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FROM THE COMMANDER ...



From the Commander.....

As the Department enters its eighth year since re-chartering, we need to reflect on the past year and its multitude of successes. We increased our membership by over 30% and chartered two new camps. We established a Department-level newsletter that has received very positive reviews. We made the decision to host a more traditional Department Encampment, and as a result, had the highest attendance since the first one held in 1996 and our Commander-in-Chief was in attendance. We established an awards program to recognize outstanding contributions by individuals who have provided invaluable support in promoting our programs. In support of National initiatives, we registered over 300 graves and located records of 11 GAR Posts in the state. Based on preliminary results of the Vision 2010 survey, 77% of Department members have a positive or very positive opinion of the Department, which indicates we are moving in the right direction. One person could not have accomplished all of this. It took the support of the entire Department. Since we are an organization of volunteers, I would like to thank everybody who made even the smallest

contribution to this success. I would also like to thank the Department for expressing confidence in my leadership by electing me for a second term. As such, I am asking for your continued support for Missouri Department programs and your commitment to help make 2002-2003 an even better year.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty
Don Palmer, Commander

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR ...

My fellow Brothers,

As many of you now know, there have been some members of the Ulysses S. Grant Camp #68 including myself, that have embarked on a journey that many have only talked about in the past. In a bold and passionate move in an attempt to keep the memory of our Great Grandfathers alive, we have established a new separate non-profit corporation at the direction of the National Organization of the SUVCW, that is now known as The Missouri Civil War Museum. As the name implies, we are in fact in the process of implementing a new Civil War museum and educational facility at the Historic Jefferson Barracks Military Complex located in St. Louis, Missouri. In a lasting tribute and honor to our fallen Grandfathers who sacrificed so much for us here today, this new educational facility will be entirely dedicated and devoted exclusively to the study and preservation of our Missouri Civil War history and heritage. As some of you also know, the facility will also become the permanent home of the Ulysses S. Grant Camp.

The project building is known as the Historic 1905 Jefferson Barracks Post Exchange & Gymnasium Building. A building of approximately 15,000 square feet and already included on the National Registry of Historic Places due to its connection with Jefferson Barracks. When completed, The Missouri Civil War Museum will showcase thousands of Civil War related artifacts, have numerous interpretive displays, a gift shop, a video & media center, library, and several large meeting and presentation rooms. It will ultimately become one of the largest and finest educational and interpretive centers ever established for the sole purpose of the preserving Missouri's Civil War history and heritage.

As you will find in this issue of the Missouri Unionist, The Missouri Civil War Museum will need the help from each and every Brother in the Department of Missouri in these "early days to get it moving. The Museum's nation-wide fund raising campaign has begun and what better way to show your dedication and loyalty to our cause than to contribute a monetary donation to this wonderful facility here in Missouri. Although the Museum is a separate non-profit corporation, it does have a direct link to this organization in the fact that most of the Board of Directors are members of the SUVCW with one of this organization's very own Camps ultimately calling it home. No-longer will we have to rely on someone else to teach our children about the history and heritage of Missouri's Civil War past. We have a fantastic opportunity here at hand to finally make a real impact and make a real difference in promoting our Civil War heritage. Help establish The Missouri Civil War Museum, make a contribution today!

As I have already stated, this is a perfect opportunity to make a real difference and help create an institution that we will all be very proud of being a part of. Don't let it pass by without coming to its aid and contributing to this most important cause. This is what it is all about gentlemen, education is the key. Establishing learning facilities like this are crucial in teaching the children of today and tomorrow about the pain, suffering and sacrifices our Great Grandfathers made for them because as you all know, our educational system is not doing it. Skip a lunch or two, wait for that movie to go to video, watch the next ballgame on TV, and send The Missouri Civil War Museum the money you saved. We can all spare ten, twenty, fifty, a hundred or more for this most worthy endeavor. Don't delay, we need your help now. This dream must start with those of us who truly care about our heritage so make a contribution to your fellow Brothers in honor of those who came before us. The time is now, do what's right and contribute to a cause that you truly believe in and are actually a part of, our Grandfathers and your fellow SUVCW Brothers will really appreciate it. Thank you all again for your continuing support and loyalty.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Mark Trout, Editor



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 11	Veteran's Day
November 28	Thanksgiving Day
December 25	Christmas Day
January 1, 2003	New Years Day
January 10, 2003	Per Capita Tax Due to Department

THE MISSOURI CIVIL WAR MUSEUM AT JEFFERSON BARRACKS

For many years, the Ulysses S. Grant Camp #68 has been searching for an appropriate place to call home. A place where the organization could conduct business, meetings, presentations, and sponsor educational events for the public. For many years, the Grant Camp, as is the case with almost all SUVCW and SCV Camps, has been forced to meet in restaurants, libraries, or at the private residences of its members.

Grant Camp members this year however, felt that the time had come to venture out and attempt to find a suitable place that could be utilized for the Camp's functions and goals. The members wanted to somehow do more than what was "considered usual." Many question their own roles in the organization and attempted to interpret what the Grand Army of the Republic really wanted "their sons" to do for them.

