



Department of Missouri  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
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## Minutes of the Department Business Meeting 8 March 2025

**Open Meeting.** Commander Robert AuBuchon called to order a Business Meeting for the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at 10:00 am, Saturday, 8 March 2025 at River City Library, Jefferson, City, Missouri. Chaplain Mark Coplin gave the invocation. Commander Robert AuBuchon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nine members were present, meeting quorum: DC Robert AuBuchon, SVC Mark Coplin, Sec-Trea Dale Crandell, PCinC Don Palmer, PCinC Ed Krieser, PDC Sumner Hunnewell, PDC Gary Scheel, PDC Randel Burd, and PCC Mathew Craig (Grant).

**Minutes.** Department reviewed the minutes from the Department Business Meeting on 19 October 2024.

- *Motion by Dale Crandell, seconded by Craig Mathews, to approve the Department Business Meeting minutes subject to scribe's errors. Approved.*

### Officer Reports

1. *Commander.* Robert Aubuchon provided a written report.
2. *Senior Vice Commander.* Mark Coplin provided a written report.
3. *Junior Vice Commander.* Kevin Miller provided a written report.
4. *Secretary.* Dale Crandell provided a written report.
5. *Treasurer.* Dale Crandell provided a written report with one recommendation.
  - *Motion by Dale Crandell, seconded by Randel Burd, authorizing the Treasurer to open Edward Jones account and invest \$10,000. Approved.*
6. *Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.* Walter Busch provided a written report asking to retire as Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

Commander Robert AuBuchon appointed Craig Mathews as Assistant Secretary and Ed Krieser as Assistant Treasurer.

7. *Chaplain.* Mark Coplin provided a written report.
8. *Quartermaster.* Walter Busch provided a written report.
9. *Grave Registration Officer.* Glen Alsop provided a written report.
10. *Signals Officer.* Walter Busch provided a written report.

11. *Historical Records*. Walter Busch provided a written report.
12. *Eagle Scout*. Sumner Hunnewell provided a written report.
13. *Banner Editor*. Randal Burd reported Spring edition coming on 31 March 2025.
14. History Awards. Randal Burd discussed participation in the Missouri History Day program.
  - *Motion by Randal Burd, seconded by Craig Mathews, to withdraw the Department History Essay competition from the Missouri History Day program. Approved.*

### **Standing Committee Reports**

1. *Bylaws*. Department discussed proposed Bylaws amendment to establish timeline for submitting resolutions to the National Encampment. Committee presented new text to the Policy and Procedures Manual from recently approved changes.
  - *Motion by committee to amend Bylaws, Article II by adding text to section 1 [see committee report]. Approved.*

Robert AuBuchon tasked Bylaws Committee to prepare final wording and Secretary to distribution to camps for approval at the Department Encampment.

2. *Awards*. Department discussed updates to Eads Award application.
3. *Encampment Site*. Walter Busch provided a written report on the 2025 Department Encampment in Fenton, Missouri and asked to retire from the Encampment Site Committee.
  - *Motion by Gary Scheel, seconded by Randal Burd, to hold the 2026 Department Encampment in Ste. Genevieve with Camp St. James as hosts. Approved.*

Commander Robert AuBuchon appointed Gary Scheel as chair of the 2026 Encampment Site Committee.

### **Special Committee Reports**

1. *JROTC Selection*. Sumner Hunnewell encouraged participation in the JROTC Outstanding Cadet competition.
2. *Programs*. Donald Palmer provided a summary report on the Union Victory in Missouri program and events at Pilot Knob, Jefferson City, Kansas City/Westport, and Newtonia.

### **Unfinished Business**

1. *General Order #4*. Department discussed opposition to General Order #4 that blocks members from attending National Council of Administration meetings.
  - *Motion by Mark Coplin, seconded by Dale Crandell, to approve resolution to recede General Order #4 at the Department Encampment. Approved.*

Robert AuBuchon appointed Mark Coplin to draft resolution for approval at the Department Encampment.

2. *Louisa Volker Marker*. Department discussed \$500 pledge to Fletcher Camp for Louisa Volker Marker.
  - *Motion by Dale Crandell, seconded by Sumner Hunnewell, to release \$500 to Fletcher Camp from Charity Account. Approved.*
3. *Perry County Last Soldier Marker*. Department discussed \$300 pledge to St. James Camp for Perry County Last Soldier Marker.
  - *Motion by Dale Crandell, seconded by Sumner Hunnewell, to release \$300 to St. James Camp from Charity Account. Approved.*
4. *1916 GAR Kansas City Marker*. Department discussed \$500 pledge to Westport Camp for 1916 GAR National Encampment Historical Marker.

### **New Business**

1. *Memorial Officer Resolution*. Department discussed Walter Busch's request for a resolution supporting changes to the Memorial Officer job description.
  - *Motion by Robert AuBuchon, seconded by Mark Coplin, to approve Memorial Officer Resolution at the Department Encampment. Approved.*
2. *National Encampment Ad*. Department discussed Walter Busch's request for an ad in the National Encampment book.
  - *Motion by Dale Crandell, seconded by Sumner Hunnewell, to approve a \$50 ad in the National Encampment book. Approved.*
3. *Missouri-Kansas National Encampment*. Department discussed a proposal from Dale Crandell and Russ Allen (Kansas) for Missouri and Kansas to co-host a National Encampment.
  - *Motion by Dale Crandell, seconded by Robert AuBuchon, authorizing Dale Crandell to invite the Department of Kansas to co-host a National Encampment. Approved.*

Department set three conditions: 1) name one person as primary host committee chair, 2) establish clear division of work tasks between Missouri and Kansas, and 3) Dale Crandell serve as Missouri's co-chair.

4. *Arkansas Department*. Department reviewed the SUVCW Form 51 application to form the Department of Arkansas.
  - *Motion by Dale Crandell, seconded by Randal Burd, to approve the application to form the Department of Arkansas. Approved.*

**Close Meeting.** Commander Robert AuBuchon adjourned the Department Business Meeting at 2:00 pm. Chaplain Mark Coplin gave the benediction.

Prepared by,

Dale Crandell, PDC  
Department Secretary

**Agenda**  
**Department Business Meeting**  
**8 March 2025**

**Meeting Opening**

- a. Invocation
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call

**Minutes**

- a. Department Business, 19 Oct 2024

**Communications**

**Officer Reports**

- a. Commander: Robert Abuchon
- b. SV Commander: Mark Coplin
- c. JV Commander: Kevin Miller
- d. Secretary-Treasurer: Dale Crandell
- e. Council: Glen Alsop
- f. Council: Gary Scheel
- g. Council: Robert Amsler

**Appointed Officer Reports**

- a. Asst. Secretary-Treasurer: Walter Busch
- b. Patriotic Instructor: Randal Burd, Jr.
- c. Chaplain: Mark Coplin
- d. Counselor: Robert Amsler, Jr.
- e. Quartermaster: Walter Busch
- f. Grave Registration: Glen Alsop
- g. Signals: Walter Busch
- h. Asst. Signals: James Dixon
- i. Historical Records: Walter Busch
- j. Unionist Editor: Randal Burd, Jr.
- k. Eagle Scout: Sumner Hunnewell
- l. ROTC: Sumner Hunnewell
- m. History Awards: Randal Burd, Jr.

