

- OBITUARY -
CYNTHIA L. NORTON
1954 - 2025



Cynthia L. Norton, Past National President of the Woman's Relief Corp, passed away Sunday, March 2, 2025. Cindy served as National President in 2010 and 2011. She served in many positions including Department of Ohio President, and National Chairman of Museum Board. Cindy was a long-time member of the Hamlin Corps #28 out of Wellington, Ohio, where she served in each of the offices. She helped perpetuate the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic Central Region Conference, serving as Commander for three separate terms.

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Blessed be God, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God. We remember before our brothers who have died.

*Rev Douglas Jones
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3/8/2025

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3/18/2024

Francis Edwin Rogler
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1/30/2025

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Col George L Willard Camp #154 (New York)
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Brothers: As you consider your charitable giving, please keep in mind the good work of the Order. As National now has 501(c)(3) status, gifts to the National Organization are tax deductible. Your donations can be used in two areas. The first is our Monuments and Memorials fund, where National can give grants to Departments and Camps. Your donations would allow for more grants to be awarded. The second area would be our scholarship fund. Currently, we are limited to two scholarships of \$2,500. Your gifts can make additional scholarships available to our college bound brothers and sisters.



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GENERAL ORDER #10

New Years "Reveille"

GENERAL ORDER #11

Passing of President Jimmy Carter

GENERAL ORDER #12

160th Anniversaries' of the Civil War

GENERAL ORDER #13

Passing of WRC Past National President Cindy Norton

GENERAL ORDER #14

Passing of John C Rutherford, PDC Missouri
Special Message #3 – reminder about Lobbying Restrictions

GENERAL ORDER #15

Revocation of Charter, Captian Theodore H. Howell
Camp 48, Pennsylvania

GENERAL ORDER #16

Recovation of Charter – General Darious N. Couch
Camp 26, Massachusetts

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AS OF 12/28/2025

ASSOCIATE	428	DUAL ASSOCIATE	14
COMBAT ZONE SERVICE	6	DUAL LIFE MEMBER	124
JR. ASSOCIATE	2	DUAL MEMBER	124
JUNIOR	64	HONORARY	1
LIFE MEMBER	630		
MEMBER	4,905		
REAL SON	1	GRAND TOTAL:	6,299

REGARDING LIFE MEMBERSHIPS:
ORIGINAL GROUP 1955 THRU 2001 = 513
EARLY 2000S BY LEE = 121
2008 TO PRESENT BY HEADQUARTERS = 525

UNION VICTORY IN MISSOURI 1864 - A REMEMBRANCE

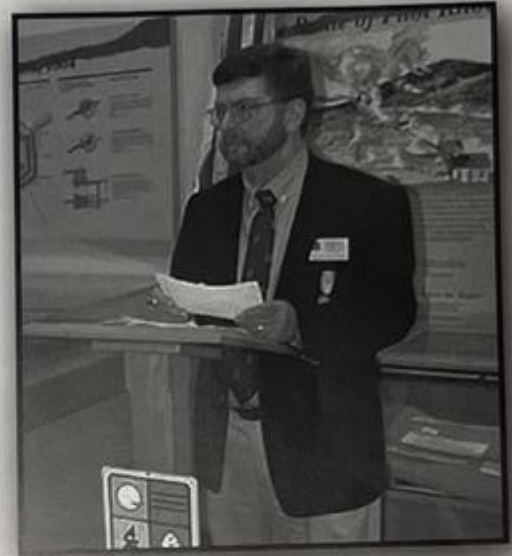
By Don Palmer, PhD, PCinC

In the Fall of 2024, the Department of Missouri conducted a multi-event, multi-site program commemorating the 160th anniversary of the successful Union defense of Missouri in response to Price's Confederate invasion of 1864. The objectives of this program included: (1) providing educational opportunities for our Allied Orders brothers and sisters, as well as the general public; (2) develop Department unity with multiple Camps organizing events; and (3) honoring the Union soldiers who fought and died during the 1864 invasion to keep Missouri in the Union.

The first event held to kick-off the Union Victory in Missouri program was held on September 27 at Fort Davidson Historic Site to commemorate the Battle of Pilot Knob and organized by U.S. Grant Camp #68 in St. Louis and Fletcher Camp #47 in DeSoto. The weather didn't cooperate, so some improvising was required. Battlefield tours were originally planned as part of the program for attendees, but due to the rain, this part of the program was moved indoors. Attendees included SUVCW brothers representing four Missouri Camps, re-enactors who were planning on participating in the re-enactment scheduled for the following day, visitors to the park, and a school group from Marquand-Zion High School. PDC's Walt Busch and Chris Warren did a masterful job utilizing the electric map and other artifacts in the visitors center to provide an educational experience for those attending.

The second event, held on October 12, was an educational seminar organized by Lillie Camp #6 in Jefferson City. The seminar, entitled "Civil War 1864 Campaign in Missouri" was held at the Secretary of State Archives in Jefferson City, and supported with an educational grant obtained by the Cole County Historical Society with support from the SUVCW. Over 60 attendees were treated to an excellent program with seven speakers that covered the entire span of Price's Raid. Brother Stephen Stark from Lillie Camp #6 served as the master of ceremonies. PDC Walt Busch was one of seven invited speakers and provided an interesting presentation entitled "Opening Movements in 1864 and How the Union Victory at Pilot Knob Saved the Nation." A luncheon was provided at the Secretary of State Archives building.

