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# The Missouri Unionist

## Department of Missouri Well-Represented at the 142nd National Encampment in Nashua, NH



The Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was well-represented at the 142nd National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held August 3-5 in Nashua, New Hampshire.

From left to right is Walter Busch, PDC; Bob Petrovic, PDC; Robert Amsler, PDC; James Pahl, PCinC; Sumner Hunnewell, PDC; Bob Aubuchon, PCC; Dale Crandell, PDC; and Craig Mathews, CC (not pictured: Ed Krieser, PCinC)

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## FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

Dear Brothers:

I am pleased to have been re-elected as the Department Commander. I am very thankful to my officers and those who have already assumed appointments in the department. Please thank them for agreeing to do this work on behalf of our Order.

I am also excited to announce that the department is going to start using a groups.io account. For those of you who are not familiar with groups.io, it is a web service that will allow the brothers to interact with each other. There is a department group and every camp can have a subgroup. Your members can then join the department group and then their camp. You will be able to send an email to everyone in your camp or others within the Department. So you could pose a question to all of your brothers in your camp, they would all get the email, and any of the brothers who knows the answer can answer. The answer would go back so every one in the camp can see it as well.

In addition, there is a calendar section. You can post your camp meetings and then have the calendar send an email to everyone in your camp say a week before the meeting to remind them of the meeting.

Grant Camp has that set up now. You can also put your events on the calendar for all members of the Department to see. You can then send out an email to everyone in the Department about the event and ask them to come to it.

There is a files section as well. You can post all of your camp's files in the camp file. You can place your minutes and financial information for everyone in your camp to see. The Department will post all general orders and department orders in a file and anyone can view them.

The idea is to get people involved. I have already had a request for a genealogical group so there is a subgroup and those interested can join and ask genealogical questions or seek help with your genealogy. Other subgroups can also be started.



Department Orders and General Orders will be posted. You can see the Department reports from the Encampment right now in the file folder for the Encampment.

I plan to visit the camps to discuss this initiative and a Department order will follow advising camps how to set this up. I have seen this tool help organizations engage with their members and those who participate feel more value for the time and money. It also makes the group more transparent for all to see how their Department and Camp work.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Bob Amsler



## FROM THE EDITOR

**The Editor:** What is the most poignant lesson to be learned from the events of the American Civil War?

**ChatGPT:** The American Civil War teaches us that the consequences of division, the struggle for human rights, the importance of preserving the unity of a nation, and the role of leadership in times of crisis are all vital lessons that continue to resonate in American history and beyond. It reminds us that the pursuit of justice and the avoidance of violence should always be at the forefront of efforts to address societal issues.

**The Editor:** Summarize the answer to my question in one word.

**ChatGPT:** Unity.

*Do you agree?*





# Collector's Corner

*July-September 2023*

Douglas Roussin, PCC

**General Thomas C. Fletcher, Camp 47**

## **Honoring the Civil War Veteran**

It is quite fitting that we as a nation should pay tribute to the men who have served in the defense of the United States. Today, we honor the dwindling veterans who served in World War 2 and Korea. That generation is nearly gone. But we also honor the veterans of Viet Nam and the Gulf wars. This is especially fitting for the members of my generation, who served during the Viet Nam War. They initially came home to less than a hero's welcome. But time has healed many of those wounds and now they are honored for the sacrifice they made. Branson, Missouri, is well known for honoring the veterans. Every show in Branson starts out by playing the official song of each branch of service and request that the veteran rise. These veterans are applauded

and honored.

The veterans of the Civil War were also honored in various ways in the years following the war. The state fairs of Indiana and Illinois, at the turn of the century, were well known to have honored the veteran who visited the fair with a special "Veteran's Day" badge. In both Indiana and Illinois, the badge was issued by the State Board of Agriculture, "to commemorate the valor of our soldiers and sailors, 1861-1865, 1898-1901". The later dates honor the veterans who fought in the Spanish American War. State fair badges had the profile of famous generals, admirals, and national commanders of the Grand Army of the Republic. Below are some of the badges issued at these state fairs. Note that these badges are over one hundred years old and have a great deal of tarnish.

The badge above has, "Old Soldiers Day", Illinois State Fair, 1898. This title was used until the Spanish American War and then referred to as "Volunteer's Day" until 1903. After that date, the term Volunteer's Day, or Illinois State Fair would be used at different times. Lincoln's portrait is



in the center of this badge. It is rare to find the red, white, and blue ribbon still attached to these badges.

### Illinois State Fair Badges:



These 1899 & 1903 badges have Volunteer Day Illinois State Fair. These badges were given out during the Spanish American War. The badges were made by S. D. Child's & Co., Chicago.



The drops on these badges have a portrait of a famous general. On the first badge is General John McArthur, (1907). On the reverse is inscribed, ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, To COMMEMORATE THE VALOR OF OUR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS, 1861-1865, 1898-1901.

The second badge has the portrait of Thomas G. Lawler 1844-1908, 19<sup>th</sup> Illinois Vol. Inf. He died that year, (1908). On the reverse is inscribed, ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE. Commander of Nevius Post No. 1 for 40 years, Department Commander State of Illinois, 1881, Commander in Chief of G.A.R. 1894.





These badges honor in order:

1909 Admiral Farragut

1910 General George H. Thomas

1912 Brig. General E. J. Farnsworth

### Badges of Indiana:

The state of Indiana produced several state fair badges for its veterans. On the reverse of these badges was a lengthy statement on the general being portrayed.

This badge on the right was dedicated to General P. A. Hackleman. On the reverse is inscribed:

General Hackleman was the only general from Indiana killed in battle during the Civil War—Born November 15, 1814—Killed at Corinth October 3, 1862—This medallion presented to the veterans of Indiana by the State Board of Agriculture State Fair, Indianapolis 1907.

It is almost impossible to believe that all this information could be inscribed on the back of this badge.





The reverse of this small Indiana State Fair 1909 badge reads:

Nathan Kimball—Soldier of Mexican War—Colonel 14<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry—Major General of Volunteers—wounded in battle Fredericksburg, Va. Dec. 13, 1862

This 1910 Indiana State Fair badge featured a battle scene on the pin bar. The reverse reads:

Brevet Brig. Gen. John Coburn—Col. of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Ind. Vol. Inf. Sept. 16, 1861, to Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, 1864—Born Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, 1825, Died Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, 1908.



# Patriotic Instructor's Message

Based on material originally submitted by Dale Crandell, PDC

The preamble of the SUVCW Constitution declares we are a patriotic and fraternal order, pledged to render loyal service to our country and promote American citizenship. Autumn has several opportunities for camps and members to engage in commemorations and celebrations of patriotic holidays. Does your Camp have local Civil War battles or leaders to feature in the Patriotic Instructor's Message? Send them to the Department's Patriotic Instructor ([patriot@suvchwmo.org](mailto:patriot@suvchwmo.org)).



## Navy Birthday

Friday, October 13th is the 248th birthday of the U.S. Navy. The Continental Congress authorized the procurement and manning of two ships on 13 October 1775 for service against the British Navy. From this simple beginning the Continental Navy grew to 20 ships by the end of the Revolutionary War including the *Ranger* and her famous commander, John Paul Jones, but this fleet was sold-off in 1783 at the end of the war. A standing naval warfare fleet was re-established in 1794 and has remained in continuous service.

The Union Navy's primary mission during the American Civil War was blockade of Confederate ports, a form of economic warfare to starve the Confederacy from selling their cash crop –cotton. They also assisted the Union Army with their invasion of coastal cities in the Carolinas and capture of New Orleans. Important to naval history was the Battle of Hampton where the *USS Monitor* and *CSS Virginia*, the first two ironclads battled.

For more information: <https://www.history.navy.mil/browse-by-topic/commemorations-toolkits/navy-birthday.html>



## Missouri Day

Missouri Day is the third Wednesday in October, which this year falls on October 18th. Anna Brosius Korn was a schoolteacher and Missouri native living in Oklahoma when she proposed in 1913 a day dedicated to celebrating Missouri across the country. She proposed October 1st honoring another Missourian, Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) who stated, "Missouri is at her best in October." Anna lobbied for two years until Missouri Day was adopted as the first Monday in October in 1915. It was moved to the third Wednesday in 1969. Anna defined the day as:

*Primarily to unite all organizations in bonds of fraternal feeling; to foster a love for our history; to teach the rising generations of boys and girls the glories of Missouri; to encourage patriotism and promote all lines of interest in our forward march of progress.*

For more information: <https://www.sos.mo.gov/default.aspx?PageID=5963>



## Election Day

Tuesday, November 7, 2023, is election day throughout the United States. Especially in presidential and midterm election years, voting would have already started or would start soon in Missouri and Arkansas with mail-in and in-person absentee voting. The practice of voting by mail has roots in the American Civil War. Most northern states authorized Union camps to form special election boards and voter registration for soldiers to vote in the 1864 Presidential election between incumbent Republican Abraham Lincoln and Democrat George McClellan.

