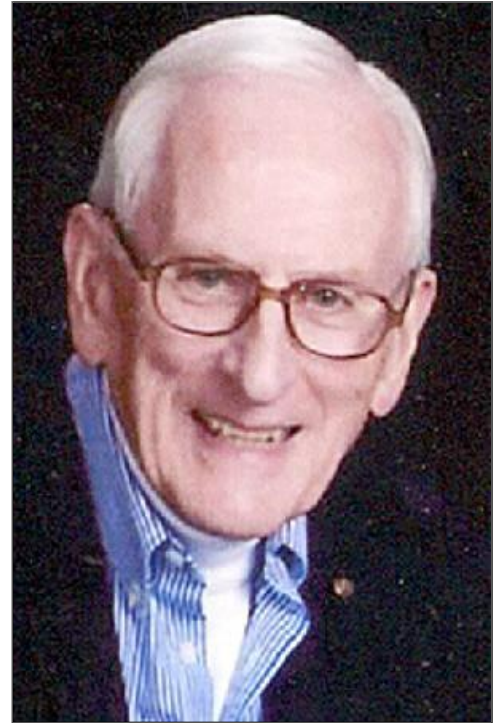
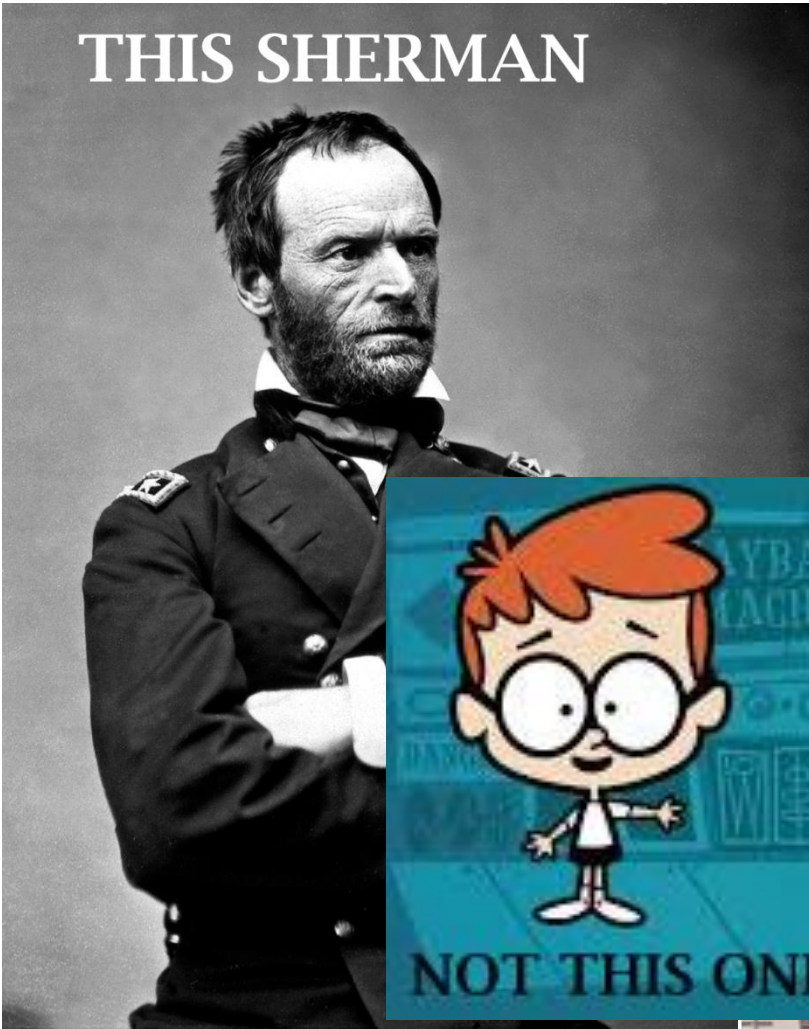


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Events on the Horizon

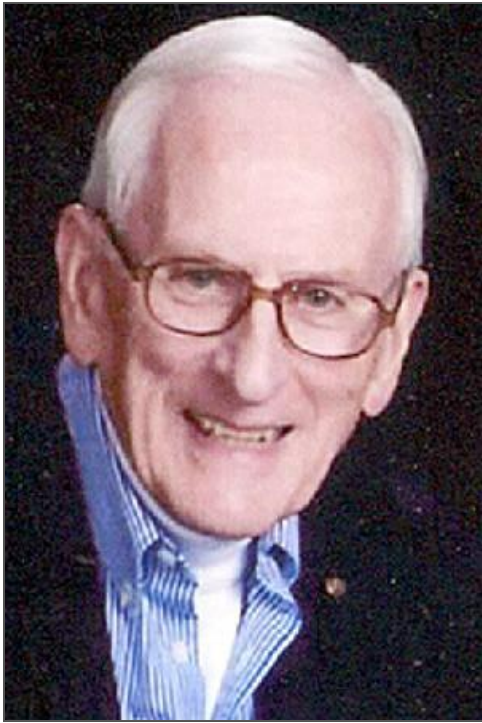
Apr 14 – Lincoln Remembrance Day – Springfield (Info on page 27)	Apr 30 – Form 27, Roster, and annual dues due to Dept Secretary
May 5 – 56 th USCT Remembrance at Jefferson Barrack Cemetery – 10 AM	May 15 – Form 990N due to IRS
May 28 – Memorial Day – Various Events	June 2 – Dept Encampment –scheduled for Bennett Springs State Park
June 25 – Next Deadline for the <i>Missouri Unionist</i>	July 21 – Grant Remembrance Day at US Grant NHS, Affton, MO
August 9-12 - Massachusetts – National Encampment	Oct 5-6 - Central Region Allied Orders Conference in Valparaiso, IN

Editor's Comments by Walt Busch, PDC

Missouri is everywhere! Well, probably not everywhere, but it is amazing just what pops up when you don't expect it. I am still on vacation and just two days ago visited Tombstone, AZ. Got to see all the tourist traps: the OK Corral, the Bird Cage, Boot Hill (which was cheaper to see and better than the rest of the stuff). Got to see the holster and gun from *Have Gun Will Travel*, as well as one of John Wayne's and a bunch of items purporting to be from Wild West heroes and villains. Near day's end, I discovered there was a GAR monument at the new



cemetery in town and that I couldn't find a picture of it on the web. Well, we pulled into the cemetery and even before I found the GAR monument, there, right where we first stopped, was a Civil War soldier's marker. Looking more closely at it showed it to be that of Lt. Colonel H.M. Matthews of the 3rd M.S.M. Cavalry. While he wasn't at the battle of Pilot Knob (where I use to work), his unit was, so I recognized it straightaway. Today we pulled into a cemetery in Deming, NM, and while we didn't find any Civil War soldiers, one of the few tombstones I paid attention to was that of a World War I Missouri veteran. Yes, Missouri has more than done its share in our wars. Missouri SUVCW also is one of the more active departments in the organization. Let's keep it that way. While we are 99.999% done recording Missouri monuments, graves of Union soldiers still need to be worked on. Please try to record some this year. Let's keep the memory of our Civil War and G.A.R. ancestors alive.



In Memory of James (Jim) Harrison Chilcutt, age 83, died Wednesday, February 14, 2018, at home in Jefferson City. He had battled cancer and heart disease. He was born on November 19, 1934, in Diamond, Missouri, a son of James Ramey and Mary Frances (Rodgers) Chilcutt. He was married on August 12, 1962, in Springfield, Missouri, to Barbara Frances Woods, who survives at the home. They raised three sons and enjoyed 55 years of married life together. He was a 1953 graduate of Joplin High School in Joplin, Missouri, and he attended Missouri Southern. He served three years in the U. S. Army (16 months in Korea.) He worked for 38 years at the Missouri Division of Employment Security, serving as Manager of the Job Service offices in Hannibal, Jefferson City, and Springfield. He retired in December 1996, as Manager of Administrative Services for the Missouri Department of Labor in Jefferson City. He was a member, Deacon, and Elder at First Presbyterian Church in Jefferson City; a former member of the Evening Rotary Club, a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member, and was a Paul Harris Fellow; a past member of the Board of the Employment Security Credit Union; the American Legion Roscoe Enloe Post 5; the VFW Post 1003; the World's Fair Preservation Society; the Jefferson City Park Department Resources Committee; the Historic Preservation Commission for the City of

Jefferson; the Missouri Society of Military History, the Sons of Union Veterans Lillie Camp 6; a lifetime member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and a member of the Mosby Monroe Parsons Camp #718. He was also past President of the River City Collectors' Guild and past Co-Director of the Friar Tuck Collectors' Club; a past Chairman of the Capitol Area Chapter of the American Red Cross and a long-time blood donor; a past President of the Jefferson City Men's Garden Club and a long-time member of the Missouri Botanical Gardens; and he was a board member of the Riverview Cemetery Association. After retirement, he and Barbara were in the antique business. He was a gardener, enjoyed raising orchids, and was a Master Gardener. Jim was interested in all things old and historical. He wanted to know how and why things happened and the results. He had a great interest in archaeology, particularly, in Biblical archaeology. Survivors include his wife, Barbara Chilcutt; two sons, Bryan Rodgers Chilcutt (wife, Susan) of Columbia, Missouri and Darin Foster Chilcutt (wife, Jennifer) of Jefferson City, Missouri; two grandsons, Cameron Daniel Chilcutt of Jefferson City and Carson James Chilcutt of Columbia; one sister, Jo Helen Beauchamp of Springfield, Missouri, one brother, Don R. Chilcutt (wife, Charlotte) of Edmond, Oklahoma; one niece; and four nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Kevin Woods Chilcutt. Visitation will be held from 9:30 until 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 24, 2018, at First Presbyterian Church with a memorial service following at 11:00 a.m. with the Reverend Dr. David Henry officiating. Graveside services will be held at 1:30 p.m. at Riverview Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Peru Water Project at First Presbyterian Church or to Meds & Food for Kids in Haiti, 4488 Forest Park, Ste. 230, St. Louis, MO 63108 Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Freeman Mortuary.