**Standing Committee Reports**

- a. Bylaws: Mark Coplin
- b. Awards: Mark Coplin
- c. Encampment Site: Walter Busch

**Special Committee Reports**

- a. JROTC Selection: Sumner Hunnewell
- b. Programs: Don Palmer

**Unfinished Business**

- a. General Order #4
- b. Louisa Volker Marker: \$500 (Fletcher)
- c. Perry County Last Soldier: \$300 (St James)
- d. 1916 GAR Kansas City: \$500 (Westport)

**New Business**

- a. C&R Memorial Officer Duties
- b. National Encampment Ad

**Good of the Order**

**Meeting Closing**

- a. Benediction

## **Minutes of the Department Business Meeting 19 October 2024**

**Open Meeting.** Commander Robert Abuchon called to order a Business Meeting for the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at 11:00 am, Saturday, 19 October 2024 at Days Inn & Suites, 8601 Hillcrest Road, Kansas City, Missouri. Chaplain Mark Coplin gave the invocation. Commander Robert Abuchon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

8 members were present, meeting quorum: DC Robert Abuchon, SVC Mark Coplin, JVC Kevin Miller, Sec-Trea Dale Crandell, Council Robert Amsler, PDC Don Palmer, CC Joseph Rainey (McPherson), and Br. Dawson Ballard (Westport).

**Minutes.** Department reviewed the minutes from the Department Encampment on 1 June 2024,

- *Motion by Joseph Rainey, seconded by Mark Coplin, to approve the Department Encampment minutes subject to scribe's errors. Approved.*

**Orders and Communications.** Department reviewed orders and communications.

1. None.

### **Officer Reports**

1. *Commander.* Robert Aubuchon provided a written report.
2. *Senior Vice Commander.* Mark Coplin provided a written report and shared his unavailability to serve as Commander.
3. *Junior Vice Commander.* Kevin Miller provided a written report.
4. *Secretary.* Dale Crandell provided a written report.
5. *Treasurer.* Dale Crandell provided a written report with one recommendation to Council.
6. *Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.* Walter Busch provided a written report
7. *Chaplain.* Mark Coplin provided a written report.
8. *Quartermaster.* Walter Busch provided a written report.
9. *Grave Registration Officer.* Glen Alsop provided a written report.
10. *Signals Officer.* Walter Busch provided a written report.
11. *Historical Records.* Walter Busch provided a written report.

12. *Eagle Scout*. Sumner Hunnewell provided a written report.

13. *ROTC*. Sumner Hunnewell emailed JROTC winner.

14. *History Awards*. Randal Burd

### **Standing Committee Reports**

1. *Bylaws*. Department discussed options for moving the Department Encampment to March or May and holding a special encampment in June.

- *Motion by Robert Amsler, seconded by Dale Crandell, tasking the Bylaws Committee to investigate moving the Department Encampment to March along with the ripple effects, and report at the March Business Meeting; and vote to approve at the June Department Encampment. Approved.*

2. *Encampment Site*. Department discussed Sullivan for encampment location.

### **Special Committee Reports**

1. *Programs*. Donald Palmer provided a written report.

2. *PDC Committee*. Gary Scheel provided a written report.

- *Motion by PDC Committee to change the name of the Past Department Commanders Fund to the Charitable Endowment Fund. Approved*
- *Motion by Dale Crandell, second Robert Amsler, for the Commander and the Treasurer to conduct a fund-raising campaign of all members in November.*
- *Motion by Dale Crandell, second by Robert Amsler, for the Commander and Treasurer to conduct a fund-raising campaign of Life Members in first quarter.*

### **New Business**

1. *Resolution*. Dale Crandell requested a support resolution for his campaign for the National Council of Administration.

- *A motion by Robert Aubuchon, seconded by Joe Rainy, to adopt the resolution. Approved.*

2. *Perry County Last Soldier*. Gary Scheel submitted a written request.

- *Motion by Robert Aubuchon, seconded by Robert Amsler, that requests for charitable funding must be in writing and submitted to the Department Commander to submit to the Department Council. Approve.*

3. *General Order #4*. Robert Amsler discussed General Order that blocks attendance at National Council of Administration meetings unless invited by the Commander-in-Chief.

- Motion by Robert Amsler, seconded by Dale Crandell, that the Department adopt a resolution to rescind General Order #4. Approved.
- Motion by Robert Amsler, seconded by Joe Rainey, authorizing the Department Counselor to compose a letter opposing General Order #4. Approved.

**Good of the Order**

1. *Sherman Day*. Sherman Day Ceremony at Calvary Cemetery, St. Louis: 2:00 pm, 24 October 2024.

**Close Meeting.** Commander Robert Abuchon closed the Department Business Meeting at 1:00 pm. Chaplain Mark Coplin gave the benediction.

Prepared by,

Dale Crandell, PDC  
Department Secretary



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### Department Commander Report

Robert AuBuchon

March 8,2025

October 19,2024; Dept.of Missouri meeting.

October 20,2024; attend commemoration for the Union soldiers who died at battle of Westport near Kansas,Mo.This is third part of Victory in Missouri honoring the Union troops who died in battles during Price's 1864 raid

October 26,2024; attend commemoration for the Union soldiers at Neutonia, Mo. Who died in battle during 1864 Price's raid, Don Palmer also Present and was excellantly organized by the Phelps camp of Springfield,Mo

November 3,2024; attend St. James Camp grave marker ceremony for Anton Bucheit near Perryville,Missouri

November 11, 2024; attend Fletcher camp meeting at Desoto, Missouri

November 12,2024; attend Grant camp #68 meeting

December 2,2024; attend Fletcher camp Christmas dinner and install camp officers

December 4,2024; attend Westport Christmas dinner at Independence and install camp officers

December 6, 2024; placed three wreaths on graves at Jefferson Barracks National Cemmetery and one on grave at Peaceful Meadows cemetery north of Hillsboro, Missouri

December 10, 2024; attend Grant camp Christmas dinner and install camp officers

December 12,2024; attend Wilhelmi camp Christmas dinner and install camp officers at Union, Missouri

December 14,2024; attend Wreaths Accross America ceremony at St, Johns Lutheran church at Arnold, Mo.

December16,2024; did interview with William Pool and family at Bolivar,Mo. William Pool the last living son of a Union civil war soldier and also WW II veteran. Also made him a member of SUVW. He recieved certificate and medal. Craig and Andrea were also present.(Craig took the pictures)

January 13,2025; presented 100th Birthday card to William Pool born January 13,1925. Family members also present.

January 14,2025; attend Grant camp meeting

January 22,2025; attend presentation by the Grant Historical Site on Ulysess S. Grant during his time at Hardscrable and the Dent house. Also became a member of the Sappinton Concord Historical Society

January 25,2025; attend National Society Daughters of the Union meeting. Walt Busch gave presentation

February 3,2025; attend Company of Military Historians meeting at Jefferson Barracks Park

February 10,2025; attend Fletcher camp meeting at Desoto,Mo.

February 11,2025; attend Grant camp meeting. St. Louis

February 15,2025; attend Lilley camp meeting at the Lohman House. Jefferson City, Missouri

March 1,2025; attend the Julia Dent Grant Tent camp meeting. A presentation conducted by John Woods

**Senior Vice Commander – Department of Missouri  
Activity October 19, 2024 to March 8, 2025**

Brothers of the Department of Missouri – This is a report of the activity of what I have been up to since our last meeting in June.

