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2010 Officers Modeling the Official 2011 Summer Uniform
Hawaii Shirts (Color variations your choice)
Suggested 2011 Encampment Menu: CHINESE



L-R: Senior Vice Commander D. Christopher Warren, Department Commander Rod Price and Junior Vice Commander Martin Aubuchon.
(Front Row) Secretary/Treasurer Walter Busch.

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Date: June 5, 2010

Dear Brothers,

To all the Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It's been over a month since our Department Encampment. As many of you know, I was elected your Commander of the Department of Missouri. I take the office very seriously.

My first "crisis" was no website or mail. The old site owners pulled the plug on us earlier than what they had first told us, (July 1 2010). However this is being taken care of by our new signals officer, Brother Dan Tuck and assisted by other members of the Westport Camp. This of course is why I was late getting this message out and using various Email addresses from several sources. Please share with others.

First of all I would like to thank Brian Smarker, Past Commander, for his devotion to duty in that capacity as well as the other officers and committees of this past year. I can't leave out a well done to Westport Camp for an enjoyable encampment, which took place without a hitch. It was well attended. I wish you all could have attended. Also to Walt Busch for nominating me and Jack Grothe for seconding me.

We have a very fine group of officers for 2010-2011. I will soon send a list of all offices and committee heads. Since I had no objections or request to resign from past officers, I am requesting all to remain except a few who will do double duty. I will also briefly outline some upcoming issues we need to address in the coming year.

To plan goals and a solid direction for our Department. At encampment, a ten-year plan was reviewed by Don Palmer of our past accomplishments. I would hope we could extend these plans for an additional five years.

To help bring a better sense of brotherhood to our Department we need to keep petty politics out some of our activities and a better sense of Loyalty to each other. To act for a better Department rather than personal gain or fame only. If the guy (Officer of member) needs help or information, give it to him. Don't hold back and let him flounder. I have personally seen this and I don't like it. Each and every one of us is better than that.

A web site fix (updates) and Webmaster needs to be installed. Brian agreed to stay one month due to his busy schedule. I think Dan Tuck, one of our own members will be taking over. Dan Tuck has purchased three years, at "GO Daddy" web location, for us. Nearly Done

Location of all future department business meetings was established. To be scheduled by the Department Commander (or his designate) to be located within a sixty mile radius of Columbia, MO. Exact location to be announced at a later date. I hope to see a lot of you there.

Gravestone attachments for SUVVCW members, Life members and past DC's. I believe these could also be offered to general membership at very reasonable cost.

A schedule of all camps activities as soon as known by the camps. This will be updated on a regular basis. These will be listed on our website. This will better facilitate a smoother working relationship and assistance between us and with other camps, organizations and the Missouri Department of Tourism. I would ask each camp secretary to send me an updated schedule within the next two weeks.

Part of my job as Commander is to visit with each Camp. I understand that an invitation is expected but not necessary. I'd like to fit into your schedule. This July 5, 2010 I will with Walter Busch visiting our Arkansas brothers.

These are a few of the things that were working on besides the usual activities of staff and members.

Remember that I'm new to this so please allow me to some personal leeway. I've been in the military, a police officer for twenty years, other law enforcement for state and private for another fifteen, so I'm pretty straight and to the point and sometimes coarse in manner, but it's the police attitude that I never lost.

If you need assistance, or have some ideas, please contact me and I get the help or information you need, to you.

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Yours in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

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Department Order #1 28 July 2010

1. The following is a list of appointed and elected officers for the Department of Missouri for the year running June 5, 2010 to June 4, 2011.

