

Department Order No. 1

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It is with great pleasure that I can announce to the department that the General William T. Sherman/Billy Yank Camp #65 of St. Louis, Mo. has reached the milestone of a 25th Anniversary as a camp within the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

It is also with pleasure that on their twenty-fifth anniversary they are still a strong, active and vibrant camp. Predating the modern Department of Missouri, at least two other camps have directly grown from their roots and these camps have yielded at least three more camps.

Therefore, it is the first order of this department, that we recognize the accomplishments of this camp and their long term service to the department. This will be accomplished by the department webmaster placing words to this effect on the home page of the Department of Missouri: "Honoring the Gen. William T. Sherman/Billy Yank Camp #65 of St. Louis for 25 years of service to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the memory of all Union soldiers."

This order will take effect as soon after the period of mourning for Brother Flynn is over (June 19) that the webmaster can put it up on the website and will remain in effect throughout 2007.

Three Huzzahs from the Department Commander to the Sherman Camp.

Walt Busch
Dept. Commander

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All camps and members of the SUVCW are encouraged to attend the Department of Missouri regular meetings. The following dates are established for department meetings:

- October 20, 2007 10 am ---- Jefferson City -- Capital Building
- March 15, 2008 10 am ---- Jefferson City -- Capital Building
- June 6, 2008 6 pm ---- Holiday Inn, Butler Hill Rd & I-55, St. Louis, MO 63128 -- Social Hour
- June 7, 2008 9 am ---- Holiday Inn, Butler Hill Rd & I-55, St. Louis, MO 63128 -- Annual Meeting

If the work of the Senior Vice Commander on updating by-laws requires an additional meeting, one will be announced and held for that purpose in late April or early May.

The following dates are of importance to the Department of Missouri and members are strongly encouraged to attend:

- August 9-12, 2007 ---- National Encampment ---- Frontenac Hilton, US 40 and Lindbergh Rd, St Louis. Past Commander John Avery is in charge of the delegates and alternates for Missouri. The forms for attending are on the Missouri SUV website.
- October 6, 2007 ---- GAR Allied Orders Central Region Association Conference, Crawfordsville, IN (registration form link on this web page: <http://suvw.org/in/DEPTIN.html>)

Walt Busch
Commander, Dept. of Missouri

Department Order No. 3

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24 Jun 2007

Walter E. Busch, Commander

The following members of the Department of Missouri are appointed to serve in the following posts. They are further authorized to appoint committees to help them complete their tasks, should they decide that is necessary.

Chief of Staff	John Martin, PDC, Westport Camp, Mcaliberjon@aol.com
Last Soldiers Project	John Martin, PDC, Westport Camp
GAR Post Records Officers	Brian V. Smarker, JVC, Westport Camp 2205 Arbor Ln, Excelsior Springs, MO 64024-3043 (816) 630-2104 bsmarker@suvchwmo.org
Monuments Officer	Walt Busch, DC PO Box 509, Pilot Knob, MO 63663 314-630-8407 webusch@hotmail.com
	As this project is getting ready to be on-line shortly, I don't want to change horses in mid-stream, at least until it is up and running.
Graves Registration Officer	Gary Scheel, Grant/Asboth Camp 383 Jefferson Street, Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670 314-623-2062 somewhere1@sbcglobal.net
SUV Camps Officer	Glyen Brown 3rd, Oglesby Camp 144 D Street, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 573-332-1266 glyen.brown@netzero.net
Archivist	Glyen Brown 3rd, Oglesby Camp
	Report to be generated by next department annual encampment establishing suggested guidelines for camps to preserve their records.
Public Information Officer	No appointee
Marketing/Promotions Officer	Rod Price, McCormick Camp 13624 Fandel, DeSoto, MO 63620 636-586-8187 rodprice@peoplepc.com

All other officers remain the same as last year.

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Department Commander

Department Order No. 4

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8 Aug 2007

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It is with sadness that this department acknowledges the loss of a long time member of US Grant Camp #68, Craig Brown of St. Louis. Craig has served repeatedly as council for the Grant Camp and until recently regularly attended meetings.

