



**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS**

OFFICE OF THE
Commander, Department of Missouri *(includes Arkansas)*

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**Department Order No. 1,
Series 2016-2017**

5 Jun 2016

At the Department Encampment at Fenton, Missouri, held on 4 Jun 2016, delegates to the 21st Department Encampment elected new officers. The Treasurer and one Council member continue to serve unexpired terms. The officers of the Department of Missouri for the 2016-2017 administrative year are as follows:

OFFICER	NAME	CAMP
Commander	Randal A. Burd, Jr., PCC	Gen. McCormick Camp No. 215
Senior Vice Commander	Dale Crandell, PCC	Westport Camp No. 64
Junior Vice Commander	Sumner Hunnewell	Thomas C. Fletcher Camp No. 47
Secretary (Term expires 2018)	Walter E. Busch, PDC	US Grant Camp No. 68
Treasurer (Term expires 2017)	Gary L. Scheel, PCC	Felix St. James Camp No. 326
Council (Term Expires 2018)	Glen Alsop, PDC	Francis J. Wilhelmi Camp No. 17
Council (Term Expires 2018)	Brian Bradford, PCC	Columbia Tiger Camp No. 432
Council (Term Expires 2017)	James R. Dixon, PCC	Columbia Tiger Camp No. 432

Also elected at the Department Encampment were the delegates to the 2016 National Encampment. All remaining Department of Missouri members in good standing are designated as alternates. The 2016 National Encampment will be held in Springfield, Illinois, on 11-14 Aug 2016. 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 Walt Busch so he can ensure the necessary credentials 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, as announced at the Department Encampment, is as follows:

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
Historian	Walter E. Busch, PDC	US Grant Camp No. 68
Historical Records Coordinator	Walter E. Busch, PDC	US Grant Camp No. 68
Civil War Memorials Officer	Walter E. Busch, PDC	US Grant Camp No. 68
GAR Records Officer	Walter E. Busch, PDC	US Grant Camp No. 68
Marketing & Promotions Officer	James R. Dixon, PCC	Columbia Tiger Camp No. 432
Missouri Unionist Editor	Walter E. Busch, PDC	US Grant Camp No. 68
Medal of Honor Officer	William L. Groth, Jr., PCC	William T. Sherman Camp No. 65
Patriotic Instructor	Ed Krieser, PCinC	Abe Lincoln Camp No. 2
Quartermaster	Douglas W. Roussin, PCC	Thomas C. Fletcher Camp No. 47
JROTC/ROTC Coordinator	Dale Crandell, PCC	Westport Camp No. 64
Signals Officer	James R. Dixon, PCC	Columbia Tiger Camp No. 432

These officers will fulfill the responsibilities of their office and conduct the business of the Department of Missouri for the 2016-2017 administrative year. All brothers are to follow the SUVCW principles of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

Ordered this 5th Day of June, 2016

Attest:

Randal A. Burd, Jr., PCC
 Commander
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**Department Order No. 2,
Series 2016-2017**

9 Jun 2016

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

Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
House Hearing Room #3
State Capitol Building
Jefferson City, Missouri

Saturday, March 11, 2017 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 the Department Secretary Walter Busch at least one week prior to the date of the business meeting. (October 8, 2016 and March 4, 2017).

In accordance to Article II, Section 5, members need to have their SUVCW membership card at the meetings and present it 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 9th Day of June, 2016

Randal A. Burd, Jr., PCC
Commander
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**Department Order No. 3,
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16 Jun 2016

In accordance with 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 2016-2017 administrative year as follows:

Sumner Hunnewell
Walter Busch, PDC
Ed Krieser, PCinC

As the location for the 2017 Department Encampment has been set for Branson, Missouri, Brother Ed Krieser will make the arrangements for the 2017 Department Encampment and he and/or Abraham Lincoln Camp #2 will serve as host(s).

The remaining members of the Encampment Site Committee are hereby tasked with making preparations for the 2018 Department Encampment. Preliminary discussion has leaned towards a 2018 Department Encampment at Bennett Spring State Park in Lebanon, Missouri. Proposals will be accepted for other locations with a deadline of 1 Oct 2016. The Encampment Site Committee will provide their initial report on the tasks put before them at the October 2016 business meeting.