Department of Missouri

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Camp</u>
Commander	Rod Price, PCC	McCormick #215
Sr. Vise-Commander	D. Christopher Warren, PCC	McCormick #215
Jr. Vise-Commander	Martin Aubuchon	Grant #68
Secretary/Treasurer	Walter E. Busch, PDC	Grant #68
Council	Brian V. Smarker, PDC	Westport #64
Council	Emmett Taylor, PDC	Asboth #5
Council	Ron Burk, PCC	Wilhelm #17
Chief of Staff	John J. Martin, PDC	Westport # 64
Patriot Instructor	Harold W. James, PCC	Asboth #5
Chaplain	Emmett Taylor, PDC	Asboth #5
Graves Registration	Robert D. Hammack	St. James #326
Historian	Vern von der Heydt, PCC	Sherman #65
Civil War Monuments	Walter E. Busch, PDC	Grant #68
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Robert D. Hammack	St. James #326
Counselor	Robert Amsler, Jr., PCC	Grant #68
ROTC/JROTC Co-Ord	Chris Warren, PCC	McCormick #215
Department Organizer	Robert M. Petrovic, PDC	Grant #68
GAR Post Records	Brian V. Smarker, PDC	Westport #64
SUV Camps Officer	Glyen Brown, PCC	Oglesby #61
Last Soldier Project	Walter E. Busch, PDC	Grant #68
Archivist of Records	John J. Martin, PDC	Westport #64
Missouri Unionist Editor	Gary L. Scheel, PCC	St. James #326
Marketing/Promotions Off	Rod Price, PCC	McCormick #215
Congressional Medal of		
Honor Chairman	William L. Groth Jr., PCC	Sherman #65
Signals Officer	Dan Tuck	Westport #64

2. A location of all future department business meetings was established at our encampment, to be scheduled by the Department Commander and to be located within a sixty-mile radius of Columbia, MO. The date scheduled is October 16, 2010. The exact location of our meeting will be announced at a later date. The spring meeting date will be set by a later order.

3. All camps should submit to me a list of their activities no later than August 31, 2010.

Ordered, in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty, this 28th day of July 2010,

Rodney D. Price PCC
Commander
Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attested to by:
Walter E. Busch, PDC,
Secretary
Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Camp News

U.S. Grant Camp # 68

Commander Marty Aubuchon was one of the → educational stations at the Parkway School District Civil War days (Photo courtesy of Marty Aubuchon)



←L-R Commander Marty Aubuchon and Don Palmer recently elected as National Senior Vice Commander in Chief. (photo courtesy of Cher Petrovic)



On July 23 of this year, this day marks the 125th anniversary of President Grant's death. The US Grant Camp #68 Son of Union Veterans has scheduled with the Grant Historic Site a remembrance ceremony for Saturday July 24th at 10:00 am. Marty Aubuchon Camp Commander US Grant Camp #68

Pictured left to right are: First Sergeant, Bob Schmidt; 2nd Lieutenant & McCormick Camp Commander, Chris Warren; Private, Andrew Warren; SUVCW Department of Missouri Commander, Rod Price (all of the 47th Missouri Infantry, Company E - Sons of Veterans Reserve and the General James R. McCormick Camp 215 - Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Farmington, MO); Past Department Commander & Department of Missouri Secretary, Walt Busch; Private Bob Aubuchon; and 2nd Lieutenant & U.S. Grant Camp Commander, Martin Aubuchon (all of the 2nd Missouri Infantry, Company A - Sons of Veterans Reserve and the Ulysses S. Grant Camp 68 - Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, St. Louis). Submitted photo



Grant Ceremony at Ironton

Francis J. Wilhelmi Camp # 17

Eagle Scout Project in Pacific, Missouri

Franz Wilhelmi Camp #17 of Washington, MO, was contacted about a Civil War marker dedication and an Eagle Project in Pacific, MO. For his Eagle Project, Boy Scout Zach Meyer of Troop 443 has been raising funds for a replica Civil War cannon to be placed on Blackburn Hill in Pacific. Zach has raised almost all the funds except for \$3,500.00 to \$4,000.00 that has been donated. The historic marker commemorates the only Civil War battle that took place near the town of Franklin (now Pacific), MO on Oct. 1, 1864, during Gen. Price's raid on Missouri. The battle lasted for several hours between the towns of Franklin and Allenton, MO, about two miles east of Franklin. Representatives of the City of Pacific and the Missouri Civil War Heritage Foundation, with assistance from several Civil War reenactors, were present on July 25, 2010, for the dedication of the marker.



(Photo courtesy of Mike McCubbins)



Franz Wilhelmi Camp #17, along with members from U. S. Grant Camp #68 and William T. Sherman/Billy Yank Camp #61, provided a honor guard, and cannon salute was fired by members of 1st Missouri Light Artillery, Company M, SVR. Also Present was 4th Military District, SVR, commander Lt. Col. Jack Grothe and Eagle ----- Don Price with

several SUV and SVR members.