Whatever your politics or party affiliation, vote; it is one of the greatest rights in the United States.







### **Marine Corps Birthday**

Friday, November 10th is the 248th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps. The Continental Congress authorized two battalions of Marines on 10 November 1775 of “good seamen or so acquainted with maritime affairs as to be able to serve for and during the present war with Great Britain and the Colonies.” Philadelphia’s Tun Tavern is regarded as the Corps birthplace, where the first Marines were recruited by Captain Samuel Nicholas. The Continental Marines were disbanded at the end of the Revolutionary War in 1783 and re-established in 1798 by an Act of Congress and has remained in continuous service.

The Union Marine Corps strength did not exceed 2,000 for the duration of the war. Being the infantry for the Union Navy, they were in combat at Fort Sumter, Battle of Honey Hill, Battle of Drewry’s Bluff, and 2nd Battle of Fort Fisher.

For more information: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_States\\_Marine\\_Corps\\_birthday](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Marine_Corps_birthday)



### **Veterans Day**

Veterans Day is Saturday, November 11th. This national holiday, originally Armistice Day commemorating the end of the First World War honors the 24.9 million who served in our military, from the Revolutionary War to today’s United States Armed Forces. An important, core activity of our parent organization, the GAR, was the care and welfare of veterans. As the heirs of the GAR, the SUVCW has a responsibility for the care and welfare of our modern veterans.

SUVCW brothers who served honorably in the Armed Forces are authorized to wear the Military Service Medal. Brothers who received a Campaign Ribbon-Medal are authorized to wear the War Medal.

For more information: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Veterans\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Veterans_Day)



### **National Guard Day**

National Guard Day is celebrated on December 13th and commemorates the first North American militia force established in 1636 to protect Massachusetts Bay. The citizen-soldier has served America in war, civil unrest, and natural disaster from colonial to modern times. The first effort to regulate state militias was the Militia Act of 1792. Our modern National Guard was organized under the National Defense Act of 1916; every state, territory, and district maintain a National Guard of soldiers and airmen for local emergencies, but they are also available for integration into the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force for wartime service.

While many states had militia during the American Civil War, the states need to raise large numbers of army regiments for federal service to meet their allotted quotas. Some state militias were transferred to federal service or called up for local battles.

For more information: <https://www.nationalguard.mil/Features/2021/385th-Birthday-The-National-Guard>



### **Wreaths Across America**

Wreaths Across America is Saturday, December 16th. What started in 1992 with the donation of 5,000 surplus wreaths placed at Arlington National Cemetery has grown into a national holiday season tradition. Each December volunteers in all 50 states place wreaths at veteran gravesites. Although not a requirement, camps and brothers are asked to register the events with National Wreaths Across American Day at:

<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org>.





# Thomas Fletcher Camp #47 – De Soto, MO

Meets 6:30pm, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1620 Boyd Street, unless otherwise noted

## The Fletcher Camp & Volker Auxiliary on the Move!

JUNE 24, LIVING HISTORY, OLD MINES

“Hot! Hot! Hot!” the text message said!

Members of the Camp helped celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the village of Old Mines. The area was settled by the French, who mined in the area for lead, some 300 years ago. Our Camp set up a living history exhibit in the blistering heat as a part of the event.



*The French  
come in two-by-  
two, hurrah,  
hurrah!*

*(The color of the  
grass belies the  
heat.)*

*Brothers Trodus,  
Hickman, and  
Roussin brave  
the blazing  
temperatures.*



## The Fletcher Camp & Volker Auxiliary on the Move!

JULY 4, INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE, DE SOTO

Both the Camp and Auxiliary once again participated in the local Fourth of July parade. There's nothing as nice as when people salute when the colors go by and nothing more disconcerting when they say to non-military members, "Thank you for your service!"

Our float is getting more extensive and shadier thanks to Alan. Quite a few brothers and sisters either marched or handed out flags. Ted Howell took some excellent photos.









This is a cropped photograph taken at the Fourth of July parade by professional photographer, Cody Lawson. It is printed with permission.



**JULY 5, FUNERAL OF MOLLUS PAST C-IN-C DOUGLAS REED NIERMEYER, EUREKA**

*Sumner was asked to talk about Brother Niermeyer's life in the hereditary world during his funeral. He gave the following eulogy.*

I am not sure when and where I first met Doug. By the time I did, his participation in hereditary societies was a bit thin. "Life got in the way," as they say. But I would come to learn that he was very active in leadership before I came onto the scene.



*Sumner and Doug at a Washington's Birthday DAR event. He and his wife, Irene, became the King and Queen of Ste. Genevieve during the Twelfth Night Celebration.*

Doug had some impressive ancestors that he could hang his hat on. Like many of us in the hereditary world, his genealogical information will, more and more as time goes by, be gathered up, digitized and made available for future generations. Just as we rely on many of those printed genealogies from a hundred years ago, the body of knowledge coming from our various applications, like Doug's, and mine, and yours will be invaluable.

When Doug joined the Society of Colonial Wars, he used his ancestor Governor John Anderson of New Jersey. Anderson was a Scot. (Doug would have known and appreciated that.) He was a ship's captain, who rescued other Scots who survived a failed colonization effort in Panama. He became a colonel in the militia and became acting governor of the state for a short 18 days before his death.

Doug became very active with the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Missouri. He was its governor from 2001-2007. Six years is a long time to be the leader of any state organization and Doug was certainly an outsider to the tightly-knit group. He kept things moving along (although the records I have of the Society are skimpy during this period). He had meetings and outings to plan as well as events at the St. Louis Country Club. In 2002,



he published a newsletter which told about his trip to the General Court in Philadelphia. He really enjoyed the impressive national events. He and Irene traveled to Palm Beach in 2019 and then earlier this Spring to Delaware to attend the court. He was honored in Delaware as our state's representative during the flag ceremony. You are front and center here as your name and your state's society is called amid a fanfare. You march in alongside a flag bearer. I am glad that Doug had the opportunity to be honored that way.

I cannot say when Doug was the President of the Missouri Society, Sons of the Revolution, but I know that it was before the split with the General Society in 2011. When the Missouri Society essentially picked up its ball and said *auf wiedersehen* to the General Society and became the Missouri Society, Sons of the Revolution 1776, Doug maintained his ties there, serving as Historian and then on the Board of Managers. When the breakaway group fizzled, Doug joined the newly reconstituted Missouri Society and became its Captain of the Color Guard.

Doug was proud to be a member of the Society of the Cincinnati as well. He was very active to try to get "one Society of Friends" together here in the hinterlands. (The East Coast is usually where all of the action is.) I expect others will carry that desire further. One legacy that he leaves to you, Irene, is those same cordial affections that every member of the Cincinnati share. When the Society was formed at Major General Baron de Steuben's Quarters in 1783, provisions were made for the care of widows and orphans. Don't forget that.

Although Doug was an SOB, a Son of Both Union and Confederate ancestry, he rose to lead the Missouri Commander of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (or MOLLUS). As the 55th Commander-in-Chief from 2003-2005, he would have administrative and travel duties to perform. He was an expert on the Revolutionary War cannons that MOLLUS purchased in 1897 and placed in Lafayette Square. When the Daughters of the American Revolution hold their Washington Birthday ceremonies at Lafayette Square, as MOLLUS's representative, he would often be called on to explain the history of the cannons. Doug was also a member of the Wilhelmi Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He was a busy guy.

Doug appreciated the company of fellow genealogists, historians, and people in general. He was a clearinghouse of information of local events, which he shared with us on every occasion.

One thing that was refreshing about Doug was that he never "pulled rank." After his day in the sun, I never heard him tell his successor how to do his job or complain about how things were happening or not happening. He was there to help when called upon. Those are qualities that are not always common in the world of hereditary societies.

But above all these temporal laurels, what was important for him and for us is trust in the work of Jesus Christ – to win us salvation and eternal life. It will be good to see him again.



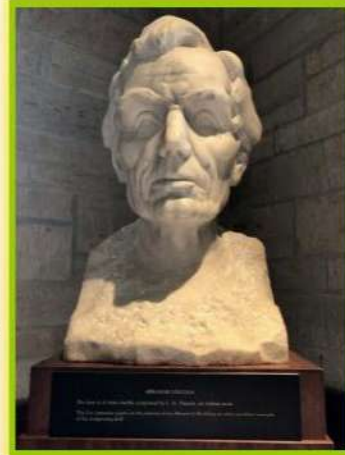


**JULY 21, HITTING THE ROAD, LINCOLN CITY, IND.**

What does Abraham Lincoln and *Star Trek* have in common? NO, not Episode 22 “The Savage Curtain.” Read on.