It's a Small World

Years before the Civil War, Jesse Grant, father of Ulysses, lived and worked in the home of Owen Brown, whose small son grew up to be John Brown, the Abolitionist whose attacks on slavers in Kansas and taking of the Harper's Ferry arsenal lit the fire for the upcoming war.

COLLECTOR'S CORNER by PCC Doug Roussin will return!

We apologize for not having a Collector's Corner this issue. Also, the rest may be limited in scope as well. Doug and I couldn't get the text and pictures sent via e-mail due to size and I was on vacation so I couldn't stop by and get the files. Next issue, we may have 2 articles to make up for the lack of one this time. To those who enjoy Doug's artifacts (and I know you are many out there), they will return.

**REMINISCING ABOUT THE
FORMATION OF THE RANSOM
POST IN ST LOUIS AND GENERAL
WILLIAM T. SHERMAN.**

Henry Fairback, who became department commander of the Missouri GAR in 1905, was a member of Ransom Post 131.

*His booklet, **A Wanderer: Being A Brief Sketch of the Civil and Military Experiences of Henry Fairback**, not only describes this story of General Sherman, but also his career as an artificer with Co. E, 1st Missouri Engineers, his time as a POW, and his escapades as he escaped.*

"I looked at the Confederate time and again; he held his carbine in both hands partly resting on his knees; my heart was beating with anxiety; the despite deed had to be done ; it was man to man. With one quick jump, I snatched his carbine from him ; he hallooed and ran. I cocked the carbine and told him to stand or I would shoot him. He did so, and slowly got down the slide on which we went up. When on the ground he begged us not to kill him; he told his partner his suspicion was that we were "Yanks," now he was sure of it...I took all his ammunition, threw it in the river, took the load out of his carbine, and told him I would give it back to him, that he should tell the officers who came with him that he had found our furloughs, then let us go. Off we started and paddled as hard as our physical strength would allow. When we rounded a river bank, out of sight, we remained in the cane-brake till midnight."

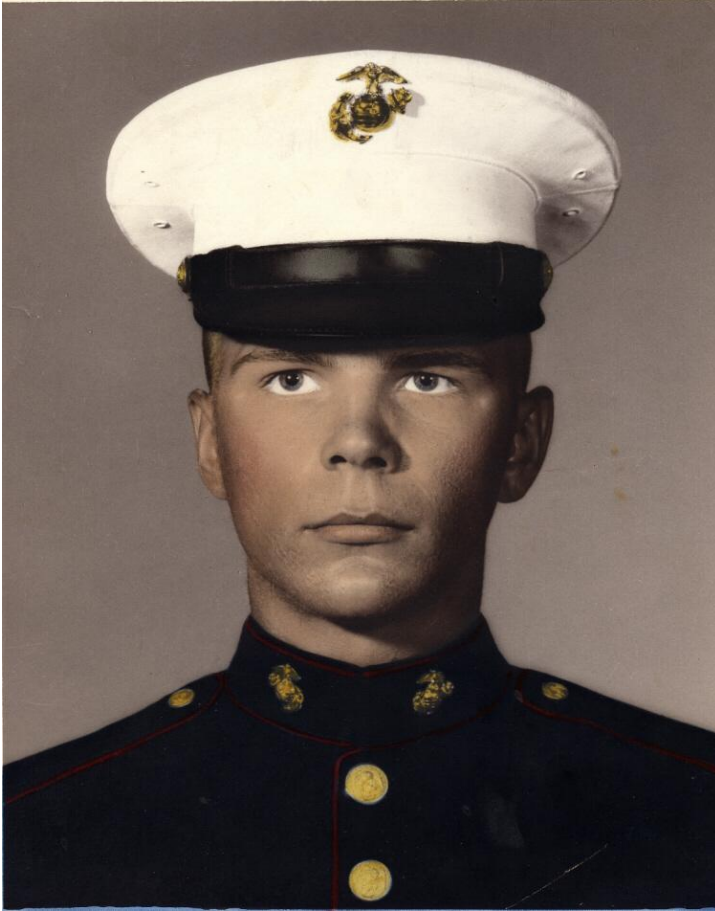
Note: Some war records name him as Henry Feuerbach.

On December 7th, 1883, some eighteen comrades who served in the Civil War of the Union to defeat all of its enemies, whose object was to divide our Republic and establish a separate Government based on inhuman slavery for its pedestal. We assembled at the hall, S. W. Corner Garrison and Easton Avenues, where we were mustered in the Grand Army of the Republic by Department Commander Major Wm. Warner of Kansas City. The great Gen. Wm. T. Sherman was the center of attraction. He became the first Commander of Ransom Post G. A. R. 131, Department of Missouri. It was indeed a great pleasure to have the honor of being in such company. While my regiment and company served under Gen. Grant in his campaigns in the Mississippi Valley. We observed Gen. Sherman often as the companion of Gen. Grant. Yet I had never come at any time (a soldier in the ranks) near him enough to judge his value and his character. The following year I was elected as Quartermaster, 1884. Then many times



my business brought me in close contact with him. Gen. Wm. T. Sherman was one of the most remarkable world-wide man of knowledge and as a soldier the world ever produced. I used to consult him, call on him at his residence, Garrison and Bell avenues, for information on national subjects. There was not a scientific subject on which he was not informed—astronomy, geology, weatherology, music and the drama. He had a refined sense and excellent judgment as a thorough lover of classical operas. His memoirs are by all odds the most brilliant and interesting of all the Generals who commanded armies in the war of 1861 and 1865. On one occasion he went with Ransom Post to the National Cemetery at Jefferson Barracks on Memorial day. We were walking around in the cemetery when a large fat Irish woman approached him, spoke to him saying: "General, won't you come and see where my husband lies buried—Michael McGinnis of the Regulars, who served under you, his grave is right here?" He walked over to the place, the General looked at the woman, and said, "Well," said he, "he seems to rest well, have you selected a place for yourself?" "No, General, I married the second time." "Well you should select a place, for I have a resting place engaged in Calvary Cemetery."

Veterans Who Are Members of the Department of Missouri SUVCW



Edward J. Krieser

U.S. Marine Corps

Private First Class

Boot Camp at San Diego, CA

Infantry Training at Camp Pendleton California

Vietnam December 1966 through May 1967

Infantry Rifleman and squad radioman with Foxtrot Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division

Medical Evacuation May 1967

Decorations:

Purple Heart Medal

Combat Action Ribbon

Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

with 1 Bronze Star

Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Medal

Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal

Member of Abe Lincoln Camp #2, Department of MO, SUVCW

Receiving Purple Heart at Okinawa

CIVIL WAR ANCESTOR

Private August Bruss

Company A

9th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment

SUVCW

Commander-in-Chief 2000/2001



Thank you Brother Ed for your service.

In future Missouri Unionist you will meet some of the members of the Department of Missouri who have served in the military. If you would like to share your information with me please use the following format. Email it to:

Gary Scheel, somewhere1@sbcglobal.net

NAME

MILITARY PHOTOGRAPH

BRANCH OF SERVICE

RANK

WHERE YOU SERVED

WAR SERVICE

DECORATIONS

CIVIL WAR ANCESTOR

SUVCW CAMP YOU ARE A MEMBER OF

SUVCW Highest Office Held

PERMISSION TO PLACE YOUR INFORMATION SHEET IN THE MISSOURI UNIONIST

If you are a veteran you are eligible for the SUVCW WAR MEDAL. How to receive one is listed in the information below with a link to Form 5 which is the application form for the medal.

The SUVCW WAR MEDAL is authorized for any Brother who has served honorably in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States during a period of war or military conflict as defined by the Council of Administration.

1. A DD214, DD4, or DD215 must accompany the application and reflect the qualifying medal/ribbon. 2. Entitlement is determined by the Brother's Camp at a regular meeting of that Camp. 3. A gold bar naming the war or conflict in which the Brother served may be attached to the ribbon of the medal. This bar may not be attached to any other badge of the Order. 4. The WAR MEDAL shall NOT be worn at the same time with the MILITARY SERVICE MEDAL. [Ref. REGULATIONS, Chapter V, Article III, Section 3, sub-sections F, G – C&R.] I have the honor to apply for the WAR MEDAL of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, having received

<http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/FORM-5-revised-April-2017.pdf>

If you have ever been a member of the Military of any branch of the Armed Forces and did not serve during a time of war there is a SUVCW Military Service Medal you are eligible for this medal. How to receive one is listed in the information below with a link to Form 8 which is the application form for this medal

The SUVCW MILITARY SERVICE MEDAL is authorized for any Brother who has served honorably in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States. If a Brother is qualified for this medal and the SUVCW WAR MEDAL, the Brother may purchase both, but may only wear one medal or the other at any one time. [Reference = REGULATIONS, Chapter V, Article III, Section 3, sub-section G of the C&R.]

<http://suvcw.org/ftp/form8fi.pdf>

Members of the Department of Missouri SUVCW With Military Service



Randal A. Burd, Jr.

