



The Missouri Unionist

END OF AN ERA First Commander after Reorganization and longest serving member of the Department of Missouri, Robert M. Petrovic, dead at 84



(Fenton, Missouri) — The Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was reorganized in 1996, and the man elected to lead this reorganized department was Robert M. Petrovic. An associate member of the Order from his initiation into General William T. Sherman / Billy Yank Camp No. 65 in the 1980s until finding a direct ancestor and attaining full membership in 2012, Bob was an active brother in the organization for his entire tenure, serving at the camp, department, and national levels of the organization with determination and tenacity.

Bob's continuous service spanned decades; he volunteered his time generously and showed up and made a difference through times of harmony and adversity. Bob was instrumental in organizing National Encampments in Missouri in 2001, 2007, and 2021. He was chairman of the SUVCW Charitable Foundation, Colonel (Chief of Staff) of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, and Chairman of the Lincoln Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Bob received two Meritorious Service Awards with Gold Stars along with multiple Department awards. He took on big tasks and consistently produced results that reflected positively on himself and every organization and individual associated with the project. His dedication to this organization leaves an example to be remembered and followed.

His commitment extended beyond the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. A retired Captain of the Affton, Missouri, fire department, Bob was a Past Commander of the Central Region Association of the Allied Orders (CRA) and President of Logan's Brigade, the male auxiliary to the Women's Relief Corps.

Robert M. Petrovic, PDC, died on Thanksgiving Day at the age of 84. Additional information about his life and service can be found throughout this issue.

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IN MEMORIAM:

ROBERT M. PETROVIC, PDC

U.S. GRANT CAMP #68 - ST. LOUIS, MO

JULY 12, 1940—NOVEMBER 28, 2024

Robert M. Petrovic of Cedar Hill, Missouri, was born July 12, 1940 in St. Louis, Missouri to Marcel “Motz” and Mildred (nee Trapp) Petrovic and entered into rest Thursday, November 28, 2024, in Fenton, Missouri at the age of 84 years.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his loving wife, Cheryl (nee Kellogg) Petrovic; son, Mark (Christine Arnold) Petrovic; daughter-in-law, Leslie Petrovic; grandchildren, Danielle “Dani” Petrovic and Justin Petrovic; great-grandchildren, Daniel Petrovic, Raelynn Petrovic, and Charliee Petrovic; sister and brother-in-law, Tim and Melanie Obermeyer; along with numerous nieces and other extended family and friends.

Robert was a devoted husband, married to his beloved wife for 45 years, and a dedicated fireman who spent 42 years with the Affton Fire Department. He was committed to the community as an active member of the Cedar Hill Fire Department Auxiliary. Robert’s service continued through his involvement with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, where he had been a member since 1985 and served on the Board of Directors for the SUVCW Charitable Foundation. Robert was also a proud alum of CBC High School. His legacy of service, dedication, and love for his family and community will always be remembered.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. until the start of the Funeral Ceremony at 2:00 p.m. at Chapel Hill Mortuary 6300 Highway 30, Cedar Hill, MO 63016.

Web Links Related to the Passing of Robert M. Petrovic, PDC:

[Logan’s Brigade—Men’s Associate to the National Women’s Relief Corps : General Order #1](#)

[Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, National Organization: General Order #8](#)

[Department of Missouri, SUVCW: Department Order #5](#)

[Department of Missouri, SUVCW: Past Department Commander Biography](#)

[Chapel Hill Mortuary: Obituary and Tribute Wall](#)



FROM THE EDITOR:

ONE TASK IS IMPORTANT NOW ABOVE ALL OTHERS



July 2025 will mark my 15th year as a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I know many of my Brothers have been in this organization for a lot longer; Bob Petrovic must have been approaching 40 years or more. While I started as a member of Tiger Camp #432, it didn't take long for me to decide to form a camp closer to home (Sigel Camp #614), and then to get involved at the department level, due to the welcoming and fraternal nature of this Order.

I remember the first ritual gathering I attended at the Mexican restaurant immediately following a department business meeting in 2012. Brother Bob was laughing and joking with the members present; convincing Marty Aubuchon to run for department commander; suggesting I run for Department Secretary. I had been a member less than two years and was not yet 34-years-old, but I was fortunate at that time to be engaged and encouraged by Bob, Walt Busch, and others.

One would think there is little at stake for a person involved in a volunteer organization, but some times have been better than others. There have been moments of personal victory with a sense of accomplishment and moments of discouragement followed by reflection. It is in knowing this about my time here and the tenure of others that makes me look upon the lengthy, active service of people like Bob Petrovic with genuine admiration. I'm sure there were several moments throughout his years in the Order where he could have taken his toys and gone home as the saying goes, yet he managed to rise up from the low points and continue his meaningful service.

I have found it is worthwhile to continue your meaningful service. I have made lifelong friends too numerous to name—from my home state and across the country. I believe researching history and teaching it to others is a noble and important endeavor, as well as together remembering our ancestors and their monumental accomplishment of preserving the Union. These positives mean more to me than the occasional personal setback, slight, or disagreement.