Some Camp members believed that more had to be done in "perpetuating their memory and preserving their legacy." The time had come to really make a significant move and try to establish a special place in Missouri to preserve and promote Missouri's complete Civil War history and heritage. A place that would be for the most part operated by the great grandsons of Civil War veterans and exclusively devoted and dedicated to "Missouri's Own."

But finding an appropriate place would be difficult. The members did not just want to obtain any old building to establish the facility. They wanted a place that was somehow connected to the Civil War, somewhere special, somewhere significant.

Headquartered in St. Louis County, the Camp decided to target the Jefferson Barracks Historic Complex as a possible suitable place. Located on

the complex was the vacant Historic Jefferson Barracks Post Exchange and Gymnasium Building. A building members felt was historically significant enough and large enough in size to house such a facility.

The Camp then initiated negotiations with the Government of St. Louis County who owned the property in an attempt to enter into a unique partnership with them and save the deteriorating and damaged building.

Located on the very ground that thousands of Union soldiers trained and prepared for battle in the American Civil War, and adjacent to the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery where over 15,000 Civil War veterans now lay at rest, the location of the facility was perfect in view of its significance to the Civil War.

As negotiations and agreements progressed throughout the year, what eventually evolved out of an earlier dream of Grant Camp members was the establishment of a separate non-profit corporation now known as The Missouri Civil War Museum.

The corporation was created for the sole purpose of implementing the Civil War museum and educational center at Jefferson Barracks and its primary goal would be to educate the public about the history and heritage of the Civil War and its relevance to the State of Missouri.

As the Directors of the Museum stated; "The facility will place its emphasis entirely on the State of Missouri and its involvement in the War. We will not be another National Civil War Museum or focus on the "national events or battles," instead we will focus our attention and priorities on our State, its people, and its involvement in the Civil War."

The corporation is now operated and

controlled by a five member Board of Directors who has initiated a nationwide fund raising campaign to raise the needed funds. Members of the Department will soon receive a personal letter from them explaining further details of the facility and notifying them of the many different ways you can help.

This project is unlike anything ever attempted by members of the SUVCW. At this year's National Encampment, the National Organization recommended that the Museum proceed on its own without a legal connection to the Sons however, they did offer support and made a monetary donation to the Museum Fund.

In addition, the Grant Camp recently was able to obtain a \$14,000 assistance grant through the Missouri Veterans Commission to aid in the repair of the building's roof.

This project will ultimately take hundreds of thousands of dollars to complete, but the Directors are confident that the funds can be raised. This is a facility that is way over due and will be a place that will truly make all of our ancestors very proud. This is a facility entirely devoted to them for the pain and suffering they endured for all of us here today.

The Missouri Civil War Museum is asking for the support of every single Brother in the Department of Missouri Boys contributing first. Don't delay contribute today.

To make a contribution or find out more information on the Museum project, go to their website:

www.missouricivilwarmuseum.org

Or write:

**The Missouri Civil War Museum
PO Box 24
Wildwood, Missouri 63040**

AND THE DEPARTMENT SURVEY SAID.....

Commander Palmer distributed surveys during his visits to Camps during this past Spring. Surveys were also included in the May issue of the Missouri Unionist. This survey is an opportunity for members of the Department to be heard. Department Senior Vice Commander John Pillers has been collecting inputs from the various Camps. Brother Pillers' preliminary survey report is as follows:

To date, inputs from three Camps have been received, and the response rate up to this point is 46%. Based on the results received to date, the typical Missouri Department member is about 50 years old, has been a member for a little over 5 years, is a descendant of a Civil War veteran (91%), is college educated (73%), has never served in the military (78%), is not a Civil War re-enactor (57%) and joined the organization to either represent their ancestor (38%) or further their interest in the Civil War (24%).

The membership views on the Missouri Department are encouraging. As far as the general opinion of the Department, 77% responded either positive or very positive. However, only 32% responded with interest in holding a Department office or serving on a Department committee.

Is the Department doing enough to maintain member interest, 76% responded favorably. Member opinion of the Missouri Unionist, the Department newsletter, was overwhelmingly upbeat, with

97% responding positive or very positive. The Department web site was one area that definitely needs improvement, based on member feedback, as only 30% responded favorably.

National initiatives, to the tune of 96%. Maintaining a presence in the community is a major goal of this Department, and 86% of members are of the opinion their Camp is actively supporting this goal.

Again, this is only a preliminary snapshot of the survey results. Final results are expected sometime during the next quarter and they will be published in detail in the Missouri Unionist. This also serves as a reminder to the Camps who have yet to submit their results to send them in.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI - MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

Over the past several weeks, Camp Committees will be distributing a survey to their members. The survey will be sent to all Department members (those who are active in the Department). The survey will include 10 questions. Some are "closed" questions (yes or no) and some are "open" questions (write in). The survey will be sent to all Department members who are active in the Department. The survey will be sent to all Department members who are active in the Department. The survey will be sent to all Department members who are active in the Department.

