



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

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**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 10**  
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**Passing of Brother Davis Clayton Bruce**

It is with this sorrow that the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, reports the passing of Brother Bruce on 29 October 2025.

Brother Bruce was a member of St. James Camp #326

Brother Bruce was born in Boston, Massachusetts in 1946. He left High School at 16 to join the USMC. He completed his GED while in the Marines. His talent led him to be assigned to Naval Intelligence. After leaving the military he attended law school and after graduating returned to join the USAF as a JAG officer and served as a Captain at Sheppard AFB in Texas. After leaving the USAF he became a Criminal Defense Attorney on the East Coast. While in Massachusetts he was a member of Gen. George L. Hartsuff Camp #50. Later in life he and his wife moved to Farmington, MO to be closer to family. In 2020 he joined St. James Camp #326. He was unable to attend meetings, and his passing was not known until recently.

In memory of Brother Bruce, the Department's Charter and website shall be draped, all Camp Charters and websites shall be draped, and all brothers shall attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge. Following the Department's mourning policy, this Order shall remain in effect for seven days from this date.

Ordered this 7th Day of February 2026,

Mark Coplin, PCC  
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Department of Missouri SUVCW

Attest:

Gary Scheel, PDC  
Secretary  
Department of Missouri SUVCW