camp Commanders.

3. Bill Jackson has resigned from the position as Department Secretary/Treasurer. He has cited personal reasons and should be commended on his courage to take on such a large task. The Department Council has

appointed Bob Petrovic new Department Secretary/Treasurer. **All** information, papers and forms needing to be sent to the Department Secretary/Treasurer are to be sent to Bob Petrovic.

4. Camps are to turn in with their per capita tax, the location of where their Camp meetings are held, time meeting starts and day of Month meeting is held. This information is needed for a list of camps the National Organization is going to publish in the Banner, and for the Department web page.

5. Each Camp Commander needs to appoint a member to be in charge of the eagle scouts certificates for their Camp. He will be contacted for distribution of certificates and information pertaining to Boys Scouts within the area of the Camp. Please notify Bob Petrovic of which member has been appointed.

6. Per Capita Tax is to be turned in by the 1st day of October. Any Camp wishing to bring the per capita tax to the Department meeting may do so. It is important that the Camps turn their forms in on time. This causes the Department to be late, which in turn makes the National Secretary late with his reports. I will not accept any per capita tax forms after the specified date in the Department Bylaws. Any camp getting their per capita tax in after such date may lose their privileges with the Department until the forms are filed for the next quarter. A Camp may end the Camp quarter after the last Camp meeting for the quarter. **All** Camp Secretaries have been sent notices with this information.

By Order of:

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

2001 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The Departments of Kansas and Missouri announced at the National Encampment their intentions of bidding on the 2001 National Encampment. This will be a joint Encampment between the Departments of Kansas and Missouri. It will help both states in the Midwest gain greater recognition with the National Organization. Everyone should show their support for this. I encourage everyone to try to take part in this event when it happens.

S.C.V. Dinner

The Sterling Price Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans has sent an open invitation to all the Camps in the State of Missouri to join them for dinner September 26. This is to promote fellowship and goodwill between the two organizations. Anyone wanting to go can contact their Camp Commander or Department Commander Steven Leicht for a registration form. The dinner will be held at Joe Hannons Restaurant at a cost of \$20.00 per person. This is the Sterling Price Camp's yearly Birthday Dinner for the Camp. You must make reservations for this event if you wish to go.

Women's Auxiliary

Dolores Hubbard is trying to form a Women's Auxiliary in Missouri. Any of the members' wives or any women wishing to be a part of this should contact Department Commander Steven Leicht or write to Dolores at: 4444 Westridge Rd. Kansas City, MO 64133. There is currently not an Auxiliary unit in the State of Missouri.

Department Commanders Comments

As the year before us starts to wind down with just a few months remaining. We must

keep in mind that there is still a lot of work to be done.

We need to start a fundraiser for the Department. The lack of funds is limiting the speed of which the Department is moving forward. It is also preventing us from starting new programs for the Department, performing some of the Department's normal functions and reimbursing Officers for their expenses.

The first draft of the Department Bylaws are completed and need to be approved by the Department members. After the approval of the Bylaws this will allow us to concentrate on other more important things to help benefit the Department.

I would like to personally thank Bob Amsler, Bob Petrovic, and John Pillars who sacrificed part of their Labor Day weekend and worked with me making the final changes of the Bylaws.

We have a long and hard road to go, in order to catch up with some of the other Departments in the Sons Organization. We have made some great strides this year and accomplishments.

I do ask that everyone have a little patience. Even though at times things might seem to be moving slow with the progress. You must keep in mind that the Officers of the Department are starting their position from scratch. There has been nobody before them to explain how to do a position. Each position has to be evaluated and designed for the benefit of our Department.

The Department is here to benefit the Camps and promote growth within the Department. I do intend to keep the Department moving forward. We must continue working together for the best interest of the Department.