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National Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall  
Commander-in-Chief Badge is placed on by his wife Patti.  
(Photo by Cher Petrovic)

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# Our Commander-in-Chief Biography



Brad Schall of Lincoln, California was elected Commander-in-Chief at the 129th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Overland Park, Kansas on 14 August 2010. He is the fourth Californian to be elected Commander-in-Chief, the last being elected 44 years ago.

Commander-in-Chief Schall's membership in the SUVCW is through his two great grandfathers, William Braden Schall, Sgt. 11th Illinois Volunteer Cavalry and Willis Reed, 107th Illinois Volunteer Infantry and a Sgt. in the 1st Illinois Light Artillery. Three great uncles, Capt. Absalom Schall, 11th Pennsylvania, Cpl. Thomas Jackson Schall, killed at the battle of Fair Oaks and Pvt. George G. Schall of the 67th Pennsylvania Infantry all served in the Union Army. William Braden Schall and Absalom Schall were members of the GAR. Twenty two other relatives fought for the Union.

Brad Schall is the oldest son of Donald Braden Schall, Sr and Anna Mae Schall. He has one brother and five sisters. He was born in Hutchinson,

Kansas where his Nana Schall introduced him to the Civil War History of his family and the Joseph Hooker GAR Post. Among his prize possessions are his great grandparents' GAR and Woman's Relief Corps Encampment ribbons and badges. Both his Nana and great grandmother were members of the Woman's Relief Corps. His brother William, son Braden and grandson Christopher are members of the SUVCW.

His Civil War interest goes back to childhood where he lived one block from the Lincoln Civil War Memorial in Hutchinson, Kansas. As a child, his family participated in Memorial Day services with descendants of members of the Joseph Hooker GAR Post 17, of which his great-grandfather had been a member. Brad's family decorated the graves of their great-grandfather and other Civil War soldiers at East Side Cemetery in Hutchinson with flags and flowers.

Brad joined the Phil Sheridan SUVCW Camp in San Jose, California and during the next 15 years held almost every position in the Camps he belonged to and in the Department of California and Pacific. He started the General Alfred Pleasonton Camp #24 in 1999. At the national level he has served on the Memorials Committee, Chairman of the Memorials Grant Committee, E-Bay Committee, Chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee, National Patriotic Instructor, Committee on Constitution and Regulations, Life Membership Committee Chairman, Sesquicentennial Committee, two terms on the Council of Administrations and has gone through the Chairs to become Commander-in-Chief. He also served as Co-Chairman of the SUVCW Foundation. He actively participates with the General George Wright Camp #22 in Sacramento and the General Alfred Pleasonton Camp #24 in the San Francisco Bay Area.

He retired in 2002 when he sold his meat brokerage business and moved to Lincoln, California. His business career was in the food industry starting at Safeway while in school, and 17 years at Quaker Oats Company in sales, sales management and sales promotion. He left Quaker Oats to spend ten years in the export/import business and then as general manager of a Con Agra Distribution Company in California. He went to the meat industry after that and finally ended his career by owning his own business for the last eight years.

Brad belongs to the California Historical Society, Kansas State Historical Society, Derry Pennsylvania Historical Society, Pennsylvania Genealogy Society, Ft. Larnard Old Guard, Friends of Gettysburg Battlefield, Gettysburg Battlefield Association, Lincoln Forum, California Military Museum, Sacramento and San Francisco Civil War Roundtables, Co-Chairman of the Friends of Civil War Alcatraz, Volunteer NPS Docent at Alcatraz Island in San Francisco National Eagle Scout Association, Manager of Sun Eagles senior softball team, Fellowship of Christian Athletic and a U.S. Army Veteran.

However he is most proud of his family heritage, his wife Patti, five children, 12 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

I dedicate my year of service to my two great grandfathers who served in the Civil War, my parents who taught me the love of country, respect for family members who came before me, the love of God and the exciting history of the American Civil War, and to my mentor Bob Lowe whom I wish were here to experience this great ride with me.