On Oct. 1, 2010, Zach Meyer and the City of Pacific will conduct a cannon dedication on Blackburn Hill in Pacific. There will hopefully be another honor guard and cannon salute for this date. The City of Pacific will be placing several markers in and around the area about the Civil War in Missouri.

Submitted by
Mike McCubbins
Senior Vice Commander
Franz Wilhelmi Camp #17

General James R. McCormick Camp # 215



We have been busy with several events lately. First, we participated in the Lt. Col. Felix St. James Camp 326's Civil War encampment in Ste. Genevieve, MO on Saturday, July 10, 2010. During this event we did drills and demonstrations for the public. Later that day we participated in the reenactment of the 1861 appropriation of funds from the local bank and captured two southern sympathizers as well. This was a fun event and we congratulate the St. James Camp on a very good event.

Next, we were hosting a gravestone dedication ceremony for 1SGT Robert M. Womack of Company F, 50th Missouri Infantry. This veteran served in the Battle of Pilot Knob and later had the town of Womack, MO named for him (here he is buried). This ceremony turned out wonderfully and McCormick Camp was graciously assisted by the Louisa Volker Auxiliary 215, the St. James Camp 326 and its Auxiliary, and a member from the U. S. Grant Camp 68. This also was coupled with a magazine reporter wanting to do a special article on our group, which was followed up by a small photo shoot for the "Insider 573" magazine (September 2010 edition).



Then, on Saturday, July 24, 2010, the U. S. Grant Camp 68 held two ceremonies honoring Ulysses S. Grant. One was held at the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site (Whitehaven) in St. Louis and the other was in Ironton, MO. We assisted with the celebration in Ironton, on the spot where Grant received his Brigadier General's commission in 1861. The local newspaper printed an article on this ceremony the following Wednesday on its front page.

Finally, we come to our latest activity which was the Valles Mines History Day on August 7, 2010. This event was a last



minute one, but we were able to get four of our guys and two of the Volker Auxiliary to participate. We dressed in our uniforms and period attire, fired various Civil War weapons, and demonstrated what an infantry soldier may have carried in our area. The crowds loved it and it benefited our groups as well, as one family is joining the Auxiliary and the Sons. This was furthered by news reporters and a photographer from the "Jefferson County Leader" which assured us that this would be in the paper. In conclusion, our camp is gearing up for even more activities throughout September, October, and November. We hope to give the local communities a better understanding of what our ancestors did and to promote the SUVCW. Photos (courtesy of Twyla Warren):



Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp # 326



Camp Commander Paul Cameron (on the left) receiving the 2010 James B. Eads Award from Senior Vice Commander D. Christopher Warren. This award is awarded annually to the best camp in the department. We started organizing as a camp in November 2008 and our Date of Rank is 27 February 2009.

Ste. Genevieve Civil War Camp

On July 10 & 11 we sponsored our second annual Ste. Genevieve Civil War Camp. We felt it was a success. We added a scenario of the August 15, 1861 event in Ste. Genevieve. Greg Zelinski of the

17th Missouri Infantry and the SUVCW Hecker Camp in Belleville, IL played the part of Major John McDonald, 8th Missouri Infantry. He did an exceptional job and many citizens said they really enjoyed it and hoped that we would do it again next year. There were members of the St. James Camp, McCormick Camp, Grant Camp, Sherman Camp, Asboth Camp and Wilhelmi Camp that participated or attended the event.

Brother Bob Hammack and Brother Clarence Warfield arrived Thursday afternoon to get ready to welcome early arrivals for our Ste. Genevieve Civil War Camp. They spent the night in a tent through a storm. St. James Camp members in the photo to the right.

Extreme Left is Bob Hammack, Tom Greminger (face behind paper) and Larry McDowell watched our information booth.



Wednesday June 16th, four members of our camp attended the Ste. Genevieve Girl Scout Summer Camp and instructed them in Civil War marching and firing of weapons. There were about fifty girls and they were divided into two groups. The SUVCW members took half and the Ladies Auxiliary took the other half and taught them some games that children played during the time of the Civil War. In a thank you note from one of the leaders, she stated that the girls were asked to fill out a camp survey and several expressed that the Civil War activities was their favorite part of the camp. Photo's

were supplied by Gary Scheel)

Phelps Camp # 66

FORT SCOTT “PARADE OF THE SOLDIER”

Several members of Phelps Camp assisted with “Good Old Days” at Fort Scott National Historic Site by presenting the “Parade of the American Soldier” program on June 5-6. Despite extremely hot weather, thousands of visitors came to the fort and thoroughly enjoyed the camp’s display. Camp members received many compliments for sharing their knowledge with park visitors. The City of Fort Scott made a sizeable donation to Phelps Camp for providing the program. A big “thank you” goes to camp members Greg Wait, Steve Weldon, Larry Toll, Gary Riley, David Coffman, Jeff Patrick, Kip Lindberg and Kirk Singleton for their efforts!