Military Service

Specialist, E-4 (Euphonium Player)

135th Army Band, Springfield, Missouri, USA

US Army National Guard 1996 - 2000

2/58 Infantry Training Battalion (Basic),
Fort Benning, GA (June – Aug 1996)

113th Army Band (OJT),
Fort Knox, KY (Summer 1997)



Army Service Ribbon
Missouri National Guard Basic Training Ribbon
Army Expert Marksmanship Badge
Honorable Discharge

Photos:

Rolla, Missouri, Spring 1997 (above);

Fort Benning, Georgia, June 1996 (left)

“I served as a euphonium player in the 135th Army Band from April 1996 to April 2000. I completed basic training with the 2/58 Infantry Training Battalion at Fort Benning Infantry School in Fort Benning, Georgia. I completed my MOS training with the 113th Army Band at Fort Knox, Kentucky. In the 135th Army Band, we played training graduations, change of command ceremonies, patriotic concerts, and many other venues where a military band is needed or desired. We were also involved in the christening ceremony for the U.S.S. Bonhomme

Richard (LHD-6) in August 1998. While I am not a veteran of active duty service, I am honored to have worked with and supported them during my military experience.”

SUVCW

Commander, Department of Missouri (2016-2018)

CIVIL WAR ANCESTOR(S): My direct Civil War ancestors include 1LT James H. McMillian, Co E, Osage County Home Guards*, Private Evan Leland Short, Co H, Osage County Home Guards*, Private Lorenzo Dow Wall, Co E, Osage County Home Guards*, Private Shepherd Shelton, Co E, Osage County Home Guards*.

* This company was recognized by the Hawkins Taylor Commission as having performed regular Federal Service and thus its members were eligible for federal honorable discharges and pensions. I also have other collateral ancestors who fought in regular federal units.

Thank you Brother Randal for your service.



A Long Journey into Night: Abraham Lincoln's Corpse at Rest

By Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC

This article was originally published by WafflesatNoon.com on 7 May 2014.

Although Abraham Lincoln was assassinated in 1865, his final burial didn't occur until 1901, and only after his coffin had been moved and opened several times.

April of 1865 was a month of triumph and tragedy in Washington D.C. The surrender of Confederate General Robert E. Lee at Appomattox Court House in Virginia on the 9th of April marked a formal end to the bloodiest conflict ever fought on American soil. Ulysses S. Grant, the victorious general once ridiculed as an abject failure at life and a perpetual drunk, was a national hero held in such high regard that he would go on to serve two terms as President of the United States. But it was another man of humble origins who would, as Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton so eloquently stated, "belong to the ages": a modest yet brilliant lawyer and politician from Springfield, Illinois. Abraham Lincoln, whose likeness is etched into the national consciousness on coin and currency, in marble and in stone, was the 16th President of the United States, the great emancipator, and savior of the Union. On the 15th of April 1865, he died a martyr's death.

Justice was swift. The assassin, an actor and Confederate sympathizer named John Wilkes Booth, was tracked, cornered, and shot by the 26th of April. The larger failed conspiracy was investigated, arrests were made, and four conspirators were executed by hanging on the 7th of July. But the mourning endured. From verses of Shakespeare's "King Henry VIII" published in a letter proclaiming Lincoln a martyr to the New York Times on the 26th of April 1865, to the classical poem, "O Captain! My Captain!" written by Walt Whitman in 1865 to eulogize Lincoln and learned in schools across the nation to this day, the nation grieved for the greatest and most beloved president since General George Washington. So it is no wonder that unscrupulous citizens would believe a successful kidnapping plot involving the post-mortem Lincoln might be a lucrative endeavor.

A failed attempt to steal Lincoln's corpse for ransom occurred on the 7th of November in 1876. A band of counterfeiters broke into Lincoln's tomb, removed the marble lid from his sarcophagus, and arduously attempted to make off with the coffin before police were alerted and the plot quickly thwarted. The coffin was moved and stored in various discreet locations in the cemetery over the following years. The unsecured and deteriorating tomb at Oak Hill Cemetery was replaced with a new tomb in 1901. Robert Todd Lincoln, the president's son, decided to encase the president's coffin in steel and concrete to prevent future disturbance.

Before the final interment, and unbeknownst to Robert Lincoln, workers re-interring the president decided it was necessary to once again view Abraham Lincoln's remains to prevent future rumors that the body was not resting in the soon to be permanent grave. A portion of the lead-lined coffin was removed from above Lincoln's face and shoulders to reveal the intact features of the 16th president, minus eyebrows and with the addition of some mold and mildew. The frequent embalming required for the deceased president's seven-state funeral procession probably accounted for the impressive extent of the corpse's preservation. Witnesses unanimously agreed that the coffin contained Lincoln's remains.

The coffin was placed in a steel cage, buried 10 feet below the ground, and encased in concrete—permanently interred in a monument befitting Lincoln's status. There Abraham Lincoln remains, at rest only after his coffin was moved 17 times and opened five. His final resting place, located in Oak Hill Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois, is and will continue to be one of the most sacred of historical landmarks in the United States.



The Missouri Department Encampment meets on Saturday, June 2nd at Bennett Spring State Park.

There is a lot to do for a family for a day or two while visiting here. Besides fishing, the pool should be open for swimmers and there is always hiking. A trip to nearby Lebanon, MO provides antique stores, movie theatre, and several outlet stores like Case Knives and Russell's Chocolate (hint: get the ice cream there). While you would have to do some checking, there are other campgrounds along the Niangua River and some, I believe offer tubing also.

For lodging, there is full hookup and primitive camping, cabins, and condo units in the park. Several members could rent one unit and share expenses. There are other cabins and camping in the area as well as a few hotels in Lebanon. Click on the link below to get the registration form for the event. All members of the SUVCW may attend the meeting. A voting card should be issued to you by your camp for voting. If they are unfamiliar with that card contact the *Unionist* editor at webusch@hotmail.com.

http://www.suvcwmo.org/uploads/3/0/9/6/30960503/2018_missouri_department_encampment.pdf



Abraham Lincoln and his son, Tad, posing for photographer Mathew Brady, circa 1863

Unlikely a Lincoln: The Improbable Progeny of Honest Abe

by Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC

This story was originally published by WafflesatNoon.com on 15 Sept 2015

October 14, 1968, was a day like any other in Williamsburg, Virginia. It was a rough year nationally for the Civil Rights Movement as the country still reeled from the assassinations of Martin Luther King, Jr. in April and Robert Francis Kennedy in June. The Civil Rights Movement, arguably set in motion by the emancipation of slaves, and achieved due to the political genius of the 16th president a little over 100 years previous, would survive these losses and continue thriving into the 21st century. But while

the legacy of Abraham Lincoln has thrived up to the present day, his progeny has not fared equally well. Robert Todd Lincoln Beckwith would widely be considered the last direct descendant of Honest Abe when he died, presumably childless, in 1985. But on October 14, 1968, the eventually thrice-married, 63-year-old playboy's 27-year-old second wife gave birth to a son and named him Timothy Lincoln Beckwith.

SETTLED ESTATE, UNSETTLED QUESTIONS

The problem with lineage of this son, born to Annemarie Hoffman Beckwith, is that Robert Beckwith had undergone a vasectomy six years prior and was supposedly confirmed by a doctor to be completely sterile.¹ Robert Beckwith divorced Annemarie, whom he accused of adultery, and the divorce court ordered blood tests to confirm the paternity of the child. Annemarie, who was raised in Hanover, Germany, fled with her son to Europe to avoid complying with the court's wishes. The divorce court ruled that Timothy Lincoln Beckwith was the product of an adulterous relationship; however, he retained the right to pursue a future claim of being heir to the Lincoln estate.

The Mary Harlan Lincoln Trust, established by the wife of Abraham Lincoln's son Robert, consisted of a significant amount of money to be distributed to three beneficiaries in the absence of a bloodline heir: the American Red Cross, First Church of Christ Scientist, and Iowa Wesleyan College. These beneficiaries agreed to provide Timothy Beckwith a considerable settlement² from this Trust at the time of Robert Beckwith's death in exchange for his relinquishing any future claims as heir to the Lincoln Estate.

SCHOLARS' CONSENSUS

Most articles, museums, and other sources espouse the belief that Robert Todd Lincoln Beckwith, who died in 1985, was the last living descendant of President Abraham Lincoln. The circumstantial evidence, such as Annemarie Hoffman Beckwith's defiance of the court's request for a blood sample from her son, Timothy Beckwith's acceptance of a settlement from the three beneficiaries of the

Lincoln Estate, and Timothy's reluctance to speak on the subject, as highlighted in a USA Today article³ from 6 February 2013, also seems to indicate that Abraham Lincoln's direct line of descendants ended with the death of Robert Todd Lincoln Beckwith in 1985.

BOTTOM LINE

The stories and events surrounding the Lincoln family after the president's death offer a shadowy aura of mystery and mystique to contrast the often whitewashed veneration of his life. From the unusually long span of time it took Abraham Lincoln to reach his [final resting place](#)⁴ to the relatively short span of years until his progeny were no more, there is seemingly no part of the Lincoln story which lacks the interesting details necessary to captivate students of American History.

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"Gerry Owen" or should that be "Roll Out the Barrel"

The Song Custer's Soldiers should have been playing?

From an 1890 book: *The German Soldier in the Wars of the United States*



General George A. Custer, one of the most picturesque characters of the war and an exceptional soldier in his Indian campaigns, was the great-grandson of an officer of the Hessian soldiers sent here to serve in the British army during the Revolution. His ancestor, paroled in 1778, after Burgoyne's surrender, settled in Pennsylvania, married there, changed his German name, "Küster," to one easier to pronounce in English, and moved to Maryland, where the father of General Custer was born in 1806. His famous son was born in Ohio, in 1839, [REDACTED]

DEPARTMENT TELEGRAPH

Camp Bylaws Updates Needed

2018 is the Chinese Year of the Dog, but in the SUVCW it is the year of the bylaws. General Order 18 and Department Order 10 calls for camps to update their bylaws for signature at the Department Encampment on June 2, 2018. It is all for a good cause, to extend National's 501(c)(3) tax exemption to Departments and Camps.