There is a growing number of empty chairs among us which were not empty just a short 15 years ago. Are there an equal number of eager new faces? Will enough of those new faces come with the tenacity and dependability of a Bob Petrovic? Are they being actively recruited and significantly engaged when they get here? Is now the time to give this existential crisis of an ever-increasing number of empty chairs and a persistent lack of eager new faces the attention it deserves?

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

- The Editor

*Tad Campbell, PCinC, is our Order's current National Patriotic Instructor.
You can find his monthly instructions at:
<https://suvcw.org/national-patriotic-instructor>*

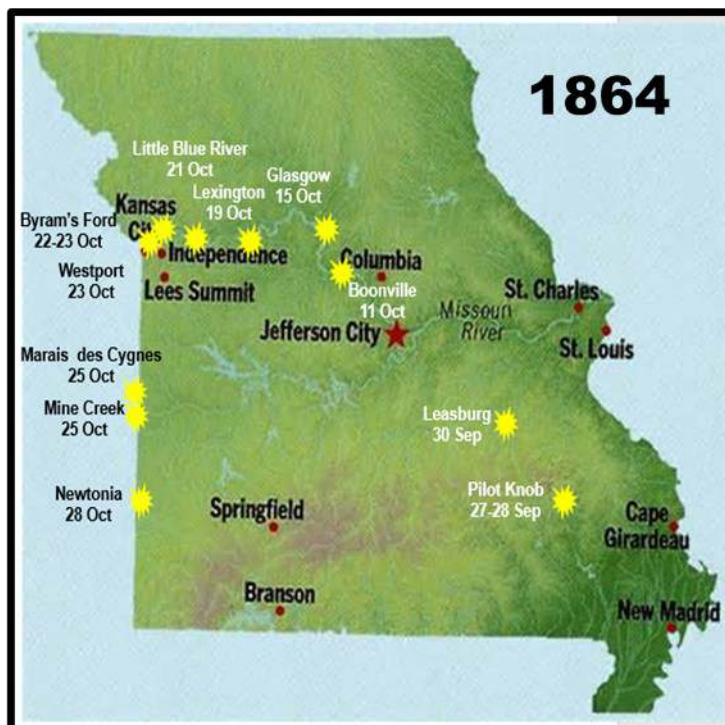


UNION VICTORY IN MISSOURI 1864 – A REMEMBRANCE

The Department of Missouri Programs Committee would like to thank all Camps and members who helped organize and participate in the series of events commemorating the 1864 Union Victory in Missouri. Special thanks go to U.S. Grant Camp #68, Fletcher Camp #47, and Phelps Camp #66 as these Camps had members present at all four Union Victory in Missouri events this Fall. As such, each of these Camps will receive a battle streamer for their Camp flags.

In the summer of 1864, the Civil War was in the middle of its bloodiest year. In the east, both Union and Confederate forces were experiencing staggering casualties as Gen. Ulysses S. Grant launched the Overland Campaign against Gen. Robert E. Lee. In the west, the Confederates were attempting to recover from significant strategic defeats during the previous year. Part of their new strategy included launching an invasion of Missouri. The primary objectives were to seize the federal arsenal in St. Louis, and capture the capital city of Jefferson City, and install a pro-Confederate government. Additional objectives included drawing Union forces away from the eastern theater to aid Generals Lee, Hood and Johnston, and help contribute to President Abraham Lincoln's defeat in the 1864 election.

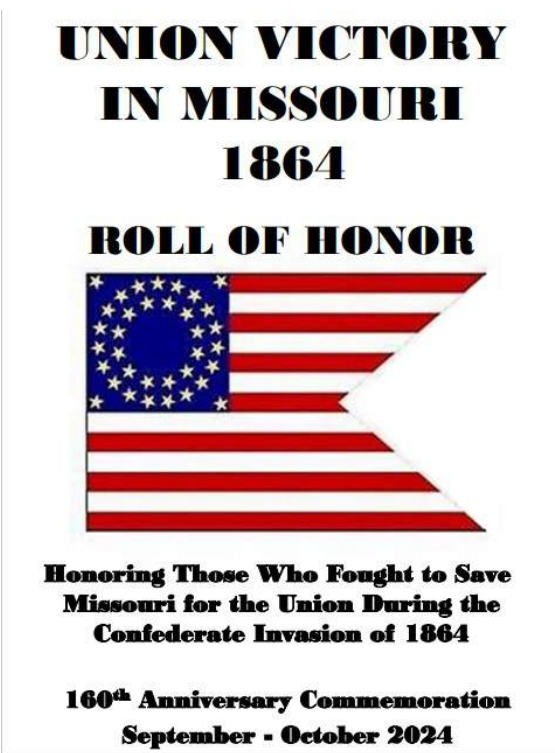
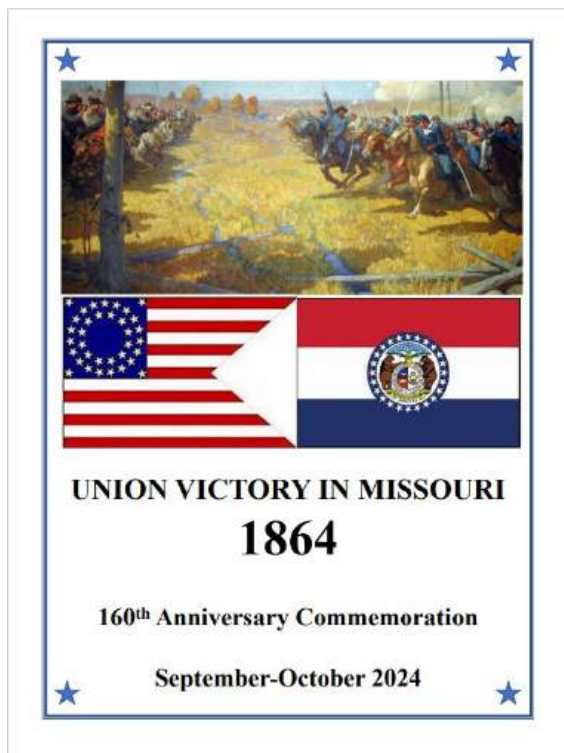
Maj. Gen. Sterling Price and his troops started from Camden, Arkansas, on August 28, 1864. Along the way, he picked up more soldiers and had a strong force of some 12,000 troops. After sustaining heavy losses at the Battle of Pilot Knob in late September, he discovered that St. Louis and Jefferson City were heavily fortified. He abandoned his plans to capture the cities, but his mission to gather provisions resulted in a supply train of 500 wagons. The Confederate forces won several early victories, including the Battles of Glasgow and Lexington, but the tides changed after being defeated at the Battle of Westport by Union forces under Maj. Gen. Samuel Curtis in late October. They then made their way to Kansas, where they lost at the Battle of Mine Creek. The remnants of Price's army made their way back into Missouri, but then suffered one final defeat at the Battle of Newtonia before they were forced to retreat to Arkansas.