Your secretary and his wife visited the site of Lincoln’s boyhood home at the Abraham Lincoln Boyhood Home and National Museum. If you have a few hours to spare while you are in the Southern Indiana neighborhood, it is well worth the trip to the state’s first national park.

There is a courtyard of friezes that commemorate Lincoln’s life, each capped with a quote. The friezes make the front of the Lincoln museum, which includes a church-like theatre. There you can watch a film about Lincoln’s life in Southern Indiana. It is narrated by Leonard Nimoy, Mr. Spock of *Star Trek*.



***And having thus  
chosen our course,  
without guile, and  
with pure purpose,  
let us renew our  
trust in God***

*1809-1816 frieze*

***Labor is the great  
source from which  
nearly all if not all  
human comforts  
and necessities are  
drawn***

*1816-1830 frieze*





***It will have been proved that among free men there can be no successful appeal from the ballot to the bullet***

*1830-1861 frieze*

***I hope that in contemplation of universal law and of these constitution the union of these states is perpetual***

*1861-1865 frieze*



The land had been cleared and the cabin is gone but a recreated farm setting is on the site. Vegetable gardens and farm animals

are near the recreated cabin, smokehouse, and workshop. A local volunteer interpreter was there to answer our questions.





**MORE PHOTOS OF THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN BOYHOOD HOME AND NATIONAL MUSEUM**



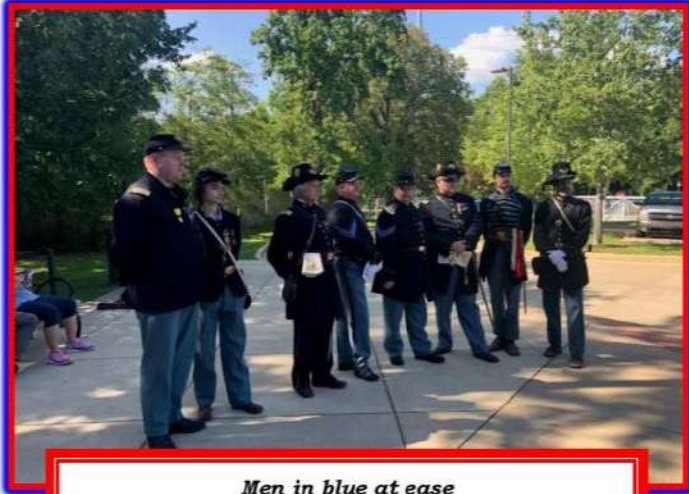


**22 JULY, GRANT REMEMBRANCE DAY, ST. LOUIS**

The U. S. Grant Camp #68 and the Julia Dent Grant Tent #16 (DUVCW 1861-1865) remembered the 138th anniversary of the death of General and President U. S. Grant at the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site. Many members of the Camp and Auxiliary participated along with the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS), the Sons of the American Revolution, and The Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge (Grant's grandfather, Moses, was a private in the Revolutionary War).



*Sumner with PDC Crandell*



*Men in blue at ease*



*Brother Billy Hickman places the Camp wreath*



*Sisters Abigail and Twyla Warren place the Auxiliary's wreath*





*Brother Noack with fife*

Brother Hunnewell was the Master of Ceremonies. Brother Noack played appropriate musical selections on the fife and later the violin. Quoting Grant, he said that Grant “liked ‘Yankee Doodle’ and the other one” (without saying what the tune actually was). Brothers Warren and AuBuchon were in the event’s color guard.



*The color guard in formation*



*Duncan Noack, Sumner Hunnewell, Izaiah Hickman, Chris Warren, Billy Hickman, Twyla Warren, Abigail Warren, and Bob AuBuchon*



## **The Fletcher Camp & Volker Auxiliary on the Move!**

**AUGUST 26, LIVING HISTORY, STE. GENEVIEVE**

On Saturday, August 26th, members Chris Warren, Izaiah Hickman, Billy Hickman, Abbie Warren, & Twyla Warren attended and participated in the St. James Camp #326's Civil War Living History and reenactment of the Union troops declaring martial law. We began around 10:00 a.m. with speaking to spectators, mingling with the public, and explaining why we had a city block near the Ste. Genevieve County courthouse blocked off. Abbie was busily demonstrating her Civil War era toys to the guests as they eagerly asked questions.



A little before 11:00 am, we began to prepare for the reenactment portion of the event. A group of us as enlisted soldiers filed past the crowd and took a place at the corner. Bob Mueller of St. James Camp was the Provost Marshall. Marty Aubuchon of St. James Camp acted as the officer in charge. As they began to discuss the action of declaring martial law, the troops (Gray Scheel, Ed Millinger, Chris Warren, & Izaiah Hickman) were marched in to control the "disloyal citizens." A few reenactors and friendly spectators, as southern sympathizers, were placed in the crowd to heckle the soldiers. After having to place some of these "under arrest" the sky grew dark, and it began to rain upon us. With the recent extreme heat, the rain was not unwelcomed. We finished out the vignette and went to dry off. The rain soon cleared with cooler temperatures and we sat back in the makeshift camp for a couple of hours visiting with spectators as they came by. By around 1:30 p.m., the crowds had disappeared and we decided it was time to close up the camp for the day just before 2:00 p.m.

**AUGUST 18, HITTING THE ROAD, BRAZIL, IND., TERRE HAUTE, IND. AND EFFINGHAM, ILL.**

With the new SUVCW.org website, National Officer Walt Busch has been updating the [National Monuments and Memorials Project](#)'s database and website. Having some free time traveling back from Indianapolis, Sumner, the Camp's monument officer, decided to stop on the way home and record some monuments on [Form 61](#). After he was done, he passed them on to Walt to clean-up and enhance.



Just futzing around old newspapers during the Second World War finds that a lot of Civil War cannons were scrapped for the war effort.

Brazil in Clay County, Indiana, two Civil War cannons have survived and are on the courthouse lawn. More details can be found [here](#). These are M1857 12-pound Napoleans. There isn't much to be found about who installed them originally, but the American Legion Post #2 restored them in 1998.

Terre Haute's Civil War memorial is truly impressive. It was dedicated on May 25, 1910, during the state's annual G. A. R. encampment in Indiana. At one time, the Indiana G. A. R. was a part of the Illinois Department until it reached critical mass and could be organized separately.

**Feature of First Day.**  
The feature of the opening day was the dedication of the Vigo county soldiers and sailors' monument at the courthouse. A large number of veterans came here yesterday, more than customary the day preceding an encampment, and this fact was regarded last night as evidence that the attendance this week would be unusually large. The morning trains came in sections. The Indianapolis delegation came on a special Big Four train arriving at 10 o'clock, as did also Governor Marshall, Commander Orlando Somers, and other department officers. Illinois is such a close neighbor that many veterans came from over the state line. Then there were the added thousands of men and women born since the war, or since the department was organized, who were attracted to the city by the carnival week preparations. After them came the home people who wished to see the veterans and they added their thousands to the crowds in the downtown streets. Thousands also gathered in the vicinity of the courthouse, where the monument was dedicated this afternoon.







IN MEMORY  
OF THE  
PATRIOTISM AND VALOR  
OF THE  
SOLDIERS AND SAILORS OF VIGO COUNTY  
IN THE  
WAR OF 1861—1865



Effingham in Effingham County, Illinois, has a county veteran's memorial on the old courthouse plaza. Included with other war memorials is an 1863 Parrot Rifle cannon. This was installed in 1910 and restored in 1983. Here, again, it is hard to find out who was involved with the original installation. However, there was an active Woman's Relief Corps auxiliary #145, which, evidently, was tied to the Yates Post #88 of the G. A. R. Details about the cannon monument can be found [here](#).



The WRC auxiliary, or its admirers, had their own stone monument installed at the other corner of the front of the courthouse, which now is the county's historical museum. As always, it is hard to track down details online about how these were installed and by whom. Further details about the WRC monument are found [here](#).



# U.S. Grant Camp #68 – St. Louis, MO

Annual Ceremony Honoring the 56<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Troops  
Friday October 20<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m.  
Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery Section 57

Hosted by U.S. Grant Camp #68, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Key Note Speaker: Major-General Byron Bagby, USA (Ret.)