First, confirm if your camp is incorporated at the Missouri Secretary of State website:

<https://bsd.sos.mo.gov/BusinessEntity/BEsearch.aspx?SearchType=0>. Most camps are not incorporated and would use the National Treasurer's recommended wording. Lincoln and Westport are incorporated, while Grant and Phelps are incorporated and have fictitious names so they may want to alter the wording to reflect their legal status.

Article _____ - Organization

The Camp shall be constituted and remain constituted as provided by the Constitution and Regulations (C&R) governing the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and shall be known as the CAMP NAME #99, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, hereafter referred to as the Camp. The Camp is organized as an unincorporated (or incorporated as in the cases mentioned above) association under the laws of the State of Missouri. The Camp is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

Article _____ - Exemption Purpose

No part of the net earnings, if any, of this Camp, shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the unincorporated association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes described in section 501(c)3.

No substantial part of the activities of the Camp shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Camp shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these by-laws, the Camp shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a nonprofit corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by nonprofit corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)2 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article _____ - Separation, Dissolution and Disposition of Assets

In the case of surrender or forfeiture of the Camp Charter, all Camp property and assets shall be turned over to the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or his duly authorized representative and such become the property of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization exempt from taxes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. The receipts for property and assets shall be added to the surrendered Department records.

All property of the Camp shall be held by the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as a charitable trust and used for the purpose for which the Order exists. Any such transfer or disposal within six (6) months of disbandment or

surrender of the Camp Charter without the written consent of the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is prohibited. The property and funds of the Camp shall not be divided among its members.

In the event the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, no longer exists, said property and funds shall revert to the benefit of the first and any remaining organization of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic or in their absence, to the holdings of the Missouri Historical Society (or State Historical Society of Missouri, or St. Louis Mercantile Library).

Notwithstanding the above language, upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose.

If your Camp has not updated their bylaws in several years, you're not done. General Order 11 in 2017 and General Order 22 in 2014 requires you to add a Youth Protection Policy. Feel free to borrow the Department's wording.

Article _____ – Youth Protection

All Brothers and guests under the age of 18 years of age shall be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or chaperon when participating at any SUVCW Camp event. A chaperon must be 18 years of age or older, and have written authorization from a parent or legal guardian.

All Brothers must comply with all applicable laws pertaining to child protection. Any Brother who witnesses or suspects any type of physical, mental, or sexual abuse of any other Brother or guest under the age of 18 is obligated to report such activities to local authorities and the Camp Commander.

Every Brother who may have direct contact with or oversight of another Brother or guest under the age of 18 (other than their child) at a SUVCW Camp event must complete a child protection course offered by a government agency or other reputable source. Evidence of course completion must be provided to the Camp Commander.

Confused? Overwhelmed? Send your tough questions to Past Commander-in-Chief James Pahl (jbpahl0824@yahoo.com) an attorney and IRS tax expert who volunteered to help. Send the easy questions to Department SVC Dale Crandell (dcrandell@suvchwmo.org).

Department Award Nominations Deadline: April 15th

The Department's Awards Program provides recognition for both member and non-member contributions to the SUVCW and Civil War history. Any member or camp can make a nomination using the updated application forms posted at: <http://www.suvchwmo.org/awards.html>. Deadline to submit a nomination is **April 15, 2018**. Completed applications forms can be sent to any Department Annual Awards Committee member or directly to the Department's Senior Vice Commander at svc@suvchwmo.org.

The **Francis P. Blair, Jr. Award** is presented annually to the most outstanding member of the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It is for the member who has made the greatest collective contribution during a specific year to the Department and his Camp through its programs and activities. The member must have been in good standing and exemplify the virtues of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty for the entire year. An award recipient is not eligible for repeat consideration for three years.

The **Meritorious Service Award** is presented to a member of the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It is for the member who has made a significant contribution or collective contributions over a period of time to the Department and his Camp through its programs and activities. The member must have been in good standing for five or more years, and exemplify the virtues of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. An award recipient is not eligible for repeat consideration for three years.

The **Grand Army of the Republic Award** is presented to an Allied Order member or group. It is for members or groups who have made a significant contribution or collective contributions over a period of time to promote fraternal relationships between the Allied Orders in perpetuating the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and our ancestors who fought to preserve the Union. An award recipient is not eligible for repeat consideration for three years.

The **Wayne Sampson Show Me Spirit Award** is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution or collective contributions over a period of time to promote the SUVCW, Allied Orders, or Civil War history, and who demonstrates a shared interest in the SUVCW mission. An award recipient is not eligible for repeat consideration for three years.

The 2017-18 Annual Awards Committee members are: SVC Dale Crandell (chair), PDC Martin Aubuchon, PDC Glen Alsop, and PDC Larry Dietzel.

Eads Award Application Deadline: April 15th

The Department's **James B. Eads Award** is presented annually to honor Camps who demonstrate exceptional service to the order's ideals through their work at the local, department, and national levels. Since its revision in 2013, the Eads award is not a competition for a single outstanding camp but a distinguished service citation for all camp meeting the checklist criteria.

To encourage greater participation, the Department's 2017 Annual Encampment revised the award criteria to provide flexibility to recognize a Camp's many activities. Every camp is encouraged to apply using the application form posted at: <http://www.suvcwmo.org/awards.html>. Deadline to submit a nomination is April 15, 2018. Completed application forms are sent to the Department's Senior Vice Commander at svc@suvcwmo.org.

REMINDER TO CAMP SECRETARIES OF DEADLINES

Camp Secretaries	Prepare these forms	And send to office below	
DATE	FORM	TO	NOTES
15 JANUARY	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING DECEMBER
15 FEBRUARY	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING JANUARY
15 FEBRUARY	22	DEPT SECRETARY	INSTALLING OFFICER REPORT
15 MARCH	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING FEBRUARY
31 MARCH	10	NAT. TREASURER	LIFE MEMBER REIMBURSEMENT
15 APRIL	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING MARCH
30 APRIL	27	DEPT SECRETARY	CAMP ANNUAL REPORT
30 APRIL		DEPT SECRETARY	CAMP ROSTER
30 APRIL		DEPT SECRETARY	ANNUAL PER CAPITA DUES
15 MAY	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING APRIL
15 MAY	990N	IRS	ANNUAL TAX RETURN IF FISCAL YEAR ENDS 31 DECEMBER
15 JUNE	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING MAY
15 JULY	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING JUNE
15 AUGUST	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING JULY
15 SEPTEMBER	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING AUGUST
15 OCTOBER	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING SEPTEMBER
15 NOVEMBER	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING OCTOBER
15 NOVEMBER	990N	IRS	ANNUAL TAX RETURN IF FISCAL YEAR ENDS 30 JUNE
15 DECEMBER	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING NOVEMBER

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Missouri
Business Meeting Unapproved Minutes
Hearing Room 7, State Capitol Building
Jefferson City, Missouri
Saturday, March 10, 2018

In Attendance: Department Commander Randal Burd, Sr. Vice Dale Crandell, Jr. Vice Sumner Hunnewell, Sec. / Treas. Ed Krieser, PDC Martin Aubuchon, PDC Bob Petrovic, CC Pete Oetting, PCC Alan Heidbreder, Bryan P. Bradford, Mark Ballard and Matthew Todd

Meeting opened at 9:00am with Opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Written Minutes of October 14, 2017 were distributed. Bob Petrovic moved to accept minutes as written. Seconded and passed.

Officer Reports were given and reviewed.

Committee Reports were given and reviewed.

Bob Petrovic moved to have 2021 Department Encampment in Jefferson City, Missouri. Seconded and passed.

Sumner Hunnewell moved to have 2020 Department Encampment in Kansas City, Missouri. Seconded and passed.

A printed Financial Report was handed out, reviewed and filed for audit.

Changes to the Department Bylaws were passed out, reviewed and discussed. Department Commander ruled with no objections that revisions will be done and distributed to Camps to review before voting on at the Department Encampment.

Bob Petrovic moved to locate a different meeting place for the business meetings in October and March until the Capitol construction is completed and if there is a charge for the meeting place that the Department pay for it. Seconded and passed.

Bryan Bradford announced his intention to run for Department Commander at the next Department Encampment.

Westport Camp submitted written resolution supporting Sr. Vice Commander Dale Crandell for Department Commander.

Sumner Hunnewell moved to purchase a new wreath for the Department because the current wreath is in need of being replaced. Seconded and passed.

Closing prayer by acting Chaplain, Sumner Hunnewell. 11:30pm meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward J. Krieser, PCinC
Missouri Department, Secretary/Treasurer

ROTC Awards Program

JROTC Outstanding Cadet Competition



The Department of Missouri authorized the Outstanding JROTC Cadet program for a third year and extended the submission deadline to July 1st. This competition is open to high school JROTC cadets in Missouri and Arkansas. Under the program, the Outstanding Cadet is selected by a committee appointed by the Department Commander and receives a \$200 prize.

The steps for a high school JROTC cadet to participate in the competition are simple:

1. The JROTC cadet must be a 2018 recipient of a SUVCW ROTC medal for his/her high school JROTC unit.
2. The JROTC unit must provide a 100- to 300-word summary of the cadet's accomplishments. No form, just a simple write-up or email.
3. Each Camp may nominate one cadet for the competition from among the JROTC high school units they sponsor.
4. Submit the Camp's nominee with the JROTC unit's 100- to 300-word summary to the Department's ROTC coordinator dcrandell@suvcmo.org. Deadline to receive Camp nominations: July 1, 2018.

Camp's may want to consider a local prize for their camp's nominee to encourage participation, such as one-year associate membership in the SUVCW. For assistance or questions contact Dale Crandell at dcrandell@suvcmo.org.