October 20 – Attended the Westport Event for Victory in Missouri 1864

December 10 – Attended and participated in Brother Robert Petrovic’s funeral service in Cedar Hill, MO

Over the past few months have been in contact with the bylaws committee members to review and make suggestions on changes to the bylaws. Report written to be presented here today.

Sent out emails to the Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries reminding them of the need to get nominations in by May 15<sup>th</sup> for the Department Awards to be given out at the June Department Encampment.

Attended the US Grant Camp meeting each month since October.

This is the conclusion of my report to the Department.

Mark Coplin – Department Senior Vice Commander

**Department of Missouri**

**March, 2025**

I received an online application from Mr. Mark A. Zurbrick who resides in Newburg, Missouri. I forwarded his request to Brother Michael Kisling, JVC of Lillie Camp. Brother Kisling has not acknowledged receiving the application.

I received an online application from Mr. Nick Reese who resides in Lake Ozark, Missouri. I forwarded his request to Brother Michael Kisling, JVC of Lillie Camp. Brother Kisling has not acknowledged receiving the application.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Kevin Miller

Department of Missouri Junior Vice Commander

**Secretary Report**  
**8 March 2025**

*Roster.* Department roster reports 209 members: 24 life, 176 member, and 9 associate.

*Form 30.* Reported six new members.

| <i>New Member</i>         | <i>Camp</i> | <i>Muster-In</i> |
|---------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Jokerst, Jr., Carl Joseph | Fletcher    | 11-Feb-25        |
| Bethel, Huston David      | Talkington  | 12-Oct-24        |
| Griffiths, Ryder Scott    | Fletcher    | 15-Oct-24        |
| Kasten, Jon Mark          | St James    | 1-Dec-24         |
| Bach, Robert Ervin        | St James    | 1-Dec-24         |
| Croy, Harold Eugene       | St James    | 31-Dec-24        |

*Form 22.* Reporting on-time camp election certifications.

| <i>Camp</i>     | <i>2025</i> | <i>Notes</i>      |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Fletcher Camp   | Yes         | Complete, on time |
| Grant Camp      | No          |                   |
| Lillie Camp     | No          |                   |
| Phelps Camp     | No          |                   |
| St. James Camp  | Yes         | Complete, on time |
| Tigers Camp     | No          |                   |
| Westport Camp   | Yes         | Complete, on time |
| Wilhelmi Camp   | No          |                   |
| McPherson Camp  | Yes         | Complete, on time |
| Murphy Camp     | Yes         | Complete, on time |
| Tarkington Camp | Yes         | Complete, on time |
| Spradling Camp  | Yes         | Complete, on time |

*Orders.* Distributed eight General Orders.

*Inventory*

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. 32-GB thumb drive, electronic records              | 1 |
| 2. Half-inch three-ring binder, officer manual        | 1 |
| 3. Five-gallon plastic file container, current record | 1 |
| 4. 20-gallon plastic file container, archive records  | 3 |

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Dale Crandell  
Secretary-Treasurer

**Treasurer Report  
8 March 2025**

*Financial Statement.* The Department is operating within its budget.

|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| Starting Balance | \$15,413.59 |
| Total Income     | \$933.35    |
| Total Expenses   | \$379.00    |
| Closing Balance  | \$15,967.49 |

*Form 11.* Prepared annual SUVCW Form 11 reporting Department and Camp EINs and 990-N filings to National Treasurer.

| EIN        | Camp            | 2024 | Notes                |
|------------|-----------------|------|----------------------|
| 43-1752721 | Missouri        | Yes  | Confirmed            |
| 45-2634569 | Fletcher Camp   | Yes  | Department confirmed |
| 43-1744429 | Grant Camp      | Yes  | Confirmed            |
| 83-0912276 | Lillie Camp     | No   |                      |
| 91-1851792 | Phelps Camp     | No   |                      |
| 32-0265759 | St. James Camp  | Yes  | Confirmed            |
| 61-1558093 | Tigers Camp     | Yes  | Confirmed            |
| 26-2147949 | Westport Camp   | Yes  | Confirmed            |
| 45-5066174 | Wilhelmi Camp   | Yes  | Department confirmed |
| 80-0547171 | McPherson Camp  | No   |                      |
| 30-1287682 | Tarkington Camp | No   |                      |
| 71-0779753 | Murphy Camp     | No   | Revoked 2010         |
| 45-5146343 | Spradling Camp  | No   | Revoked 2018         |

*Investment.* The 2024 Department Encampment authorized Treasurer Dale Crandell and Assistant Treasurer Walter Busch to establish an investment account when the \$10,000 CD matures with half in an index account and half in a CD. The Department Council provides oversight.

➤ *Recommendation: open an account with Edward Jones.*

*Inventory*

|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| 1. PDC badge                     | 2 |
| 2. General account checkbook     | 1 |
| 3. General account deposit stamp | 1 |

- 4. Charity account checkbook 1
- 5. Charity account deposit stamp 1
- 6. 32-GB thumb drive, record storage 1
- 7. Half-inch three-ring binder, records storage 1
- 8. Five-gallon plastic file container, record storage 1
- 9. Bank pouch 1

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Dale Crandell, PDC  
Department Treasurer



**Treasurer's Report**  
**Department of Missouri**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
**8 March 2025**

**Starting Balance**

|   |           |                    |  |           |                  |
|---|-----------|--------------------|--|-----------|------------------|
| 1 | 19-Oct-24 | General Account    |  | \$        | 3,290.40         |
| 2 | 19-Oct-24 | Charity Account    |  | \$        | 1,554.42         |
| 3 | 19-Oct-24 | Investment Account |  | \$        | 10,751.36        |
|   |           |                    |  | <b>\$</b> | <b>15,596.18</b> |