The "Missouri Unionist" is the official newspaper of the Department. It is published quarterly. It is a must-read for all members. It contains news, articles, and information about the Department and its activities. It is a great way to stay up-to-date on what is going on in the Department.

The Department is a great organization. It provides a sense of community and a way to honor our ancestors. It is a place where you can meet like-minded people and share your passion for the Civil War. It is a place where you can learn more about our history and our country. It is a place where you can make a difference.

Part 1: Member Information

1. How long have you been a member?
 - a) 1-5 years
 - b) 6-10 years
 - c) 11-15 years
 - d) 16-20 years
 - e) 21-25 years
 - f) 26-30 years
 - g) 31-35 years
 - h) 36-40 years
 - i) 41-45 years
 - j) 46-50 years
 - k) 51-55 years
 - l) 56-60 years
 - m) 61-65 years
 - n) 66-70 years
 - o) 71-75 years
 - p) 76-80 years
 - q) 81-85 years
 - r) 86-90 years
 - s) 91+ years
2. How did you become a member?
 - a) I was recruited by a friend
 - b) I was recruited by a family member
 - c) I was recruited by a former member
 - d) I was recruited by a newspaper article
 - e) I was recruited by a television commercial
 - f) I was recruited by a radio commercial
 - g) I was recruited by a direct mail piece
 - h) I was recruited by a website
 - i) I was recruited by a social media post
 - j) I was recruited by a friend of a friend
 - k) I was recruited by a family member of a friend
 - l) I was recruited by a former member of a friend
 - m) I was recruited by a newspaper article of a friend
 - n) I was recruited by a television commercial of a friend
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 - r) I was recruited by a social media post of a friend
4. How did you become a member?
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 - q) I was recruited by a website of a friend
 - r) I was recruited by a social media post of a friend

Part 2: Views on the Department

6. How do you feel about the Department?
 - a) Very positive
 - b) Positive
 - c) Neutral
 - d) Negative
 - e) Very negative
7. How do you feel about the Department?
 - a) Very positive
 - b) Positive
 - c) Neutral
 - d) Negative
 - e) Very negative
8. How do you feel about the Department?
 - a) Very positive
 - b) Positive
 - c) Neutral
 - d) Negative
 - e) Very negative
9. How do you feel about the Department?
 - a) Very positive
 - b) Positive
 - c) Neutral
 - d) Negative
 - e) Very negative
10. How do you feel about the Department?
 - a) Very positive
 - b) Positive
 - c) Neutral
 - d) Negative
 - e) Very negative

Part 3: Views on the Department

11. How do you feel about the Department?
 - a) Very positive
 - b) Positive
 - c) Neutral
 - d) Negative
 - e) Very negative
12. How do you feel about the Department?
 - a) Very positive
 - b) Positive
 - c) Neutral
 - d) Negative
 - e) Very negative
13. How do you feel about the Department?
 - a) Very positive
 - b) Positive
 - c) Neutral
 - d) Negative
 - e) Very negative
14. How do you feel about the Department?
 - a) Very positive
 - b) Positive
 - c) Neutral
 - d) Negative
 - e) Very negative
15. How do you feel about the Department?
 - a) Very positive
 - b) Positive
 - c) Neutral
 - d) Negative
 - e) Very negative

Part 4: Views on the Department

16. How do you feel about the Department?
 - a) Very positive
 - b) Positive
 - c) Neutral
 - d) Negative
 - e) Very negative
17. How do you feel about the Department?
 - a) Very positive
 - b) Positive
 - c) Neutral
 - d) Negative
 - e) Very negative
18. How do you feel about the Department?
 - a) Very positive
 - b) Positive
 - c) Neutral
 - d) Negative
 - e) Very negative
19. How do you feel about the Department?
 - a) Very positive
 - b) Positive
 - c) Neutral
 - d) Negative
 - e) Very negative
20. How do you feel about the Department?
 - a) Very positive
 - b) Positive
 - c) Neutral
 - d) Negative
 - e) Very negative

Member opinions of their Camps are encouraging as well. In response to the question soliciting opinions of their Camps, 86% of the members had positive or very positive opinions. Members are more interested in holding office at the Camp level than the Department level, with 55% showing interest.

With respect to the Camp doing enough to maintain member interest, 91% responded favorably. Also, 91% of the members responded that they attend at least half of their Camp meetings held each year. In addition, 83% of the members responded that they participate in at least half of the Camps activities/functions each year. Members definitely believe their Camp is active in support of

DEPARTMENT REMINDER!



Don't let the Winter weather hold you back! Organize a Camp outing and visit the resting places of our fallen ancestors. Get together and register their graves!

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI WELL REPRESENTED AT JEFFERSON BARRACKS MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War participates annually at Memorial Day ceremonies held at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery; however, the organization made their presence known at the 2002 Memorial Day program.

