

Randal A. Burd, Jr. 2016-2017

A member of the Department of Missouri since 2010, Randal joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War based on the service of his great-great-great grandfather, Evan Leland Short, a private in Co. H, Osage County Home Guards and Co. K, 48th Missouri Infantry. Randal organized Sigel Camp #614, a short-lived (2011-2016) but active camp in Rolla, Missouri, which received the national



Joseph S. Rippey Award (2012) for most outstanding new camp and the Department of Missouri's James B. Eads Award (2014) for distinguished service. Before being elected Department Commander in 2016, Randal served as Sigel Camp's commander for all but one year of the camp's

existence and has served in various elected capacities at the department level, including two years as Department Secretary (2012-2014) and two years as Senior Vice Commander (2014-2016).

An educator for 10 years, Randal has taught English at every level from 7th grade to college freshmen. For the last four years, he has taught English at a residential facility for juveniles at risk. His past adventures include four years as an Army bandsman, two years as Editor-in-Chief of his college newspaper, and earning a black belt in taekwondo. Randal is also a successful freelance writer and genealogist, having accumulated many satisfied clients in both capacities.

He is married and together with his wife, Ashley, and two children lives in Southeast Missouri.