**Income**

|    |           |                     |                                |           |                  |
|----|-----------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| 4  | 15-Oct-24 | National Per Capita | Ryder Scott Griffiths/Fletcher | \$        | 8.25             |
| 5  | 15-Oct-24 | Missouri Per Capita | Ryder Scott Griffiths/Fletcher | \$        | 1.50             |
| 6  | 15-Oct-24 | National Fee        | Ryder Scott Griffiths/Fletcher | \$        | 5.00             |
| 7  | 15-Oct-24 | National Per Capita | Huston David Bethel/Talkington | \$        | 8.25             |
| 8  | 15-Oct-24 | Missouri Per Capita | Huston David Bethel/Talkington | \$        | 1.50             |
| 9  | 15-Oct-24 | National Fee        | Huston David Bethel/Talkington | \$        | 5.00             |
| 10 | 31-Oct-24 | Other Income        | Bank interest                  | \$        | 0.01             |
| 11 | 30-Nov-24 | Other Income        | Bank interest                  | \$        | 0.01             |
| 12 | 1-Dec-24  | National Per Capita | Jon Mark Kasten/St James       | \$        | 8.25             |
| 13 | 1-Dec-24  | Missouri Per Capita | Jon Mark Kasten/St James       | \$        | 1.50             |
| 14 | 1-Dec-24  | National Fee        | Jon Mark Kasten/St James       | \$        | 5.00             |
| 15 | 1-Dec-24  | National Per Capita | Robert Ervin Bach/St James     | \$        | 8.25             |
| 16 | 1-Dec-24  | Missouri Per Capita | Robert Ervin Bach/St James     | \$        | 1.50             |
| 17 | 31-Dec-24 | Other Income        | Bank interest                  | \$        | 0.01             |
| 18 | 1-Dec-24  | National Fee        | Robert Ervin Bach/St James     | \$        | 5.00             |
| 19 | 5-Jan-25  | National Per Capita | Harold Eugene Croy/St James    | \$        | 33.00            |
| 20 | 5-Jan-25  | Missouri Per Capita | Harold Eugene Croy/St James    | \$        | 5.00             |
| 21 | 5-Jan-25  | National Fee        | Harold Eugene Croy/St James    | \$        | 6.00             |
| 22 | 31-Jan-25 | Other Income        | Bank interest                  | \$        | 0.01             |
| 23 | 31-Jan-25 | Other Income        | Bank interest                  | \$        | 0.01             |
| 24 | 1-Mar-25  | National Per Capita | Carl Joseph Jokerst/St James   | \$        | 33.00            |
| 25 | 1-Mar-25  | Missouri Per Capita | Carl Joseph Jokerst/St James   | \$        | 5.00             |
| 26 | 1-Mar-25  | National Fee        | Carl Joseph Jokerst/St James   | \$        | 6.00             |
| 27 | 6-Dec-24  | Sales               | Quartermaster sales            | \$        | 83.00            |
| 28 | 30-Dec-24 | Sales               | Quartermaster sales            | \$        | 10.00            |
| 29 | 4-Feb-24  | Investment Account  | CD closed                      | \$        | 10,751.36        |
| 30 | 19-Feb-25 | Donations           | PayPal                         | \$        | 48.71            |
| 31 | 20-Feb-25 | Sales               | Quartermaster sales            | \$        | 40.00            |
| 32 | 1-Jan-25  | Other Income        | Interest                       | \$        | 364.59           |
|    |           | <b>Total Income</b> |                                | <b>\$</b> | <b>11,444.71</b> |

**Expenses**

|    |          |                     |                             |    |      |
|----|----------|---------------------|-----------------------------|----|------|
| 33 | 5-Jan-25 | National Per Capita | SUVCW/Ryder Scott Griffiths | \$ | 8.25 |
| 34 | 5-Jan-25 | National Fee        | SUVCW/Ryder Scott Griffiths | \$ | 5.00 |
| 35 | 5-Jan-25 | National Per Capita | SUVCW/Huston David Bethel   | \$ | 8.25 |
| 36 | 5-Jan-25 | National Fee        | SUVCW/Huston David Bethel   | \$ | 5.00 |
| 37 | 5-Jan-25 | National Per Capita | SUVCW/Jon Mark Kasten       | \$ | 8.25 |
| 38 | 5-Jan-25 | National Fee        | SUVCW/Jon Mark Kasten       | \$ | 5.00 |

|    |          |                     |                           |           |                  |
|----|----------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| 39 | 5-Jan-25 | National Per Capita | SUVCW/Robert Ervin Bach   | \$        | 8.25             |
| 40 | 5-Jan-25 | National Fee        | SUVCW/Robert Ervin Bach   | \$        | 5.00             |
| 41 | 8-Feb-25 | Programs            | Phelps Camp/Price's Raid  | \$        | 250.00           |
| 42 | 1-Mar-25 | National Per Capita | SUVCW/Harold Eugene Croy  | \$        | 33.00            |
| 43 | 1-Mar-25 | National Fee        | SUVCW/Harold Eugene Croy  | \$        | 5.00             |
| 44 | 1-Mar-25 | National Per Capita | SUVCW/Carl Joseph Jokerst | \$        | 33.00            |
| 45 | 1-Mar-25 | National Fee        | SUVCW/Carl Joseph Jokerst | \$        | 5.00             |
| 46 | 4-Feb-24 | Charity Account     | CD closed                 | \$        | 10,751.36        |
| 47 | 1-Mar-25 | Donations           | Robert Aubuchon           | \$        | 200.00           |
| 48 | 1-Mar-25 | Donations           | Michael Witt              | \$        | 40.00            |
|    |          | Total Expenses      |                           | <b>\$</b> | <b>11,370.36</b> |

**Ending Balance**

|    |          |                    |  |           |                  |
|----|----------|--------------------|--|-----------|------------------|
| 49 | 9-Mar-24 | General Account    |  | \$        | 3,058.45         |
| 50 | 9-Mar-24 | Charity Account    |  | \$        | 12,669.49        |
| 51 | 9-Mar-24 | Investment Account |  | \$        | -                |
|    |          |                    |  | <b>\$</b> | <b>15,727.94</b> |

**Cash Assets**

|    |          |                            |                           |           |                  |
|----|----------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| 52 | 9-Mar-24 | General Account            | Operating Expenses        | \$        | 1,536.51         |
| 53 | 9-Mar-24 | General Account            | Uncommitted               | \$        | 1,521.94         |
| 54 | 9-Mar-24 | Charity Account            | Uncommitted               | \$        | 1,019.51         |
| 55 | 9-Mar-24 | Charity Account            | Charity Expenses          | \$        | 944.27           |
| 56 | 9-Mar-24 | General Account/Investment | Operating Reserve         | \$        | 3,480.00         |
| 57 | 9-Mar-24 | Charity Account/Investment | Charity Reserve           | \$        | 1,800.00         |
| 58 | 9-Mar-24 | Charity Account/Investment | Charitable Endowment Fund | \$        | 5,425.71         |
|    |          | Total Cash Assets          |                           | <b>\$</b> | <b>15,727.94</b> |

## **Chaplain's Report**

### **Department of Missouri Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War – March 08, 2025**

Brothers of the Department of Missouri - Please continue to be praying for the following brothers –

Father Heier - Unspoken – member of Grant Camp

Dixie Raney – Mark Raney's wife – Mark is a member of Grant Camp

Cher Petrovic on the loss of her husband and fellow Brother and friend – Bob Petrovic

Craig Mathews Jr – Recovering from open heart surgery in January. Grant Camp member

John Palmer – Praise – John is planning on returning to Alabama to complete his degree in Mechanical Engineering. Continue to lift him up. Grant Camp member

#### **Activities since our last meeting in June -**

Continue to have been in conversation with Brother Raney and sent him and his wife emails and text messages to try to lift their spirits in this difficult time.

Attended the funeral and as able to participate in saying good bye to a member of Grant Camp and the Department of Missouri – Bob Petrovic.

Sent cards to Brother Craig Mathews Jr following his open-heart surgery. Dixie Raney on her situation and her comfort.

No other information was sent to me by anyone else in the camp or from National – This ends my report to the Department.

As the Chaplain it is important to have good communications with the Department Members. There are a lot of needed prayers for our members and their families. Please pass on any prayer needs to me. Also, if a member passes on, please let me know as soon as possible so I can share this with the National Chaplain and have that Brother's name included in the Banner. You can get a hold of me by email, phone or by mail.

Email – macnac4856@gmail.com

Phone- (314) 302-4775 (This is a cell phone – Leave a message - I don't answer numbers I do not recognize – please leave a message and I will call you back when I am able. I work in a hospital and do not answer my phone or listen to messages until lunch time or at the end of the day.)

Mail – 4856 Hursley Drive – Sappington, Missouri 63128

If I can be of any service or offer any prayers for you or your camp, please feel free to contact me.

In Christ - Mark Coplin – Chaplain Department of Missouri

Depart Graves Registration Officers report 3/5/25.