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Returning from the Civil War, 175 African American Infantrymen contracted Cholera and died just south of St. Louis. Refused burial at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, they were buried in a mass grave. In the 1930s the members of the African American community spearhead the re-interment at the national cemetery and the creation of a monument in 1939. In 2014, Sarah Cato, an educator in African American History, led a movement to add to the monument the names of the interred soldiers. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were active with Ms. Cato throughout the event and with her guidance have taken over the responsibility to honor these patriotic men on a regular basis.

To remember and pay tribute to these men, the U.S. Grant Camp #68, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, located in the St. Louis Metro Area, annually holds a graveside ceremony in their honor. We are dependably assisted by other patriotic organizations such as the Julia Dent Tent, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; the Woman's Relief Corps; Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; the Sons of Veterans Reserve; and the Veterans of Foreign Wars amongst others.

This year, we are honored to welcome a descendant of one of the veterans of the 56<sup>th</sup> USCT, Major General Byron Bagby, US Army (Ret.), as our featured speaker. Major General Bagby, who retired after 33 years active duty while serving in a multitude of leadership positions, will deliver our keynote speech: *"The 56th USCT, They Served Proudly!"*. A native Missourian; he currently serves on the Board of Trustees at William Woods University in Fulton Missouri and also is a member of the Board of Trustees at Columbia Southern University (Orange Beach, AL); Byron also serves as chair of the Board of Advisors for the Ryan Consulting Group; member of the Board of Directors for Management Support Technology Inc.; and was a member of the Westminster College Board of Trustees from 2012 to 2017.

This patriotic remembrance will commence at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, October 20, 2023 and will be held near their monument located at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery Section 57 Lot 15009. The main entrance to Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery is 2900 Sheridan Rd, Lemay, MO 63125. After the event, a meet-and-greet with General Bagby will be held at the reception hall in the **Missouri Civil War Museum**, 222 Worth Rd, St. Louis, MO 63125.

More Information about the event, contact us at [wbusch@suvcwmo.org](mailto:wbusch@suvcwmo.org) or (314) 630-8407.

**U.S. Grant Camp #68, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
Walter Busch,  
Past Missouri Department Commander, SUVCW  
SUVCW National Memorials Officer

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# U.S. Grant Camp #68 – St. Louis, MO (Continued)

## RESTORE OUR HERITAGE

Help us to restore and provide context to the Friedrich Hecker Monument and his gravesite.



Friedrich Hecker

Restore the Benton Park Monument to its original 1882 design. Add a graphic panel in Benton Park and in the Summerfield Cemetery to provide the story of Friedrich Hecker and why his ideals, service, and life are still important today.

All funds raised will be held by the German American Heritage Society of St. Louis (a non-profit organization) and will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous donor!

### St. Louis Project in Benton Park includes:

- Recreation of original Friedrich Hecker bas relief and wreath on the monument (currently missing); infill dates and name for visibility
- Cleaning and granite repair of obelisk
- Graphic panel near the obelisk explaining his life and service to Germany and the United States

### Projects in Illinois include:

- Placing an Illinois State Historical Society Marker in the town center of Summerfield (completed)
- Graphic panel in the Summerfield Cemetery explaining his life and service
- Proposed placement for a new flagpole in the cemetery



### Donations can be sent

to:

'Hecker Project'

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330 Wencker Drive

St. Louis, MO 63124

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## U.S. Grant Camp #68 – St. Louis, MO (Continued)



General of the Armies U.S. Grant Remembrance Day at U.S. Grant NHS, Affton, MO on 22 July 2023

*“I felt like anything rather than rejoicing at the downfall of a foe who had fought so long and valiantly, and had suffered so much for a cause, though that cause was, I believe, one of the worst for which a people ever fought, and one for which there was the least excuse.”*      *- Ulysses S. Grant*



# Phelps Camp #66 – Springfield, MO

## HONORING GEORGE WASHINGTON KIRKLAND

On August 10, 1861, the men of the First Missouri Infantry went into action on "Bloody Hill" at the Battle of Wilson's Creek. The regiment suffered heavy casualties that day, and among those lost was George W.D. Kirkland. At the time of his death, Kirkland's mother was working in the White House as dress-maker and confidant to Mrs. Abraham Lincoln.

On Sunday, September 17, members of Phelps Camp helped the Mary Whitney Phelps Tent of the Daughters of Union Veterans dedicate a marker honoring Kirkland at Hazelwood Cemetery in Springfield.

An audience of about 75 were there for the impressive ceremony, which included remarks by special guests, the presentation of the colors by the camp color guard, and songs by an African-American choir.

Our thanks to all camp members who attended and remembered this brave young soldier.





# Lt. Col. St. James Camp #326 – Ste. Genevieve, MO

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



← Carlene Rath curator at the Perryville Military History Museum accepting from Camp Commander Michael Schaaf, a reproduction copy of the April 10th, 1865, New York Times. The paper goes into detail about the surrender of Army of Virginia by General Robert E. Lee and the end of the war.

Gary Scheel gave a presentation on the 47<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry Regiment on August 13<sup>th</sup> at the Perryville Military History Museum. He emphasized activities of Company C which were men from Perry County. There were six members of the St. James Camp present for the presentation including one of our newest members Bill Janis.



On August 18<sup>th</sup> Camp Commander Michael Schaaf and Gary Scheel traveled to the Soldiers Home in St. James, MO to look at the Chapel on the property. The chapel was built in 1906 and is the last building that was in existence when the two Grand Army of the Republic Posts were at the Federal Soldiers Home



← Chapel photo from 1915

Chapel photo 8/18/23 →  
The pews appear to be from the original building. The property tag is on the back of the pews.



Camp Commander standing behind the pews →



August 26<sup>th</sup>, On the property of the Ste. Genevieve Courthouse we set up a living history area and Civil War display. We also did a reenactment of federal troops taking over the courthouse during the War and the establishment of special orders for the local 78th Enrolled Missouri Militia.

← L to R, Bob Mueller, Bill Naeger, Marty Aubuchen, Gary Scheel, Ed Millinger, Isaiah Hickman, and Christopher Warren.

special thanks to the Presbyterian String Band for playing Civil War tunes before the reenactment. Also, a special thank you to the Chris, Twyla, Abbie, and Isiah representing the General Thomas C Fletcher Camp #47, as well as Doug Nickelson, Bill Naeger, and Clarence Warfield for their participation. Rain occurred during the reenactment but, as always, the show went on.



L to R, Becky Millinger, Marcia Schaefer and John Weakly →

## Lt. Col. St. James Camp #326 – Ste. Genevieve, MO

Crowd participation was enthusiastic and resulted in a couple of outspoken southern sympathizers being arrested as was the editor of the Plaindealer.

L to R, Gary Scheel, Michael Schaaf, Ed Millinger and → Marty Aubuchon



← Tom Greminger (in the blue hat) explaining some of the items in his display. To the right is Bill Janis (one of our newest members). When it rained this display got wet and Tom said it took three days to dry.

### NEW CAMP MEMBERS

Bill Janis and Joseph Smith joined our Camp in the last two months. Bill joined in August and Joe joined in September.

### FUTURE EVENTS

- October 10<sup>th</sup> Camp meeting at Orris Theater in Ste. Genevieve at 6 pm
- October 14<sup>th</sup> Department of Missouri Special Encampment and Fall Business meeting in Jefferson City at 10 am
- October 20<sup>th</sup> Ceremony at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery to honor 56<sup>th</sup> US Colored Troops at 11 am  
Sponsored by US Grant Camp #68. Fifteen men on our Ste. Genevieve Civil War list are found on the rolls of the 56<sup>th</sup> US Colored Troops.
- November 5<sup>th</sup> Display and informational booth at St. Joseph's Church in Apple Creek, MO from 11 am to 2 pm
- November 12<sup>th</sup> Brother Tom Greminger presentation on Weapons of the Civil War at the Perry County Military Museum in Perryville, MO at 2 p.m.
- November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day
- November 14<sup>th</sup> Camp meeting at Orris Theater in Ste. Genevieve at 6 pm
- November 23<sup>rd</sup> Thanksgiving
- December 2<sup>nd</sup> Holiday Christmas Festival Parade starts at 11 am and line up is at 10:30 am
- December 12<sup>th</sup> Camp meeting and Christmas Lunch. Starting at 1:30 pm
- December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas
- December 31<sup>st</sup> New Years Eve





## Westport Camp #64 — Kansas City, MO

Brian Smarker, PDC  
Westport Camp #64



Together, my wife, Scarlet, and I set out U.S. flags on veterans' graves at Brooking Cemetery in Raytown on Friday, May 20 after not being able to drum up any voluntary help for the day before. It is a task that we were unable to complete until the next day.

