



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI



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ORDER # 1
2 JUL 2009

I would like to begin by thanking everyone who not only attended the 14th Annual Department Encampment of Missouri, but also to those who played a hand in organizing it. It was a well orchestrated event, spacious, and comfortable. The food and drink were excellent as was the atmosphere. It was a very enjoyable experience.

It is my hope that this year will be successful in terms of “growing” the department. To that end officers have been elected and appointed to fulfill the duties required to help bring success to this department which now encompasses 12 camps with the chartering of the Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326 in Ste. Genevieve. These officers are hereby authorized to appoint committees to help fulfill their duties as necessary. Please recognize the following officers who began this year’s responsibilities on 13 Jun 2009:

Rod Price
Chris Warren, PCC
Walter E. Busch, PDC
Mark Coplin, PCC
Emmett Taylor, PDC
Ron Burke

Senior Vice Commander
Junior Vice Commander
Secretary/Treasurer
Council
Council
Council

McCormick #215
McCormick #215
Grant #68
Grant #68
Asboth #5
Wilhelmi #17

John J. Martin, PDC
Harold W. James
Emmett Taylor, PDC
Paul M. Summitt
Vern von der Heydt
Walter E. Busch, PDC
Rod Price
Chris Warren, PCC
Robert Amsler, Jr., PCC
Robert Petrovic, PDC
Brian V. Smarker
Glyen Brown
Walter E. Busch, PDC
John J. Martin, PDC
Gary L. Scheel
Rod Price
William L. Groth, Jr.
Paul M. Summitt

Chief of Staff
Patriotic Instructor
Chaplain
Graves Registration
Historian
Monuments & Memorials
Eagle Scout Coordinator
ROTC/JROTC Coordinator
Counselor
Department Organizer
GAR Post Records
SUV Camps Officer
Last Soldier Project
Archivist of Records
Missouri Unionist Editor
Marketing/Promotions
Congressional Medal of Honor
Signals Officer

Westport #64
Asboth #5
Asboth #5
Tigers #432
Sherman #65
Grant #68
McCormick #215
McCormick #215
Grant #68
Grant #68
Westport #64
Oglesby #61
Grant #68
Westport #64
St. James #326
McCormick #215
Sherman #65
Tigers #432

Ordered this 2nd day of July 2009,

Brian V. Smarker, Commander
Department of Missouri

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Attest:

Walter E. Busch, PDC, Secretary
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ORDER #2
4 JUL 2009

Brothers of the Department of Missouri:

All camps' members are invited and encouraged to attend department meetings. Although an agenda has not been prepared at this time, items on department meeting agendas could affect the camps within the department. If you attend a department meeting, you may participate in the discussions and you have a vote on any decisions made. If you have an item you would like to see added to the agenda, please contact me so that I may ensure its placement. The regularly scheduled **Department of Missouri meetings** will be held at the **Missouri State Capitol** building in **Jefferson City** on the following dates:

- 24 October 2009 beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- 13 March 2010 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

In addition, the **2010 Department of Missouri Encampment** has been *tentatively* scheduled to take place in the Kansas City area as follows:

- 11 June 2010 beginning at 6:00 p.m. for the Encampment social hour
- 12 June 2010 beginning at 10:00 a.m. for the Encampment meeting
- 12 June 2010 beginning at 6:00 p.m. for the Encampment banquet

Other important dates to remember include:

- 13-15 August 2009 for the SUVCW National Encampment in Louisville, Kentucky (see the National website at www.suvcw.org for details)
- 2-3 October 2009 for the Allied Orders, Central Region Association in Indiana (consult Walter Busch, PDC for details)

Please mark your calendars accordingly and plan on attending if possible. A judicious representation at the three department meetings would have each camp represented by one or more of its members.

Ordered this 4th day of July 2009,

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ORDER #3
24 JUL 2009

Brothers of the Department of Missouri:

It is with deep regret that I have to inform you of the passing of Brother Richard Konersmann. Richard was a member of William T. Sherman, Billy Yank Camp #65 in St. Louis. He passed away on 4 Jul 2009 at the age of 71 years, 2 months, and 27 days.

The Department of Missouri will be in mourning for a period of one month effective today. In observance of this, the Department of Missouri flag and charter, when displayed, will be draped or covered in black. The Signals Officers will drape all department and camp websites in black. The Chaplain will send condolences to the family in the name of the department. All members of the department will don their badges with a black ribbon anytime they are worn during this time.

The mourning period will end at midnight on 23 August 2009.