Since 10/14/24 I have registered graves in Ray, Carroll, Saline, Lafayette and Clay Counties and am working on Buchanan County. The number of graves I have registered is 1540, excluding Buchanan County. All counties North of the Missouri River except Buchanan, Howard and Boone are registered. All counties South of the Missouri East of the line from Saline County to Ozark County are also registered.

St. James Camp – 155 Graves Registered

Respectfully submitted Glennon Alsop PDC

Department Graves Registration Officer



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### Eagle Scout Coordinator — Department Meeting 8 March A. D. 2025

I received the additional certificates and patches from the National Encampment. Thank you!

So far during this 2024-25 term, the following Eagle Scouts were awarded/planned:

- July 28, 2024 (Court of Honor)
  - Ryan Robert Kling of Kansas City, Missouri. James Beesley of the Westport Camp #64 provided him with a certificate, patch, and challenge coin.
- August 10, 2024 (CoH)
  - Adam Ryan Magnuson of Kansas City, Missouri. Tom Hindsley of the Westport Camp #64 provided him with a certificate, patch, and challenge coin.
- November 7, 2024 (CoH)
  - Jonah Stone Patomson of Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Someone from the St. James Camp will present in person. The packet will be mailed out to Gary Scheel of the St. James Camp on October 15.
- November 8, 2024 (CoH)
  - David Noah Dyer of Jonesboro, Arkansas. No one from the Hunt Camp responded about presenting it in person. Items will be mailed directly to the applicant. The packet was mailed out Sept. 30.
- November 19, 2024
  - A request was made by Ernest Wasmer of Westport Camp #64 to send certificates to these Eagle Scouts in the Troop 4337 in the Kansas City area, who had already had their Courts of Honor: Brayden Clarey (July 11, 2022); Kelly Neal, Lucas Jones, and Adrian Medinger (October 2, 2023); Liam Stamper (November 20, 2023); and, Cole Schmidt (September 30, 2024). The packet was mailed by November 30.
- January 17, 2025 (CoH)
  - A request was made by Mike Spaulding (National Eagle Scout Coordinator) for William Durbin of Nixa. No one from the Phelps Camp responded about presenting it in person. The packet was mailed to the applicant on January 10.
- February 8, 2025
  - A request was made by Ernest Wasmer of Westport Camp #64 to send certificates to these Eagle Scouts in the Troop 4337 in the Kansas City area, who had already had their Courts of Honor: Colin

Compton (December 1, 2024) and William Stephens (January 13, 2025). The packet was mailed February 10.

- March 22, 2025 (CoH)
  - A request was made by Mike Spaulding for Abel Martin of Grain Valley. Requesting assistance from Westport Camp.
- March 29, 2025 (CoH)
  - A request was made by Mike Spaulding for Garion Alexander Taylor of Conway, Ark. The packet was mailed to Ron Fuller of Murphy Camp #2 on January 30.
- April 27, 2025 (CoH)
  - A request was made by Mike Spaulding for Austin Bennett Conner, Jamie Brian Comer, and Hunter Shanks of Kansas City. Tom Hindsley (10616 NE 137th Street, Liberty, MO 64068) of the Westport Camp will present.

Ernest Wasmer sent me extra certificates and Eagle Scout badges at his own expense. However, I have used most of these up and have ordered 20 more certificates and 12 more patches. The invoice has been sent to the Department Counselors for \$42.00.

I would like to acknowledge The Frau who does calligraphy for each of these certificates.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Sumner G. Hunnewell, PDC

**Department items in my possession:**

- ◆ 1 Eagle Scout challenge coin—I would like this to go into our Department Archives.
- ◆ 7 3-1/2” Eagle Scout patches
- ◆ 2 Eagle Scout certificates
- ◆ 18 certificate holders

## Participation since the last Department Encampment

2024

- 10 June—Fletcher Camp Meeting, De Soto.
- 11 June—Grant Camp Meeting, St. Louis Co.
- 3 July—Sent Ryan Robert Kling’s Eagle Scout award to James Beesley of the Westport Camp.
- 20 July—Attended annual Logan’s Brigade meeting, Murphysboro, Illinois.
- 27 July—MC’d Grant’s Remembrance Day, Whitehaven, St. Louis Co.
- 29 July—Sent Adam Ryan Magnuson’s Eagle Scout award to him.
- 9 September—Fletcher Camp Meeting, De Soto.
- 10 September—Grant Camp Meeting, St. Louis Co.
- 27 September—Attended Department event at Fort Davidson State Park.
- 30 September—Sent David Noah Dyer’s Eagle Scout award to him.
- 4 October—Traveled to Concord, Massachusetts. Gathered information on Civil War monuments for the national database.
- 7 October—Traveled to towns in Massachusetts (West Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanson, Whitman, Abington, and Brockton) to gather information on Civil War monuments for the national database. Submitted Form 61 for West Bridgewater, Massachusetts.
- 9 October—Submitted Form 61 for East Bridgewater, Massachusetts.
- 10 October—Traveled to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Gathered information on a Lincoln statue for the national database. Submitted Form 61 for West Bridgewater and Bridgewater, Massachusetts.
- 11 October—Traveled to Petersburg [Virginia] National Battlefield. Gathered information on Civil War signage and artillery for the national database.
- 14 October—Submitted Form 61 for Whitman and Abington, Massachusetts. Traveled to Grayson, Kentucky. Gathered information on Civil War reunion sign for the national database. Sent Jonah Stone Patomson’s Eagle Scout award to Gary Scheel. David Noah Dyer
- 15 October—Submitted another Form 61 for Abington, Massachusetts, and one for Brockton, Mass.
- 16 October—Submitted Form 61 for Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.
- 23 October—Submitted Form 61 for Hanson, Massachusetts.
- 27 October—Submitted Form 61 for Grayson, Kentucky.
- 1 November—Submitted two Form 61s for Hopewell, Virginia, and four Form 61s for Petersburg, Virginia.
- 3 November—Submitted three Form 61s for Petersburg, Virginia.
- 8 November—Submitted two Form 61s for Greencastle, Indiana.
- 10 November—Submitted Form 61 for Centerville, Indiana.
- 11 November—Fletcher Camp Meeting, De Soto.
- 12 November—Grant Camp Meeting, St. Louis Co.
- 13 November—Submitted Form 61 for Concord, Massachusetts.
- 18 November—Submitted Form 61 for Petersburg, Virginia.
- 30 November—Sent Eagle Scout awards for Brayden Clarey, Kelly Neal, Lucas Jones, Adrian Medinger, Liam Stamper, and Cole Schmidt to Ernest Wasmer of the Westport Camp.
- 2 December—Fletcher Camp Meeting, De Soto.
- 10 December—Attending PDC Petrovic’s funeral and participated in SUVCW funeral rite.
- 10 December—Grant Camp Meeting, Kirkwood.
- 14 December—MC for Wreaths Across America, Arnold.

