

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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Department Orders # 1 Series 1999-2000

1. It is my honor to announce that on June 19, 1999, Missouri Department Delegates elected me as the Missouri Department's third commander since its chartering on July 13, 1996. I replace Steven Leicht, who is an exceptional organizer and a true bugle for the SUVCW.
2. Department staff, both elected and appointed are as follows: Commander John Rutherford, Senior Vice Commander Vern Stottlemyre, Junior Vice Commander John Martin, Secretary-Treasurer Steven Leicht, Council John Pillers, Bud Marks, and Bob Petrovic, Counselor Bob Amsler, Assistant Secretary Jeff Patrick, and Patriotic Officer Don Palmer.
3. It is my duty to announce resignations within the Missouri Department. William T. Sherman-Billy Yank Camp # 65 Commander Paul Winslow resigned from the order on July 21, 1999. Missouri Department Secretary-Treasurer Steven Leicht resigned his post as of August 21, 1999, but remains a member of the order.
4. The Department Council appointed Robert Petrovic to replace Steve temporarily.
5. The Missouri Department and Missouri Camps must be well managed Businesses. Department and Camp officers are charged with maintaining an excellent series of records. Our National pledge is "Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. The Missouri Department members' pledge should be "Enthusiasm, Cooperation, and Success."
6. The national organization has queried the Missouri Department regarding our awareness of Real Sons and Real Daughters of Union Veterans. I challenge all Missouri Department members to search your surrounding communities in an effort to locate all living Real Sons and Real Daughters. Honoring these Real Sons and Real Daughters publicly will bring honor to all Missouri Camps and the Department. The public goodwill from this activity shall benefit our order and attract new members.

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7. Senior Vice Commander Vern Stottlemyre asks all camps to provide news items for the National SUVCW periodical, The Banner. The Missouri Department, as you may have noted already, is rarely mentioned in The Banner, so please provide our senior vice commander with numerous worthy news items.
8. The 1999 National Encampment is now concluded. Thank you to the past department commanders and delegates who attended. The National body tabled the Missouri Department's appeals of the decisions involving the William T. Sherman Camp's officers since the communication and cooperation between this camp and the department has improved recently. A \$2 increase in the national per capita tax will begin on January 1, 2000. For those of you who have never seen Robert's Rules of Order enforced, I encourage all Missouri Department members to attend the upcoming 2000 encampment at Lansing, Michigan.
9. Planning for the 2001 National Encampment in Springfield will be the major focus of business at the meeting to be held south of Kansas City on 25 September 1999 at 1 p.m. Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic Past National President Dolores Hubbard invited the Missouri and Kansas Departments of the SUVCW to attend a joint planning meeting at Maxine's Restaurant, Archie, Missouri, which is just south of Harrisonville on U. S. Highway 71. Please bring walking shoes since we may drive down to visit the Grand Army of the Republic Hall and Reenactment at Austin. Attending Department members are asked to bring along ideas for advertising, artwork, financing, campfire programs, delegate mapping, delegate registration, printing, schedules, delegate medals, special 2001 medals, and tourism packages. If any interested brother is unable to attend, please pass along your ideas through email. A map locating the precise location of the meeting site will be sent to members-at-large and camps in early September.
10. Two Camp per capita tax forms are included for the quarter ending, September 30, 1999. Please return one copy of these forms with the appropriate fees to Secretary-Treasurer Pro Tempore Bob Petrovic on or before September 30, 1999. Since we are now passing mail back and forth between cities 200 miles apart, it would be a very fine gesture to turn in your camp forms and payments at the above noted September 25 meeting.