Ordered this 16th Day of June, 2016

Randal A. Burd, Jr., PCC
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**Department Order No. 4,
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22 Jun 2016

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** – This committee was created to lobby for state funds to be used in the restoration of the Missouri Monument at Vicksburg. As a special committee with no sunset date, this committee technically ceased existence upon the close of the 2015-2016 administration. I hereby reinstate the Vicksburg Monument Restoration Committee—PCinC Donald Palmer, chair—with the responsibility to:

- A.) Coordinate and plan a rededication ceremony of the Missouri Monument at Vicksburg, currently scheduled (by vote of the 2016 Department Encampment) to take place on Memorial Day Weekend 2017.
- B.) Use momentum from previous efforts to obtain state funding for regimental marker restoration at Vicksburg, and/or coordinate a Department project involving funding from National to accomplish the needed restorations.

This committee shall have a sunset date of 3 Jun 2017 at the close of my administration.

2.) **Department Activity Committee** – This committee was created—PDC Martin Aubuchon, chair—following installation of new officers at the 2016 Department Encampment in response to a recommendation from PDC Martin Aubuchon's officer report, which called for such a committee to coordinate with Allied Orders in Missouri on a yet undefined joint project. The Officer Reports Committee concurred with this recommendation provided a sunset clause is attached. This committee shall have a sunset date of 3 Jun 2017 at the close of my administration. It will be up to the next Department Commander to reappoint the committee at that time.

3.) **2019 National Encampment Committee** – Originally the 2018 National Encampment Committee, this committee was set up to explore the possibility of hosting the 2018 National Encampment in Branson, Missouri. It was quickly learned that 2018 was already spoken for, and thus sights were set on 2019. The defined duties and sunset date on this committee were not set with the 2019 National Encampment in mind. Therefore, the 2019 National Encampment Committee—PCinC Ed Krieser, chair—shall have a new sunset date of 31 Oct 2019, and this committee's task shall be making arrangements for the Department of Missouri to host the 2019 National Encampment in Branson, Missouri, and planning said Encampment.

Ordered this 22nd Day of June, 2016

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**Department Order No. 5,
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5 Aug 2016

Centennial of 50th GAR Reunion in Kansas City, Missouri

The 50th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was held in Kansas City, Missouri, from August 28 – to September 2, 1916. In recognition of this 100th anniversary of this event, Westport Camp #64 presented a resolution to the 2016 Department of Missouri Encampment which asked for the following action:

“The Department of Missouri of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War declares August 2016 a jubilee month and asks all camps and members to commemorate the centennial of the Grand Army of the Republic’s National Encampment in Missouri.”

This resolution was adopted by a majority vote of the Department Encampment.

Therefore, it should be noted that August 2016 has been designated a jubilee month for the Department of Missouri to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Golden Jubilee GAR Reunion held from August 28 – September 2, 1916. To celebrate this centennial observance:

- 1.) Those who are able are encouraged to attend the Centennial Commemoration of GAR’s 50th National Encampment, an event jointly hosted by Westport Camp #64 of the SUVCW and Macklind Tent #24 of the DUVCW, at Ilus Davis Park, 9th & Oak, Kansas City, Missouri, on August 28, 2016, from 2pm-3pm.
- 2.) SVC Dale Crandell, P.C.C. will represent the Department Commander at this event.
- 3.) Those brothers who can attend this event in Union uniform are asked to do so. Those who are interested in helping with the color guard are asked to contact the event organizers as soon as possible. RSVP has also been requested if convenient to mlundeen@suvcwmo.org.
- 4.) The Department Secretary will prepare a signed presentation copy of the aforementioned resolution as approved by the 2016 Department Encampment for the organizers of this event.

Ordered this 5th Day of August, 2016

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**Department Order No. 6,
Series 2016-2017**

9 Aug 2016

Passing of Real Son Garland Pool

The Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has been informed of the 8 Aug 2016 passing of Real Son Garland Pool, who resided in Bolivar, Missouri. Brother Garland Pool, along with his brothers, John (Ernest) and William, were initiated into Col. John C. Bryner Camp #67 of the Department of Illinois in January 2004. In accordance with Commander-in-Chief Eugene Mortorff's General Order #3 of 14 Sep 2015, the Department of Missouri has maintained "positive and productive contact" with the Pool family and Bryner Camp #67.

Garland Pool was born on November 4, 1927, in Blackburn, Arkansas. He was the son of Pvt. Charles Parker Pool, Co. D, 6th West Virginia Volunteer Infantry. Pvt. Pool mustered into service on August 20, 1861, and served until August 27, 1864, when his term expired.