As expected, many people were coming to pay respects for their loved ones and some approached us to inquire about placing a flag on their veteran's grave. We obliged and added their veteran family members to our list. One of those requests came from Dan Stilley, JVC of Franklin Camp #5 in the Kansas Department.

The day after Memorial Day, I went to pick up the flags alone because my wife had to work as did some of the usual volunteers. Even though I've been helping John Martin, PDC, do this since about 2005, it was eventually handed over to me to lead. John started this venture many years ago.

Of all the years I've been doing this, I've never actually covered all of the sections in the cemetery until this year. In one of the sections that I had never placed flags in, I came across a grave marker with the name Louis W. Nelson. I mentioned to my wife that when I was in high school, I had a coworker named Lou Nelson at Overland Steel Inc. in North Kansas City. He taught me everything I know about drafting and welding symbols for the structural steel drawings. I worked there for three years and then went to Silicon Valley to apply my electronics training from the school I recently graduated from.

In 1984, I returned home on vacation to visit family and friends including a visit to OSI. While there, I learned of Lou's passing. The year of death on the grave marker was 1983. After placing the flags, I looked up the obituary in the Kansas City Star for Louis Nelson interred at Brooking Cemetery and discovered this was the burial location of my former coworker. It was an extra special honor for me to place a flag on his grave and now I look forward to doing it every year. He definitely had a huge influence on me when I was a teenager. Lou was a Navy veteran of WWII and Korea.

Out of gratitude and respect for their honorable service, one-by-one, each veteran's name was recited as we placed flags on their graves.





## Francis J. Wilhelmi Camp #17 – Washington, MO



Brothers from the Major Francis Wilhelmi Camp #17 presented at the St. Clair Historical Museum.

Participants included: JVC Pat Burke, SVC Gary Dunakey, Glen Alsop, PDC, Randal Baehr, PCC, and Ron Burke PCC, all of whom are pictured above at the informational booth that was set up for the event.





Note that while some camps may not have reported exclusive activities this time, members of camps across the Department participate in each other's events.

**McPherson Camp #1— Springdale, AR**

**Murphy Camp #2 — Little Rock, AR**

**Tarkington Camp #3 — Van Buren, AR**

**Lillie Camp #6 — Jefferson City, MO**

**Wilhelmi Camp #17 — Washington, MO**

**Fletcher Camp #47 — De Soto, MO**

**Westport Camp #64 — Kansas City, MO**

**Phelps Camp #66 — Springfield, MO**

**Grant Camp #68 — St. Louis, MO**

**Spradling Camp #72 — Fort Smith, AR**

**St. James Camp #326 — Ste. Genevieve, MO**

**Tiger Camp #432 — Columbia, MO**

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**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 2**

**Series 2023-2024**

**9 July 2023**

**Passing of Brother Douglas Niermeyer**

With sorrow, the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War reports the passing of Brother Douglas Niermeyer on 27 June 2023.

Brother Niermeyer was a Past Camp Commander of the Francis J. Wilhelmi Camp #17 and Past Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. He was active in several hereditary organizations including the Sons of the American Revolution, Society of Colonial Wars, and Virginia Society of Cincinnati.

In memory of Brother Douglas Niermeyer, the Department's charter and website shall be draped, all Camp charters and websites shall be draped, and all brothers shall attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge. Following the Department's mourning policy, this Order shall remain in effect for fourteen days from this date.

Ordered this 9th Day of July 2023,

Robert J. Amsler, Jr., PDC  
Commander  
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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Dale Crandell, PDC  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Department of Missouri  
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**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 3**  
**Series 2023-2024**  
**9 July 2023**

**2023-2024 Standing and Special Committees**

**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 Aubuchon, 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 committee members:

Chair: Robert Aubuchon, PCC  
Member: Dale Crandell, PDC  
Member: Sumner Hunnewell, PDC  
Member: Gary Scheel, 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: Kevin Miller, PCC

**JROTC Selection Committee.** This special committee selects the JROTC Outstanding Cadet in accordance with Department Policy 717. The committee has a 30 October 2024 sunset. The committee chair may make any additional appointments he chooses:

Chair: Sumner Hunnewell, PDC

**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 a 30 June 2024 sunset. The committee chair may make any additional appointments he chooses:

Chair: Don Palmer, PCinC

Ordered this 9th Day of July 2023,

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**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 4**

**Series 2023-2024**

**9 July 2023**

**2023-2024 Department Business Meetings**

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

**Date:** Saturday, 14 October 2023  
**Time:** 10:00 am  
**Location:** Missouri River Regional Library  
214 Adams Street, Jefferson City, Missouri

**Date:** Saturday, 9 March 2024  
**Time:** 10:00 am  
**Location:** Missouri River Regional Library  
214 Adams Street, Jefferson City, Missouri

Per Department Policy 402, all elected officers, staff officers, and committee chairs should attend and submit written reports to the Department Commander and Department Secretary at least one week prior to the date of the business meeting (7 October 2024 and 2 March 2024). Per Department Policy 100, all officers must wear their membership badge.

All camps are encouraged to send representatives to 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.

Ordered this 9th Day of July 2023,

Attest:

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**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 5**  
**Series 2023-2024**  
**6 September 2023**

**Special Encampment of the Department of Missouri**

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article II, the Department Commander, with consent of the Department Council, is convening a Special Department Encampment for the stated purpose:

**Vote to ratify or reject recommended amendments to the SUCVW Constitution presented in General Order #2, Series 2023-2024, 10 August 2023: General Order of Membership Qualifications Ratification.**

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article II, the Department Commander shall give notice of the date, time, and location.

**Date: Saturday, 14 October 2023**  
**Time: 10:00 am**  
**Location: Missouri River Regional Library, 214 Adams Street, Jefferson City, Missouri**

All Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Department Commanders, and the sitting Department Commander are voting members of the Special Department Encampment. The Department Secretary provides credential cards for elected Department Officers.

All Past Camp Commanders and sitting Camp Commanders are voting members of the Department Encampment. Delegates and Alternate Delegates must be elected by their Camp. The Camp Secretary provides credential cards for Camp Officers and Delegates.

Per Department Policy 400, a delegate must present their credential card and membership card to the Department Secretary in order to vote at the Special Department Encampment. Per Department Policy 100, all Department Officers must wear their membership badge. All Officers and Delegates are encouraged to wear their membership badge.

Ordered this 6th Day of September 2023,

Attest:

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**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 6**  
**Series 2023-2024**  
**8 September 2023**

**2023-2024 Department Business Meetings (revision 2)**

This Department Order #6 revises Department Order #4. Please note the October business meeting is rescheduled to follow the Special Department Encampment that starts at 10:00 am, Saturday, 14 October 2023.

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

**Date: Saturday, 14 October 2023**  
**Time: 11:00 am**  
**Location: Missouri River Regional Library, 214 Adams Street, Jefferson City, Missouri**

**Date: Saturday, 9 March 2024**  
**Time: 10:00 am**  
**Location: Missouri River Regional Library, 214 Adams Street, Jefferson City, Missouri**

Per Department Policy 402, all elected officers, staff officers, and committee chairs should attend and submit written reports to the Department Commander and Department Secretary at least one week prior to the date of the business meeting (7 October 2023 and 2 March 2024). Per Department Policy 100, all officers must wear their membership badge.

All camps are encouraged to send representatives to 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.

Ordered this 8th Day of September 2023,

Attest:

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Dale Crandell, PDC  
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**General Order #24(a), 1 August 2023— Weapons Regulation (Amended, search clause added)**

(Overturned by the 142nd National Encampment, along with General Order #24, 21 May 2023 — Weapons Regulation) Find the full orders at <http://suvcw.org>.

**General Order #28, 5 August 2023— National Award and Housekeeping**

**National Awards**

1. **The Meritorious Service Award** – The award consists of a certificate awarded at the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief to a Brother of the Order for exceptional service to the Order or to society.

**Michael L. Lance, Lt Cmdr Edward Lea USN Camp #2, Dept of Texas**

**Kent Peterson, Camp, Dept of Wisconsin**

**Benjamin J. Frail, Major Sullivan Ballou Camp #3, Dept of Rhode Island**, for his steadfast work and support during this last year as National PI, Chairman of Promotion and Marketing, Chairman of Memorial University and National Chief of Staff.

**Michael Zafran, Sheridan Camp #2, Dept of Illinois**, recommended by Brother Chaplain Jerry for his work in Graves Registration, Grave Marker installation and Patriotic Instructors work.