(Taken from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War website)

# OUR NATIONAL OFFICERS



(Photo by Cher Petrovic)

The Department of Missouri has the honor of having one of its members elected as the new Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Brother Don Palmer (first row 4<sup>th</sup> from the left) is a member of the U.S. Grant Camp # 68 located in St. Louis. He has served our Department in many capacities but most notably as Department Commander for three years. It was during his reign as Department Commander that the 2010 Initiative came into being. He also was responsible for instituting the awards programs that exists today in our Department. He has served as Chief of Staff for several of our Past Commander-in-Chiefs as well as Grand Army of the Republic Post Chair and has recently been serving as our National Order Secretary.

The Department of Missouri has the honor of having one of its members elected onto the National Council of Administration. Brother Robert Petrovic (2<sup>nd</sup> row 3<sup>d</sup> from the left) is a member of the U.S. Grant Camp # 68 in St. Louis. He has served as our Department Commander and he is still serving in various positions in our Department. He just finished a three year term on the National Council of Administration and has served several times in this capacity. He also serves our National Order in several other capacities which include, Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, member of the National Encampment Site Committee, Chair of the Committee Lincoln Tomb Observance, Chair of the Committee Civil War Memorial Grant Fund and Chair of the National Endowment Foundation.





Brother Walt Busch is another Department of Missouri member's who is serving our National Order. He serves as Chair of the Encampment Credentials Committee (2<sup>nd</sup> from the left modeling the new Department of Missouri Summer Uniform) shown hard at work at the past National Encampment. He also is on the Aides Committee on GAR

(Photo by David Sosnowski)

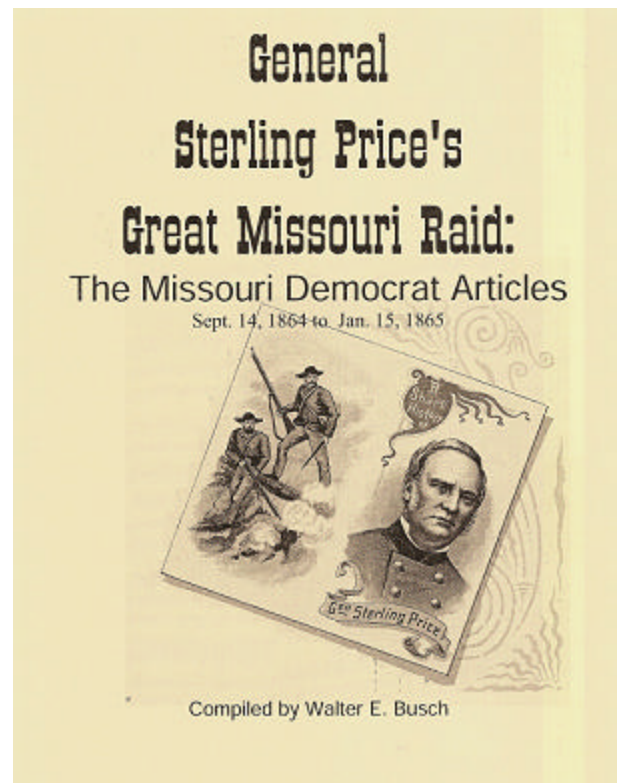
Records. Brother Walt serves in the Department as Secretary/Treasurer among other jobs that he has taken on.

## NEW BOOK by WALT BUSCH

Just arrived at Fort Davidson on August 25, 2010. This book has articles in it from the Missouri Democrat that deal with General Price's Raid. It is in a three ring binder and has 475 pages with an additional 23 pages of photo's and maps. The price for this book is \$29.95.

There is also a CD that has the same information as the book but includes bonus articles from the Missouri Republican and archives at Fort Davidson Historic Site. The price for the CD is \$20.00. Even better by both the book and the CD for \$40.00. If you are interested contact Walt Busch at [webusch@hotmail.com](mailto:webusch@hotmail.com)

(Editorial Note: In a phone conversation with Department Commander Rod Price he expressed an interest that I would highlight an author that is a member of our Department.)





