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Department Order No. 1, Series 2017-2018

5 Jun 2017

2017-2018 Elected and Appointed Officers

At the Department Encampment held in Branson, Missouri, on 3 Jun 2017, delegates to the 22nd Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, elected new officers. Two Council members continue to serve unexpired terms. The officers of the Department of Missouri for the 2017-2018 administrative year are as follows:

ELECTED OFFICER	NAME	CAMP
Commander	Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC	Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47
Senior Vice Commander	Dale Crandell, PCC	Westport Camp #64
Junior Vice Commander	Sumner G. Hunnewell, CC	Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47
Secretary/Treasurer (Term expires 2019)	Edward Krieser, PCinC	Abraham Lincoln Camp #2
Council (Term expires 2018)	Glennon Alsop, PDC	Francis J. Wilhelmi Camp #17
Council (Term expires 2018)	Bryan P. Bradford, PCC	Columbia Tiger Camp #432
Council (Term expires 2019)	Alan Heidbreder, PCC	Columbia Tiger Camp #432

Also elected at the Department Encampment were the delegates to the 2017 National Encampment. All remaining Department of Missouri members in good standing are designated as alternates. The 2017 National Encampment will be held in Lansing, Michigan, on August 10-13, 2017. Remember that all Past Department Commanders are eligible to vote at National Encampment and do not count against the Department's delegate limit. All brothers interested in attending the National Encampment will contact Department Secretary Ed Krieser so he can ensure the necessary credential cards are provided.

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In accordance with the Department of Missouri Bylaws, the Commander, after his election, shall appoint other officers for the term of one (1) year. Pursuant to Article III, Section 2, the list of appointed officers for the 2017-2018 administrative year is as follows:

APPOINTED OFFICER	NAME	CAMP
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer	Walter E. Busch, PDC	US Grant Camp No. 68
Chaplain	Robert D. Hammack	Felix St. James Camp No. 326
Camp Organizer	Robert M. Petrovic, PDC	US Grant Camp No. 68
Counselor	Robert J. Amsler, Jr., PCC	US Grant Camp No. 68
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Robert D. Hammack	Felix St. James Camp No. 326
Graves Registration Officer	Robert D. Hammack	Felix St. James Camp No. 326
Historical Records Coordinator Including the offices of:	Walter E. Busch, PDC	US Grant Camp No. 68
GAR Memorials Officer		
Civil War Memorials Officer		
Historian		
Signals Officer	James R. Dixon, PCC	Columbia Tiger Camp No. 432
Including the office of:		
Marketing & Promotions Officer		
Assistant Signals Officer	Walter E. Busch, PDC	US Grant Camp No. 68
Missouri Unionist Editor	Walter E. Busch, PDC	US Grant Camp No. 68
Medal of Honor Officer	William L. Groth, Jr., PCC	WT Sherman Camp No. 65
Patriotic Instructor	John D. Avery, PDC	US Grant Camp No. 68
Quartermaster	Douglas W. Roussin, PCC	TC Fletcher Camp No. 47
JROTC/ROTC Coordinator	Dale Crandell, PCC	Westport Camp No. 64

These officers will fulfill the responsibilities of their offices and conduct the business of the Department of Missouri for the 2017-2018 administrative year. All brothers are to follow the SUVCW principles of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

Ordered this 5th Day of June, 2017 Attest:

Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC Edward Krieser, PCinC

Commander Secretary
Department of Missouri Department of Missouri

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



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Department Order No. 2, Series 2017-2018

5 Jun 2017

2017-2018 Department Business Meetings

In accordance with the Department of Missouri Bylaws, at least two regular business meetings must be scheduled each year. Pursuant to Article II, Section 4, this order gives notice that the dates, times, and locations of the two regular business meetings are as follows:

Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. House Hearing Room #7 State Capitol Building Jefferson City, Missouri

Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. House Hearing Room #7 State Capitol Building Jefferson City, Missouri

All camps are encouraged to send representatives to the meetings. All elected and appointed officers should attend. All officers need to submit written reports to the Commander and to Department Secretary Ed Krieser at least one week prior to the date of the business meeting (October 7, 2017 and March 3, 2018).

In accordance with Article II, Section 5, members need to have their membership cards at the meetings and present them when requested. Each member is encouraged to wear their membership badge. All elected officers must wear their membership badge or be subject to a \$10.00 fine payable to the Department of Missouri.