## 2025

- 10 January—Traveled to Edwards, Mississippi. Gathered information on three existing and six missing monuments.  
Sent William Durbin's Eagle Scout award to him.
- 12 January—Traveled to Jefferson, Louisiana. Gathered information on four monuments.
- 13 January—Submitted four Form 61s for Jefferson, Louisiana.
- 14 January—Grant Camp Meeting, St. Louis Co.
- 15 January—Submitted two Form 61s for Edwards, Mississippi.
- 16 January—Traveled to Knox, Indiana. Gathered information on Civil War monuments.
- 17 January—Submitted two Form 61s for Knox, Indiana.
- 18 January—Submitted one Form 61 for Knox, Indiana. Gathered information on Civil War monument in Wabash and Noblesville, Indiana.
- 19 January—Submitted five Form 61s for Edwards, Mississippi.
- 28 January—Submitted two Form 61s for Wabash, Indiana.
- 30 January—Sent Eagle Scout award to Ron Fuller (Murphy Camp #2) for Garion Alexander Taylor.
- 10 February—Sent Eagle Scout awards for Colin Compton and William Stephens to Ernest Wasmer of the Westport Camp. Fletcher Camp Meeting, De Soto.
- 11 February—Grant Camp Meeting, St. Louis Co.

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Preamble - We, the descendants of soldiers, sailors or marines who served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America during the War of Rebellion of 1861-1865, have joined this patriotic and fraternal order for the purpose and objects set forth by the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and in so doing pledge ourselves to commemorate our forefathers' deeds, to render loyal service to our country, and to promote the maintenance of unqualified American citizenship with respect for and honor to the flag.

(Proposals not excepted – Will continue to keep as it is currently written - Reviewed by the bylaw committee 11/2024)

Section 1. The Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, shall be held annually on the first Saturday in June. The place of said Department Encampment shall be determined by the Encampment Site Committee.

**{Proposed edition - In response to the concerns of the members of the department who attended the October 19, 2024 meeting. Since the idea of moving the Department Encampment to earlier in the year has brought up concerns for those in the committee who are educators and also may affect the number of members that can attend the Encampment - this is the wording that the bylaw committee member would like to see added to Section 1. }**

**1 (a) – In the rare instance that the Department seeks to submit a resolution or proposal to the National Organization and it appears that there would not be enough time to address the resolution or proposal at the June Department Encampment the committee proposes that the following occur:**

**The Department Commander prior to the March meeting will notify all camp commanders and secretaries that a proposal or resolution that needed to be addressed by the Department and sent onto National by the deadline prior to the National Encampment in August is to be reviewed for consideration at the March business meeting. In this way the Department can write up the proposal or resolution and be able to share with camps as needed. The Department then will be able to send to National the resolutions or proposals well in advance of the National Encampment held in August. Here by suggested the bylaw committee 1/2025**

Section 5. A quorum of members of the Department is met by those present and entitled to vote when the meeting was called following any of the above procedures. A member needs to have his membership card and present it when requested at the start of the meeting.

(Proposals not excepted – Will continue to keep as it is currently written - Reviewed by the bylaw committee 11/2024)

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104 Life Membership. Any member within the Department that obtains life membership with the National Order is also a life member of the Department and exempt from paying Department per capita dues. [Department Business Meeting, October 2016]

*[Reviewed at the Department Encampment – June 2024]*

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**From:** [Walter Busch](#)  
**To:** [Dale Crandell](#)  
**Subject:** Re: SUVCW Missouri Department Business Meeting - Walt's Reports  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 5, 2025 11:06:24 AM  
**Attachments:** [Outlook-eredlp1o.png](#)  
[WORKING FILE - 2025 DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI ENCAMPMENT Registration.pdf](#)  
[Proposed Updates to the Regulations of the SUVCW as recommended by Walter E Busch.pdf](#)

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Dale --

My reports will be not coming formally to you as I am having surgery tomorrow. Here is my report.

Monuments: All our monuments are up to date for the files we have submitted and all are on-line with national. However, we have a bunch of historical markers that have recently been put up in the Kansas City area and we have a few St Louis Walk of Fame markers we need to record. Also a new Monument for Harriett Scott (Dred Scott's wife) near her grave. I will have a list to send out by department encampment.

Website: Up-to-date but no camps other than Grant Camp have submitted any events to our calendar. Sherman Remembrance Day is at 1PM, Calvary Cemetery, on Sunday, March 30.

Encampment Report: See attached registration. I am still trying to figure out a good lunch so if those meeting can offer a suggestion. We have restaurants in the area, but as far as food we can pick up ahead of time, Subway may be it as other stuff is limited. I might be able to have my wife pick up chicken at Walmart. However, our meetings have been finishing around 3 or 4 and then we go to Mexican food. I just can't see having a big heavy lunch and then go to Mexican. I am thinking about us supporting the effort to "Make America Healthy Again!" So if the group can provide some input.

I have a proposed petition to national that needs to be passed (edit as necessary) and sent to national attached for changes to the bylaws of National, but these need to be approved by a department now even when a national officer is recommending the change. And that is why I am asking this be passed by the department.

Inventory of Resale and Department Property: Will be submitted at the department encampment.

I willingly stand for the offices of webmaster, signals officer, historical records officer, but will gladly turn over resale property and the remaining records of the department to someone and gladly step down from the following positions for someone else to take them over. Resale Property & Department Quartermaster, Asst Secretary and Asst Treasurer, and especially the department encampment planner/organizer. I really don't want to do that one again!

That's all I have for now.

Thanks Dale.



**Walter Busch**

**Colonel, Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels**

**Past Department Commander, Missouri Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

[check out Walt's Civil War Books on Amazon.com by clicking here](#)

***Manages & designs the following websites:***

- [Missouri Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War](#)
- [US Grant Camp 68, Missouri SUVCW](#)
- [Friends of Fort Davidson \(Battle of Pilot Knob State Historic Site\)](#)
- [St Louis Schützenverein](#)
- [St Louis Stammtisch](#)
- [Missouri's Kentucky Colonels](#)

Somewhere "between the windows of the sea where lovely mermaids flow!"

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**From:** Dale Crandell <dcrandell@swbell.net>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 5, 2025 10:00 AM

**To:** officers@suvchwmo.org <officers@suvchwmo.org>; councils@suvchwmo.org <councils@suvchwmo.org>; pdc@suvchwmo.org <pdc@suvchwmo.org>; campcommanders@suvchwmo.org <campcommanders@suvchwmo.org>; campsecretaries@suvchwmo.org <campsecretaries@suvchwmo.org>

**Subject:** SUVCW Missouri Department Business Meeting

Brothers,

Just a friendly reminder of our March Department Business meeting:

Date: Saturday, 8 March 2025

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Truman Room, Missouri River Regional Library, 214 Adams Street,  
Jefferson City, MO

Any Brother in good standing from the Department of Missouri (including Arkansas) may attend and vote at a Department Business Meeting. No pre-registration is needed but you should present your current membership card. Please share with your camp members. Thanks.

In FC&L,

Dale Crandell, PDC

[dcrandell@swbell.net](mailto:dcrandell@swbell.net)

816-225-9040



**2025 DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
ENCAMPMENT  
AGENDA & REGISTRATION FORM  
JUNE 6 & 7, 2025  
FENTON, MO 63026**



**PLEASE FILL OUT ONE FORM FOR EACH PERSON**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CELL PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CAMP:** \_\_\_\_\_

Pick one of the following:

- Visting National Officer    PC-in-C    PDC    DC    DEPT OFFICER    PCC    CC  
 DELEGATE    ALTERNATE    MEMBER OF DEPT – NOT VOTING    VISITOR

**All members of the SUVCW or Allied Orders of the GAR may attend our meetings. Members of the Department of Missouri have these rules to be able to vote:**

1. If you are a PC-in-C, Past Dept Commander, Past Camp Commander, the current Dept Commander, or a Department Officer (appointed or elected), you may vote and your credentials are through the Department Secretary.
2. If you do not fall into one of those categories, you can vote if you are a delegate of your camp or an alternate recognized by your camp and your do not have the maximum number of delegates allowed for your camp. To be a delegate or alternate, your Camp Secretary or Commander must issue you a copy of [Form 2a \(CLICK HERE FOR LINK\)](#). If you are at the meeting and not a delegate or in one of the positions noted in 1 above, you can partake in debates (but not vote) in all meetings.