# From Our Commander

Greetings. The next few pages are for you to review prior to our Department Meeting which will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The location and times will be forthcoming.  
Rod Price, Department Commander

## 2010 PROPOSED BUDGET Department of Missouri Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

To keep this as simple as possible, I have not included expenditures and revenues such as taking in national dues and then expending them later. Since the net result should be ZERO.

### MONIES ON HAND AS OF JUNE 18, 2010

CD purchased 3/1/2007 .....	\$1,102.25
Business saving account .....	\$ 833.91
Organization checking account .....	\$1,806.74
Encampment checking account.....	\$692.22
Department Benevolent Fund Account.....	\$128.00
Per Capita, new members in FY 10.....	\$36.00
Department Per Capita Tax based on estimate 220 members (x \$6).....	\$1,320.00

TOTAL INCOME: \$5,919.12

### Specific Projects Funds (must voted on use):

Benevolent Fund.....	\$128.00
Past Commander's Fund.....	\$1,069.34
TOTAL	\$1197.34

\$5912.12 MINUS \$1197.34 REMAINING.....\$4,714.78

### Expenditures Budgeted For the Year Ending June, 2011

Department Encampment.....	\$1,366.00
Missouri SOS Incorporation Annual Fee.....	\$10.00 <sup>i</sup>
Flowers, Greetings, Sympathy.....	\$ 75.00
Postage & Office Supplies.....	\$20.00 <sup>ii</sup>
Past Department Commander's Medal.....	\$40.00
ROTC Awards.....	\$30.00
Eagle Scout Awards.....	\$80.00
Encampment Awards / Recognition.....	\$300.00
Department Commander Travel & Office Expenses.....	No Cost
Missouri Unionist.....	No Cost
Department Gift to C-in-C.....	\$ 60.00 – 80.00*
Adding Names to Past Commander Plaque.....	\$40.00*
Request for Grave Stone medallions .....	\$250.00**
Correcting Eads Awards.....	\$150.00*
Matting and Framing McPherson Camp Charter.....	\$60.00*

Reimburse Brian Smarker for Display Boards.....	\$47.19*
Website renewal for up to three years.....	\$250.00*
Ad in National Encampment Book.....	\$40.00*
TOTAL	\$3108.19

<sup>i</sup> May be donated by Walt  
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REMAINING AFTER EXPENSES \$2,156.59 + Above \$1197.34 = \$3353.93

\*As voted by 2010 Encampment

\*\* To be requested at first business meeting, Rod Price to provide for any additional funds required and later reimbursed from sales of same.

### SUVCW Gravestone Attachments

It was a practice that past GAR members had coffin attachments placed on their coffins identifying them as GAR members.

Past DC Brian Smarker raised the issue that we have them made for our Department as Tombstone attachments. At several past business meetings, we talked about having gravestone attachments for SUVCW Past Department Commanders and later discussed that Life members be included. Several other members added their ideas and the idea struck me that these (GSA) could also be offered to the general membership.

I began gathering information on the manufacturing these (GSA's). I found that they can be made at a reasonable cost and offered to members of the Department of Missouri probable in the neighborhood of between \$20.00 and \$30.00. They would be numbered sequentially for record keeping and data retrieval. Attached by GS epoxy. During our National Encampment, I contacted National Quartermaster, Dan Wheeler, and explained to him our concept, where he was surprisingly excited about the idea and suggested we show the idea to National Committee and to sell nationally. I was invited by him to go to National Committee and present the idea to them for permission to use copyrighted material.

So I am asking, in the budget, for startup money, after further discussion at our business meeting. I think this is such a good and profitable way to help alleviate some of our monetary worries, that I'm willing to match the funds needed to start this project, (pay back would be made from sales of the GSA).

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty

Sincerely,

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