ROTC Awards Program

The Department has an active ROTC awards program, presenting awards at 13 college ROTC and 44 high school JROTC programs. If your camp is continuing and looking to expand its participation level the steps are simple and the ROTC medals are free. Camps may order ROTC medals at no cost from the National SUVCW using the Form 7 ROTC Award Application which is available at: <http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Form-7-ROTC-Award-FI-JAN17-1.pdf>. When completing the Form 7, the Assistant National Quartermaster recommends using the following statement in the selection criterial section:

Cadet to be chosen at a later date based on academic performance and leadership qualities as determined by the ROTC/JROTC program director.

For assistance or questions contact Dale Crandell at dcrandell@suvcmo.org

LEGENDS & LIES ON FOX THIS SPRING

Starting on March 25, a 12-episode miniseries, hosted by Brian Kilmeade, vividly recounts America's epic struggle over slavery and freedom through the stories of the war's greatest heroes and villains, including Abraham Lincoln, Robert E. Lee, Ulysses S. Grant, Stonewall Jackson, John Wilkes Booth and Frederick Douglass. March 25 started off with John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry, which set the stage for war and introduced Lee and Wilkes Booth to the pages of history.

The series is on **Sundays at 7:00pm CT** on Fox News Channel.

ORDERS & COMMUNIQUE'S



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Department Order No. 9, Series 2017-2018

29 Dec 2017

Appropriate Display of SUVCW Insignia, Etc.

The Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has been informed of an impending ethics committee hearing involving a state representative who is also a member of this organization. The hearing is on January 4, 2018, and will include no public testimony.

The issue involves comments made by the representative after vandalism of a Civil War monument in Springfield National Cemetery. As citizens of the state of Missouri, you are free and encouraged to submit letters to the members of this committee stating your personal position as well as to attend the hearing if you so desire.

Article IV of our Order's Constitution states "The Order being strictly non-sectarian and non-partisan, the introduction or discussion of sectarian or partisan topics is strictly prohibited."

Commander-in-Chief Mark Day's General Order #2 forbids members from "making statements written or oral using the organizations name, symbols, letterhead, or while in the branded attire of the organization to include SVR uniforms and symbols," in regards to the veterans' monument issue.

It is very easy to get "tricked" by the media into making statements for our organization on the monuments issue, and it is not hard to imagine how these statements can be twisted in the most negative manner possible to suit the political ends of others.

In regards to the House Ethics Committee Meeting of January 4, 2018, and any similar future event, it is imperative that brothers of this department refrain from indicating in any manner that their personal positions on the issue are those of the Department of Missouri or the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Specifically, members will not mention membership in this organization in letters of support or wear the SUVCW insignia should one decide to attend the hearing.

Ordered this 29th day of December, 2017

Attest:

Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC
Commander
Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Edward Krieser, PCinC
Secretary
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**Department Order No. 10,
Series 2017-2018**

8 Feb 2018

Required Changes to Bylaws

Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day issued General Order #18 on 6 Feb 2018, directing that department commanders ensure all camp and department bylaws conform with the laws and regulations pertaining to 501 c3 tax exempt status. The specific wording necessary for this compliance has been provided in the aforementioned General Order.

Compliance with this order requires that camp and department bylaws are amended to reflect the wording provided in CinC Day's General Order #18. As there is a formal process to amending bylaws which requires notice be given to camp members in a certain timeframe, camps are encouraged to give this matter their prompt attention in order to meet the deadline provided here below.

1. Camps are hereby directed to review their bylaws, include the necessary additions, vote on the changes, and strive to have their camp's bylaws ready for the Department Commander's signature by the Department Encampment on 2 Jun 2018.

2. The Department of Missouri will be voting on the necessary changes to its bylaws in regards to CinC Mark Day's General Order #18 at the June 2, 2018 Department Encampment. The Bylaws Committee is hereby instructed to create a draft of the Bylaws with the necessary language included. This draft should be sent to the Department Secretary, who will then follow the notification procedure detailed in Article XIII, Section 2, of the Department of Missouri's Bylaws.

Ordered this 8th day of February, 2018

Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC
Commander
Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Edward Krieser, PCinC
Secretary
Department of Missouri
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**Department Order No. 11,
Series 2017-2018**

28 Feb 2017

Passing of Brother James H. Chilcutt

The Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has been informed today of the 14 Feb 2018 passing of Brother James H. Chilcutt, a charter member of the currently forming Lillie Camp #6 in Jefferson City, Missouri.

James (Jim) Harrison Chilcutt was born on November 19, 1934, in Diamond, Missouri, a son of James Ramey and Mary Frances (Rodgers) Chilcutt. He was married on August 12, 1962, in Springfield, Missouri, to Barbara Frances Woods, who survives at the home. They raised three sons and enjoyed 55 years of married life together. He was a 1953 graduate of Joplin High School in Joplin, Missouri, and he attended Missouri Southern. He served three years in the U. S. Army (16 months in Korea.) He worked for 38 years at the Missouri Division of Employment Security, serving as Manager of the Job Service offices in Hannibal, Jefferson City, and Springfield. He was a member, Deacon, and Elder at First Presbyterian Church in Jefferson City, a charter member of Sons of Union Veterans Lillie Camp #6, and a current or past member of several other civic organizations. Survivors include his wife, Barbara Chilcutt; two sons, Bryan Rodgers Chilcutt (wife, Susan) of Columbia, Missouri and Darin Foster Chilcutt (wife, Jennifer) of Jefferson City, Missouri; two grandsons, Cameron Daniel Chilcutt of Jefferson City and Carson James Chilcutt of Columbia; one sister, Jo Helen Beauchamp of Springfield, Missouri, one brother, Don R. Chilcutt (wife, Charlotte) of Edmond, Oklahoma; one niece; and four nephews.

In observance of the passing of Brother James H. Chilcutt:

- 1.) The Department of Missouri Charter, all Camp Charters, Department and Camp Flags, Department and Camp Websites, and all membership badges will be draped in black from 28 Feb 2018 – 7 Mar 2018 in memory of Brother James H. Chilcutt.
- 2.) The Department and National Chaplain have been notified of the passing of Brother James H. Chilcutt.

Ordered this 28th day of February, 2018

Attest:

Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC
Commander
Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Edward Krieser, PCinC
Secretary
Department of Missouri
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Department Communiqué No.5,

Series 2017-2018

16 Jan 2018

Brothers of the Department of Missouri,

This may look a little similar to a communiqué from last year, but the notice is necessary, and the information hasn't changed.

1.) Chapter II, Article VII, Section 1c, of the National Regulations states that as Department Commander, one of my duties is to provide camp secretaries and treasurers with report blanks in the month of January. Let me fulfill this obligation by directing these camp officers to the Governance Page of our National Order's website: http://www.suvcw.org/?page_id=262. On this page, camp secretaries and treasurers will find the following forms necessary for the discharge of their duties:

Form 22 - Certification of Election and Installation of Camp Officers (due Feb. 15th each year)

Form 27 – Camp Annual Report (due April 30th each year)

In addition to these forms, other forms including membership, transfer, camp status report, etc., are all available on the Governance Page of our National Order's website as shown above. If you have any questions about these forms, I would be happy to assist you. If for some reason your camp cannot access these forms, I can print them and snail-mail them to you; however, if you have computer access, it would be much more cost and time efficient if you can download and print what you need from the National Website.

2.) If you have not yet paid your annual dues, JVC Sumner Hunnewell is a Life Member of the Order and has information on the SUVCW's Life Membership program. The SUVCW allows you to pay your life membership fee in three installments; JVC Hunnewell would be happy to provide more information. Form 9 is the Life Membership Application for the Order.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC
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Department Communiqué No.6,
Series 2017-2018

12 Feb 2018

Brothers of the Department of Missouri,

This has been a busy year, and thus I will take this opportunity to keep you abreast of things as we approach our next Department business meeting on Saturday, March 10, 2018. This is not an exhaustive approach to everything currently happening in the Department of Missouri, but hopefully it is an effective reminder of some actionable items which deserve your immediate attention.

1.) Regarding Department Order #10: I have contacted the National Treasurer regarding the bylaw language as it relates to the incorporation status of our department and its camps. We must change the wording provided to reflect our incorporation status; however, we must keep the 501(c)3 language even though we currently have 501(c)4 determination. The National Treasurer explains as follows:

“You may substitute however your entity is constituted in your state (or states since some Departments are in more than one state). If the Department and Camps have articles of incorporation and you are corporations, then substitute that language. And it says 501(c)3 so that all bylaws in the Order comply with the requirements set forth by the IRS to request a change in the Group Exemption to 501(c)3. We cannot move forward with the change in Group Exemption until these bylaw changes are made.”

Keep in mind the time needed to notify members of a bylaws vote as you strive to have camp bylaws ready for a signature by the Department Encampment on 2 Jun 2018. The bylaw wording which you must customize for your camp is included in CinC Mark Day's [General Order #18](#). We will be discussing this topic further at the March business meeting.

2.) Speaking of bylaws, do your bylaws (or policies) include minimum protections for juniors and junior associates? PCinC Kenneth Freshley's [General Order #22, Series 2013-2014](#), provides suggestions.

3.) Have you paid your annual dues? For an extra few dollars you can join an SVR unit. Lifetime memberships for the SUVCW are also available; contact JVC Hunnewell.

4.) Past Camp Commanders who have left the camp they commanded need to apply for rank reinstatement in their current camp. These are voted on at the camp level and then forwarded to the Department for a vote at the next Encampment.

5.) [Department Order #7](#) directs all camps and (current and former) department officers to submit a complete list of items in their possession which are owned by the Department of Missouri to commander@suvcwmo.org. These lists should be submitted by March 3, 2018, in time for review at the March 10, 2018, Department business meeting. We are compiling a comprehensive inventory of Department property.