In observance of the passing of Real Son Garland Pool:

- 1.) The Commander-in-Chief has issued General Order #30, ordering that the National Website, the charters of all Departments and Camps, and all membership badges will be draped in black for 30 days in honor of Real Son Garland Pool, until 8 Sep 2016. The website of Department of Missouri will also be draped in black for this period in memory of Real Son Garland Pool.
- 2.) The Department Chaplain has been asked to contact the family of Garland Pool and offer condolences on behalf of the Department.
- 3.) The Department will send a sympathy flower arrangement for the family of Garland Pool to the funeral home.
- 4.) Those brothers who can attend the visitation and/or funeral of Real Son Garland Pool in Union uniform (or if no uniform, in suitable funeral attire with membership badge) as representatives of the Department of Missouri are encouraged to do so. The short notice requires the flexibility to act as an honor guard if the family wills it, or otherwise to simply pay our respects. **Services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 12, 2016, at Pitts Chapel in Bolivar. Visitation will be 5-8pm, Thursday, Aug. 11, at the funeral home.**

Ordered this 9th Day of August, 2016

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**Department Order No. 7,
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20 Aug 2016

Reinstatement of Spradling Camp #72

On 25 May 2016, then Department of Missouri Commander Martin R. Aubuchon issued Department Order #9, Series 2015-2016, giving notice of the suspension of Spradling Camp #72, citing the camp's failure to pay per capita dues and its failure to submit a properly completed Form 27, in violation of Chapter I, Article I, Sections 8-9 of the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Following their suspension, Spradling Camp #72 has submitted to the Department of Missouri all delinquent per capita dues, and the Department Secretary has informed me that a properly completed Form 27 from Spradling Camp #72 is in his possession.

Therefore, as Spradling Camp #72 has successfully met all requirements for restoration to good standing in the Order, I hereby reinstate Spradling Camp #72 of the Department of Missouri effective 20 August 2016. All rights, privileges, and responsibilities as a camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are restored.

Ordered this 20th Day of August, 2016

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**Department Order No. 8,
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2 Oct 2016

Passing of Real Son Earnest John Pool

The Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has been informed today of the 24 Sep 2016 passing of Real Son Earnest John Pool, who resided in Bolivar, Missouri. Brother Earnest John Pool, along with his brothers, Garland and William, were initiated into Col. John C. Bryner Camp #67 of the Department of Illinois in January 2004. In accordance with Past Commander-in-Chief Eugene Mortorff's General Order #3, Series 2015-2016, of 14 Sep 2015, the Department of Missouri has maintained "positive and productive contact" with the Pool family and Bryner Camp #67.

Earnest John Pool was born on November 10, 1918, in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He was the son of Pvt. Charles Parker Pool, Co. D, 6th West Virginia Volunteer Infantry. Pvt. Pool mustered into service on August 20, 1861, and served until August 27, 1864, when his term expired.

In observance of the passing of Real Son Earnest John Pool:

- 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 2 Oct 2016 – 1 Nov 2016 in memory of Real Son Earnest John Pool.
- 2.)** The Commander-in-Chief, National Chaplain, and Department Chaplain have been notified of the passing of Real Son Earnest John Pool.

Ordered this 2nd Day of October, 2016

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**Department Order No. 9,
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6 Oct 2016

Passing of Brigadier General (Father) Philip J. Conlon

The Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has been informed today of the 21 Aug 2016 passing of Brigadier General (Father) Philip J. Conlon, Camp Commander of Abraham Lincoln Camp #2 in Branson, Missouri.

In 1963, Father Conlon enlisted in the Air Force and served as Chaplain on bases in Taiwan and Thailand until 1967. He then returned to the Madison Diocese until 1994, serving as pastor of four different parishes. During this time, he also continued to serve his country as a member of the Wisconsin Air National Guard. He earned the rank of Brigadier General and in 1990 was honored with induction into the Wisconsin Air National Guard Hall of Fame. More recently, Father Conlon served as a “retired” priest in the Branson area and was Camp Commander of Abraham Lincoln #2, Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

In observance of the passing of Brigadier General (Father) Philip J. Conlon:

- 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 6 Oct 2016 – 20 Oct 2016 in memory of Brigadier General (Father) Philip J. Conlon.
- 2.)** The Department and National Chaplain have been notified of the passing of Brigadier General (Father) Philip J. Conlon.