Ordered this 5th Day of June, 2017

Attest:

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Department Order No. 3, Series 2017-2018

7 Jun 2017

2017-2018 Encampment Site Committee

In accordance to Article VIII, Section 14 of the Department of Missouri Bylaws, The Encampment Site Committee, consisting of at least two (2) members appointed by the Department Commander, shall find potential meeting locations for the Department Encampment, investigate costs, make arrangements, and report their actions at a regular business meeting. Pursuant to the Bylaws, I appoint the following brothers in good standing to the Encampment Site Committee for the 2017-2018 administrative year as follows:

Sumner Hunnewell, CC Walter Busch, PDC Glennon Alsop, PDC

As no alternative proposals for 2018 were presented at the 2017 Department Encampment, the 2018 Department Encampment will be held at Bennett Springs State Park in Lebanon, Missouri. The Encampment Committee will continue their work in making these arrangements.

Wilhelmi Camp #17 has expressed interest in holding the 2019 Department Encampment in St. Clair, Missouri. Proposals for this and other locations will be discussed at the October 2017 Business Meeting.

Ordered this 7th Day of June, 2017

Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC Commander Department of Missouri Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Attest:



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Department Order No. 4, Series 2017-2018

7 Jun 2017

Tax Exemption Letters

At the 2017 Department of Missouri Encampment, there was a motion to allow camps to use the Department's Tax Exemption letter as evidence of their own tax exempt status. The purpose would be to offer proof of tax exempt status to a merchant in order to avoid sales tax on a purchase. After several brothers stated that they believed such usage was illegal, I ruled the motion out of order. I also offered to consult with the Department Counselor and the National Treasurer on the question. Their responses confirmed the ruling.

Brother Robert J. Amsler, Jr., our Department Counselor and an attorney, offered the following opinion:

"It is illegal for one legal entity (corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc...) to use the tax status of another legal entity. Thus it is illegal to allow a camp to use the department's tax letter. I have absolutely zero doubt on the question."

Brother David McReynolds, our National Treasurer, responded:

"Without knowing Missouri law, generally it would **not** be permissible for a Camp to use a Department's letter. The exemption letter typically only applies to purchases made specifically by the entity who received the letter. I can tell you that it would not be allowed under Tennessee law. I would think the Camp should simply re-apply for their own letter as soon as possible."

In light of these informed opinions on this matter, no camp shall attempt to use the Department of Missouri's tax exemption letter as evidence of their own tax exempt status.

Ordered this 7th Day of June, 2017

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Department Order No. 5, Series 2017-2018

8 Jun 2017

Special Committees

Article VIII, Section 2 of the Department of Missouri Bylaws states that Special Committees may be created by action of the Commander and shall exist for the period of time designated in the creation thereof. Duties and responsibilities shall be defined at the time of Committee creation. Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2, I hereby create/amend the following Special Committees of the Department of Missouri as follows:

- 1.) Vicksburg Monument Restoration Committee, Don Palmer PCinC chair: This committee successfully achieved its primary task of restoration of the Missouri Monument at Vicksburg. The 2017 Department of Missouri Encampment voted to re-task this committee with arranging the restoration of the unit markers at Vicksburg. This committee shall have a new sunset date of 30 Jun 2020.
- 2.) National Encampment in Missouri Host Committee, Bob Petrovic PDC chair: This committee was created by Department Order #15, Series 2016-2017. This committee is tasked with completing and submitting a proposal to the National Organization for the Department of Missouri to host a National Encampment in St. Louis within five years of its creation. This committee's new sunset date shall be 31 Mar 2022.
- 3.) **Essay Competition Committee, Jim Stebbings chair**: The 2017 Department of Missouri Encampment voted to form a committee that "develops the criteria of the National History Day report for SUVCW for a prize of \$200." This criteria proposal should be presented at the October 2017 business meeting. This committee shall include SVC Dale Crandell and any other brothers in good standing the chair may appoint. The chair will maintain with the Department Commander an updated list of all committee members throughout the life of this committee. Pursuant to Department Bylaws, the Department Commander is an ex-officio member of this committee. This committee shall sunset at the close of my administration at the 2018 Department Encampment.