Members of U.S. Grant Camp #68, W.T. Sherman Camp #65 and Francis J. Wilhelmi Camp #17 participated in the program, held on May 27, along with several Department officers, including Department Commander Don Palmer.

lied the attendance at the ceremony was approximately 3,000, largely due to the keynote speaker, U.S. Senator Jean Carnahan (D-MO).

After the parade of veterans and patriotic organizations, members of U.S. Grant Camp #68 and Sterling Price Camp #145 (Sons of Confederate Veterans) placed a casket draped in both a 34-star U.S. flag and the "Stars and Bars" in honor of the 13,000 Civil War veterans interred at Jefferson Barracks.

The poem, entitled "The Blue and the Gray", written by an unknown author, served as an encapsulation of the message behind his historical perspective.

Senator Carnahan then provided the keynote address, which focused on her youthful remembrances of Memorial Day after World War II. She stressed the importance of remembering those who made the supreme sacrifice and also those who put their lives in harms way in the service to our country.

The Senator then commended Commander Palmer and the SUVCW for adding an educational aspect to the proceedings. At the conclusion of the ceremony, members of the Grant, Sherman, and Wilhelmi Camps along with members of the Sterling Price Camp, provided a re-creation of a Memorial Day ceremony as it would have been conducted in the late 19th century. This program was held in the old Civil War section of the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery and was witnessed by many .



U.S. Senator Jean Carnahan (D-MO) and Missouri Department Commander Don Palmer addressing the audience at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremonies

Merton Adreon, Chairman of the Inter-Veterans Memorial Day Committee, the governing body of the Jefferson Barracks Memorial Day program, commented that this was the most well attended program in recent years. Adreon, a member of the American Legion and a Korean War veteran, be-

The casket was drawn by an 1860's-era hearse. Commander Palmer opened the program with a historical overview of Memorial Day, focusing on the origins of the observance and its Northern and Southern roots. In his speech, he included a poem that brought tears to a number of those in attendance.



Members of the Grant Camp #68 and the Sterling Price Camp #145 Sons of Confederate Veterans carrying a ceremonial flag-draped casket at the 2002 Memorial Day event

DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES 2002 AWARD RECIPIENTS

At the 7th Annual Department Encampment banquet, the first set of winners under the newly adopted Department Awards program were presented their awards.

The Awards were presented by Senior Vice Commander and Awards Committee Chairman John Martin. The winners, along with a summary of their accomplishments are listed below:

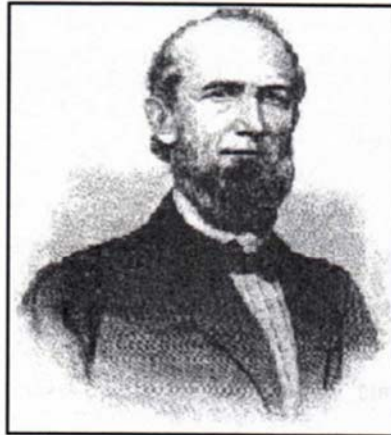
Show Me Spirit Award for Outstanding Contributions by a Non-Member – Bethany Tetley, City of Wildwood, and Cher Petrovic, wife of Secretary/Treasurer Bob Petrovic.

This was declared a tie as these two individuals far and away provided the greatest contributions to the Department. Given this, it was difficult to choose one over the other. Ms. Tetley volunteered a great deal of her own time aiding in the design, layout and publication of the *Missouri Unionist*, the new Department newsletter.

Ms. Petrovic, a professional photographer, provided photographic services on numerous occasions at no cost to the Department. Many of the photographs appearing in the *Missouri Unionist* were provided by Ms. Petrovic.

She also designed and produced cover art for the program books, Campfire programs and banquet programs associated with the 2001 National Encampment and also the Encampment programs and banquet programs for the 2002 Department Encampment again at no cost to the Department.

An engraved plaque was presented to Ms. Petrovic at the Department Encampment banquet. Ms. Tetley, who was unable to attend, received hers at the July meeting of the Ulysses S. Grant Camp in Sunset Hills, MO.

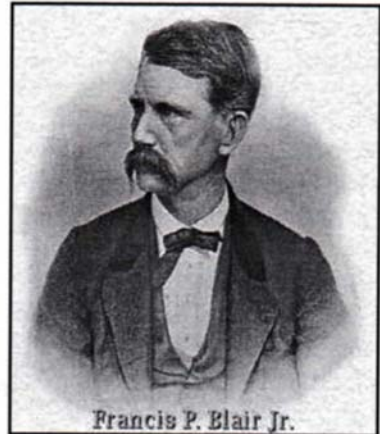


JAMES B. EADS

James B. Eads Award for Most Outstanding Camp – Ulysses S. Grant Camp #68 with 456 points. The Grant Camp was the clear winner in 2001-2002 due mainly to the number of community-related activities the Camp engaged in, on-time submittal of quarterly reports and 190 graves registered. Camp Commander John Avery received the award, which consisted of a battle streamer for the Camp flag and a framed certificate.