At the conclusion of Price's Raid, not a single objective had been met, and it proved to be the last significant Southern operation west of the Mississippi River. Its failure bolstered confidence in an ultimate Union victory in the war, contributed to President Abraham Lincoln's re-election, and ended Southern hopes of turning the hotly-contested border state of Missouri into a Confederate state.



In the Fall of 2024, the Department of Missouri conducted a multi-event, multi-site program commemorating the 160th anniversary of the successful Union defense of Missouri in response to Price's Confederate invasion of 1864. The objectives of this program included: (1) providing educational opportunities for our Allied Orders brothers and sisters, as well as the general public; (2) develop Department unity with multiple Camps organizing events; and (3) honoring the Union soldiers who fought and died during the 1864 invasion to keep Missouri in the Union. A key component of each event was the Roll of Honor ceremonies honoring Union soldiers killed or mortally wounded at each location. The research for the Roll of Honor compilation was conducted by PDC Gary Scheel, a member of St. James Camp #326 in Ste. Genevieve. The list included over 230 names and was made available to those attending the events during the Fall.



Fort Davidson State Historic Site – September 27, 2024

The first event held to kick-off the Union Victory in Missouri program was held on September 27 at Fort Davidson Historic Site to commemorate the Battle of Pilot Knob and organized by U.S. Grant Camp #68 in St. Louis and Fletcher Camp #47 in DeSoto. The weather didn't cooperate, so some improvising was required. Battlefield tours were originally planned as part of the program for attendees, but due to the rain, this part of the program was moved indoors. Attendees included SUVCW brothers representing four Missouri Camps, re-enactors who were planning on participating in the re-enactment scheduled for the following day, visitors to the park, and a school group from Marquand-Zion High School.

PDC's Walt Busch and Chris Warren did a masterful job utilizing the electric map and other artifacts in the visitors center to provide an educational experience for those attending. The Roll of Honor ceremony included a reading of the 72 names and tolling of the bell for Union soldiers killed or mortally wounded during at Pilot Knob and the subsequent retreat to Leasburg. Also included were wreath presentations, a firing salute supported by re-enactors attending the event, and the playing of Taps by Al Trodus, Fletcher Camp #47 Treasurer. At the conclusion of the event, PCinC Don Palmer presented a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Department of Missouri to park superintendent Bryan Bethel for his support. After the event, SUVCW brothers convened at Baylee Jo's BBQ restaurant in Pilot Knob for a post-event meal.



Welcoming Guests Arriving at Fort Davidson Visitors Center



PCinC Don Palmer Kicks off the Union Victory in Missouri 1864 Program



Electronic Map at Fort Davidson Visitors Center Detailing the Battle of Pilot Knob



Wreaths Presented at Battle of Pilot Knob Roll of Honor Ceremony



Profile Shot of Fort Davidson on a Rainy September Day

Jefferson City – October 12, 2024

The second event, held on October 12, was an educational seminar organized by Lillie Camp #6 in Jefferson City. The seminar, entitled “Civil War 1864 Campaign in Missouri” was held at the Secretary of State Archives in Jefferson City, and supported with an educational grant obtained by the Cole County Historical Society with support from the SUVCW. Over 60 attendees were treated to an excellent program with seven speakers that covered the entire span of Price’s Raid. Brother Stephen Stark from Lillie Camp #6 served as the master of ceremonies. PDC Walt Busch was one of seven invited speakers and provided an interesting presentation entitled’ “Opening Movements in 1864 and How the Union Victory at Pilot Knob Saved the Nation.” A luncheon was provided at the Secretary of State Archives building.