6.) Check in with your committee chairs!

7.) The time of year is approaching for presenting ROTC awards to your local ROTC units and for submitting nominations for Department awards to the SVC. Don't forget to also review the Eads Award checklist for your camp – there is still time to get things done!

8.) Submissions for the March 31st *Missouri Unionist* are due March 28th. Submissions for the Spring Issue of *The Banner* are due March 15th.

9.) Camps do not forget the **Department Secretary** needs your signed Form 22 by Feb 15th. I will forward those which have been sent to me for a signature (or for any other reason).

10.) The next business meeting for the Department of Missouri is **Saturday, March 10, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., House Hearing Room #7, State Capitol Building, Jefferson City, Missouri.** All camps are encouraged to send representatives to the meeting. All officers and committee chairs should submit written reports to the Commander and to Department Secretary Ed Krieser at least one week prior to the date of the business meeting (March 3, 2018).

As stated previously, there have been a lot of things going on this year, so look back over the department orders, communiqués, and issues of the *Unionist* for things you may have overlooked. Stay warm and drive safely. I'll see you at the March business meeting!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC
Commander
Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

KNOW YOUR ANTIQUES

Looking to buy a tool purported to have been made during the Civil War? Make sure you are not being deceived. Of course, Civil War artifacts are among the most faked items, but knowing your patent numbers can help you in your verification process.

PATENT NUMBERS

1859 patents before 22,477

1860 patents before 26,642

1861 patents before 31,005

1862 patents before 34,045

1863 patents before 41,047

1864 patents before 41,047

1865 patents before 45,685

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Department Communiqué No.7,

Series 2017-2018

9 Mar 2018

Brothers of the Department of Missouri,

There is construction ongoing at the Capitol Building which will make parking more difficult than usual for the business meeting tomorrow, Saturday, March 10, 2018 @ 10am.

Full information is here: <https://capitol.mo.gov/construction/>

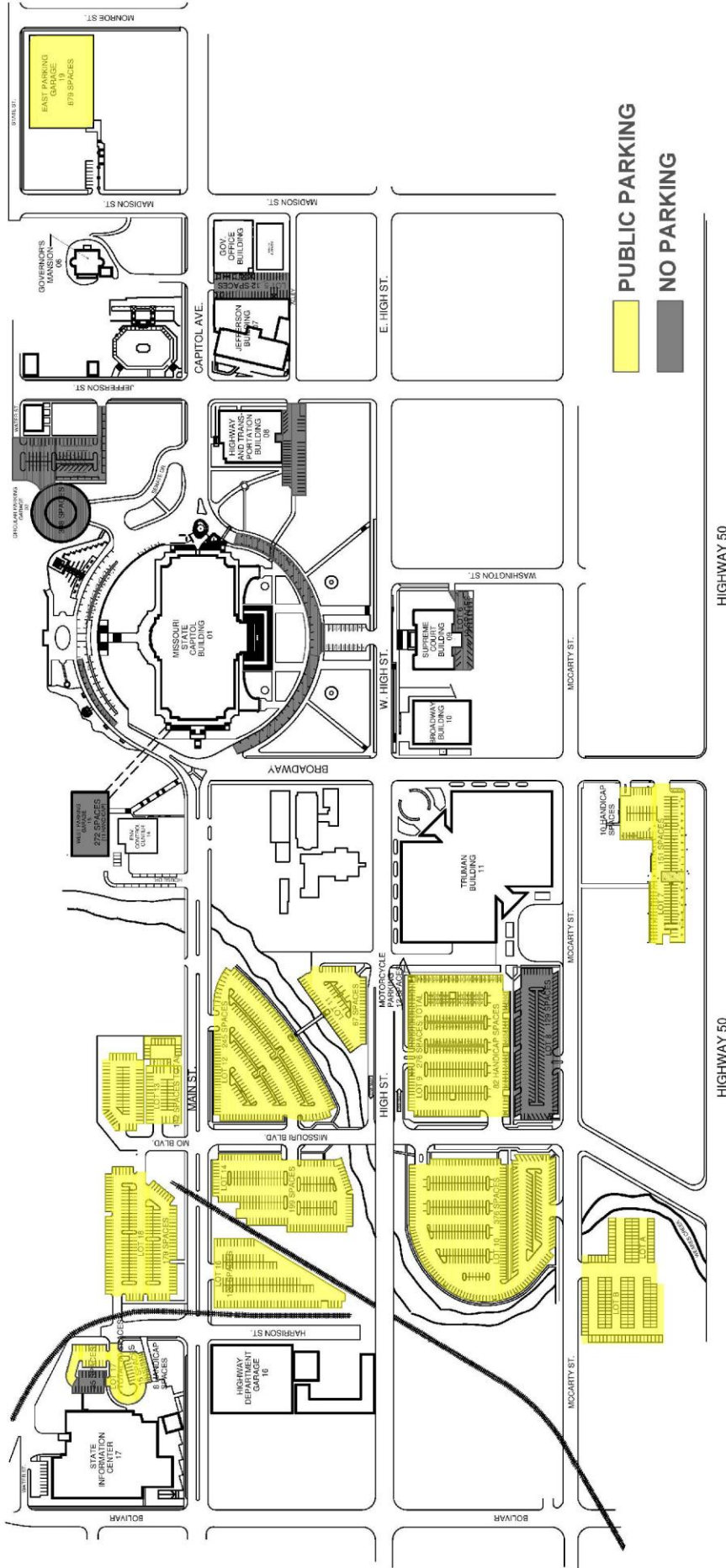
The construction period of Phase II of the Missouri State Capitol Construction Project will begin on Friday, March 2nd, 2018.

During this incredibly complex and long-term project, the south lawn of the Capitol building will be converted into a construction staging area in order to allow for heavy equipment & materials to be stored on-location. As such, the south circle drive will CLOSE to public traffic from Friday, March 2nd until late 2020. Eastbound traffic approaching the Capitol Building from West Main will be diverted right onto Broadway Street. Westbound traffic approaching the Capitol Building from Capitol Avenue will make a slight diversion on Senate Garage Drive and then proceed around the north side of the Capitol. As a precaution, please note the speed limit on the north drive is 20 mph and traffic will be limited to one lane only. Visitors will continue to enter the Capitol through the south carriage & west public entrances.

I have included the Capitol Area Parking map with this document. It and other maps and info are located at the aforementioned website.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC
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PUBLIC PARKING (Yellow box)
NO PARKING (Grey box)



CAPITOL COMPLEX

HIGHWAY 50

HIGHWAY 50

Commander's Letter

26 Mar 2018

Brothers of the Department of Missouri,

In seeking inspiration for my final quarterly letter to the Department, I quickly returned to the archives of the Missouri Unionist to reread my parting letter from this time last year. I never imagined at the time of its writing I would have the opportunity to carry out the duties of this office for two consecutive years. I am humbled and grateful for the faith you placed in me.

I have enjoyed nothing but the fullest support from my fellow officers and the individual camps of this Department, sought and received advice from many of our Past Department Commanders and Past Commanders-in-Chief, and have benefited immensely from the counsel and encouragement of our Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary. It should be smooth sailing for the next Commander of the Department of Missouri if he enjoys the same level of support from our brothers.

I read a post on social media recently of a husband who with his wife goes to estate sales to find valuable items to flip for a profit. He stated that he always informs the family when they possess something of possible sentimental value they may want to keep. Sadly, he says most of the time the family doesn't care about grandpa's medals, grandma's recipe book, or even love letters of the long departed. We frequently see unlabeled portraits staring back from the walls of antique malls, stacks of photographs lacking names, dates, and places, and wonder if there is someone out there who cares. It seems the answer is often "no," or at least "not yet."

It is precisely because of this environment that organizations such as ours exist. We are here to perpetuate shared memories of historical significance while others cannot be bothered. Similarly, what need would there be for family historians and genealogists if every generation embraced and meticulously updated their family history so we would know where we came from without having to hope our ancestors left us clues which have withstood the countless years of indifference and neglect? We would not be able to learn so much without those rare individuals here and there who did care and took the time to preserve and share.

Take heart, for we are educating those here today while we preserve history for those here tomorrow. The appreciation for this work, when not felt at the immediate hour, will be expressed for generations to come.

God bless this Union, our ancestors who fought for it, and you my brothers, who are preserving its history even in the midst of occasional indifference.