Ordered this 6th Day of October, 2016

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**Department Order No. 10,
Series 2016-2017**

22 Oct 2016

Consolidation of McCormick Camp #215 with Fletcher Camp #47

Chapter I, Article 4, Section 6, of the National Regulations of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War states in its entirety:

“Camps may consolidate with one another, provided a two-thirds vote of such Camps shall so decide and provided further that notice of such intended consolidation shall have been sent to the Brothers thereof by mail at least thirty days prior thereto. Such action to be approved by the Department Commander. In such case the books, papers and property shall belong to the consolidated Camp.”

General James R. McCormick Camp #215 of the Department of Missouri and General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 of the same requested that their two camps be consolidated into one. The arrangement duly agreed upon by both camps and approved by the Department Commander is as follows:

Both camps sent notice via U.S. Postal Service to their entire membership roster with details of a vote regarding this consolidation to be taken in 30 days. Both camps held separate votes for their camps 30 days from the date of their letter and found in excess of the necessary 2/3 super majority of each total camp membership in favor of the consolidation. The terms of such consolidation were mutually decided to be that McCormick Camp #215 will be absorbed into Fletcher Camp #47, which will retain its charter, original name, books, papers, property, meeting place, and current elected officers.

In light of the votes taken by the aforementioned camps and by the power invested in me by Chapter I, Article 4, Section 6, of the National Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and by my authority as Commander of the Department of Missouri, I hereby approve this consolidation effective 22 Oct 2016 and order the following:

- 1.)** Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 and James R. McCormick #215 are hereby consolidated into one camp under the existing name and charter for Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47.
- 2.)** James R. McCormick Camp #215 will henceforth be denoted as “consolidated with Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47.”

3.) In accordance with Chapter I, Article 4, Section 6, of the National Regulations, all books, papers, and properties previously belonging to James R. McCormick Camp #215 shall be transferred to Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47, except for a Camp Commander badge bearing the inscription “U.S. Grant Camp #68,” which will be surrendered to the Department Quartermaster.

4.) Officers of James R. McCormick Camp #215 will complete the administrative tasks necessary for this consolidation, including issuing Form 3 transfers for all camp members to Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47*, closing any bank accounts belonging to James R. McCormick Camp #215 and presenting all camp funds, papers, and property to Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47.

* Any McCormick Camp #215 member may transfer to another camp or receive an Honorable Discharge in lieu of transferring to Fletcher Camp #47 if they so choose; however, no member can remain a member of James R. McCormick Camp #215.

5.) No further camp business outside of tasks necessary to complete this consolidation will be conducted by the officers of James R. McCormick Camp #215. James R. McCormick Camp #215 will no longer meet or vote as an independent camp of the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

6.) The geographical territory previously recognized as the domain of James R. McCormick Camp #215 will now be consolidated with the territory previously recognized as the domain of Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47, and all such territory will now be recognized as the domain of Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47. The Department Junior Vice-Commander is directed to forward any applications from the National Organization for potential members from either territory to Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 for consideration.

7.) Insomuch as cooperative relationships can be transferred, the Department of Missouri hereby recognizes any relationships between James R. McCormick Camp #215 and SVR units, Allied Orders, and other community groups to be relationships between Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 and these groups.

8.) Past Camp Commander voting status for applicable McCormick Camp #215 members must be reinstated via the procedure described in the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. McCormick Camp #215 members seeking to have their Past Camp Commander voting status restored must first apply for such in writing to Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47. Past Camp Commander voting status of those whose primary membership was in Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 is not affected by this consolidation.

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**Department Order No. 11,
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11 Mar 2017

JROTC Selection Committee

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.) **JROTC Selection Committee** – This is the second year of a pilot program entitled the “Outstanding JROTC Cadet Program.” The program provides a competition among high-school level JROTC units to annually select an outstanding JROTC cadet. The program calls for the Department Commander to appoint a JROTC Selection Committee, with a preference for SUVCW members that are military veterans, ROTC/JROTC alumni, or past or present school educators. The Department ROTC Coordinator is a non-voting member of this committee.

The members of this committee shall be:

Dale Crandell, Westport Camp #64 (Department ROTC Coordinator)
Jim Martin, Westport Camp #64
Bill Groth, Sherman Camp #65
John Avery, Grant Camp #68

This committee will carry out their duties as described in the pilot program and have a sunset date of 31 December 2017.

