



**Walter E. Busch, PCC
Department Commander
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

Department Orders Series 2007-2008

Department Order #5

June 2007

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 #6 dated 8-21-2007

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 3 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 insuring 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 insure 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

dated 5/26/2008

Future Awards Procedures

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 award 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.

By Order of

Walt Busch
Commander
Department of Missouri.

Walt's Missing Dept Orders -

Dept Order No 1 – issued in June 2007 congratulated Sherman Camp #65, the oldest active Camp in Missouri, on their 25th anniversary.

[Dept Orders 2 & 3 probably listed the officers for the year and the dates for business meetings.]

Dept Order No 2 – UNK

Dept Order No 3 – UNK

Dept Order No 4 - In August 2007, we lost longtime brother, Craig Brown, of the US Grant Camp #68. Department General Orders # 4 set a period of mourning for that loss of that camp's long time counsel