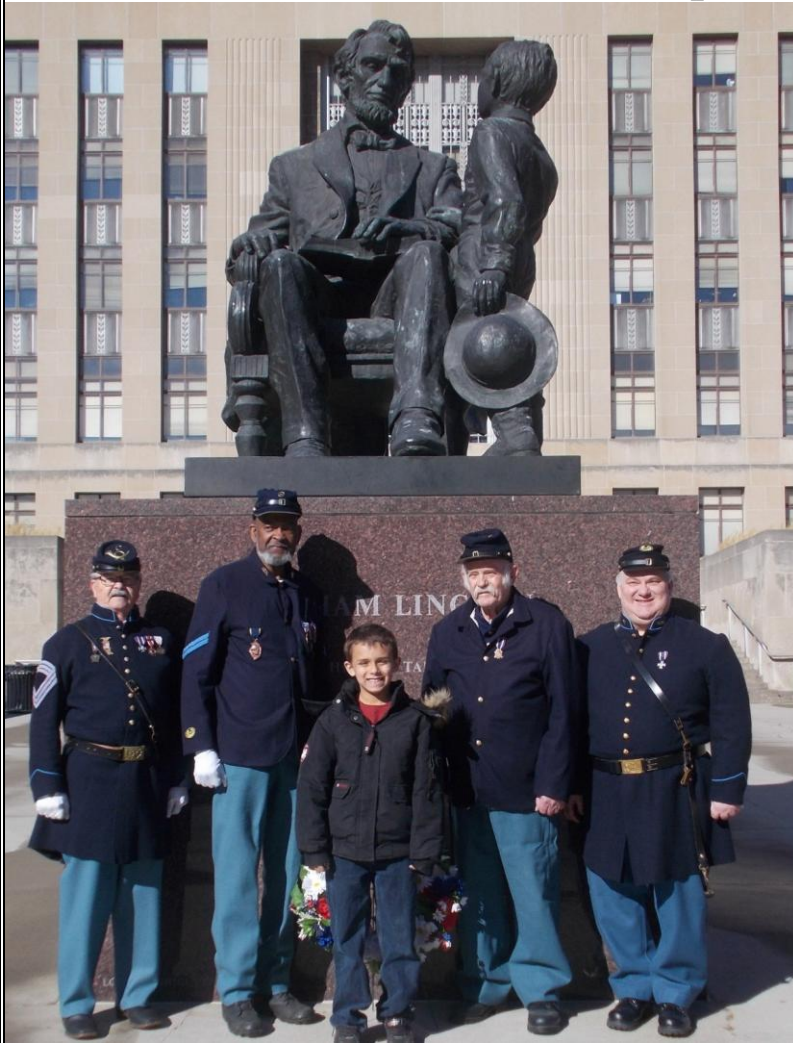
In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,
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Commander, Department of Missouri
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Flag of the 1st Kansas Colored Infantry Co F at the Kansas Museum of History. Co. F fought in the Battle of Island Mound in Bates Co, MO. 29 Oct 1862

CAMP DISPATCHES

Westport Camp



L to R: PCC Michael Lundeen, Camp Commander Rodney Terry, Senior Vice Commander Kenneth Bailey, and PCC Dale Crandell. With a memorable young man in front.

Westport Camp #64 and DUVCW Macklind Tent #24 held a joint-commemoration for President Abraham Lincoln's birthday on Sunday, 11 Feb 2018. Unplanned but to everyone's enjoyment was an unknown school age boy from the audience that stepped forward and recited Lincoln's Gettysburg address from memory.

This second-time event was appropriately held at the *Abraham Lincoln and His Son Tad* memorial statue that sits at Kansas City's south entrance to City Hall. A well-known downtown Kansas City landmark, the Abraham and Tad statue was provided from a community-wide campaign that raised \$140,000. Artist Lorenzo Ghiglieri was commissioned in 1983 to create the 10' tall, 2,500 bronze statue that was installed and dedicated in 1986.

Medal of Honor Commemoration

For the eighth year, Westport Camp #64 joined with the Sons of the American Revolution and Society of the War of 1812 for National Medal of Honor Day. This year's event honored Second

Lieutenant Paul Riordan (1920-1944) with a gravesite service on 25 Mar 2018. He was a veteran of World War II and posthumously received the Medal of Honor for heroism during an advancement on the City of Casino, Italy on 3 Feb 1944. The family was presented the Medal in his name on 11 Sep 1944, at the home in Kansas City.

Paul Riordan was born 8 Nov 1920 in Charles City, Iowa to Herbert Riordan and Orpha Josephine Riordan. Like others of his age, Paul entered military service in 1940. He trained with the Iowa National Guard and was assigned to Company L, 133rd Infantry Regiment, 34th Infantry Division, U.S. Army.

Among Second Lieutenant Riordan's many awards: United States Medal of Honor, Purple Heart, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, Europe/African/Middle Eastern Campaign, and World War II Victory Medal as well as France's Croix De Guerre.

Riordan was originally buried at the American Battlefield Memorial Cemetery in Italy. His remains were returned to Kansas City in late September of 1948 and he was interred in the family plot at Mt. Olivet on 2 Oct 1948.



National Medal of Honor Day

Often called the Congressional Medal of Honor, the United States Congress designated March 25th of each year as National Medal of Honor Day, a day dedicated to honoring the over 3,400 men and women whose service and sacrifices were recognized with the nation's highest medal for valor, the Medal of Honor. Westport Camp #64 dressed each of the five Civil War Medal of Honor recipients buried in the Kansas City area for National Medal of Honor Day.

Private Nathaniel McLean Gwynne (1849-1883) for action at the Battle of Crater while serving with Company H, 13th Ohio Cavalry.



Major M.R. William Grebe (1838-1916) for action at the Battle of Jonesboro and Atlanta Campaign, while serving with Company F, 4th Missouri Cavalry.

Sergeant Thomas Toohey (1835-1918) for action at the Battle of Franklin, while serving with Company F, 24th Wisconsin Infantry.

Private John Henry Ricksecker (1843-1929) for action at the Battle of Franklin, while serving with Company D, 104th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

Private Wilbur Moore (1840-1924) for action at the Battle of Nashville, while serving with Company C, 117th Illinois Infantry.

Private Ricksecker's gravesite

New Member

Richard Mann, II was enrolled in Westport Camp #64 during its regular meeting on February 7, 2018. Brother Mann is a retired teacher who lives in Excelsior Springs, Missouri. He joined the SUVCW to honor his ancestor Private Robert Mitchell Mann who served in Company D, 57th Indiana Infantry Regiment. The Indiana 57th was a three-year regiment engaged in several battles including the Battle of Shiloh, Atlanta Campaign, and Battle of Nashville.



St. James Camp

On September 30th Jerry Kasten attended the Fort D Heritage Day in Cape Girardeau.

On October 3rd Gary Scheel gave a presentation to the Rotary Club in Ste. Genevieve. His presentation was on the uniforms and equipment of a Civil War soldier. He passed around bullets and cannon balls and they all seemed to enjoy examining these Civil War items.

On October 11th Jerry Kasten gave a presentation to some Girl Scouts in Cape Girardeau.

On October 12th Tom Greminger gave a presentation on Ste. Genevieve Civil War at the Debourge Center and he reported that there were over forty people that listened to his presentation.

.On October 18th, three members of our camp attended what is known as Missouri Day at the Intermediate School in Festus. We had over 250 students go through our areas from 10 a.m. thru 2 p.m. It was a very interesting day and the students and teachers seemed to enjoy it. We were located outside and there were three other presenters in the school.

Tom Greminger had his equipment set up and explained various items of what the soldier would wear and eat during the Civil War.

[Tom Greminger and some of the students are in the photo to the right.]

Tom Farlow → was set up in a camp scene where he explained and demonstrated the loading and firing of a rifle during the Civil War. We learned later that a teacher who taught the 6th grade said that every time Tom shot her class would run to the windows to look.



Above- Gary Scheel spent the day marching groups around and teaching them how they were learning to march just like the first day of those who joined the army in the Civil War. There were 48 students in this one group. The same teacher that had talked about her class trying to see Tom Farlow shoot also stated that the kids that had been outside did not walk into the school building but they marched into the school building. She said it was funny to hear every group marching down the hall.



On October 28th we had members at two separate activities. It was really cold that day. We had three members present for our activities at the Rural Heritage site.

← Jerry Kasten and his son John brought the cannon up and Jerry enjoyed explaining to people how to fire it and how hard it was to build.

→ Clarence and Diane Warfield set up their rain fly and Clarence spent the day telling people about the items on his trade blanket and some of his display items. If you look at the photo above of Jerry and John you can just barely see Diane Warfield to the left of the flag on the ground.



← Gary Scheel is showing the list of names of soldiers. The young lady had an ancestor on the board and was pretty excited to learn that. Gary also spent part of the day teaching kids to load and fire their weapons. (wooden rifles)



That evening during the Spirit Reunion in the Memorial Cemetery. Gary Scheel portrayed Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James and was talking to a group almost non-stop. He was talking to one group and he noticed a little girl on who just kept looking at him and had a big old grin on her face. After the rest of the group left her Mother asked me if I had been at the school in Festus the week before. When I said I had she said that her daughter, who was in the 4th grade loved it and that is all she could talk about the rest of the day when she got home from school. I asked her if she really like it and she said she did. I asked her if she really liked it and she said she did. I asked if she liked marching around and she just kept grinning and nodded her head. I don't know how she recognized me but I thanked them for their kind words and said that we were probably coming back next year.



→ Sue and Jenya Zoughaib demonstrated different types of sewing and weaving and talked to people during the day.

Wilhelmi Camp

Brothers of the Camp attended the Jefferson Barracks Swap Meet held March 24th at the Pavilion on Lemay. Camp Commander Jack Laubinger and Brother Walt Larson both bought tables to sell personal items including copies of the 2 books written by Walt.

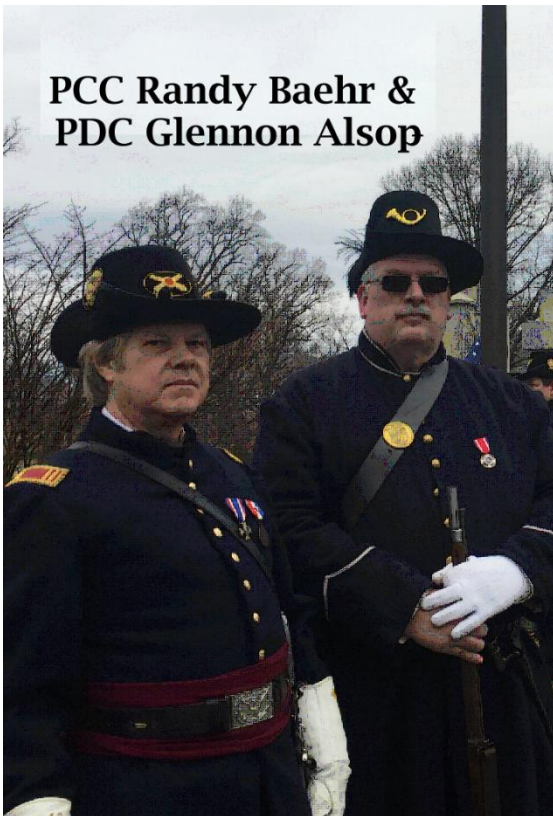


Brother Glen Alsop set up with Jack and sold coffee mugs as a fund raiser for the Camp.