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- 4.) **Honoring Living Veterans Committee, Gary Scheel, PCC chair**: The Purpose and Objects of our Order under Article II of the Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War compel us "to cooperate in doing honor to all who have patriotically served our country in any war." To further our commitment in this area, I hereby form the **Honoring Living Veterans Committee**—Gary Scheel, PCC, chair—and task this committee with three objectives:
 - a) Coordinate the Department of Missouri's observance of Veteran's Day, including writing an article appropriate for our organization which honors living veterans of any war to submit to the September issue of the *Missouri Unionist* and to *The Banner*.
 - b) Establish a record of brothers in the Department who are veterans and ensure that all camps are aware of the medals available from the Quartermaster to honor the military service of living veterans, including the War Medal (Form 5) and the Military Service Medal (Form 8), and encourage camps to inform their members of the same.
 - c) Develop a program to recognize/reward brothers for hours of service dealing specifically with living veterans. The committee should use the <u>Service to Veterans Medal Guidelines</u> of the Sons of the American Revolution as a guide, but develop a program specifically for our Order that focuses solely on honoring and caring for living veterans of any war.

This committee will include any brothers in good standing the chair may appoint to fulfill its objectives. The chair will maintain with the Department Commander an updated list of all committee members throughout the life of this committee. Pursuant to Department Bylaws, the Department Commander is an ex-officio member of this committee. This committee shall have a sunset date of 30 Jun 2020.

Ordered this 8th Day of June, 2017

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Department Order No. 6, Series 2017-2018

17 Jun 2017

Passing of Brother Robert Edward Lee

The Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has been informed today of the 16 Jun 2017 passing of Brother Robert Edward Lee, charter member of the Francis J. Wilhelmi Camp #17 in St. Clair, Missouri, and grandson of Sgt. Henry Weida of Company B, 1st Missouri State Militia Infantry, who served in the Battle of Wilson's Creek.

Robert Edward Lee, 85, of Luebbering, Missouri, passed away on Friday, June 16, 2017. Born February 16, 1932, Robert worked many jobs in his life. He was employed at the Missouri Knife Company in St. Clair, the Ford plant in Hazelwood, the highway department, the Pea Ridge iron mines, as an insurance salesman, and for the Pacific Penitentiary. He was also a veteran of the Korean War. Having ancestors on both sides of the Civil War, Robert was in fact related to General Robert E. Lee, and was named after the general by his father. This is only one of the many stories of his personal connections to history, many of which are recounted in "History, Tall Tales and Funny Stories: An Afternoon with Robert E. Lee" which was written by Andrea Y. Hurley and published on 25 Mar 2005 in the *eMissourian*.

Robert was the beloved husband of Lena Lee nee Boyer, father of John Lee (Pam), grandfather of John M. Lee (fiancée, Amy Trenholm), grandfather of Marc Cronc and Adrianna Trenholm, brother of Allan Lee (girl friend, Helen Werner) and Betty Boyer, dear uncle, great and great-great-uncle, cousin and friend. Visitation is 3-8pm on 19 Jun 2017 and after 9am on 20 Jun 2017 at the Russell Colonial Funeral Home in St. Clair, Missouri. Funeral service will be on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 1pm at the funeral home, with interment in the Lubbering Citizens Community Cemetery in Grubville, Missouri.

In observance of the passing of Brother Robert Edward Lee:

- 1.) The Department of Missouri Charter, all Camp Charters, Department and Camp Flags, Department and Camp Websites, and all membership badges will be draped in black from 17 Jun 2017 23 Jun 2017 in memory of Brother Robert Edward Lee.
- 2.) The Department and National Chaplain have been notified of the passing of Brother Robert Edward Lee.

Ordered this 17th Day of June, 2017

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Department Order No. 7, Series 2017-2018

5 Oct 2017

Inventory of Department Property

Chapter II, Article VII, Section 1a of the National Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War charges the Department Commander with the duty of administering the affairs of the Department. Article III, Section 5 of the Department of Missouri Bylaws dictates that "all officers (elected and appointed) shall upon their retirement from office, turn over to their successor all property of the Department within ten (10) days after leaving office. All property shall be confirmed with a written inventory list."

So, it stands to reason that the Department should maintain a master list of Department of Missouri property to check against these lists and track items as they get passed from one officer or camp to another. It is my observation and understanding that the Department of Missouri does not currently maintain a complete master list of owned property.

Therefore, I am ordering a full and complete accounting of the property of the Department of Missouri.

- 1.) All Department officers and camps will submit to <u>commander@suvcwmo.org</u> a complete list of items in their possession which are owned by the Department of Missouri. These lists should be submitted by March 3, 2018, in time for review at the March 10, 2018, Department Business Meeting.
- 2.) All Department officers and camps need to submit either the aforementioned list or a written affirmation that there is no Department of Missouri property in their possession. Camps should inquire among their members (especially past department officers) if they currently possess any Department of Missouri property and include these items in their list.
- 3.) A master list will be compiled from these lists, which will be maintained by the Department Quartermaster and a copy kept on file with the Department Secretary.

