

Missouri SUVCW 1st Department Commander

Under Reorganization 1996-1997

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Central Region Allied Orders Commander

2010-2011

Robert M. Petrovic



As of 2020, Bob is most likely the department's longest active member having started his membership with the General William T Sherman/Billy Yank Camp No. 65 in the 1980s. The important question to St. Louisans, is where he graduated high school? Bob graduated high school from Christian Brothers College (CBC) High School in 1958.

In the early 1960s, Bob became employed as a member of the Affton (Missouri) Fire Department and upon his retirement held the rank of Captain.

He has been an active member serving for years as the Sherman Camp Secretary/Treasurer and as their Camp Commander. Originally, he joined as an associate member as his ancestor wasn't traced. It was only after 2012 that his ancestor was identified and Bob became a full member. His ancestor is Ludwig "Louis" Kuschell. In May of 1996, he was one of the charter members of the Ulysses S. Grant Camp #68 that formed in the St. Louis Metro Area. With the Grant Camp forming there was enough camps to form a department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil

War. In 1996, he became the first commander of the reorganized Department of Missouri – SUVCW.

Bob has worked tirelessly for the SUVCW. Just some of his accomplishments include that he helped organize the 2001 SUVCW National Encampment in Springfield, MO. He was elected and served on the National SUVCW Council of Administration. He was the driving force behind and hardest worker and encampment committee chair of the 2007 National Encampment in St. Louis. He has served for years in the SUVCW Charitable Organization developing items for sale to raise funds for SUVCW projects. He is a Colonel in the Sons of Veterans Reserve and their Chief of Staff. He has for over a decade been responsible for organizing the SUVCW event annually at President Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield, IL. He has also in the past been responsible for organizing the events for National Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, PA. He has received 2 Meritorious Service awards with Gold Stars from the national organization.

Currently, he still serves as Camp Council for the US Grant Camp, Chairman of the SUVCW Charitable Foundation, Colonel (Chief of Staff) of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, Chairman of the Lincoln Remembrance Day Ceremonies, and the 2021 National Encampment Committee Chairman.

In 2010 he was elected commander of the Central Region Association (CRA) of the Allied Orders and commanded the conference held in 2011 at Rockville, IN. Bob is also responsible for designing their commander and past commander badges and has organized several of the CRA conferences in Missouri, Illinois and Kentucky.