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Brothers of the Department of Missouri:

I would like to thank all of you who attended the 13th Department Encampment this year. I am both honored and humbled by your trust and confidence in electing me as your Department Commander. Let me assure you that I will work hard to do the department's business.

It should be noted that the Department of Missouri Headquarters is now located in Wentzville, Missouri.

I hope this year will be one in which we all grow closer together as a brotherhood as we strive to preserve the memory of the "boys in blue". We have a wealth of talent, drive, and dedication in our department. With your support; together, we can make this a year of great accomplishments in the Department of Missouri. I also hope that, as a department, we will achieve a richer understanding of the words passed down to us by the GAR: "Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty."

Communication is the key to keeping our members informed and our department running properly. The department will work earnestly to accomplish this task.

I look forward to attending as many camp meetings and events as my schedule permits. Please let me know as far in advance as possible, so I can make adequate arrangements to attend. If I cannot attend, I will ask another Dept. Officer to attend as representative of this department. No individual shall represent the Department of Missouri, at any event, without the approval of the Department Commander.

In closing, let us wish everyone a wonderful summer. I look forward to working with all of you so we may have a very prosperous year.

So ordered this 30th day of June, 2008

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

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Attested:
Walter E. Bush, PDC
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