After the seminar, the Roll of Honor ceremony was conducted outside of the Governor’s Mansion at an overlook of the Missouri River. This ceremony included a reading of 42 names and a tolling of the bell for Union soldiers killed or mortally wounded in the skirmishes around Jefferson City, the Battle of Glasgow and the second Battle of Lexington. The ceremony concluded with the playing of Taps. The day concluded with “A Reception with President Lincoln” at the Cole County Historical Society Museum.



Registration Table for Union Victory in Missouri 1864 Program in Jefferson City



Lillie Camp #6 Member Stephen Stark (L) Hosts the Day-long 1864 Missouri Campaign Educational Seminar



Guidon of the 15th Missouri Cavalry on Display at Seminar



Reception with President Lincoln at the Cole County Historical Society Museum



PCInC Don Palmer Conducting Roll of Honor Ceremony with Grant Camp #68 Member John Palmer Tolling the Bell



Guests Attending Roll of Honor Ceremony Honoring Union Dead of the Battles of Glasgow and 2nd Lexington



Kansas City – October 19-20, 2024

The focus of the third event, held over the weekend of October 19, was on the battles in Independence-Kansas City area, specifically the Battles of Little Blue, Big Blue/Byram’s Ford and Westport. These events were organized and hosted by Westport Camp #64. The Department of Missouri held the Fall business meeting in Kansas City. As a follow-up to the meeting, members of Westport Camp #64 provided an informal tour of Swope Park, focusing on the Big Blue Battlefield, including the Byram’s Ford site. Afterwards, SUVCW Brothers attending enjoyed dinner at Ponak’s Mexican Restaurant in Kansas City. On October 20, Westport Camp #64 hosted a luncheon at the Alexander Majors Barn in Kansas City, with noted author Paul Kirkman providing a presentation on the Battle of Westport. PCinC Don Palmer presented Paul with a certificate of appreciation for his participation in the Union Victory in Missouri program.

After the luncheon, tours were provided of the Alexander Majors house, and a short distance away, the John Wornall house. The Wornall house also served as a hospital during the Battle of Westport.

The group then proceeded to Loose Park for the commemoration ceremonies. PDC Dale Crandell, also a member of Westport Camp #64, served as master of ceremonies. DUVCW member Shelley Janson provided both the invocation and the benediction for the ceremony. The Roll of Honor ceremony included a reading of the 93 names and tolling of the bell for Union soldiers killed or mortally wounded during the Battles of Little Blue River, Independence, Big Blue River/Byram’s Ford, and Westport. Also included were wreath presentations and the playing of Taps. The event did draw attendance from approximately 15 visitors to Loose Park. A number of these visitors engaged in discussion following the event.



PCC Joe Rainey, PCinC Don Palmer, DC Bob Aubuchon, and PDC Bob Ameler at Pratt's Artillery Location on the Big Blue River Battlefield



PCinC Don Palmer Presenting Certificate of Appreciation to Author and Speaker Paul Kirkman



John Wornall House Near Westport Battlefield



DC Bob Aubuchon, PCC Joe Rainey, and PCinC Don Palmer at Battle of Westport Memorial at Loose Park



DUVCW Member Shelley Janson Delivering the Invocation



PDC Dale Crandell Serving as Master of Ceremonies



Westport Camp #64 Member Dawson Ballard Tolling the Bell at the Roll of Honor Ceremony

Newtonia – October 26, 2024

The fourth and final event was held on October 26 in Newtonia to commemorate the last battles of Price's Raid. The event was organized by Phelps Camp #66 in Springfield in collaboration with the Newtonia Battlefield Protection Association (NBPA). Over 40 attended, including SUVCW Brothers, members of the NBPA, several elected officials, and the general public.

The day started with a luncheon at the Newtonia Community Center provided by the NBPA. Connie Langum, retired National Park Service Historian (Wilson's Creek National Battlefield), provided a presentation on Price's Raid, with a focus on the last engagements, including the second Battle of Newtonia. State Senator Jill Carter and State Representative Ben Baker provided remarks. Also in attendance was State Representative Dirk Deaton and his family. PCinC Palmer presented certificates to Connie and the elected officials as a thanks for their participation and support of the Union Victory in Missouri program.

Afterwards, ceremonies were conducted at the Ritchey Mansion, which served as a headquarters and a hospital, primarily during the first Battle of Newtonia in 1862. The Roll of Honor ceremony included a reading of the 27 names and tolling of the bell for Union soldiers killed or mortally wounded at the Battle of Mine Creek and the second Battle of Newtonia. Also included were wreath presentations, a firing salute led by PCC Joe Rainey from McPherson Camp #1, and the playing of Taps by Kirk Singleton, Phelps Camp #66 Commander. The ceremonies were followed by a tour of the Ritchey Mansion provided by members of the NBPA.

The day concluded with a visit to the Civil War cemetery north of Newtonia. The cemetery history goes back before the Civil War and contains a large number of Confederate graves. The grave of Lt. Robert Christian of the 15th Missouri Cavalry was specifically visited as he was the only Union soldier still buried in the cemetery. After the war, the Union casualties buried there after the two Battles of Newtonia were removed to Springfield National Cemetery. At that time, Lt. Christian's grave was not marked and as such, was not disinterred. It was noted that the marker on his grave indicated he served in the 15th "MD" Cavalry, which was an obvious mistake. Members of the NBPA mentioned that a plan to correct this mistake is in the works.