National CinC George Powell and Department Commander Don Palmer with this year's award recipients Mark Trout, Cher Petrovic, and Grant Camp Commander John Avery



FRANCIS P. BLAIR JR.

Francis P. Blair, Jr. Award for Most Outstanding Member – Mark L. Trout of Wildwood, MO and a member of Ulysses S. Grant Camp #68. On a Department level, Brother Trout served as Department Graves Registration Officer, establishing a new program for the other Department Camps to follow relative to graves registration and served as the Department Newsletter Editor, compiling and publishing the newly established newsletter. On a Camp level, he has been actively recruiting new members for the Camp and serves as the focal point in the negotiations with the Government of St. Louis County in an attempt to renovate the Historic Jefferson Barracks Post Exchange Building as a new Civil War Museum for Missouri.

Commander Palmer stated that the award program was created to reward exceptional volunteerism and to foster support for the Department. He stated, "that any success the Department achieved could not have been accomplished without these contributions and the awards can in no way compensate for the amount of time has been given. It is hoped that these small tokens of our appreciation will promote continued support for our programs."

THE 7TH ANNUAL MISSOURI DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT.... A GREAT DAY FOR MISSOURI!

The 7th Annual Missouri Department Encampment was a grand experiment. Up until this year, Missouri Department Encampments were, for the most part, informal gatherings held in a single afternoon. It was decided that the 7th Encampment would be held in a more traditional fashion, with a banquet, entertainment and a focus on fellowship. With the Commander-in-Chief planning to attend, the Missouri Department was determined to put on a good show. And by all accounts, it did.

The 7th Annual Encampment, held on Saturday, June 22 at the Holiday Inn-St. Louis Westport, opened at 9:00 AM. Sherman Camp #65 Chaplain Vernon von der Heydt invoked the divine blessing. After the Department's Secretary/Treasurer Bob Petrovic called the roll of officers, Department Commander Don Palmer introduced Commander-in-Chief Powell.

C-in-C Powell brought greetings from the National organization. Some of the information he shared

Department Encampment and also discussed his views on the future of the SUVCW. Commander Palmer read greetings sent by Joseph Long of Pennsylvania, also a candidate for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Department Council Member Charles Funck then introduced his wife, Past National President Ruth Funck of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. She presented greetings from Department President Bernice Wulff and the Missouri Department of the DUVCW and thanked the Missouri Department of the SUVCW for the flowers provided at their Department Convention. PNP Funck then presented Commander Palmer with a book entitled "Civil War St. Louis" by Louis Gerteis as a gift from the DUVCW. Commander Palmer thanked the DUVCW for the gift and reiterated his desire to see SUVCW Camps and DUVCW Tents establish closer working relationships in Missouri.

All officers and committee chairmen then provided their annual reports, which included Commander Palmer's State-of-the-Department report. Commander Palmer's report focused on the five categories of Missouri Vision 2010, including organizational growth, financial health, Department unity, community relations and support of National initiatives. He provided details demonstrating how far Missouri has come in the past year in laying the foundation of Vision 2010 and progressing in each of these areas. He thanked the officers and committee members for their excellent work over the past year.



This year's 2002 Department Encampment room again prepared as a smaller replica of the larger more formal National Encampment room

A total of 17 Missouri brothers were in attendance, which represented the largest attendance since the first Encampment held in 1996. From 1997 - 2001, average attendance was 11 members. In addition, the Encampment was attended by Commander-in-Chief George Powell and PDC Steve Michaels from Wisconsin. Brother Michaels was one of two candidates vying for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

with the Encampment included a possible \$3-5 increase in the National per capita tax and the potential reduction of quarterly per capita tax reports to a single, annually submitted report. C-in-C Powell concluded with the announcement of the recent passing of two Past Commanders-in Chief. Commander Palmer then introduced PDC Steve Michaels of Wisconsin, who expressed his appreciation for the invitation to attend the Missouri

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The unfinished business discussed included the planned completion of the Vision 2010 plan by the end of the summer, several Department unity programs, preliminary results of the Vision 2010 survey and funding for the Department newsletter. One proposal for a Department unity program was the archiving of all Missouri Department and Camp records on digital or some other media. A motion was made by Brother Walt Busch of Grant Camp #68 to have Missouri Department and Camp records placed on microfilm in lieu of a digital format. This motion passed. Brother Busch also believed that the Missouri State Archives may offer a grant to cover the costs of this program and volunteered to investigate this.

Another proposal was the establishment of a GAR Highway in Missouri. Department Council Member Jack Grothe of Sherman Camp #65 made a motion to continue with this effort, obtain more information and get an estimate of the funds required to complete this project. This motion also passed. Sherman Camp #65 Commander Bob Champlin volunteered to serve as a focal point for this program.