2. **The Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star** – This award consists of a certificate and a ½ inch Gold Star appliance to be worn on the ribbon of the Brothers Membership badge. The award is presented by the Commander-in-Chief, with the concurrence of the Council of Administration, to a Brother who has served the Order for an extended period in an outstanding and exemplary manner or for an extraordinary action by a Brother. Recommendations for this award are to be made to the Commander-in-Chief no later than 45 days prior to the National Encampment and accompanied by an appropriate Citation utilizing SUVCW Form 17, which can be found on the National Website. If the Commander-in-Chief concurs with the recommendation, he will bring the recommendation before the Council of Administration for consideration. A majority vote of the members of the Council of Administration is required to authorize the Commander-in-Chief to make the presentation.

**Roger Leturno, Dept of Chesapeake**

3. **The Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Award** -- This award may be presented by the Commander-in-Chief or a Department Commander to a female member of one of the Allied Orders in recognition of and appreciation for her outstanding service to the SUVCW. At the National level, she must be recommended by a Past Department Commander, Past Commander-in-Chief, the Commander-in-Chief, or an elected National Officer. At the Department level, she must be recommended by a Past Camp Commander, Past Department Commander, Past Commander-in-Chief, or the Department Commander. a. The Commander-in-Chief may present up to three awards in any one year. A Department Commander may present up to two awards in any one year. It is not mandatory for either the Commander-in-Chief or a Department Commander to present this award. b. The medal shall be gold in color. The obverse bears a portrait of Doctor Mary Edwards Walker wearing a Medal of Honor within a raised bordure bearing the inscription "Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Medal" above and SUVCW below, separated by stars. The reverse of the medal will be inscribed as follows: "Awarded in grateful appreciation for service to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." (Note: the reverse also bears the copyright © 2011 SUVCW) c. The medal shall be suspended from a neck ribbon, gold in color for national awards made by the Commander-in-Chief, and dark red for awards made by a Department Commander. The medal is





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accompanied by a certificate which should be presented with the medal. The medal may be presented in accordance with the ceremony in the "Ritual & Ceremonials."

**Allison Pollitt, National President, ASUVCW**

**Lynne Dolan, National President, DUVCW**

**Elizabeth Null, National President, LGAR**

4. **The Certificate of Recognition** – This award is presented by the Commander-in-Chief to any individual or entity which has contributed significantly to the Order, assisted in maintaining the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, or exemplified the ideals and purposes of the SUVCW. Recommendations for this award will be made to the Commander-in-Chief no later than 60 days prior to the National Encampment. The Commander-in-Chief will solely make the final determination for presenting the award and he is under no obligation to make such an award.

**Edward Manak, Camp #3, Dept of Florida** for his Fraternal and Charitable support of his Camp and the entire Department of Florida over the last several years.

5. **The Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief's Award** – This award is presented by the Commander-in-Chief at his discretion to the SUVCW Camp, which he judges to be the most outstanding Camp within the Order during his term of office. Recommendations for this award will be made to the Commander-in-Chief no later than 60 days prior to the National Encampment. The Commander-in-Chief will solely make the final determination for presenting the award and he is under no obligation to make such an award.

**Colonel Louis R. Francine Camp #7, Department of New Jersey**, for their support of Toys For Tots, Veterans groups locally, Headstone replacement and procurement and returning Civil War artifacts to their rightful States.

6. **The Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award** – This award is presented by the Commander-in-Chief at his discretion to the Brother whom he judges to be the most outstanding member within the Order during his term of office. Recommendations for this award will be made to the Commander-in-Chief no later than 60 days prior to the National Encampment. The Commander-in-Chief will solely make the final determination for presenting the award and he is under no obligation to make such an award.

I was honored to be able to present two awards.

**Robert Payne, Department of Michigan**, for his dedication and devotion to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It is he that salvaged the new SUVCW website design from total failure, with his expertise in the area he is the reason the design phase was corrected, and the online presence of the website was able to happen as of 1 April 2023. Without his determination, we most likely would still have no website. He has also been a trusted confidant during my entire administration. Please read my 142nd National Encampment C-in-C Officers report for more information.

**James "Jim" Lyon, PDC Department of Illinois**, for his dedication to the SUVCW, even after he stepped down as Quartermaster due to an injury to his back, he stepped back up when PCinC Donald Shaw the newly elected Quartermaster passed away after just 5 months. Jim agreed to take back on the responsibilities of Quartermaster until the National Encampment when we could elect a new Quartermaster. Jim worked through his pain to get the Quartermaster store back up and running and the suppliers back online. Unfortunately, Brother Jim was rushed to the hospital for emergency back surgery, just two months short of the National Encampment.



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7. **The David R. Medert Award (formerly The B.F. Stephenson Award)** – This award is presented to the individual Brother who recruits the greatest number of new members during the period from 1 April through 31 March. The award is presented by the Commander-in-Chief based upon the information provided within the Annual Reports received by the National Executive Director No later than 31 May.

**John A. Mills (7), E.P. Marrs Camp #5, Dept of Kentucky**

8. **The Augustus P. Davis – Conrad Linder Award** – This award is presented to the Department with the greatest number of new members during the period 1 April through 31 March. The award is presented by the Commander-in-Chief based upon the information provided within the Annual Reports received by the National Executive Director no later than 31 May.

**Department of Chesapeake**

9. **The U.S. Grant Cup** – This award is presented to the Department with the greatest percentage increase in membership during the period 1 April through 31 March. The award is presented by the Commander-in-Chief based upon the information provided within the Annual Reports received by the National Executive Director no later than 31 May.

**Department of Iowa**

10. **The Under Forty Award** – This award is presented to the Department with the greatest number of new members under age forty (40) during the period 1 April through 31 March. The award is presented by the Commander-in-Chief based upon the information provided within the Annual Reports received by the National Executive Director no later than 31 May.

**Department of Pennsylvania**

11. **The Marshall Hope Award For Best Newsletter** – This award is presented by the Commander-in-Chief to the Department and Camp Newsletter he judges to be the most outstanding in the Order during his term of office or by a Department Commander to the Camp Newsletter he judges to be the most outstanding in his department. Recommendations addressed to the Commander-in-Chief for this award must be received no later than 60 days prior to the National Encampment. The Commander-in-Chief will solely make the final determination for presenting the award and he is under no obligation to make such an award.

**Department: *The March*, Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

**Camp: *Harriet Lane*, Camp #2, Department of Texas**

12. **The Joseph S. Rippey Award** – This award is presented to a new Camp, which was chartered within the last calendar year and determined to be active in the areas of recruiting, Civil War graves registration, and Civil War memorials assessment. The Commander-in-Chief will solely make the final determination for presenting the award and he is under no obligation to make such an award.

**No Recommendations from Department Commanders, No Award Given**





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13. **The National Aide Award** – This award may be presented by the Commander-in-Chief to any Brother who recruits five or more members during his term of office. Recipients of this award are recognized in General Orders and may wear the National Ribbon behind their respective membership badge for a period of twelve (12) months. Recommendations for this award will be made to the Commander-in-Chief no later than 60 days prior to the National Encampment. The Commander-in-Chief will solely make the final determination for presenting the award and he is under no obligation to make such an award.

**Roderick Fraser, (6), Colonel Robert Gould Shaw Camp No. 54, Department of Massachusetts**

**Howard G. Black Jr., (5), Daniel Chaplin Camp #3, Department of Maine**

**Bryan Sigmund (6), Colonel Louis R. Francine Camp #7, Dept of New Jersey**

**John A. Mills (7), E.P. Marrs Camp #5, Dept of Kentucky**

14. **The Horace Greeley Award** – This award is presented annually by the Commander-in-Chief to the Department or Camp judged to have the most outstanding website or by a Department Commander to the Camp website he judges to be the most outstanding in his department. Criteria would be (1) Promoting The SUVCW mission, (2) Information on activities, (3) Information on membership, (4) Stories about members and ancestors, and (5) Listing of Camp and/or Department officers. Recommendations for this award, from Camp or Department Commanders addressed to the Commander-in-Chief for this award must be received no later than 60 days prior to the National Encampment. The Commander-in-Chief may also use his own observations and will solely make the final determination for presenting the award.

**Department: Department of Rhode Island**

**Camp: Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Lansing/Sunfield, Michigan**

15. **Elmer (Bud) Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award (formerly the Lifetime Achievement Award)** – This award is presented by the Commander-in-Chief to recognize Brothers of the Order who have a minimum of thirty (30) years with the Order and have provided significant and continuous support over that entire timeframe as either a full member or an associate. The Commander-in-Chief has sole discretion for this award and is not obligated to make an award but is not limited to the number of awards he can make during his term of office.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island**

**John A. Mills III, E.P. Marrs Camp #5, Dept of Kentucky**, Over 30 years of continued service while always honoring our Boys in Blue, working with his camp, and recruiting.