**State Sen. Jill Carter
Addressing Guests at
Newtonia Event**



**PCinC Don Palmer Presenting
Certificate of Appreciation to
State Rep. Ben Baker**



Ritchey Mansion on the Newtonia Battlefield



SUVCW Members Firing Salute at Ritchey Mansion



**Phelps Camp #66
Commander Kirk Singleton
playing taps at the Ritchey
Mansion**



**Grave of Lt. Robert Christian,
15th Missouri Cavalry,
at Newtonia Cemetery**

Collector's Corner

Douglas Roussin, PCC

General Thomas C. Fletcher, Camp 47 | October—December 2024

Presentation Badges of the Grand Army

All members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are familiar with the membership badge of the Grand Army of the Republic. This badge has undergone many changes over its lifetime. Members who were officers of the GAR had ribbons with side strips to denote they held an office at the post (blue), department (red) or were part of the national (yellow) organization. The eagle pin bar at the top would also be replaced by a special pin bar representing the office being held. Upon leaving the office, this special pin bar would then be attached to the ribbon. Rules stated that only the highest rank should be placed on the ribbon. Most men if they had held more than one position ignored this one pin bar rule and attached a bar for each office held. Thus, collectors have found membership badges with not only one but two, three and even more rank bars.

If a person held the same position, say post commander, for many years and had been energetic in that position and very popular among its members; the members sometimes honored him with a banquet and testimonial. If the post members could afford it, the past post commander might be presented with a special presentation badge. These badges might be made of silver or gold or a combination of each. In some cases, the badge might be solid gold. Today these presentation badges are quite rare and more often than not quite expensive.

I recently went on a road trip with my wife Kathie to Pennsylvania. And of course, if you go to Pennsylvania you must stop at Gettysburg. This trip was no exception. While there, we stopped at the Horse Soldier, a military shop specializing in Civil War memorabilia. In the shop, I noticed several Grand Army presentation badges for sale. I asked and was given permission to photograph them. This brings us to this Collector's Corner, Presentation Badges of the G.A.R.

I have enlarged these badges a little more than normal so that the marvelous details can better be seen. The information researched by the Horse Soldier is being used and, in some cases, I added a little additional information. The first badge shown is from the collection of my friend Everett Bowles of Georgia who has over the years let me photograph many items for my books. The rest of the badges are from the Horse Soldier in Gettysburg. I truly thank the staff members for their time, patience and help. Without it this Collector's Corner would not be possible. Also, I wanted to end this year on a golden note.





Engraved to Richard H. Tyner

Richard Tyner lived in Tyner City, Indiana. On September 5, 1861, he enlisted in Co. D, 9th Indiana Infantry. He remained in the army until September 28th, 1865. He enlisted as a Corporal and rose through the ranks being promoted to Sgt., then 1st Sgt., and finally to 1st Lieutenant October 1, 1864.

This gold presentation badge has a background ribbon with a flag and two red stripes indicating a position in a department. The rank bar has two stars giving him the rank of Department Commander. The drop is an equilateral triangle with a red stone. The triangle represents the 4th Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland. The red stone represents the First Division of that Corps.



George Cheeks Presentation Badge

This gold badge was presented to Department Commander, George H. Cheeks. The badge was found in its original tattered box. Below the rank bar are two stars. This indicates a department commander. There is a gold ribbon with 2nd R. I. Inft. This holds a red drop which represents a corps badge with Co. D. This particular design was used by the 6th Army Corp, Army of the Potomac, red indicating the First Division. Engraved on the back is: Presented to—Past Dept. Com'dr—George H. Cheek—by his comrades of—Rhode Island—April 6th—1914.



Post 560 Presentation Badge

This badge was presented to Post Commander Mich Riardan for his years of service to the post. The Gold badge has the G.A.R. membership eagle holding a bar with Post 560 and another bar which says Chicago. Between the bars is a Camp Commanders rank bar with an unusual eagle. Part of the enamel background is gone. The five points of the membership star are decorated with diamonds. The reverse is inscribed: Presented to P.C. (Post Commander) Mich Riardan—by—W.S. Hancock Post 560—Dept. of Ill.—G.A.R.—Jan. 2—1894.



George Hauier Presentation Badge

This ornate gold badge was presented to George W. Hauier. The rank bar has a silver eagle on a blue enameled background. The eagle indicates a Post Commander. Below the rank bar is a red star drop which has Battery F, 4th U.S. art'y. The star was the emblem of the 12th Army Corps, Army of the Potomac. Red indicates the 1st Division of that corp. On the reverse is inscribed: Presented to—Past Commander—Geo. W. Houier—Commander of—Post 63—Jan. 4, 1893—Commander—1892.



The small gold pin on the left was presented to George Hauier along with the badge.





