



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

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SPECIAL COMMUNIQUÉ NO. 1 SERIES 2021-2022 140th SUVCW National Encampment

Brothers,

As we have recently experienced the successful close of the 140th Anniversary of the SUVCW Encampment in Frontenac, MO, I would like to share with you how important it was.

There were four different organizations of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic in attendance. The Allied Orders that were present were the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Woman's Relief Corps. This is the first time that four of the Allied Orders have all had their annual meetings in one location at the same time since 2007. If you do not know, the 2007 meetings were held in St. Louis. Eight of our camps were present. They included members of the Grant Camp, Wilhelmi Camp, Fletcher Camp, Tiger Camp, Phelps Camp, Westport Camp, McPherson Camp and St. James Camp. Brother Joseph Rainey accepted the Isaac Murphy Camp #2 Charter from Commander in Chief Brian Pierson during the encampment.

Some information that I found interesting in the business meeting that pertains to our camps. These are just short bullet points of what was discussed about these subjects.

1. Each Camp and Department can decide to conduct its meetings using one of three options. These include either in Person, Hybrid (defined as a combination of in person and virtual) or virtual. You will not have to change your bylaws if your camp uses either of these options.
2. We are covered by insurance while firing black powder weapons in a ceremony that is conducted by our camps. If you contact the National Treasurer at least **45 days** in advance he will send you an insurance rider free of charge. He will send you a 501 C-3 letter. The National Treasurer is Brother D. Michael Beard, PDC and his email is treasurer@suvcw.org
3. During the meeting we were encouraged to conduct activities in Veterans/Soldiers Homes located near camps. Even up to the point of starting a camp in them.

The Marshall Hope Awards for best Department Newsletter and best Camp Newsletter for 2019-2020 were handed out during the meeting. Editor Walt Busch received the Marshall Hope Award for Best Department Newsletter and Camp Commander Doug Roussin of the Thomas Fletcher Camp #47, received the Marshall Hope Award for Best Camp Newsletter. Brother Sumner Hunnewell is the editor for the Fletcher Camp newsletter. Congratulations to you all and Thank you for your efforts in this normally thankless job.

Your new National Elected Officers are as follows:

Commander in Chief – Michael Pacquette
Senior Vice Commander in Chief – Bruce Frail
Junior Vice Commander in Chief – Peter Hritsko
National Council of Administration Members
Shane Milburn
Joseph Hall

When you consider the time and effort by members of the Department of Missouri National Encampment Host Committee, it is staggering. They have been working on this encampment for almost two years. They have spent countless hours working on reserving rooms and the banquet with the staff of the Hilton Hotel in Frontenac, acquiring donations and purchasing items from different businesses in the area with some of the items which included the goodie bag and contents (I have been to several encampments and this goodie bag contained items that many of those in attendance just could not believe), gathering drinks for the hospitality room, supplying a flag detail not only for our encampment but also for the Daughters convention. The table decorations for the banquet were stunning. There were three different tours that were planned and conducted.

We were, and are fortunate that members of our Department have the expertise and knowledge to conduct one of the most successful encampments in recent history of our organization. Our new National Commander in Chief made the remark that he had not heard one complaint during the entire encampment. That is the ultimate compliment and there really is nothing else that needs to be said.

The following are members of the National Encampment in Missouri Host Committee are...

Robert Petrovic, Chair
Walter Busch, Secretary/Treasurer
Don Palmer
Bob AuBuchon
Cher Petrovic
Martin Aubchon
Kim Palmer

Next time you see any of these members, give them a hearty handshake or a pat on the back and let them know how much you appreciate everything they did for the Department of Missouri.

I would like to express my personal sincere THANKS and APPRECIATION to all of our members who volunteered to be on this committee and to those who volunteered in any capacity during the encampment that were not on the committee. I am proud to say that I am a member of the Department of Missouri, SUVCW.

Delivered this 12th Day of August 2021

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Attest:

Edward Krieser, PCinC
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