A third proposal for Department unity was the establishment of a Missouri Civil War/GAR Museum. Commander Palmer brought up the fact that he is dropping this from further consideration in light of the recent Grant Camp program with St. Louis County to restore the Post Exchange building at Jefferson Barracks and establish a museum dedicated to Missouri's involvement in the Civil War. He noted that, with Department cooperation, this program will eventually meet the goals envisioned for the Department unity program.

Department Junior Vice Commander John Pillers, although not in attendance, provided preliminary results on the Vision 2010 survey results. The reader is referred to the article on the Vision 2010 preliminary survey results appearing this issue.

The bulk of the discussion held under unfinished business dealt with the funding issue surrounding the Department newsletter, *The Missouri Unionist*. The issue was the cost of mailing hardcopies to every member in the Department and alternatives to reduce cost. One alternative was to provide the newsletter to those with internet access and/or e-mail electronically. Another alternative was to reduce the number of issues from four to three per year. A third was to cut each issue down from 16 pages to eight.

The general opinion of the Encampment was that the newsletter was a valuable part of their membership and not to compromise quality, content or the periodicity of the newsletter. Department Secretary/Treasurer Bob Petrovic states that the proposed 2002-2003 budget contained enough to cover the cost of quarterly issues at the same quality and content level of the first two issues.

Westport Camp #64 Commander Bud Marks made a motion to publish the newsletter per the budgeted amount, with any business decisions made by the newsletter editor and the Department Commander. This motion passed. Commander Palmer asked Camp Commanders to poll their members to determine if there is interest in receiving their issues electronically.

As a follow-up, a discussion was held relative to the use of the not-

for-profit mailing permit that Grant Camp #68 obtained for their mailing purposes. This mailing permit would reduce the cost per mailing from 57 cents to 22 cents. One option discussed was sharing the cost of the permit. The proposal made by Grant Camp #68 was that the Department pick up the one-time initiation fee of \$125 and the Camp would cover the annual \$125 charge to maintain the permit. Brother Funck made a motion that a written agreement between Camp #68 and the Department be assembled to allow the Department to use the Camp permit and include specifics of the agreement. During the discussion, it was pointed that, in order to use the Grant Camp permit, each mailing must have the Grant Camp mailing information. There was concern in that, since the postal service is aware the Department of Missouri is incorporated separately, if it is discovered that the Department is using the Camp permit, it could be revoked. The vote was called and the motion failed. The Department will take up the issue of obtaining their own permit at a subsequent Department meeting.

Department Secretary/Treasurer Bob Petrovic presented the proposed budget for 2002-2003. The Department will operate with a balanced budget of \$4195, with reserves in various accounts amounting to #3702. The total budget, including income and reserves will be \$7897. On key element of the budget was to try to reduce the dependency on per capita income. From 1997-2001, per capita income constituted 90% of the budget. For 2002, only 65% of the budget is based on per capita tax. Added emphasis will be placed on fund raising and soliciting donations.

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Merchandising at the Department level was also discussed as another source of revenue. Currently, two Camps in Missouri sell SUVCW-approved merchandise. One option was to have the Department market merchandise containing the new Department logo approved at the 16 March special meeting of the Department. Commander-in-Chief Powell reminded the Encampment that sale of any merchandise containing the SUVCW logo must first be approved by the National Council of Administration, even if it is only sold within the Department. Brother Funck made a motion to have the Department submit a request to the Council of Administration to allow the Department to use their logo on merchandise. This motion passed.

Brother Funck made a presentation on the "Red Folders" concept to promote better communication between incoming and outgoing administrations. Each folder would contain three years worth of annual reports to help the incoming officer understand what was accomplished by his predecessors. This was presented as "information only", with some action anticipated at a future meeting of the Department.

The Department of Missouri submitted a proposal to the National organization in July 2001 to host the 2007 National Encampment in St. Louis to commemorate the 120th anniversary of the 1887 GAR Encampment held there. The Department was under the impression that this was approved based on feedback from the National Encampment Site Committee. C-in-C Powell indicated that the Council of Administration is the only approving authority and, to date, had only approved Encampment sites through 2003. Earlier this year, the

Department of Maryland submitted a proposal for 2007 as well. Brother Trout made a motion to send a letter to Maryland and inform them of our proposal and initiate discussions to work toward a mutually agreeable solution. This motion passed.

Under new business, C-in-C Powell presented the new Maj. Francis Wilhelmi Camp #17 charter to Camp Commander Glennon Alsop and Department Signals Officer Doug Niermeyer. The new camp is located in Washington, MO. C-in-C Powell mentioned that charter presentations are a reflection on the growth of the organization and witnessing such growth is one aspect of his position that he really enjoys.



Wilhelmi Camp Commander Glen Alsop and Department Signals Officer Doug Niermeyer accepting the Wilhelmi Camp #17 Charter from CinC George Powell

Department Graves Registration Officer Mark Trout gave a presentation on the Missouri Civil War Museum project that Grant Camp #68 has undertaken. The objective of this project is to renovate the Post Exchange building at Jefferson Barracks and create a museum dedicated to the GAR and the Civil War in Missouri. The Grant Camp is currently working with the St. Louis County Council to introduce legislation to allow the County to

enter into a long-term lease agreement with the Grant Camp.

