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**DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI**

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**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 1**  
**Series 2025-2026**  
**June 2025**

**2025-2026 Elected - Appointed and Staff Officers**

On 7 June 2025 at Fenton, Missouri, delegates to the 30th Department Encampment elected their officers. Delegates to the 144th National Encampment were also elected. The results of the election are:

<b>ELECTED OFFICE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CAMP</b>
Commander	Robert AuBuchon, PDC	US Grant Camp #68
Senior Vice Commander	Mark Alan Coplin, PCC	US Grant Camp #68
Junior Vice Commander	Kevin Miller, CC	Westport Camp #64
Secretary	Gary Scheel, PDC	Felix St. James Camp #326
Treasurer	Walter Busch, PDC	US Grant Camp #68
Council (2027)	Ed Millinger, PCC	Felix St. James Camp #326
Council (2026)	Robert Amsler, Jr., PDC	US Grant Camp #68
Council (2026)	Gary Scheel, PDC	Felix St. James Camp #326
Delegate	Kevin Miller, PCC	Westport Camp #64
Delegate	Mark Coplin, DC	US Grant Camp #68
Delegate	Joe Rainey	Isaac Murphy Camp #2
Delegate	Travis Cummings	Isaac Murphy Camp #2
Delegate	Michael Croy	Isaac Murphy Camp #2
Delegate	Ronald Fuller	Isaac Murphy Camp #2
Delegate	Cary Glisson	Isaac Murphy Camp #2
Delegate	Anthony Shane Lind	Isaac Murphy Camp #2
Alternate Delegate	All Brothers in good standing	

On June 10th Department Commander Robert AuBuchon sent out his intention to resign his post for personal reasons. In accordance with the Department Bylaws and Policies, the Council unanimously appointed Mark Coplin, Senior Vice Commander, to take over as Department Commander. Also the Council unanimously appointed Kevin Miller, Junior Vice Commander, to take over as Senior Vice Commander. Such appointed staff will serve a term of one (1) year. Until the election of officers at the next Department Encampment slated for June of 2026

<b>APPOINTED OFFICERS</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CAMP</b>
Department Commander	Mark Alan Coplin, DC	US Grant Camp #68
Senior Vice Commander	Kevin Miller, CC	Westport Camp #64
Junior Vice Commander	Dawson Ballard	Westport Camp #64

<b>STAFF OFFICE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CAMP</b>
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer	Dale Crandell, PDC	Westport Camp #64
Patriotic Instructor	Randal Burd, Jr., PDC	Gen. Thomas Fletcher Camp #47
Chaplain		
Counselor	Robert Amsler, Jr., PDC	US Grant Camp #68
Quartermaster	Walter Busch, PDC	US Grant Camp #68
Graves Registration Officer	Glen Alsop, PDC	Maj. Francis Wilhelmi Camp #17
Signals Officer Webmaster, Email	Walter Busch, PDC	US Grant Camp #68
Assistant Signals Officer Social Media, Promotions	James Dixon, PCC	Columbia Tiger Camp #432
Historical Records Coordinator GAR Memorials Officer Civil War Memorials Officer Historian	Walter Busch, PDC	US Grant Camp #68
Missouri Unionist Editor	Randal Burd, Jr., PDC	Gen. Thomas Fletcher Camp #47
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Sumner Hunnewell, PDC	Gen. Thomas Fletcher Camp #47
ROTC Coordinator	Sumner Hunnewell, PDC	Gen. Thomas Fletcher Camp #47
History Award Coordinator	Randal Burd, Jr., PDC	Gen. Thomas Fletcher Camp #47
Camp Organizer		

I wish to thank Bob AuBuchon PDC for his leadership over the past year. I promise to do my best with the help of all of you to have a successful term as Department Commander. I look forward to working with the Department of Kansas (my home state) in getting our departments in the position to host a National Encampment in Kansas City that Brother Petrovic would be proud of. It is my hope also to continue to see new faces join our order so the “Boys in Blue” will not be forgotten. For those officers and staff members elected or appointed this year I encourage us all to do our best for the Department of Missouri.

Ordered this 14th Day of June, 2025,

Attest:

Mark Alan Coplin, PCC  
Commander  
Department of Missouri  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Gary Scheel, PDC  
Secretary  
Department of Missouri  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War