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NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The 1997 116th National Encampment was held in Utica, New York.

The following members from the Department of Missouri were present at the Encampment: Department Commander Steven Leicht, Past Department Commander Bob Petrovic, Brady Umfleet from the Grant Camp, and Paul Winslow from the Sherman Camp.

The new National Officers are:

Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr
Sr. Vice Commander Andy Johnson
Jr. Vice Commander Danny Wheeler
Secretary David Hann
Treasurer James Pahl
COA member PC-in-C David Medert

Department Commander Steven Leicht was appointed National Chief of Staff. Past Department Commander Bob Petrovic is the Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator. The appointment of Commander Steven Leicht will be the first time in over 50 years that any member from the State of Missouri has held a position this high in the National Organization. P-D-C Bob Petrovic is the first member from the State of Missouri to hold a Coordinators position in over 50 years. Bob Amsler and James Gallen have been appointed positions on the National Legal Staff. Members in the State of Missouri are starting to get recognition for the good that some of its members are doing. Any additional members appointed to positions at

the National level will be posted in the next newsletter.

The Ulysses S. Grant Camp was the recipient of the Abraham Lincoln Award for 1996-1997. This award is given to the camp which has demonstrated outstanding achievements within any one year. Some of their achievement were: sponsoring a needy family for Christmas; conducting a toy drive to help toys for tots; holding public presentations at schools; participating in three cemetery projects; organizing and participating in public presentations at White Haven; and bringing 18 new members into the organization as new camp members. Congratulations to the Grant Camp for an outstanding year!

The National Organization is encouraging everyone to write their Congressman and show their support for Bill #S.116. The 105th Congress will be bringing this bill to the floor for a discussion and vote for the return of Memorial Day to its original day May 30th. This is the day Major General John A. Loan had set aside to honor the soldiers whom have passed away.

Sr. Vice Commander Richard Orr called for the removal of the National Treasurer Charles Corfman for attempted blackmail against the Sr. Vice Commander. National Treasurer Charles Corfman resigned as National Treasurer, under the conditions that charges will be dropped against him for his removal from office and exclusion from holding any office within the Organization. He shall retain his rank of General received