**SURVEY**

Will you be staying at the encampment hotel, **Best Western Plus, 1680 Fenton Business Park Ct, Fenton, MO 63026, (636) 305-1500**. Approx \$127/night. Alternative hotels are listed on page 2 of this form.

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Are you planning to attend our social dinner on Friday, May 31, Night Dinner 5:30pm-8pm at **CB's Chophouse, 1005 Majestic Dr, Fenton, MO 63026, (636) 529-1140**

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

We will meet on Saturday, June 7 opening up at 8am-5pm (Meeting starts at 10am) at **Best Western Plus, 1680 Fenton Business Park Ct, Fenton, MO 63026, (636) 305-1500**

In the meeting room, we will be partaking a light social lunch, the cost is only \$10 per person (price not included in the meeting registration). Do you want to join our meal?

**TYPE OF MEAL TO BE DETERMINED**

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU ARE NOT BUYING A LUNCH, PLEASE READ THIS!** Coming to the meeting and want a little to snack on or drink? We must charge the following if you do not partake in the lunch and expect to have some refreshments (basic sodas, coffee, tea, cookies, also assorted chips). Are you willing to pay this extra charge? **Water will be provided free to all attendees, but the rest costs. We will not make you wear a wristband to partake in snacks!** YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_

Saturday, before we hit the road (or go back to the hotel), we will fiesta at [El Agave Mexican Restaurant, 10893 Sunset Hills Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63127](#). Just show up if you want to share fellowship before we part.

**Other Hotels in the Area: Holiday Inn Express, Extended Stay Americ Suites, Hampton Inn, Drury Inn, Heritage Inn & Suites by Wyndam**

**READY TO PAY? Fill in a number after the price and it should fill in amounts for you.**

**PRINT NAME ONE MORE TIME:** \_\_\_\_\_

|   | Amount x number ordered |                 |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------|
| REGISTRATION FEE  | \$7.00x ____            | \$ _____        |
| LUNCH   | \$10.00x ____           | \$ _____        |
| NO LUNCH, BUT SNACKS                                      | \$3.00x ____            | \$ _____        |
| <small>(do not choose snacks if paying for lunch)</small> |                         |                 |
| PAYPAL SERVICE FEE \$1.00                                 | IF USING PAYPAL         | \$ _____        |
| DONATION (can be tax deductible)                          |                         | \$ _____        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  |                         | <b>\$ _____</b> |

**RETURN FORM WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO “MISSOURI SUVCW” TO Walt Busch, 1240 Konert Valley Dr, Fenton, MO 63026**

**IF USING PAYPAL ---**

1. [Click here to go to Paypal link and complete for total amount owed plus one additional dollar for Paypal fees. Please add note in Paypal that this is for Dept Encampment and I will figure out what you are paying. If paying for more than one person, list names.](#)
2. Mail copy of form to Walt Busch’s address above with check OR e-mail copy to him at [wbusch@suvchwmo.org](mailto:wbusch@suvchwmo.org)

**Places of Interest in St. Louis & Area** are listed on the [Grant Camp webpage \(click here\)](#). There is a lot for family members to do if they come with you! In addition to these, in the area of the meeting, we also have Powder Valley Conservation Area, Route 66 State Park, 6 Flags Over Mid-America, Lone Elk County Park, Castlewood State Park.

Best Western Plus, 1680 Fenton Business Park Ct, Fenton, MO 63026  
(636) 305-1500 on Saturday, June 7, 2025.

I have reserved a small block of rooms for Friday and Saturday nights at the price (I think) of \$127 per night. The link to reserve a room is below. If you are going to reserve a room using military, AAA, or some other discount program and not using the link, please let me know. They have been very nice and as long as we get 5 or 6 room nights, the meeting room is free. They will probably give it to us free even if not reserved under our block, but I need to know. If you are calling them to make your reservation, they have listed it under "Busch Meeting." The link is:

[https://www.bestwestern.com/en\\_US/book/hotel-rooms.26199.html?groupId=I86MY7Q6](https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.26199.html?groupId=I86MY7Q6)

**Finally, lunch at the encampment. While there are several restaurants in the area, I think getting group food was successful at the last encampment and so am planning on something very light, sandwiches or fried chicken to be an option with your SUVCW registration. OR WE CAN TELL PEOPLE TO BROWN BAG IT! WE COULD ALSO JUST DO WHITE CASTLE!!! When you register using the form that will be on the website later, you will see the option decided upon.**

**Resolution Supporting Changes to the Constitution & Regulations concerning the Job Descriptions of Camp, Department & National Memorials Officers**

**WHEREAS**, the job descriptions of the Camp, Department and National Memorials Officers in the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War do not reflect changes to the current existing conditions within the organization; in that, these descriptions do not mention the National Memorials and Monuments Database; and,

**WHEREAS**, the job descriptions of the Camp and the Department Memorials Officers promote the keeping of records separate from the National Memorials and Monuments Database; and,

**WHEREAS**, these two job descriptions do not specify that these separate records be shared with the National Memorials and Monuments Database; and,

**WHEREAS**, one main purpose of the National Memorials and Monuments Database is to have all Memorials and Monuments records held by any unit of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to be held by the use of the entire organization; and,

**WHEREAS**, there are other revisions that the National Memorials Officer of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War recommends; now,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War be amended to reflect the changes noted in the attachment to this resolution.

As approved on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 by the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commander Robert Aubuchon    Attested: Dale Crandell, Secretary

## Updates to the Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

as recommended by Walter E. Busch, National Memorials Officer  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### Chapter I ARTICLE VIII.

#### Appointed Officers Job Descriptions & Duties

Section 6. Camp Memorials Officer- The purpose of the Camp Civil War Memorials Officer is to coordinate the locating, physical examination of, and recording of all memorials dedicated to Union Civil War soldiers and sailors ~~(outside the care of the National Military Parks, and the U.S. Departments of Defense, or Veterans' Affairs)~~ within their respective geographic boundaries. This includes all sizes of monuments (with or without sculpture), those with Civil War era cannon and inert ammunition, memorial fountains, memorial buildings, memorial windows (stained glass), historical markers, and even small plaques. Reports on the various memorials and monuments located within the Camp area shall be made from time to time to the Department Memorials officer upon appropriate form. To prevent a duplication of effort on the part of a Camp's membership, the Camp Civil War Memorials Officer should:

- (a) Coordinate the search for, physical examination of, photographing of, and recording of Civil War Memorials (as described above) located within the confines of the Camp's geographical boundaries.
- (b) Maintain observation of care and upkeep for "local" Civil War Memorials - and bring any shortcomings to the attention of the property owners and community government where the memorial is located.
- (c) Provide documentation of location and condition of Civil War Memorials (via SUCVW Form CWM 61) to the Department Civil War Memorials Officer.