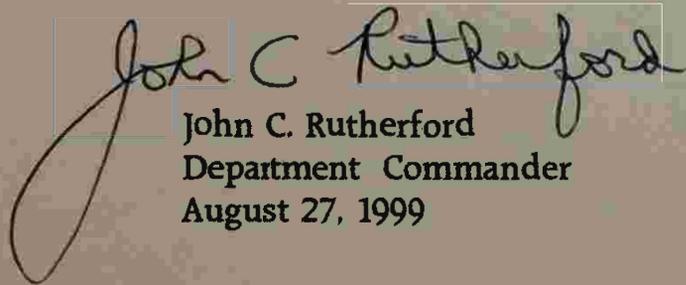
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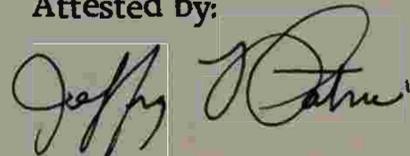
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11. Also included is a copy of the Missouri Department and Camp Staff and minutes of the June 19, 1999 meeting.
12. The Missouri Department internet website is located at:
<http://www.geocities.com/Pentagon/Barracks/2683>
13. I strongly encourage all Missouri members to obtain access to email, if possible. For many members who are unaware, <http://www.juno.com> allows anyone to download free email account software to use with your home computer. Also, many libraries statewide are obtaining internet access for members to can obtain free online accounts at internet websites such as:
<http://www.yahoo.com>
<http://www.hotmail.com>
Again, take the opportunity to experience email. It will speed up statewide communication immensely, and it's free.

By Order of:


John C. Rutherford
Department Commander
August 27, 1999

Attested by:


Jeffrey L. Patrick
Assistant Department Secretary
August 27, 1999

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Department Orders # 2 Series 1999-2000

1. It has been nearly a full quarter since the 25 September 1999 joint meeting with the Missouri and Kansas Departments near Austin, Missouri. A second joint meeting on 27 November 1999 has also come and gone. The attendance by members of Missouri's camps has been excellent, and a wide range of ideas has been established for the 2001 National Encampment. In fact, some of the ideas are so unique that it has been decided to omit mention of any details until the Lansing National Encampment plans are fully published. The next 2001 National Encampment planning meeting will be 25 March 1999 in either Wichita or Topeka, Kansas.
2. A seed fund will be necessary to finance the purchase of raffle items for the 2001 National Encampment. At the Missouri Department's June, 1999 meeting, members agreed to a \$20 bond (hereafter described as a "Loyalty Bond"), which will be designated exclusively for this seed fund. Missouri Department members may voluntarily contribute money and obtain a Loyalty Bond. All camps are asked to maintain a register with the name and address of camp members who purchase Loyalty Bonds, and forward a copy of the register and money to the Missouri Department Commander. The Department Commander will then issue a certificate in the name of each S.U.V.C.W. member who contributed money for a Loyalty Bond. At the conclusion of business for the S.U.V.C.W. 2001 National Encampment, this bond will be redeemed; the money will return to the camp to which each bond holder belongs, and the money will be used as a partial payment of each Loyalty Bond holder's 2002 annual dues. Please consider contributing \$20 for a Loyalty Bond. Every member now has an opportunity to contribute actively to the success of the S.U.V.C.W. 2001 National Encampment.
3. Department staff, since the recent reorganization, are as follows:
Commander John Rutherford, Senior Vice Commander Vern Stottlemyre, Junior Vice Commander John Martin, Secretary-Treasurer Bob Petrovic, Council John Pillers, Bud Marks, and Zac Caldwell, Counselor Bob Amsler, Assistant Secretary Jeff Patrick, Assistant Treasurer Mark Coplin, and Patriotic Officer Don Palmer.