Therefore, the Department will once again be in mourning for a period of one month effective today. The Department of Missouri and the US Grant Camp Flag when displayed will be draped with a black ribbon. The Department Charter will be covered in black when displayed. All members of the department will wear black on their membership badges anytime they are worn until September 7, 2007.

Finally, with the national encampment occurring in our state this weekend, it may be difficult to have the website draped in black in his memory; however, it will be done as expeditiously as possible. The information regarding the Sherman Camp will stay on the home page during this time pursuant to my General Orders #1.

If I am informed of additional information regarding Craig or funeral arrangements, I will send that out.

Walter E. Busch
Commander
Department of Missouri

Department Order No. 5

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12 Aug 2007

Walter E. Busch, Commander

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It is with extreme pleasure that the department of Missouri announces the acquisition of the 1888 state corporation charter for the Grand Army of the Republic and a gavel used by the Frank Blair Post #1 of St. Louis, Mo.

Both these items were given to the department by John "Jack" Powell of St. Louis, Mo., a longtime member of the St. Louis Civil War Roundtable.

It is now therefore ordered that:

1. Hereafter, all members of the department will treat Jack Powell as a respected friend of the department for his most gracious gift and to offer their assistance to him.
2. The charter which is showing the effects of its age will be taken in for evaluation for preservation treatment and mounting.
3. It is recommended that the stabilization and funding for such be approved this year by the members of the department.
4. Once it is stabilized, framed and mounted, it will be stored with the original SUV charter for the department and the charter from the 1990s. The mounting/framing will include labeling identifying it as being "Gifted to the Department of Missouri SUVCW by John "Jack" Powell, St. Louis, Mo.
5. It will be displayed on appropriate occasions along with the original SUV charter.
6. The gavel will be stored in an archivally safe display box when purchased by the department. A label will be in the box identifying it as coming from "Frank Blair Post No. 1 G.A.R." and "Gifted to the Department of Missouri SUVCW by John 'Jack' Powell, St. Louis, Mo."
7. The gavel may, if desired, be used by future department commanders only at the annual department encampment or by the national commander at any future national encampments held within this state.

By Authority of

Walter E. Busch
Commander
Department of Missouri
SUVCW

Department Order No. 6

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21 Aug 2007

Walter E. Busch, Commander

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Whereas, the Grand Army of the Republic was established in part to help financially or otherwise veterans, their widows and children; and,

Whereas, the Sons of Union Veterans hold as watchwords, Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty; and,

Whereas, there occurs within our fraternal organization the need to exhibit charity to individual members and their families;

Now therefore, the Department of Missouri Sons of Union Veterans establishes a benevolent fund. The purpose of which is to help members and their families in need, mainly due to catastrophic illness, disaster, or death.

The Department Secretary/Treasurer will establish a separate bank account for the collecting of such funds. Such funds will only be disbursed upon the agreement of three of the five elected officers (Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Secretary, and Treasurer). The fund will be audited in the manner provided by national and department constitutions, by-laws, policies and procedures.

The account will be established ensuring that there are no fees for normal banking business. The account, when established, will maintain a minimum of \$50 (fifty dollars) in it to keep it open.

All members and camps are asked to consider a modest donation on an annual basis to ensure that we can be loyal to our members in need by offering them some assistance.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Walter E. Busch
Department Commander

Department Order No. 7

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26 May 2008

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I. While the James Eads award is reduced to a point system and can easily have a deadline of mid-May each year, other awards require plaque preparation for individuals and in some cases might require non-members to attend the conference to receive their awards. For this reason additional time is needed to prepare for the Frank Blair, Jr award, the Show-Me award and the GAR award.

II. Each camp / individual members shall present their nominees for these awards by March 31st of each year to the Senior Vice Commander who shall head a committee to review these awards and recommend nominees to the Department Commander for his decision. Those names approved by the commander will have plaques prepared for them.

III. The department will pay for one award in each category. If a camp or member recommends multiple people for a single award, that camp or member will have to provide a method of payment for the additional awards if that nomination is accepted as the winning one.

IV. Plaques presented for other reasons will require a vote of a department meeting or encampment.

V. Other commendations in the form of certificates are at the discretion of the Commander.

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