Respectfully ordered this 24th day of July 2009, Attest:

Brian V. Smarker, Commander
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ORDER #4
7 AUG 2009

Brothers of the Department of Missouri:

Upon digitizing the By-laws for Westport Camp #64, it was discovered that the recent suggested revisions to add junior associates and differentiate them from juniors may not have been adequate in updating the by-laws depending on how each camp's by-laws were written. Therefore, each camp will be required to review their by-laws and determine if additional revisions are required. If revisions to the camp's by-laws are required, the proposed amendments should be in writing for all camp members to review at an upcoming camp meeting. Article XVII Section A of Westport Camp's By-laws states, "These by-laws may be amended at any meeting by a 2/3 vote of the members present, provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been submitted to the Department Commander, and the camp membership at the last Camp meeting." Each camp may have the same wording, but please check to be sure. If the proposed amendments are approved by the Camp, it is then the Department Commander who gives them the final approval.

Although not all of the camp's by-laws may be written the same, an approved updated copy of Westport Camp #64's By-laws will be sent to all Camp Commanders and Secretaries for review as a guide for the amendment process. Within Westport's By-laws, the highlighted items are those that have been amended to include junior associates and differentiate them from juniors. With today's available technology, it is suggested that each camp submit a digital version (preferably using Microsoft Word) of the by-laws to its members and the Department Commander. These may be attached to an email and sent to the camp's members and the Department Commander for review prior to the next meeting. For those without access to computers, printed copies should be made available. Once approved by the camp members, the date of approval and Camp Commander's signature may be entered on the last page and resubmitted to the Department Commander for final approval. Although it would be convenient to have all of the Camps' By-laws approved by the Department Commander by the October 2009 department meeting, a more realistic goal would be to have this task completed by 28 Feb 2010.

Ordered this 7th day of August 2009,

Attest:

Brian V. Smarker, Commander
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ORDER #5
19 OCT 2009

Brothers of the Department of Missouri:

First, I must apologize for the delay in issuing this order. Nevertheless, it is one which I regret in that its intent is to inform you of the passing of Brother Charles “Chuck” Amsler. Chuck was a member of Ulysses S. Grant Camp #68 in St. Louis for several years. He passed away on 11 Oct 2009. Interment with honors took place at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis on 14 Oct 2009. Chuck was a USN/Korea Veteran.

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The mourning period will end at midnight on 18 November 2009.

Respectfully ordered this 19th day of Oct. 2009, Attest:

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ORDER #6
29 Nov 2009

Brothers of the Department of Missouri:

During the most recent department meeting, a motion carried to move the annual Department Encampment to the first weekend of June beginning in 2011. This was done to avoid conflicts with other important events taking place across the nation, and perhaps, increase attendance of officers, members, associates, junior members, and junior associates in general.

Unfortunately, the upcoming Department Encampment is no exception. It was perceived by the members who were present at the last department meeting on Sat., 24 Oct 2009 that attendance would improve if held a weekend earlier than what was *tentatively* scheduled. Because it will be the first time for the encampment to be held in the Kansas City area, it will be difficult to assess improved attendance, but an effort will be made nonetheless.

Therefore, the 2010 Department of Missouri Encampment will be held in the Kansas City area and hosted by Westport Camp #64 adhering to the following schedule:

- 4 June 2010 beginning at 6:00 p.m. for the Department Encampment social hour
- 5 June 2010 beginning at 9:00 a.m. for the Department Encampment business meeting
- 5 June 2010 beginning at 6:00 p.m. for the Department Encampment banquet and awards ceremony

Please be sure to update your calendars accordingly. Camp Commanders and Secretaries, please ensure all members and associates have been made aware of this change.

Respectfully ordered this 29th day of Nov. 2009, Attest:

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ORDER #7
17 FEB 2010

Brothers of the Department of Missouri:

It is with deep regret that I have to inform you of the passing of Brother David E. Wilson, Jr. of rural Revere, Missouri. David was the most recent Past Camp Commander of John H. McNeil Camp #62 in Unionville, Missouri. He passed away yesterday, 16 February 2010 at Van Buren County Hospital at 59 years of age. The Wilson Funeral Home of Kahoka, Missouri will be handling the funeral arrangements.

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The mourning period will end at midnight on 17 Mar 2010.

Respectfully ordered this 17th day of Feb 2010, Attest:

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ORDER #8
18 APR 2010

Brothers of the Department of Missouri:

It is with deep regret that I have to inform you of the passing of Brother Charles C. Metternich of Canton, Missouri. Charles was the Camp Commander of Col. David Moore Camp #70 in Canton. He passed away yesterday, 13 April 2010 in his home at 63 years of age. Arnold's Funeral Home of Canton will be handling the funeral arrangements.

The Department of Missouri will be in mourning for a period of one month effective today. In observance of this, the Department of Missouri flag and charter, when displayed, will be draped or covered in black. The Signals Officers will drape all department and camp websites in black. The Chaplain will send condolences to the family in the name of the department. All members of the department will don their badges with a black ribbon anytime they are worn during this time.

The mourning period will end at midnight on 18 May 2010.

Respectfully ordered this 18th day of April 2010,

Attest:

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