McPherson Camp # 1, Arkansas

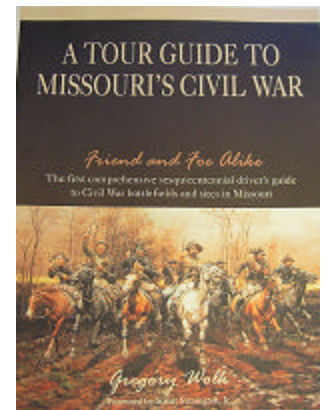


←Steve Shore and Tom Ezell of the McPherson Camp working at recreating an Arkansas Homestead at the Reed's Bridge Battle Site in Jacksonville, AR just prior to the meeting of the McPherson Camp (Photo courtesy of Walt Busch)

SPECIAL OFFER ON A NEW BOOK

Brother Greg Wolk, a member of Lt. Col. Felix St. James Camp #326, is the author of a new book, “Friend and Foe Alike: A Tour Guide to Missouri’s Civil War.” This is an extensive driver’s guide to all regions of the state, which details 230 historic sites, in 270 pages with hundreds of illustrations and maps. He is offering the book to the membership of the Department of Missouri at the retail price of \$29.95 plus shipping, but if members order through us the Department of Missouri will keep one-half of the proceeds. The Tour Guide is already in major stores in the St. Louis area. You will want to buy it when it reaches stores near you. If 20 members state-wide buy the Tour Guide through the Department, as an example, it is \$300 for our treasury.

To take advantage of this offer please send a check for \$32.72 to Secretary Walt Busch. Orders have to be received by September 15. Then, write a check made payable to “Department of Missouri SUVCW” for \$ 32.72 and mail it to Walt Busch, P.O. Box 509, Pilot Knob, MO 63663. Greg will ship as soon as we let him know your check has arrived.



October 2, 2010 All Members of the Allied Orders of the GAR

You do not really need an invitation just membership in one of the GAR Allied Orders. We would like to have the privilege of your company at the GAR Allied Orders Central Region Association (CRA) Annual Conference. It will be held in Farmington, Missouri, October 2. (Farmington is about 70 miles south of St. Louis on highway 67.) The CRA Commander, Lee Ann Teller (DUVCW Department of Indiana President and LGAR MAL), extends a warm welcome to all members of the Allied Orders to attend this conference. The 2011 conference is being sponsored by the US Grant Camp # 68, SUVCW Department of Missouri. They have put together an excellent program for all to enjoy. You can get all of the details of the agenda, registration, and directions by going to our website, <http://www.grantcamp.org/centralregionassoc.htm>. Please note, room **reservations** and **registration must be in by Sept. 19**. This will be a good time to meet old friends and make new ones. It is the time of year for all of the Allied Orders come together for the good the Orders. We look forward to seeing you in Farmington.

If you should have any questions feel free to contact Walt Busch at webusch@hotmail.com.

SPECIAL EVENT

Oglesby Camp #61, Cape Girardeau, MO Invites you to, "The Battle of Cape Girardeau"
Presented by Mr. Steven Pledger, Director of Cape Girardeau County Archives.

Join us at the Cape Girardeau Public Library, 711 N. Clark

Tuesday, September 21st, 7pm

Refreshments will be served.

For more information, please call (573) 986-8968



New book on southwest Missouri Civil War historical markers and monuments published

Springfield, Mo. – The Mary Whitney Phelps Tent No. 22 Tent (Chapter), Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, based in Springfield, Missouri, has announced publication of its 400-page book on Civil War historical markers and monuments in 24 southwest Missouri counties. Those counties include: Barry, Barton, Cedar,

Christian, Dade, Dallas, Douglas, Greene, Hickory, Howell, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, Ozark, Polk, St. Clair, Stone, Taney, Texas,

Vernon, Webster, and Wright. Marking Civil War History in the Ozarks: A Guide to Civil War Markers and Monuments in Twenty-Four Southwest Missouri Counties was compiled and edited by the tent's current president, Frances Carver Black, and was a project led by Sally Napier Bueno, 2009 president. Tent members contributed photographs and information from various counties. This guide book includes 187 historical markers and monuments—both Union and Confederate—and over 250 photographs, background information on the major battles in southwest Missouri, interesting facts about many of the monuments, and an every-name, every-place index.

