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Passing of Brother Richard Boyd Coder

It is with this sorrow that the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, reports the passing of Brother Richard Boyd Coder on 21 January 2026.

Brother Coder was a member of Tiger Camp #432

Brother Coder was born in Patton, Pennsylvania in 1931. He graduated from Johnstown High School in 1948. He attended Loch Haven State Teachers College in Loch Haven Pennsylvania. He studied mathematics and Physical Education. Dick joined the Navy in 1952 and began his training as a radar technician. After serving in the Navy, he enlisted in the Air Force. He began his Air Force career at Vance AFB, Enid, Oklahoma. He was later assigned to Ellington AFB, Houston, Texas. Dick was active in several organizations: the American Legion Post 202, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 280, NARFE, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 2730, VFW National Home for Children, Clark's Championship Gym, University of Missouri Gymnastics Booster, Show-Me-State Games, State Games of America.

Celebration of Life will be April 18th from 2-4 PM at the American Legion Post 202 3669 Legion Lane Columbia, MO. Visitation and light refreshments Military honors will be rendered.

In memory of Brother Coder, 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 26th Day of February 2026,

Attest:

Mark Coplin, PCC
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Gary Scheel, PDC
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