Brother Trout indicated that the Camp has applied for various grants to help with renovation costs and will be soliciting donations from the National organization and members of the SUVCW. More information on this project can be found in the article on this subject in this issue.

The election of officers for 2002-2003 and delegates to the 2002 National Encampment was then held as the final task of the Encampment. The following officers were elected for 2002-2003:

- Department Commander – Don Palmer (Grant #68)
- Dept. Senior Vice Commander – John Pillers (Oglesby #61)
- Dept. Jr. Vice Commander – Charles Funck (Sherman #68)
- Dept. Secretary/Treasurer – Bob Petrovic (Grant #68)
- Department Council – Jack Grothe (Sherman #65)
- Department Council – Emmett Taylor (Wilhelmi #17)
- Department Council – Charles Funck (Sherman #65)

Commander Palmer, assisted by Sherman Camp #65 Chaplain Vern von der Heydt, then closed the 7th Annual Missouri Department Encampment at 5:00 PM.

The banquet on Saturday night proved to be an enjoyable event, with the spouses of members present. Grant Camp #68 Commander John Avery served at the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Newly elected Junior Vice Commander

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Charles Funck delivered the invocation. Commander-in-Chief Powell was introduced and thanked the Missouri Department for their hospitality and commended the Department for the work that they are doing and their planning for the future. He also indicated that he was happy to be back in the state where he was elected Commander-in-Chief.

The Department was also honored with the presence of Sons of Confederate Veterans Missouri Division Commander Gene Dressel.



National CinC George Powell with Department Commander Donald Palmer and banquet guest Missouri Commander Gene Dressel of the Sons of Confederate Veterans

Division Commander Dressel thanked the Missouri Department SUVCW for the invitation to this year's event and for all of the support and assistance they have given to the SCV in their efforts to defend their Civil War heritage.

Department Senior Vice Commander and Awards Committee Chairman John Martin then presented the annual Department awards.

The 2002 James B. Eads Award for Outstanding Camp was presented to Ulysses S. Grant #68 Camp Commander John Avery.



Dept. Senior Vice-Commander Jon Martin presenting Grant Camp Commander John Avery the 2002 James B. Eads Award

The Francis P. Blair, Jr. Award for Outstanding member was then presented to Graves Registration Officer and Missouri Unionist newsletter Editor Mark Trout.

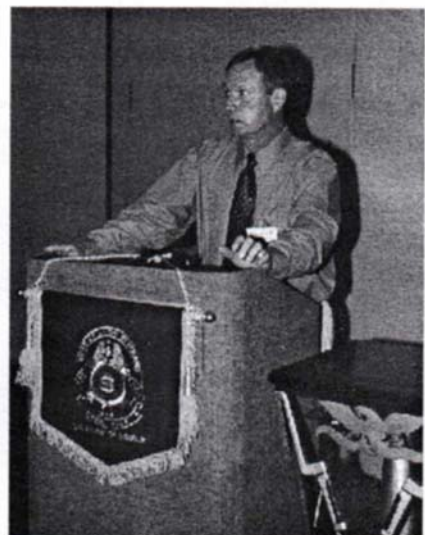
The Show-Me Spirit Award for Outstanding Contributions by a Non-Member was a tie. Cher Petrovic, wife of Secretary/Treasurer Bob Petrovic, was presented her award at the banquet. Bethany Tetley of the City of Wildwood was unable to attend and will receive her award at a later date.

The guest speaker for the evening's banquet event was Mr. Marc Kollbaum from the Jefferson Barracks County Park in St. Louis. He provided a brief overview of the long and significant history of the Jefferson Barracks military post since 1826. Mr. Kollbaum spoke of its role in many of our countries wars since the Mexican War and highlighted its importance during the Civil War.

Commander Palmer provided some closing remarks to the guests and again thanked all of the Department and Camp officers and members for their volunteer spirit over the past year and gave special thanks to Bob Petrovic for his efforts in planning an excellent 2002 Department Encampment. Brother Charles Funck concluded the evening by delivering the benediction.

The next morning, prior to the Commander in Chief departing from St. Louis Department Commander Don Palmer, Bob Petrovic and Mark Trout of the Grant Camp escorted Commander in Chief Powell on guided tours of the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site (White Haven) in southern St. Louis and then the Jefferson Barracks Post Exchange Building.

As many know, the Post Exchange Building will be the future home of the Missouri Civil War Museum. C-in-C Powell commented that these tours were the conclusion of an enjoyable weekend in Missouri.



Mark Kollbaum of the Jefferson Barracks County Park giving a brief historical background presentation about Jefferson Barracks

PHELPS CAMP #66 - SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

By Michael Price

My fellow Brothers,

I would like to take this opportunity to report on the recent activities of the Phelps Camp in the past few months. As usual, our camp has been busy with our Parade of the American Soldier program.