Proceeds from book sales will be used to mark historic sites, support veterans, and fund other projects.

This book will appeal to history buffs, Civil War enthusiasts, and those interested in the history of the Ozarks. It will be a valuable guide book during the upcoming Civil War Sesquicentennial (2011-2015) as tourists flock to Civil War sites. Only a limited number of copies have been ordered. The organization is now accepting orders. The cost of the book is \$15 (plus shipping and handling). To access the order form (or for more information), visit <http://duvmissouritent22.org/>.



REPORT OF 2010 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

The department had a successful year and during the encampment we reflected, courtesy of Past Department Commander Don Palmer, on the successes and failures of the past 10 years. Fortunately, we have many successes to report.

In 2001, then Commander Palmer set several goals for the department to be reached by 2010. The goals included having:

- 1) 10,000 Civil War veterans' graves registered in the database. 2,542 were in the database in 2001.
- 2) Complete listing of GAR posts in the state. Had 574 in the database in 2001.
- 3) Register Civil War monuments and markers in the state estimated at 400.
- 4) Grow in organization, camps and auxiliary.

The results for the above are:

- 1) Graves -- 16,025 were in the database as of the encampment. An increase of 530%!
- 2) GAR posts --- found records listing all 594 GAR posts, so 20 more were now known. Gain of 3.48%. Only Post 192, the Captain Dunlap Post, has no information known about it. Many of the posts have been researched with about 100 records in hard copy and 80 of those in hard copy and digital format. Also, in the process we found a listing and instead of the 100 SV/SUV camps that we knew of, we now have knowledge of 215 camps prior to reorganization. We have some research on these, but no in-depth research yet. For good measure, we accidentally found 79 historical SCV camps in Missouri and turned the info over to them.
- 3) Civil War Monuments: In 2001, zero were recorded. We now have the following breakdown:
 - a. 289 monuments recorded. About half of these are both digital & hard copy records.
 - b. 38 monuments still to be recorded.
 - c. 2 possible monuments, but probably have duplicated names and the description is too vague until investigated.
 - d. 2 disappeared since the 1960s.
 - e. 28 planned for placement, but not yet installed across the state.

Total: 359 monuments in the state of Missouri not counting Confederate markers which appear on their website. 2 GAR monuments in Arkansas also recorded, but we have not yet taken on the task to record non-GAR Civil War monuments in that state.

4) 2001 Membership: 137 members/associates/jr/life

2010 membership: 233 members/associates/jr/jr assoc/life Gain of 70%, compared to national gain of 17%, but short of the goal to have 400 members by 2010.

We started 2001 with 6 SUV Camps and have added 7 for a 117% increase.

Wilhelmi Camp in Washington, MO, Asboth Camp in St. Charles, Palmer Camp in the Hartsville area, since folded.

Moore Camp in Canton, McCormick Camp in Farmington, Tiger Camp in Columbia, St James Camp in Ste. Genevieve, McPherson Camp in Little Rock, Arkansas

We started 2001 with no auxiliaries recognized. Since then we have gained two with a third being formed.

Nancy A. James Auxiliary, Wentzville, Louisa Volker Auxiliary, Farmington, Forming in Ste. Genevieve. In addition to these goals, we have researched GAR and SUV department commanders and now have bios on several of them. We have a last soldier project with good candidates listed for 85 out of 115 counties in Missouri. We've also taken on the task of inspecting the graves of Medal of Honor Recipients from the Civil War to insure their upkeep. This has lead to several camps now observing MOH Day at one of the grave sites.

Missouri has had all these and more successes, as this does not include having an award winning newsletter, handing out numerous eagle scout and some ROTC awards, regularly holding Sherman Day and Memorial Day ceremonies, building up our money, holding a national encampment.

As to our department encampment, we met at the Ararat Shrine in Kansas City Metro

Submitted by Walt Busch, PDC Department Secretary