Ordered this 11th Day of March, 2017

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**Department Order No. 12,
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11 Mar 2017

Excess Payment Policy

Chapter II, Article VII, Section 1a of the National Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War states that “the Department Commander shall be the executive officer of the Department, charged with the duty of administering the affairs of the Department.”

As the executive officer of the Department of Missouri, I hereby instate the following policy to be effective immediately and included in the Department’s Policies and Procedures manual:

Effective 11 March 2017, when any payment of per capita dues or any other payment due from a camp to the Department of Missouri includes an excess of less than \$5.00, that excess will be considered a donation to the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Such excess funds will be deposited by the Department Treasurer in the Department’s primary operating account.

This policy relieves the Department of Missouri of any obligation to spend time or postage processing unnecessary refunds due to minor camp accounting errors.

Ordered this 11th Day of March, 2017

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**Department Order No. 13,
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23 Mar 2017

Department Representation at Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

The 61st annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, commemorating the 152nd anniversary of President Lincoln's death, will take place at Lincoln's Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, IL, on Saturday, 15 Apr 2017 @ 10am. It is customary for departments of the SUVCW to present wreaths at the tomb during this SUVCW / MOLLUS sponsored event.

In accordance with Chapter II, Article VII, Section 3e of the National Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I hereby appoint **Junior Vice Commander Sumner Hunnewell, CC** as the official representative of the Department of Missouri at the 2017 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and task him with presenting a wreath on behalf of the Department at this event.

Ordered this 23rd Day of March, 2017

Randal A. Burd, Jr., DC
Commander
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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

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Secretary
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**Department Order No. 14,
Series 2016-2017**

23 Mar 2017

James B. Eads Award Criteria

At the 2013 Department Encampment in Mehlville, Missouri, the encampment approved the current criteria of the James B. Eads award, changing the award from an annual “best all-around camp” award to an annual commendation award available to all camps which successfully meet the award criteria. The goal of these changes was to see more Department-level participation among camps and to recognize such participation in multiple camps when applicable.

It was the consensus of the majority of voting members at the March 2017 business meeting that the mandatory requirement to submit all quarterly reports by the dates specified is the main criterion keeping camps from receiving this award. Failure to meet this criterion can cause a camp which had otherwise contributed much to the Department in every other way to be disqualified due to a failure to file these reports on time or at all. A majority of those present at the March 2017 Department business meeting voted in favor of removing this criterion.

Policy 710 in the policies and procedures manual of this department states “any changes to the eligibility criteria or application form must be approved by a Department Encampment or Business Meeting.” In many circumstances, it would be unfair to change the criteria for an award so close to the Department Encampment where the award would be issued. In this particular case, the removal of the aforementioned criterion at this time does not penalize any camp.

Therefore, in accordance with the vote taken at the March 2017 business meeting, the criterion No. 3 under “Reporting” which requires the submittal of quarterly reports to qualify for the James B. Eads award is hereby immediately removed for the 2016-2017 award year. I encourage all camp secretaries to review their camp’s eligibility for the award in light of this change and submit applications if applicable by the appropriate deadline. I also hereby task the Awards Committee with rewording Policy 710 to help prevent this award’s criteria from being unfairly changed between encampments in the future.

Note that the removal of quarterly reporting from the Eads award criteria does not remove the obligation of camps to submit quarterly reports. Quarterly reports are vital to keeping the Department aware of the many positive activities at the camp level which further the mission of the Order.

Ordered this 23rd Day of March, 2017

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**Department Order No. 15,
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31 Mar 2017

**Dissolution of 2019 National Encampment Committee &
Formation of National Encampment in Missouri Host Committee**

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:

The **2019 National Encampment Committee, PCinC Ed Krieser—chair**, was unable despite their best efforts to come to a satisfactory agreement with the National Encampment Site Committee. Deadlines set by the national committee and financial obligations bound on this Department should our bid continue necessitated the immediate withdraw of our bid to host. The Department of Missouri thanks PCinC Ed Krieser and his committee for their work. I hereby dissolve the 2019 National Encampment Committee, effective 31 Mar 2017.

I hereby create the **National Encampment in Missouri Host Committee, PDC Bob Petrovic—chair**. 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 the next five years. The chair may appoint brothers in good standing and representatives of the Allied Orders to the committee as needed to accomplish the appointed task. 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 will have a sunset date of 31 Oct 2021.