Robert Morrison Presentation Badge

This beautiful badge was presented to Post Commander Robert Morrison upon retiring from that position. Below the rank bar is a gold drop with an Indian holding a bow. This is the symbol of the Department of Massachusetts. Below this is a bar which has post 40. Post 40 was the Hiram G. Berry Post. This post was located in Malden, Mass. The reverse is inscribed: Presented to –Past Com’der Robert Morrison–by–Post 40–GAR–Malden–Jan. 7, 1904. Morrison enlisted Jan. 1, 1862, as a private in Co. L, 1st Heavy Artillery. He mustered out Sept. 25, 1865, in Washington, D.C. Robert Morrison died Feb. 26, 1918, in Malden, Mass.



E. L. Smith Presentation Badge

This beautiful solid gold badge was made and presented to E. L. Smith. He belonged to John E. Beam, Post No. 92. One bar indicates that he was a Past Commander. The membership star is surrounded by a silver wreath. The whole badge is accented by a red, white and blue ribbon. The reverse has: Won by –E. L. Smith. This is an unusual inscription.



Ernst Lutters Presentation Badge

On the front of this badge is the name of the recipient, Ernst Lutters. Printed on the membership star in blue enamel is, Adam Wirth Post 451, Dept. of N. Y. , G.A.R. The red drop denotes 1st Division, 3rd Army Corps, Army of the Potomac. Four smaller red stones surround the larger stone. The reverse has: Presented—by the Comrades—as a token of Esteem—and Regard—Feb. 28, 1887.

Ernest was 19 years old when he enlisted on April 7, 1865, in Co. F, 131st New York Infantry. This was just a few days before the end of the war. He mustered out July 26, 1865, in Savannah, Georgia.

Henry C. Cann Presentation Badge

The rank bar at top has the date 1903 and is holding a white star drop. The star was the emblem of the 12th Army Corps, white being the 2nd Division. Behind the star are crossed muskets which hold the large membership star. The badge is accented by a black ribbon. The reverse has: Presented to—P.P. (Past Post) Commander—Henry C. Cann—Jan'y 5, 1904, by Gen. U. S. Grant Post No. 5, G.A.R.—Served as Commander 1903—Co. B, 29 Pa. Inf.—Co. C, 17 VRC (Veteran Reserve Corp). It is a wonder that this much information could be inscribed on the reverse. Henry C. Cann was just 17 when he marched with Gen. Sherman on his famous “March to the Sea.”



Traipsing Around with Form 61s

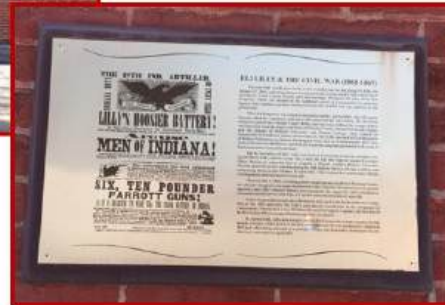
The SUVCW has a Civil War monument registration program, which Walt Busch, PDC, has been administering for many years now. I've traipsed around in Missouri with Walt on occasions to register monuments, so when I travel, I bring along phone camera, ruler, and GPS device to help me fill out the SUVCW's [Form 61: GAR Monuments-Civil War Memorial Assessment form](#). Completed monument forms are found [HERE](#).

I thought I'd share some of the monuments that The Frau and I have seen and recorded this year.

INDIANA



❶ **Greencastle, Putnam Co.** Many times, I find that Indiana Civil War monuments tend to be in the county seats. In Greencastle's "courthouse square" has a Heritage Wall. The wall has plaques for events associated with the town. These include drugstore owner **Eli Lilly's** efforts to raise a regiment of 18th Indiana Artillery and the story of **William Herndon**, Lincoln's law partner, and his dream and eventually publishing a biography of Lincoln.



❷ **Centerville, Wayne Co.** Centerville has two plaques, one to **Rep. George Washington Julian**, who was a staunch equal rights advocate during the Civil War. The other was of **Gov. Oliver P. Morton**. Morton was the governor during the Civil War and his domicile was in Centerville. That plaque was placed by the Indiana Civil War Commission in 1962.

❸ **New Castle, Henry Co.** The Henry County Historical Society is housed in Brigadier General William Grose's palatial home (it's worth a visit!). The Daughters of the Union placed a plaque on the home in 2023. It reads:

BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM GROSE OF THE UNION ARMY / COMMANDED THE 36TH INDIANA INFANTRY DURING THE CIVIL WAR. / PIONEER, LAWYER, LEGISLATOR, JUDGE, AUTHOR / HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO HENRY COUNTY, THE STATE OF INDIANA AND / THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN.



MASSACHUSETTS

1 **Abington, Plymouth Co.** Abington has two monuments in rural Island Grove Park. The first you encounter is a boulder with a plaque about the historicity of the park with the men and women who met there during the abolitionist movement “ERECTED BY AN ABINGTON SOLDIER / WHO SERVED AND WAS WOUNDED / IN THE WAR WHICH ENDED SLAVERY”.



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BY AN ABINGTON SOLDIER / WHO
SERVED AND WAS WOUNDED / IN THE
WAR WHICH ENDED SLAVERY”.



The second is an impressive 35-foot high arch dedicated in 1912.