Ordered this 5th Day of October, 2017

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Department Order No. 8, Series 2017-2018

16 Nov 2017

Passing of Brother John M. Tillotson, PCC

The Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has been informed today of the 11 Aug 2017 passing of Brother John M. Tillotson, Past Camp Commander of John H. McNeil Camp #62 in Unionville, Missouri.

John was born on February 9, 1944, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Martin Luther and Ruth (McRae) Tillotson. He graduated from Ritenour High School in Overland, Missouri. He also graduated from Northeast Missouri State University with a bachelor of science in mathematics and physics and the University of Missouri-Rolla with a bachelor of science in electrical engineering. On August 15, 1965, John married Linda Morelock in Kirksville, Missouri. They lived in Iowa and New York before moving to Rochester in 1975. John worked for IBM for over 30 years before his retirement. His biggest passion was music. John sang in the Rochester Male Chorus, the Summer Music Project, and Rochester Civic Music. He also sang in church choirs since he was 11 years old. John enjoyed model railroading and was a member of the Rochester and La Plata, Missouri, Model Railroad clubs, and was a lifetime member of the IEEE Profession Engineering Association. He was also an active member of First Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder and served on many committees over the years. John was very proud of his heritage and his Mayflower descendants.

John is survived by his wife of 52 years, Linda of Rochester; daughter, Victoria Bane of California; son, Eric Tillotson of Missouri; grandchildren, Katarina Buettner, Ruben Tillotson and Eian Bane; sister, Lila Barrett; brothers, Stanley Tillotson and Donald Tillotson, all of Missouri.

In observance of the passing of Past Camp Commander John M. Tillotson:

- 1.) The Department of Missouri Charter, all Camp Charters, Department and Camp Flags, Department and Camp Websites, and all membership badges will be draped in black from 16 Nov 2017 29 Nov 2017 in memory of Brother John M. Tillotson, PCC.
- **2.)** The Department and National Chaplain have been notified of the passing of Brother John M. Tillotson, PCC.

Ordered this 16th day of November, 2017

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Department Order No. 9, Series 2017-2018

29 Dec 2017

Appropriate Display of SUVCW Insignia, Etc.

The Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has been informed of an impending ethics committee hearing involving a state representative who is also a member of this organization. The hearing is on January 4, 2018, and will include no public testimony.

The issue involves comments made by the representative after vandalism of a Civil War monument in Springfield National Cemetery. As citizens of the state of Missouri, you are free and encouraged to submit letters to the members of this committee stating your personal position as well as to attend the hearing if you so desire.

Article IV of our Order's Constitution states "The Order being strictly non-sectarian and non-partisan, the introduction or discussion of sectarian or partisan topics is strictly prohibited."

Commander-in-Chief Mark Day's General Order #2 forbids members from "making statements written or oral using the organizations name, symbols, letterhead, or while in the branded attire of the organization to include SVR uniforms and symbols," in regards to the veterans' monument issue.

It is very easy to get "tricked" by the media into making statements for our organization on the monuments issue, and it is not hard to imagine how these statements can be twisted in the most negative manner possible to suit the political ends of others.

In regards to the House Ethics Committee Meeting of January 4, 2018, and any similar future event, it is imperative that brothers of this department refrain from indicating in any manner that their personal positions on the issue are those of the Department of Missouri or the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Specifically, members will not mention membership in this organization in letters of support or wear the SUVCW insignia should one decide to attend the hearing.

Ordered this 29th day of December, 2017

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Department Order No. 10, Series 2017-2018

8 Feb 2018

Required Changes to Bylaws

Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day issued General Order #18 on 6 Feb 2018, directing that department commanders ensure all camp and department bylaws conform with the laws and regulations pertaining to 501 c3 tax exempt status. The specific wording necessary for this compliance has been provided in the aforementioned General Order.

Compliance with this order requires that camp and department bylaws are amended to reflect the wording provided in CinC Day's General Order #18. As there is a formal process to amending bylaws which requires notice be given to camp members in a certain timeframe, camps are encouraged to give this matter their prompt attention in order to meet the deadline provided here below.