On March 25th Glen Alsop and Randy Baehr participated in the Sherman Grave ceremony at Calvary Cemetery (Picture below).



**PCC Randy Baehr &
PDC Glennon Alsop**



Camp Lillie

*At the February Meeting*Commander Oetting discussed Military History Day at the Ike Skelton center on 12 May and an event on 2 June at Laclede, Missouri hosted by the Pershing Society.

Brother Shaul was appointed the Camp Historian. He has access to Ancestry.com and Fold3.com.

The Camp welcomed Mr. Larry Grinstead from Sedalia, Missouri for a program about Civil War patriotic tokens and store cards. Mr. Grinstead gave a very thorough presentation about the tokens, and showed some examples to the Camp.

Grant Camp

This year may still have a few rough edges as we work on it, but we have taken over several ceremonies in the St. Louis area, such as Sherman Remembrance Day, Jefferson Barracks Memorial Day and the 56th USCT Remembrance Day, along with our Grant Remembrance Day. Not to mention, Brother Bob Petrovic who manages the Lincoln Remembrance Day in Springfield, IL. As the year progresses we hope to develop an e-mail

announcement list to notify SUVCW members, Allied Orders, Civil War friends and the news media of our events. We are also taking about having a stock ceremony that we develop to always use with w slight modification each time.

We are also working on updating our website and one part of that will be a page of our members offering their services as lecturers and demonstrators to schools and other public groups. We have a lot of expertise in our camp ranging from people willing to talk about Civil War trains, demonstrating infantry drill, Civil War in the Trans-Mississippi, General George Custer, and more we can offer helping to promote the SUVCW.



Above: **Grant Camp Commander Robert Amsler Jr.**, addresses the crowd at Sherman Remembrance Day. Pictured behind Cmdr. Amsler are (L-R: PCC Mark Coplin, MO JVC Sumner Hunnewell, and re-enactor Marvin-Alonzo Greer. Tombstones pictured are those of Mary Elizabeth (Ewing) Sherman; General W.T. Sherman; and the only true Civil War monument by definition; the marker for Willie Sherman. **Photo by PCC Randy Baehr.**

Check out http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/group-honors-civil-war-gen-william-tecumseh-sherman-buried-in/collection_9c173131-35cf-5a40-b578-691073d89471.html for some pictures taken by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. A picture article appeared on page A4 on 3/26/2018.



Allied Orders & Coming Events Section

The Central Region – Allied Orders of the Grand Army meets once a year and Missouri SUVCW traditionally has several members who have shown up at the meetings. At the meetings, the group usually has a historical presentation (and tour) along with a presentation designed to improve a members skills within the Allied Orders, of which the SUVCW is a part. A very short business meeting follows. This group has been in existence since 1940 and carries on the tradition of regional meetings of all the groups. The Central Region and the Northeast Region are the only two still in existence!

In 2018 the group meets October 5 and 6 in Valparaiso, IN, and in 2019 the group is trying something different and holding their event along with the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies in April at Springfield, IL.

More information is posted on the website <http://www.craalliedorders.org/>.

All SUVCW members in Missouri are entitled to show up at these meetings, learn and make friends in the other organizations. There is still time to attend. Contact Walt Busch wbusch@suvcmo.org

The Jefferson Barracks Chapter of the Company of Military Historians.

The next meeting will be Monday evening, April 9 at 7 p.m.. The speaker will be author Stephen L. Kling, Jr., on the Battle of St. Louis and the Attack on Cahokia during the American Revolutionary War.

FROM
THE
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Headquarters Department of Arkansas Grand Army of the Republic.

General Order No. 5.

Springdale, Ark., September 24, 1900.

I. The proceedings and findings of the general court martial in the case of Silas K. Robinson, of Post No. 2, Department of Arkansas Grand Army of the Republic, having been approved by the Commander-in-Chief on the 27th day of August, 1900, the said Silas K. Robinson is dishonorably discharged from the Grand Army of the Republic. All Posts and Comrades will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

II. There will be an inspection of all the Posts in this Department between the 1st of September and the 31st of December. See Rules and Regulations, Art. 5, Chap. 5. In the absence of Assistant Inspectors, Post Adjutants will act and make their reports to Department Inspector, Comrade A. K. Sawyer, West Fork, Ark.

III. Posts not having sent in their Adjutant and Quartermaster reports for the term ending June 30, 1900, will please do so at their earliest convenience, with per capita tax. Delinquent Posts will please reinsate in accordance with General Order No. 3, from these headquarters. Comrades, our ranks are thinning fast. Please fall in and fill the vacant ranks. Our Department made a very satisfactory showing at Chicago, but we could have done better. Comrades, let us go to work in real earnest as we did in the sixties, and not rest content until we have every man who wore the blue in the warm embrace of a true comradeship in the Grand Army of the Republic.

IV. The Posts of this department will elect officers at the first meeting in December. They will also elect delegates and alternates to the next state encampment. The new officers will be installed at the first meeting in January, unless otherwise arranged by the post.

By Order of

W. G. GRAY,
Assistant Adj't General.

A. L. THOMPSON,
Department Commander

Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

All are invited to participate in the 62th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 153rd Anniversary of President Lincoln's death. It will be held at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL at 10 AM on Saturday, April 14, 2018.

Headquarters Hotel: President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701. The room rate is \$100.00 for single - quad. A 10% dining discount at Lindsay's Restaurant is included. Call 1-866-788-1860 for reservations and mention "Sons of Union Veterans". **Reserve your room by March 23, 2018.** After this, the remaining blocked rooms will be released.

Wreaths may be ordered from local Springfield florists. Instruct the florist to have the wreath delivered c/o the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, by 9 AM on Saturday, April 14th.

Luncheon will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12:30PM. The luncheon program is to be determined. Luncheon cost is to be determined.

For event info, go to the SUVCW web site (suvchw.org) or contact Robert Petrovic at: rpetro7776@aol.com or 636-274-4567.

OBSERVANCE WREATH PRESENTATION
(please print clearly)

Organization name in full: _____

Name & title of wreath bearer: _____

e-mail address: _____

if no e-mail, home address: _____

City, State, & Zip code: _____

To insure being recognized in the program, this notice MUST be received no later than April 1st at the address shown below.

OBSERVANCE LUNCHEON

Please accept ____ luncheon reservation(s). Please list name, e-mail address, home address & phone number of person responsible for picking up tickets at the door. **PLEASE PRINT.**

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Beef or Pork dinner _____ Chicken dinner _____ Vegetarian dinner _____

Include remittance of _____ per person for each lunch reservation payable to **National Organization SUVCW.**

Reservations must be made by April 1st and cancellations by the same date in order to receive refund. There will be no extra tickets sold at the door. Make a copy of this form for your records and send original with remittance to:

SEND TO:

ROBERT M. PETROVIC
6519 CHEROKEE LANE
CEDAR HILL, MO 63016
P# 636-274-4567

For Military Parade Information, please contact:

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ADS / SWAP SECTION

All camps are entitled to up to one page of advertising per issue. No Raffles!

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FROM THE DEPT. OF MISSOURI



Less than 10 Logan Medals left from the 2007 Nat'l Encampment
Each individually numbered. Only 400 originally made. Very similar to the medal made for the 1887 G.A.R. Encampment in St. Louis.
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WE WILL NOT SELL THIS BELOW THIS PRICE EVER!

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Beautiful challenge coin to add to any collection, or gift for any enthusiast. Hurry while supplies last! Only 200 made! Also a few attendee ribbons are still available!

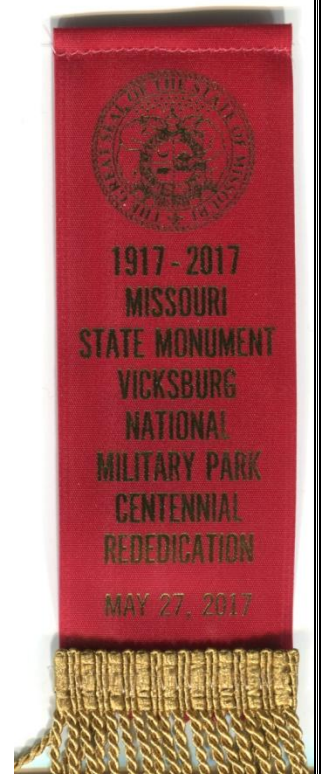


Coins Cost: \$10 ea. (& S/H: \$3.50 1 or 2 Coins)

Ribbon: \$5 ea (\$2 S/H or waived if purchased with coin)

Ordering: Make checks or money orders to - Dept. of Missouri

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1240 Konert Valley Dr
Fenton, MO 63026
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FROM U.S. GRANT CAMP

SUV or GAR Address Labels - 90 Count \$4.00 shipping \$1.00 (approx size below)



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Official SUV Name Badge - 2"x3" Plastic - Laser Engraved (Red -Dept, Blue-Camp, Gold-National) \$12.00
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(set of 5/numbered)

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Battles shown: 1861 Battle of Belmont, 1862 Shiloh, 1863 Vicksburg, 1864 The Wilderness, 1865 Surrender at Appomattox Courthouse.

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Grant Sesquicentennial Challenge Coin Series



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There are not many. If your camp wants to have a page, you make a mock-up of the page and send it via e-mail to the editor.

If the editor has a question regarding the items for sale, he will contact the camp. The reason it says "No Raffles!" above is because they are technically illegal in the state of Missouri.