1 **Brockton, Plymouth Co.** The Women’s Relief Corps dedicated this 23-foot monument in 1907. It is a very attractive monument in a pretty rundown park in the center of town. It might seem curious that it is engraved with “ERECTED IN MEMORY / OF THE / SOLDIERS AND SAILORS / - FROM - / NORTH BRIDGEWATER / BRAVE DEFENDERS OF / THE UNION.” The reason is that Brockton was “set off” (as we say in New England) from North Bridgewater and became its own town after this was erected.



MASSACHUSETTS



❶ **Halifax, Plymouth Co.** The people of Halifax erected this monument on July 4, 1867, which was very early in comparison to other towns in the area. It is on a hillock with other war monuments. It was originally adorned with the names of 24 Halifax men who died in the Civil War, but it now lists all of the townsmen who served in the War.



❶ **Hanson, Plymouth Co.** The Hanson monument is next to the Town Hall, but not easily discerned from there because of the evergreens between them! The monument has a list of the soldiers and sailors in the war, but they are difficult to read. Even the town hall clerk could not supply a list. With some sleuthing, I figured out the (over 100) names and passed it along to the clerk.

This was erected by the T. L. Bonney Post 127 (GAR), Theodore L. Bonney Corps 146 (WRC), and an unnamed SV Camp. The idea for the monument started in 1897, and it was dedicated in 1906.



❶ **Whitman, Plymouth Co.** Perhaps the most grandiose monument was tucked away in a very spacious town park in Whitman. It is 26 feet tall, seven of which is the statue, and its base is made of Quincy granite. It was erected through the effort of the D. A. Russell Post 78 (GAR) and George A. Custer Camp 11 (SV). Unlike so many monuments with statues, this one shows the soldier in motion. The statue was designed by Frederick Kohlhagen and dedicated in 1908.



MASSACHUSETTS



1 **Concord, Middlesex Co.** This monument is made from New Hampshire granite. The obelisk is a single, solid 40-foot piece. It was dedicated April 19 (think: *Lexington-Concord*), 1867—another early example. The bronze plaque (not seen) is dedicated to those who served from the town or those who came to reside there later. Over the years, the plaque has been replaced to include additional men. Another man has been identified recently, so the town's monument committee will be replacing the plaque once again (after they come up with the money).



PENNSYLVANIA

2 **Valley Forge (Phoenixville), Chester Co.** As you see, the monument database contains more than lofty obelisks. On the campus of [Founding Forward](#) (formerly, Freedom's Foundation) is an symbolic statue of Abraham Lincoln holding the Emancipation Proclamation. The seven foot tall bronze by Stan Watts was dedicated there in 2014.



KENTUCKY

3 **Grayson, Carter Co.**

Dedicated in 1964 on the campus of Kentucky Christian University, it reads in part: "IN THEIR BLUE AND GRAY UNIFORMS / FOR OVER FORTY YEARS, CIVIL WAR / VETERANS GATHERED HERE ANNUALLY. / AROUND CAMPFIRES. WITH SONG AND / STORY, FRIENDS AND FORMER FOES / REVIVED WAR MEMORIES, AND ALWAYS / A PILGRIMAGE TO GRAVES OF THEIR / COMRADES IN CEMETERY ON THE HILL."



For the life of me, I cannot find any reference to Civil War reunions in Grayson!

—Sumner G. Hunnewell, PDC

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DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

Is there a Sons of Union Veterans Camp in your neck of the woods? Find out more about us at <http://suvchwmo.org>

Note that while some camps may not have reported exclusive activities this time, members of camps across the Department participate in each other's events, and events sometimes go unreported.

Lillie Camp #6 – Jefferson City, MO



Lillie Camp #6 sent a Missouri state flag to the Ensign John Davis Camp 10, an SUVCW camp in London, England, to honor the estimated 1,300 American Civil War veterans buried there. The UK camp has identified many graves and continues research to locate others, highlighting the lasting global impact of the war.

In other Lillie Camp news, the Civil War History Symposium recordings are now up [in a playlist](#) on the State Archives' YouTube channel.



Wilhelmi Camp #17 – Washington, MO



(Above Left) Jr. Vice Pat Burke, Brother Walt Larson, and Brother Ron Burke, PCC, at the Franklin County History Fair.

(Above Right) Sr. Vice Gary Dunakey, Brother Tom Jett and Brother Glen Alsop PDC at Brother Jett's surprise 80th birthday party

(Right) Brother Ron Burke PCC and Brother Glen Alsop PDC at Ol Iron works Days St. James, MO.