The focus of the third event, held over the weekend of October 19, was on the battles in the Independence-Kansas City area, specifically the Battles of Little Blue, Big Blue/Byram's Ford and Westport. These events were organized and hosted by Westport Camp #64. The Department of Missouri held the Fall business meeting in Kansas City. As a follow-up to the meeting, members of Westport Camp #64 provided an informal tour of Swope Park, focusing on the Big Blue Battlefield, including the Byram's Ford site. On October 20, Westport Camp #64 hosted a luncheon at the Alexander Majors Barn in Kansas City, with noted author Paul Kirkman providing a presentation on the Battle of Westport. After the luncheon, tours were provided of the Alexander Majors house, and a short distance away, the John Wornall house. The Wornall house also served as a hospital during the Battle of Westport. The group then proceeded to Loose Park for the commemoration ceremonies.



PCinC Don Palmer kicks off the Union Victory in Missouri 1864 program on September 27 at Fort Davidson State Historic Site commemorating the Battle of Pilot Knob



Lillie Camp #6 member Stephen Stark (L) hosts the day-long 1864 Missouri Campaign educational seminar on October 12 at the Missouri Secretary of State Archives in Jefferson City

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Phelps Camp #66 Commander Kirk Singleton playing taps at the Ritchey Mansion during the ceremonies commemorating the Second Battle of Newtonia on October 26, the final event of the Union Victory in Missouri 1864 observance.

The fourth and final event was held on October 26 in Newtonia to commemorate the last battles of Price's Raid. The event was organized by Phelps Camp #66 in Springfield in collaboration with the Newtonia Battlefield Protection Association (NBPA). Over 40 attended, including SUVCW Brothers, members of the NBPA, several elected officials, and the general public. The day started with a luncheon at the Newtonia Community Center provided by the NBPA. Connie Langum, retired National Park Service Historian (Wilson's Creek National Battlefield), provided a presentation on Price's Raid, with a focus on the last engagements, including the second Battle of Newtonia. State Senator Jill Carter and State Representative Ben Baker provided remarks. Also in attendance was State Representative Dirk Deaton and his family. Afterwards, ceremonies were conducted at the Ritchey Mansion, which served as a headquarters and a hospital, primarily during the first Battle of Newtonia in 1862.

At all locations, the events concluded with a Roll of Honor ceremony, where the names of those killed or mortally wounded at the respective sites were read with a tolling of the bell after each name using a Sons of Veterans bell presented to GAR Department Commander and future GAR Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur in 1896. Wreaths were also presented as part of the ceremonies. The research for the Roll of Honor was conducted by PDC Gary Scheel, and included over 230 names of those serving in Union units from six states, and militia units from Missouri and Kansas, all known to have died during the campaign.



L to R, PCC Joe Rainey, PCinC Don Palmer, DC Bob Aubuchon and PDC Bob Amster at the site of Pratt's Battery on the Big Blue Battlefield in Kansas City on October 19.

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DEPARTMENT NEWS

MICHIGAN



Ten members of the Michigan based 14th Michigan, SVR, the Irish Rifle, (along with two spouses) traveled to observe the 160th Anniversary reenactment of the Battle of Bentonville in North Carolina. They took a guided tour of the battlefield and found the precise position of the 14th Michigan during the battle. They also visited the Aversboro battlefield, Fort Fisher, the Revolutionary war battlefields at Guilford Courthouse and Moore's Creek, the war of 1812 River Raisin battlefield in Monroe, MI, the WWII battleship, the North Carolina, the General William C. Lee Airborne Museum in Dunn, NC, the US Army Airborne and Special Operations Museum in Fayetteville, NC and the Andy Griffith Museum in Mount Airy, NC.

MISSOURI



On Saturday, 22 February, members of the Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326 participated in Civil War Kids Day at the Missouri National Veterans Memorial in Perryville, MO. They set up a display with Civil War artifacts, weapons, 1888 copy of a photograph of the

DEPARTMENT

Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Day gathering in Ste. Genevieve and two list of names of men who served in the Civil War, one for Perry County and one for Ste. Genevieve County. Each of these lists have over one thousand names on it. Adults and children both were excited when they saw their last names on the lists. It was a great day and we interacted with over 30 children along with their families.



William Pool turned 100 January 13, 2025.. William Pool is the last real son of a Civil War soldier. A birthday card was presented to Mr. Pool by Bob AuBuchon Commander of Missouri Department, along with three of his nine children.

NORTH CAROLINA



Members of the Major General Judson Kilpatrick Camp No. 7, participated in the 160th Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Bentonville on March 15th, 2025, in Four Oaks, NC. The Camp had an information & recruiting table set up with membership information. Badges, medals, and ribbons from the past and the present along with G.A.R. memorabilia were also displayed. This event featured 1,400 reenactors taking part in the battle reenactment.