The Phelps Camp's Parade of the American Soldier Program

On Memorial Day weekend our Camp presented some interpretative programs using the timeline at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. We also participated in the annual Fourth of July parade at Springfield, Missouri with our program.

Our Camp members were very encouraged and impressed by the large and enthusiastic crowd that attended the festivities in spite of the extreme heat.

In June, Phelps Camp members met at the Evergreen Cemetery in Republic, Missouri to record Civil War military information as part of our organization's Graves Registration Program. Plans are already underway for

additional cemetery work later this fall.

On August 6th, several members



Civil War cannons at Wilson's Creek Battlefield, Springfield, MO

of Phelps Camp attended a public hearing concerning the general management plan proposed for the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield.

The large crowd in attendance expressed a variety of viewpoints, ranging from recreational users who want to downplay the memorial aspects of the battlefield, to preservationists who would like to ban all recreational use.

Our members in attendance did however agree to draft a letter to Wilson's Creek Superintendent Richard Lusardi expressing the Camp's overall support for General Management Plan B. This



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plan would only monitor and not ban recreational use in the park and would place more emphasis on interpretation and preservation of the battlefield.

During the month of August, our members served as official escorts for the national officers at the Daughters of Union Veterans National Encampment and on August 10th we formed a color guard that participated in the memorial ceremony marking the 141st anniversary of the Battle of Wilson's Creek.

On a final note, the Camp is in the initial planning and design stages for the erection of a monument in the Springfield National Cemetery honoring Union soldiers killed at the Battle of Wilson's Creek. We expect to begin active fund raising soon and would appreciate your support.



Dedication Inscription on the Old Dedication Cannon at the Springfield National Cemetery located in Springfield, Missouri

WILLIAM T. SHERMAN CAMP #65 - ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

By Charles Ed Funck III

The William T. Sherman, Billy Yank Camp #65 wishes to take the time and salute Brother Emmett P. Taylor III who received the National Ribbon and Commendation Award at the recent National Encampment in Springfield, Illinois for his recruiting efforts to the organization during the past year. In addition, Brother Jack G. Grothe and Camp Commander Robert D. Champlin also received the "Staff Medal" from the Commanding General of the SVR for their service.



Ceremonial Color Guard Provided by the William T. Sherman Camp for the 2002 National Encampment

Also during this year's 2002 National Encampment, Brothers Emmett P. Taylor, Edwin J. Eller, and Charles Ed. Funck III all served duty as part of the

"official" Color Guard for the National Encampment proceedings. Speaking of Colors, our traveling Camp Colors have been regularly "on-duty" as of late assisting the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War in both Springfield, Missouri for their National Convention and in Kahoka, Missouri for the Department Convention.

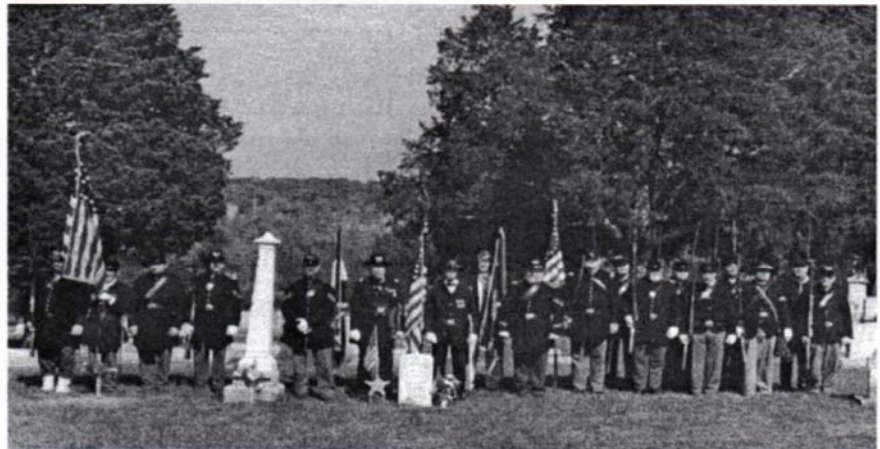
On September 29, 2002, members of the Sherman Camp along with representatives of the 4th Military District and MOL-LUS participated in the Grave Re-dedication Ceremony of Union Soldier Chauncey Fish, Principle Musician & Drum Major for Company H, 35th Missouri Volunteer Infantry.

Chauncey Fish was the Great, Great, Great Grandfather of SUVCW Brother Jim Fish and is buried at the Union Cemetery in Union, Missouri where the ceremony took place. After the



Sherman Camp representatives Bob Champlin, Charles Funck, and Jack Grothe at the ceremony of Union Veteran Corporal Chauncey Fish

ceremony was completed, participants and guests were invited to a nice gathering of food and beverages. Jim Fish and his associates did a very fine job inarranging and implementing this fine example of remembrance and teamwork.



Participants at the grave marker re-dedication ceremony in Union Missouri for Chauncey Fish of the 35th Missouri Volunteer Infantry

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