16. **The John C. Clem Award** for the most Outstanding Junior Member – This award was established to promote greater involvement by Junior Members of the SUVCW and recognize their outstanding contributions. Criteria for the award include participation in Camp activities, promoting the SUVCW through school and youth programs, or other activities that would promote the memory of the Boys in Blue. Recommendations for this award will be made to the Commander-in-Chief no later than 60 days prior to the National Encampment. The Commander-in-Chief will solely make the final determination for presenting the award and he is under no obligation to make such an award.

**William Trafford, DOB 4 August 2014, Major Sullivan Ballou Camp #3, Department of Rhode Island.** A Brother that takes part in meetings, cemetery restoration projects and ceremonies throughout the year.



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17. **The Chaplain William Corby Award** – This award may be presented by the Commander-in-Chief to any Department or Camp Chaplain for outstanding ministry leadership in the Department or Camp, upon the recommendation of the National Chaplain. Recommendations for this award are to be made to the National Chaplain no later than 60 days prior to the National Encampment. The Commander-in-Chief will solely make the final determination for presenting the award and he is under no obligation to make any such award.

Chaplain Jerry declined to nominate anyone for this award before prior to the cutoff point but presented three awards on the floor of the National Encampment, please contact him for their names.

18. **The Chaplain Jerome W. Kowalski Award** – This award may be awarded by a Department Commander, upon the recommendation of the Department Chaplain, to a camp chaplain for outstanding ministry leadership in his camp. Recommendations are to be made no later than 60 days prior to a Department Encampment. The Department Commander will solely make the final determination for presenting the award and he is under no obligation to make any such award.

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19. **The SUVCW Flag Certificate Program** – This certificate program was established to recognize exemplary Patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States of America. Certificates may be awarded by Camps or Departments to individuals, companies, or agencies, which proudly, conspicuously, and properly fly or display the US Flag. Businesses which fly flags as advertising should not be considered for this award. Recommendations and nominations for this certificate are made to the Camp, Department, or National Patriotic Instructors who will make the final determination for presenting the certificate. Any Brother may nominate candidates to a Patriotic Instructor for Recognition.

**Dan's Place, 880 Victory Highway West Greenwich, Rhode Island**, Recommended by Benjamin J. Frail National Patriotic Instructor.

20. **The Founder's Award** – This award is presented a maximum of once per calendar year to a group or individual who performs outstanding service in the memory of Union Civil War Soldiers. The Award consists of a walnut plaque with the name of the recipient and the year of presentation engraved in wood. A permanent plaque with the names of the recipients is maintained in the National Headquarters of the SUVCW. No member of the SUVCW or any organization which is part of the Allied Orders of the GAR is eligible for this award. The Commander-in-Chief on behalf of the Council of Administration presents this recognition. Recommendations may be made to the Council of Administration through the National Secretary. The Council of Administration makes the final determination. The award is made solely at the discretion of the Council of Administration and the Council of Administration is under no obligation to make such an award.

**Ms. Debbie Neece of the Bartlesville Area History Museum in Bartlesville, Oklahoma**

Housekeeping: 1. Encampment Committees were discharged, and I thank them for their duties. 2. Thank you to the Host Committee for their attention to detail. 3. Thank you to the Hotel for their assistance. 4. Congratulations to Brother Robert J. Wolz, PCinC for being given the honorary rank of Past Commander-in-Chief.

So Ordered on this 5th Day of August 2023

Bruce D. Frail

Commander-in-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War







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**General Order #1 (Amendment)**  
**Series 2023 – 2024**  
**11 August 2023**

#### **Administration**

1. To all the Brothers in attendance of the 142nd National Encampment in Nashua, N. H. I Thank you for your continued support and trust in me. I thank the Brothers of the Department of New Hampshire and Massachusetts and also our hard working National Host Committee Co-Chairs Brother Daniel Murry, PDC and Kevin Tucker, PDC and Brother James Crane, PDC Site Committee for an excellent National Encampment.
2. Our mission to educate and preserve our history, the legacy of the Boys in Blue, working together promoting the good of the Order as we remember our Civil War ancestor's mission of persevering and their dedication through the Civil War . I can see our transfer of newly elected Officers continue to follow this path of growth.
3. The National Web page has been redesigned and it contains instructions concerning our organization, I recommended that the brothers of the Sons become more familiar with what is available to our brothers.
4. My congratulations go out to the newly elected National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sister Sue Freshley; the Woman Relief Corp Cher Petrovic, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic; the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I wish all of you a productive year and success in our continued endeavors to preserve the memory of our ancestors, the Boys in Blue, on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War , myself, Officers and staff look forward to a harmonious year .
5. The Commander-in-Chief Headquarters is hereby transferred from Coventry, R.I. to 12710 Darrow Road, Vermilion, Ohio 44089. Mail for the Commander-in-Chief may now be post marked here. Electronic communications are the preferred method of correspondence and are available at [CinC@suvcw.org](mailto:CinC@suvcw.org)
6. The National Headquarters is located at 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park suite 240, Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411; the phone number is 717-232-7000.



7. Financial correspondence for the Order shall be sent to the National Treasurer, D. Micheal Beard, PDC at 8510 Flip Flop Court, Panama City, Florida, 32413. His email address is [treasurer@suvcw.org](mailto:treasurer@suvcw.org) and phone number is 540-604-6950.
8. All other correspondence for the Order shall be sent to National Secretary, Daniel Murray, PDC at 40 Lake Road, Brentwood, New Hampshire, 03833. He can be reached by email [secretary@suvcw.org](mailto:secretary@suvcw.org)
9. The Commander-in-Chief travels schedule and request for reports will be coordinated by the National Chief of Staff, James T. Crane, PDC. He can be reached by email [chiefofstaff@suvcw.org](mailto:chiefofstaff@suvcw.org)
10. All National Officers shall file reports of their activities for the coming year, with one to support the November Council of Administration meeting, second to support the Spring Council of Administration meeting, and final for the 143rd National Encampment in Lexington, Kentucky in August 2024.
11. All Department commanders shall file a report of activities within their Departments upon the same schedule as the National Officers and Committees.
12. National Chaplain, Jerry Kowalski, PCC, can be reached by email at [paptom@msn.com](mailto:paptom@msn.com) and phone number 773-631-1610. He should be contacted to report a deceased Brothers full name, date of passing, Camp and Department name, and his Union ancestor's name, rank and regiment. Brother Kowalski will send a sympathy card, on behalf of the SUVCW, to family if a name and address is provided.
13. Application for Civil War Memorials grants be sent to Brother Shame Milburn, PDC, [CofA2@suvcw.org](mailto:CofA2@suvcw.org)
14. Request for SUVCW ROTC awards will be sent to National Quartermaster (ROTC Coordinator), Brother Brain Mexin 957 Balto Drive Shelbyville, Indiana 46176; his email [asst\\_qm@suvcw.org](mailto:asst_qm@suvcw.org)
15. All Camp and Departments are strongly encourage to submit articles and photographs for The Banner to Brother James P. Pahl, PCinC, 445 W. Maple St., Mi 48854-1519; his email is [barner@suvcw.org](mailto:barner@suvcw.org) and phone number **517-402-3304**. Brother Pahl, PCinC was previously appointed The Banner Editor by the Council of Administration for three years with a term ending August 2025.
16. The National Special Committee to Negotiate requests and terms with the Allied Orders, has been dissolved during the 142nd National Encampment by PC-in-C Frail therefor can not continue during my term as Commander-in-Chief of 2023-2024.
17. The following National Special Committees were appointed or re-appointed this year by the National Encampment.
  - a. National Special Committee on Social Media Management (2024) Chair Benjamin Frail, PDC.





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- b. National Special Committee on Reviewing Membership Qualification (2024) Chair Bruce Frail, PCinC.
- c. National Special Committee on Veterans of Wars of the United States (re-appointed through 2028), Chair Dexter Bishop, PDC.

So Ordered on the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of August 2023

Respectfully In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

*Peter J. Hritsko Jr*

Peter J. Hritsko Jr  
 Commander-in-Chief  
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
 Submitted 10 August 2023

attest:

Daniel W Murray  
 National Secretary  
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order #2 (Amendment), 10 August 2023 – General Order on Membership Qualifications Ratification**

1. The 142nd National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War passed the following change to the SUVCW Constitution, which must be ratified by more than 50% of the Departments.
  - a. Recommendation 1: The Constitution of the Order is hereby amended as follows:  
 Article III, Eligibility to Membership, is hereby amended to read as follows:

All male descendants, for the purpose of this Constitution, and all Regulations, Orders, and other official acts of the National Organization; Departments and Camps “male” is defined as a person who was biologically male at birth, whether through lineal or collateral lineages specified in Article VII of this Constitution who are blood relatives of soldiers, sailors, marines or members of the Revenue Cutter Service, who were regularly mustered and served honorably in, were honorably discharged from, or died in the service of the Army Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America or such State regiments as were called into active service and were subject to orders of United States general officers, during the War of the Rebellion between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865; who have never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime; and who have, or whose ancestors through whom membership is claimed have, never voluntarily borne arms against the Government of the United States of America shall have eligibility to membership.