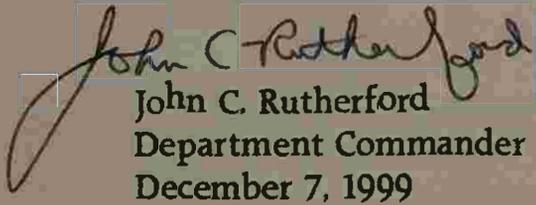
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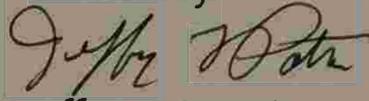
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4. The national organization has queried the Missouri Department regarding our next department encampment and elections. After discussion with Missouri Department members who attended the joint meeting on November 27, it was decided to hold the Missouri Department Encampment and officer elections on June 10, 2000.
5. This is a reminder to camp officers and Missouri department members. A \$2 increase in the national per capita tax will begin on January 1, 2000, so please make a note of this when calling upon membership for dues (also known as the "per capita tax").
6. Two Camp per capita tax forms are included for the quarter ending, December 31, 1999. Also included are two copies of camp officer installation forms. Please return one copy of each form with the appropriate fees to Secretary-Treasurer Bob Petrovic on or before December 31, 1999. Also included is a copy of the Missouri Staff.
7. The Missouri Department internet website is located at:
<http://www.geocities.com/Pentagon/Barracks/2683>
Should any department member aspire to be the department webmaster, please contact the incumbent Missouri Department Commander.
8. Department business is at a point where some things should be discussed very soon. For this reason, I call upon all Missouri Department members to attend a Missouri Department meeting on 26 February 2000. Since most Missouri Department members prefer Columbia, Missouri, as the central meeting location, the next meeting will be held at Columbia, Missouri. A map locating the precise location of the meeting site will be sent to members-at-large and camps in January. Of course, the weather will be unseasonably sunny and warm for this meeting, so I hope to see many Missouri Department members attending this meeting.

By Order of:


John C. Rutherford
Department Commander
December 7, 1999

Attested by:


Jeffrey L. Patrick
Assistant Department Secretary
December 7, 1999

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Department Orders # 3

Series 1999-2000

1. As the fourth quarter draws to a close, it is my hope that the Missouri Department membership has prospered under my leadership and will continue to prosper under my successors. It is also my hope that my initiatives, begun at the February 26, 2000 meeting in Columbia, will be carried out to fruition.
2. A seed fund will be necessary to finance the purchase of raffle items for the 2001 National Encampment. At the Missouri Department's June, 1999 meeting, members agreed to a \$20 bond (hereafter described as a "Loyalty Bond"), which will be designated exclusively for this seed fund. Missouri Department members may voluntarily contribute money and obtain a Loyalty Bond. All camps are asked to maintain a register with the name and address of camp members who purchase Loyalty Bonds, and forward a copy of the register and money to the Missouri Department Commander. The Department Commander will then issue a certificate in the name of each S.U.V.C.W. member who contributed money for a Loyalty Bond. At the conclusion of business for the S.U.V.C.W. 2001 National Encampment, this bond will be redeemed; the money will return to the camp to which each bond holder belongs, and the money will be used as a partial payment of each Loyalty Bond holder's 2002 annual dues. Please consider contributing \$20 for a Loyalty Bond. Every member now has an opportunity to contribute actively to the success of the S.U.V.C.W. 2001 National Encampment.
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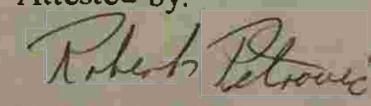
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4. The national organization has queried the Missouri Department regarding our next department encampment and elections. After discussion with Missouri Department members who attended the joint meeting on February 26, 2000, it was decided to hold the Missouri Department Encampment and officer elections on June 24, 2000.
5. This is a reminder to camp officers and Missouri department members. A \$2 increase in the national per capita tax began on January 1, 2000, so please make a note of this when calling upon membership for dues (also known as the "per capita tax"). The total due per quarter to the Missouri Department is now 4.50 per member. At the February 26, 2000 meeting, Life members, and Real Sons were exempted from the per capita owed to the Missouri Department.
6. I hope to greet many Missouri Department members at this meeting.

By Order of:


John C. Rutherford
Department Commander
June 24, 2000

Attested by:


Robert Petrovic
Department Secretary
June 24, 2000