Ordered this 31st Day of March, 2017

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**Department Order No. 16,
Series 2016-2017**

3 May 2017

Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award – Twyla Warren

Chapter V, Article V, Section 3, Subsection U of the National Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War states in part that:

(a) “The Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Award may be presented by the Commander-in-Chief or a Department Commander to a female member of one of the Allied Orders in recognition of and appreciation for her outstanding service to the SUVCW... At the Department level she must be recommended by a Past Camp Commander, Past Department Commander, Past Commander-in-Chief or the Department Commander.”

(b) “...A Department Commander may present up to two awards in any one year. It is not mandatory for either the Commander-in-Chief or a Department Commander to present this award.”

Be It Known:

Whereas Twyla Warren (nee Johnson) attended and participated in almost every meeting and function of General James R. McCormick Camp #215 for the entirety of its existence; and

Whereas Twyla Warren regularly dressed in period attire for these functions and passed out recruiting materials for the SUVCW & ASUVCW; and

Whereas Twyla Warren has fully participated in and materially supported the Department of Missouri in past activities such as: Sherman Day, Lincoln Tomb ceremonies, gravesite dedications, and countless educational events for the community; and

Whereas Twyla Warren formed the Louisa Volker Auxiliary #215, recruiting eight of the twelve members of this auxiliary, setting up the bank account, completing the chartering paperwork, creating a newsletter, creating a Facebook page, researching an appropriate period namesake, and being elected the auxiliary's first President; and

Whereas Twyla Warren has participated in membership drives for several camps and auxiliaries in Missouri, assisting in formation activities for past auxiliaries in Missouri, and actively recruiting three members into the SUVCW; and

Whereas Twyla Warren was honored in May 2016 by Resolutions of the House of Representatives and Senate of the State of Missouri for her many years of volunteer service, service which includes several years in the ASUVCW supporting McCormick Camp #215, Fletcher Camp #47, and the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and

Whereas Twyla Warren has continued to patriotically serve in the Louisa Volker Auxiliary #215, ASUVCW, has upheld the values of the same, and was chosen again by the members of said Auxiliary to be their President for the current administrative year; and

Whereas Twyla Warren has done great honor to the memory of her American Civil War Union soldier ancestor: Benjamin Davis, a blacksmith in the 16th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and has set a shining example as an ASUVCW member fully dedicated to supporting the SUVCW in carrying out its Purpose and Objects:

Now, therefore, by my authority as Commander of the Department of Missouri, pursuant to the aforementioned section of the National Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I am honored to present **Twyla Warren, President of the Louisa Volker Auxiliary #215, ASUVCW**, with the **Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award** and thank her on behalf of the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, for her example of leadership, patriotism, and service.

Ordered this 3rd day of May, 2017

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**Department Order No. 17,
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23 May 2017

Passing of Brother Dennis M. Ohman

The Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has been informed today of the 13 Apr 2017 passing of Brother Dennis M. Ohman, associate member of W. T. Sherman – Billy Yank Camp #65 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Dennis M. Ohman, 78, of Rockford, a husband and father, passed away in his home on Thursday, April 13, 2017. Born June 29, 1938, in Rockford, Dennis was the son of Russell B. Ohman and M. Virginia Keough and step-father, Edwin R. Haesemeyer. He married Christine J. Mulcahey on May 18, 1968, in Rockford. He proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps from 1956 to 1958. He was a 1973 graduate of Rockford College. Ohman retired from the IBM Corporation as an Advisory Systems Engineer and worked at Barnes International in their IS Department for a few years thereafter. He was a member of Star in the East Lodge 166, Freeport Consistory, Tebala Shrine Temple, Veteran Tebala Shrine Oriental Band, was a charter member of the Kepotah Sportsman's Club, Shirland, and a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Rockford. Dennis enjoyed spending time with his friends and family, hunting, fishing, and trap shooting. Survivors include his wife, Christine; daughter, Katherine K. (Norm) Kumins of Chagrin Falls, OH; grandchildren, Jacob, Olivia, Joshua; and brother, Gary Ohman of Loves Park. Burial was in Calvary Catholic Cemetery.

In observance of the passing of Brother Dennis M. Ohman:

- 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 23 May 2017 – 29 May 2017 in memory of Brother Dennis M. Ohman.
- 2.) The Department and National Chaplain have been notified of the passing of Brother Dennis M. Ohman.

Ordered this 23rd Day of May, 2017

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