(d) Upon completion of training as provided through the National Memorials Officer, the Camp Memorials Officer shall be responsible for creating digital files and uploading them into the National SUCVW Civil War Memorials and Monuments Database. Upon request of the National Civil War Memorials Officer, any trained member may also be tasked to work on reviewing and uploading memorials information from outside their camp's designated area.

**Commented [WB1]:** This phrasing was previously removed from the National Memorials Officer's Job Description and should be removed here. The reasoning is that there is, at times, a need to record monuments/memorials on national lands, especially when we are supplying money through a Form 62 Request.

**Commented [WB2]:** As I prepare a manual to use the database, trained members should be given permission to upload memorials as we allow in the graves database.

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### Chapter II Article IX

#### Optional Appointed Officers Job Descriptions & Duties

Section 2. Civil War Memorials Officer. The purpose of the Department Civil War Memorials Officer include the locating, physical examination of, and recording of all memorials dedicated to Union Civil War soldiers and sailors ~~(outside the care of the National Military Parks, and the U.S. Departments of Defense, or Veterans Affairs)~~ in the Department. This includes all sizes of monuments (with or without sculpture), those with Civil War era cannon and inert ammunition, memorial fountains, memorial buildings, memorial windows (stained glass), historical markers, and even small plaques.

(a) The Department Civil War Memorials Officer should coordinate a mutually agreeable Camp assignment of Counties within the state(s) represented by his Department.

(b) The Department Civil War Memorials Officer should provide guidance to each Camp for the execution of activities including coordinating the search for, physical examination of, photographing of, and recording of Civil War Memorials (as described above) located within the confines of the Camp's geographical boundaries; maintaining observation of care and upkeep for "local" Civil War Memorials – and bring any shortcomings to the attention of the property owners and community government where the memorial is located; and providing documentation of location and condition of Civil War Memorials (via SUVCW Form CWM 61) to the Department Civil War Memorials Officer.

~~(c) The Department Civil War Memorials Officer is encouraged to maintain a computer database from the information submitted by each Camp, on the SUVCW "Civil War Memorial Assessment Form" (CWM 61).~~

(c) The Department Civil War Memorials Officer is encouraged to periodically review the Department's files within the National Civil War Memorials Database for out-of-date or missing information and correct himself or request a local Camp Civil War Memorials Officer to correct the situation in order to keep our database up-to-date.

~~(d) Electronic cataloging and retrieval of Civil War Memorial photo images is also encouraged.~~

(d) Make recommendations to the National Civil War Memorials Officer intended for the improvement of the National Civil War Memorials Database or forms that are used.

(e) The Department Civil War Memorials Officer will also forward this information to his Department's liaison on the National Civil War Memorials Committee.

(f) Reports on the various memorials and monuments located within the Department shall be made from time to time to the National Civil War Memorials Officer upon appropriate form.

**Commented [WB3]:** Same comment as covered in Camp Memorials Officer's Section.

**Commented [WB4]:** While we are not saying that individual department's cannot have their own database, this can cause duplication, confusion, and possibly monuments being in their database, but not our database. All efforts at this point should be directed to the national database.

**Commented [WB5]:** Written so that the Department Civil War Memorials Officer should be responsible for reviewing and updating his Department's files and even if he does not personally upload files to it, but instead provides files to the national officer, he is the responsible officer to insure his Department's information is updated.

**Commented [WB6]:** Electronic Cataloging etc is handled through the national database.

**Commented [WB7]:** Self Explanatory

(g ) Upon completion of training as provided through the National Memorials Officer, the Department Memorials Officer shall be responsible for creating digital files and uploading them into the National SUCVW Civil War Memorials and Monuments Database. Upon request of the National Civil War Memorials Officer, any trained member may also be tasked to work on reviewing and uploading memorials information from outside their department's designated area.

**Commented [WB8]:** As I prepare a manual to use the database, trained members should be given permission to upload memorials as we allow in the graves database. Basically same phrasing as Camp Memorials Officer

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## Chapter III Article VII

### Officers Job Descriptions & Duties

Section 21. The National Civil War Memorials Officer shall chair of the National Civil War Memorials & Monuments Committee. He will also provide leadership and direction to the National Organization, Departments and Camps regarding the locating, physical examination of, and recording of all memorials dedicated to Union Civil War soldiers and sailors. This includes all sizes of monuments (with or without sculpture), those with Civil War era cannon and inert ammunition, memorial fountains, memorial buildings, memorial windows (stained glass), historical markers, and even small plaques. He shall

a. Oversee the collection, organization, and maintenance of a national listing (including a computer database) of Civil War Memorials (as described above), and make this information available upon request.

b. Develop and, once developed, maintain online monument information presented in a format approved by the Memorials and Monuments Committee.

c. Encourage Departments and Camps to establish and appoint a Civil War Memorials Officer, at each level, to oversee department-wide and "local" memorial assessment and preservation activities. If deemed necessary by the organization, develop additional written instructions or training for people to use the Civil War Memorial Assessment Form.

**Commented [WB9]:** While the form is generally self-explanatory, questions like "What is a memorial?" and what to do if you have a statue and 10 cannons in a grouping probably could be explained a little better in writing.

~~d. Encourage departments (or states) to maintain their own websites containing monument information maintain the files in the Civil War Monuments National Database pertaining to their Department. If/when all departments meet our minimum standards, the national monuments officer will forward records sent into him and completed Form 62s scanned annually by him to the appropriate departments. Then only records that are not connected with a specific department will be kept by national (examples are those recorded from outside the US).~~

**Commented [WB10]:** This section is outdated as again we are encouraging all to use the national database.

e. Work with fellow National Civil War Memorials Committee members, to assist Department and Camp level efforts to locate, assess, and record the physical condition of Civil War Memorials.

f. Work with fellow National Civil War Memorials Committee members, to provide guidance to Departments and Camps regarding the observation of care and upkeep for Civil War Memorials - and to bring any shortcomings to the attention of the property owners and community government where the memorial is located.

g. Act as an advisor to the Civil War Monuments Grants Committee by providing instruction as to what is a memorial or monument and what is not, to help ensure funds of the Organization are used for their purposes intended. Collect the files from the Civil War Monuments Grants Committee on an annual basis and scan the documents for inclusion in the national electronic database.

**Commented [WB11]:** This is pretty much being done already and is helpful to the committee. It is also helpful to me as I then receive digital copies of all files as the committee is voting on grants and thereby can keep the database updated.

h. Prepare and submit an annual written report to the Commander-in-Chief and National Encampment on the activities of the National Civil War Memorials Officer regarding the activities of the committee.

i. Review annually the national website to review all monument forms, links to department (or state) monuments, and, if present, any national database that is on line to insure they are properly working.

j. ~~Submit annually a digital backup copy of the national database to National SUVCW.~~

**Commented [WB12]:** This is no longer necessary as all files are on the website. However, redactions are not. For this reason we need a cloud area so we can maintain raw copies of files (before any necessary redactions) in case we need to use them in the future.

NEW j. Develop or maintain training manual for using the database. The manual demonstrates to trained Camp and Department Civil War Memorials Officers how to access and upload files to the database. Training on the proper use of the database and our forms should be developed with an eye to incorporating the training into the programs of Memorial University.

NEW k. Annually review the training manual and make updates.

**Commented [WB13]:** I hope these are self explanatory.

NEW l. As needed, upload files to the database; review files uploaded by others to the database and edit; and evaluate the database and make recommendations to the National Signals Officer.