- b. Recommendation 2 The Constitution of the Order is hereby amended as follows:  
 Article VII, Section 2, Subsections (a) and (b) are hereby amended to read as follows:  
 Section 2. Associates. There shall be two classes of Associates.





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1. Associates are males, a person who was biologically male at birth at least fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the blood relative qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation but otherwise meet the requirements of membership established by the National Organization.

2. Junior Associates are males being a person who was biologically male at birth, at least six (6) years of age but less than fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the blood relative qualifications stipulated in Article III of the Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization.

c. Recommendation 3: The Constitution of the Order is hereby amended as follows:

Article VII, Membership, is hereby amended to add a new Section 6 to read as follows:

Section 6. A Brother who has been duly elected to membership in the Order shall not be subsequently disqualified from membership or be discharged from the Order solely because of that Brother's change in gender or sexual identification.

d. Recommendation 4: The Regulations of the Order are hereby amended as follows:

Chapter III, Article X, Junior Associates, Section 2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. Junior Associates shall being a person who was biologically male at birth, at least six (6) years of age but less than fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet ancestor service (blood relative) qualifications stipulated in Article III on the Constitution and Section 200303 of the Articles of Incorporation but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization.

### **Recommendation 5 Refer to the Program & Policy during 142nd National Encampment**

e. Recommendation 5. It is recommended that Form 3, Membership Application, be amended so that the declaration in Part II, Application Information and Declaration, be amended to read as follows:

~~I declare that I am a male being a person who was biologically male at birth, and that this application has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is true, correct and complete and, if accepted, I will obey and support the National Constitution of the Order, the Bylaws of the Department and the Bylaws of the Camp.~~

2. All Departments will see that this General Order is disseminated throughout. There cannot be any changes made to the items presented as this is the wording accepted by the 142nd National Encampment. It is strictly a For or Against Ratification vote.

3. Once the vote has been taken the Department Commander through the Department Secretary will notify IN WRITING the Commander-in-Chief and the National Secretary of the result of said vote. As soon as the 51 percent of the Departments ratify these changes will be in effect.

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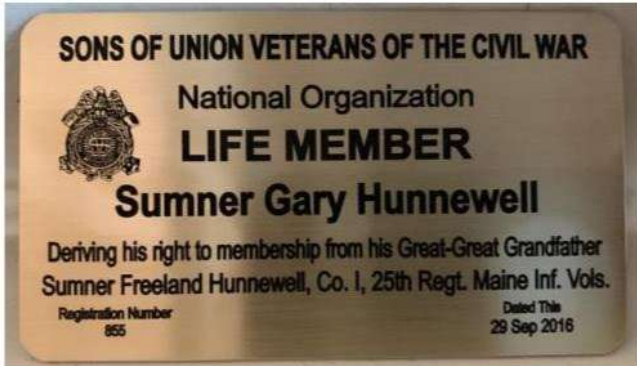
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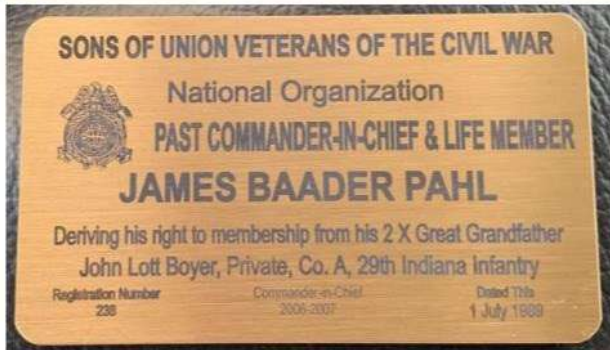
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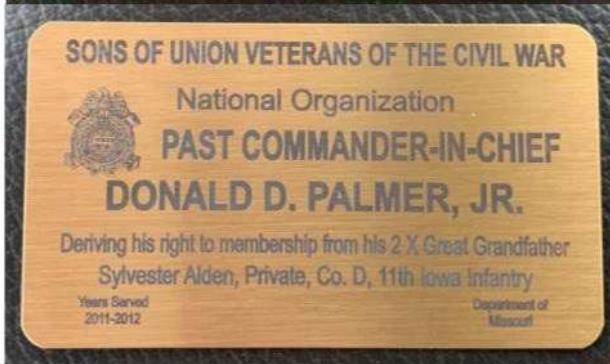
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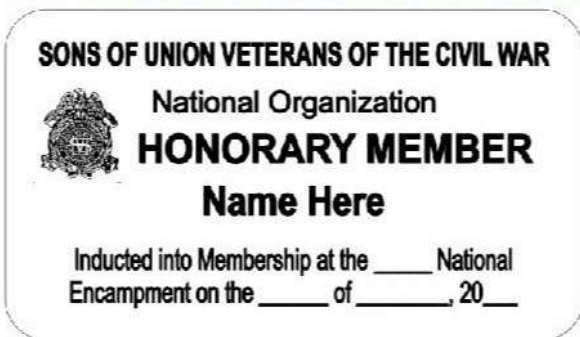
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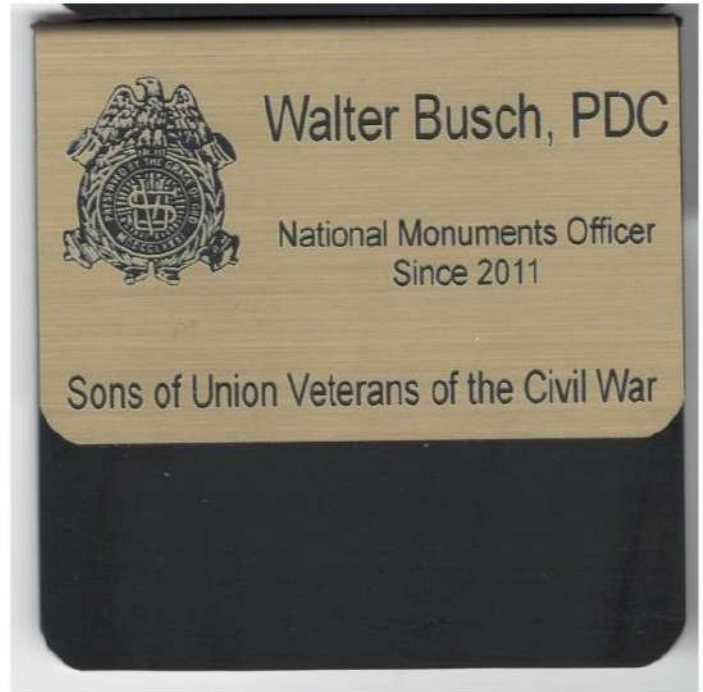
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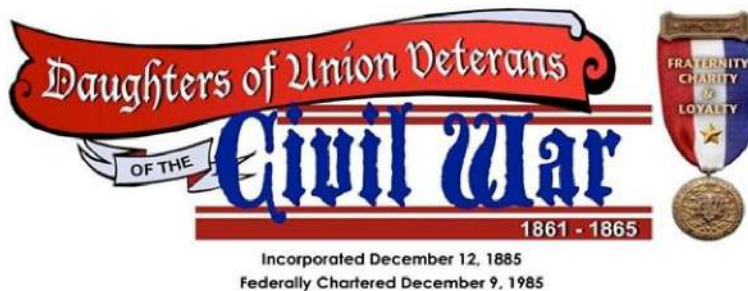
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## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN THE DEPARTMENT

- **Central Region - Allied Orders Association - 6 & 7 Oct - Dayton, OH**
- **Department Meeting - Saturday, Oct 14th - 10am - Missouri River Regional Library - Jefferson City**
- **56th US Colored Troops Remembrance - 20th Oct 11am - Jefferson Barracks Cemetery**
- **Battle of Westport: Sunday, 22 Oct 2023. South end of Loose Park near 55th and Wornall.**
- **Memorial Remembrance - 18 Nov - Gettysburg, PA**

**Events are taken from the Department's website at  
<http://www.suvcwmo.org>**

**Email [wbusch@suvcwmo.org](mailto:wbusch@suvcwmo.org) to have your event listed here and on the website!**

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