- 1. Camps are hereby directed to review their bylaws, include the necessary additions, vote on the changes, and strive to have their camp's bylaws ready for the Department Commander's signature by the Department Encampment on 2 Jun 2018.
- 2. The Department of Missouri will be voting on the necessary changes to its bylaws in regards to CinC Mark Day's General Order #18 at the June 2, 2018 Department Encampment. The Bylaws Committee is hereby instructed to create a draft of the Bylaws with the necessary language included. This draft should be sent to the Department Secretary, who will then follow the notification procedure detailed in Article XIII, Section 2, of the Department of Missouri's Bylaws.

Ordered this 8th day of February, 2018

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Department Order No. 11, Series 2017-2018

28 Feb 2017

Passing of Brother James H. Chilcutt

The Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has been informed today of the 14 Feb 2018 passing of Brother James H. Chilcutt, a charter member of the currently forming Lillie Camp #6 in Jefferson City, Missouri.

James (Jim) Harrison Chilcutt was born on November 19, 1934, in Diamond, Missouri, a son of James Ramey and Mary Frances (Rodgers) Chilcutt. He was married on August 12, 1962, in Springfield, Missouri, to Barbara Frances Woods, who survives at the home. They raised three sons and enjoyed 55 years of married life together. He was a 1953 graduate of Joplin High School in Joplin, Missouri, and he attended Missouri Southern. He served three years in the U. S. Army (16 months in Korea.) He worked for 38 years at the Missouri Division of Employment Security, serving as Manager of the Job Service offices in Hannibal, Jefferson City, and Springfield. He was a member, Deacon, and Elder at First Presbyterian Church in Jefferson City, a charter member of Sons of Union Veterans Lillie Camp #6, and a current or past member of several other civic organizations. Survivors include his wife, Barbara Chilcutt; two sons, Bryan Rodgers Chilcutt (wife, Susan) of Columbia, Missouri and Darin Foster Chilcutt (wife, Jennifer) of Jefferson City, Missouri; two grandsons, Cameron Daniel Chilcutt of Jefferson City and Carson James Chilcutt of Columbia; one sister, Jo Helen Beauchamp of Springfield, Missouri, one brother, Don R. Chilcutt (wife, Charlotte) of Edmond, Oklahoma; one niece; and four nephews.

In observance of the passing of Brother James H. Chilcutt:

- 1.) The Department of Missouri Charter, all Camp Charters, Department and Camp Flags, Department and Camp Websites, and all membership badges will be draped in black from 28 Feb 2018 7 Mar 2018 in memory of Brother James H. Chilcutt.
- 2.) The Department and National Chaplain have been notified of the passing of Brother James H. Chilcutt.

Ordered this 28th day of February, 2018

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Department Order No. 12, Series 2017-2018

6 Apr 2018

William T. Sherman / Billy Yank Camp #65 (1982 – 2018)

William T. Sherman / Billy Yank Camp #65 has voluntarily decided to cease functioning as a camp after 35 ½ years of faithful service to the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. All camp members have been issued transfer forms, and camp officers have worked with this Department to ensure a smooth, orderly close of their camp while retaining as many members in the Order as possible.

The Department of Missouri thanks William T. Sherman / Billy Yank Camp #65 for its lengthy service and hopes to continue to enjoy as brothers as many of the camp's former membership as possible.

In light of William T. Sherman camp's expressed desire to voluntarily end their camp and surrender their charter and with all of the camp's necessary administrative tasks having been completed, I have asked Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day to revoke the charter of William T. Sherman / Billy Yank Camp #65 in accordance with the camp's wishes.

Ordered this 6th day of April, 2018

Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC Commander Department of Missouri

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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Edward Krieser, PCinC

Secretary

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Department Order No. 13, Series 2017-2018

25 Apr 2018

Officer Appointments

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered as follows:

- 1.) After speaking with Brother Robert D. Hammack, I have learned that after many years of faithful service to our organization at the department level, it is his wish to dial back his responsibilities due to persistent health issues. Therefore, it is with great regret that I accept his resignations as Department Chaplain, Department Graves Registrations Officer, and Department Eagle Scout Coordinator. The Department of Missouri thanks Brother Robert D. Hammack for his years of dedicated service in these positions.
- 2.) The following officer appointments are effective immediately and for the remainder of this administrative year:

Department Chaplain: Sumner G. Hunnewell

Department Graves Registration Officer: Gary L. Scheel **Department Eagle Scout Coordinator:** Tom J. Greminger

Assistant Graves Registration Officer: Robert D. Hammack

These officers will make arrangements with their predecessor to obtain any relevant Department records and property.

Ordered this 25th day of April, 2018

Attest:

Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC Commander Department of Missouri Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War