



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
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Recruitment of New Members to the SUVCW – Department of Missouri

Department of Missouri Camp Commanders and Members –

Gentlemen of the Department of Missouri – After a review of the Department membership I have come to the conclusion that without action, our Department may not be viable in the coming years. In 2011, there were 270 members with 13 camps. With the formation of the Department of Arkansas our membership is down to 112 members with 8 camps.

Therefore, I am asking that each camp make time to reach out to your local historical societies, libraries and those in nearby counties to see about leaving informational flyers, or if your camp could provide an educational program, please do so. The national organization website has presentations ready to show. Recruiting or informational tables at local events or fairs may help us gain members, and even establish new camps. If any of you have an ideas to help in this effort please share your ideas.

It is critical we strive to increase our membership. Just like our ancestors in the GAR - we may be running out of time. I would rather not have my grandson see in the newspaper “The Last Member of the Sons of Union Veterans Has Passed.”

Please contact Dawson Ballard, Department JVC or myself with any information you discover. Then together we can address ideas to sign men up to join the Department of Missouri - SUVCW.

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