Phelps Camp #66 – Springfield, MO

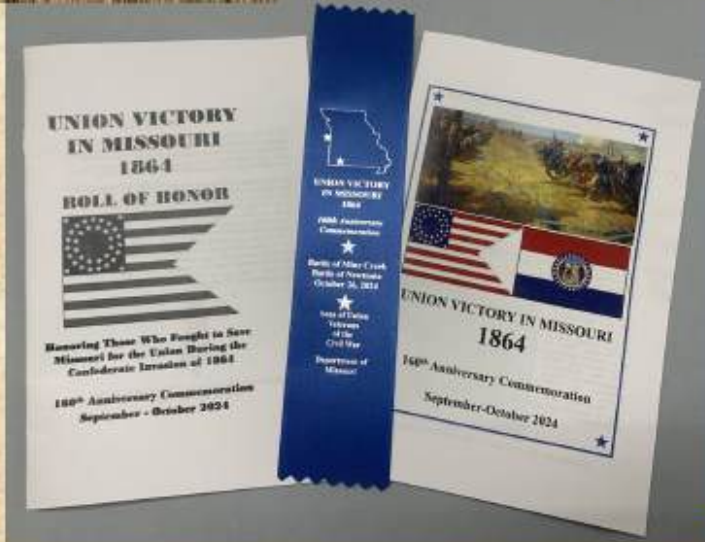
Historic Weapons Range Day

On October 19, several members of Phelps Camp traveled to the Singleton farm to learn about and live fire reproduction Civil War revolvers and long arms. Excellent weather allowed the members to hone their sharpshooting skills.



Newtonia 160 Ceremony

On October 26, members of Phelps Camp and the Department of Missouri gathered in Newtonia, Missouri, to observe the 160th anniversary of the battle. After a splendid lunch furnished by the members of the Newtonia Battlefields Preservation Association, SUV and Association members enjoyed a fine Powerpoint presentation on the Price Raid by retired NPS historian Connie Langum. Members then traveled across the street to the front yard of the Ritchey Mansion, where a ceremony was held, including a wreath presentation, firing of three volleys, appropriate remarks, and the reading of the Roll of Honor. Members toured the mansion before concluding the day. Our thanks to all those who attended, and particularly to Don Palmer of the U.S. Grant camp for serving as master of ceremonies.



U.S. Grant Camp #68 – St. Louis, MO

RESTORE OUR HERITAGE

Help us to restore and provide context to the Friedrich Hecker Monument and his gravesite.



Friedrich Hecker

Restore the Benton Park Monument to its original 1882 design. Add a graphic panel in Benton Park and in the Summerfield Cemetery to provide the story of Friedrich Hecker and why his ideals, service, and life are still important today.

All funds raised will be held by the German American Heritage Society of St. Louis (a non-profit organization) and will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous donor!

St. Louis Project in Benton Park includes:

- Recreation of original Friedrich Hecker bas relief and wreath on the monument (currently missing); infill dates and name for visibility
- Cleaning and granite repair of obelisk
- Graphic panel near the obelisk explaining his life and service to Germany and the United States

Projects in Illinois include:

- Placing an Illinois State Historical Society Marker in the town center of Summerfield (completed)
- Graphic panel in the Summerfield Cemetery explaining his life and service
- Proposed placement for a new flagpole in the cemetery



Donations can be sent

to:

'Hecker Project'

c/o GAHS

330 Wencker Drive

St. Louis, MO 63124

OR

USE THIS PayPal Link

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=LTERSJWWMU2VQ



Lt. Col. St. James Camp #326 – Ste. Genevieve, MO

Greetings,

We had several members participate in several different events since the last newsletter.



U. S. Grant Remembrance Day 27 July

Marty Aubuchon attended the ceremony at Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site in St. Louis. He laid a wreath during the ceremony as a representative of our Camp. This ceremony is sponsored by the U. S. Grant Camp #68 and is to commemorate the death of Lieutenant-General Grant.

General Ulysses S. Grant died of throat cancer on July 23, 1885 at the age of 63 at Joseph W. Drexel's Adirondack cottage in Mount McGregor, New York. He is buried in the General Grant National Memorial in Manhattan, New York City, also known as Grant's Tomb

Grant Symposium in St. Louis of July 26th

In the photo is Senator Roy Blunt and one of our members is Greg Wolk. (Organizer)→
Bob Mueller and Marty Aubuchon were in attendance.



Camp Meeting 13 August

← Camp Commander Ed Millinger handed to our newest member Ryan Martin his Membership Badge and Camp Name Plate. Next to Ryan is his wife Erin Martin.

On August 14th, Gary Scheel was asked to → speak to the Parkinson Support Group that meets in Ste. Genevieve. He described the different equipment that was used by men who served during the Civil War.



← September 17th at St. Joseph's Church and Shrine in Apple Creek, MO

Paul Kist, Michael Schaaf and Gary Scheel were present to watch the installation of the Perry County Last Soldier marker for Private Anton Buchheit of Company A, 78th Regiment Enrolled Missouri Militia. A ceremony is being planned for November 3rd.

*Congratulations to the Department of Missouri's own
Sumner Hunnewell, PDC
for receiving the DAR Medal of Honor,
DAR's highest accolade, on November 2nd!*



Lt. Col. St. James Camp #326 – Ste. Genevieve, MO

Bank Raid Reenactment on August 24th

The Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp conducted a living history that included a reenactment of Federal troops removing funds from the bank in Ste. Genevieve for "safe keeping" on Aug. 15, 1861. Thanks to the members of the Fletcher Camp #47, Louisa Volker Auxiliary 215, and the Turner Brigade who helped to make the day an even better event. Special thanks goes to the Felix Valle House State Historic Site for allowing us to have our living history camp on their grounds. Big Thanks to Linda Mueller for some of the photos.

Thanks also to Department of MO SUVCW Commander, Bob Aubuchon, as well as Bill Naeger, Doug Nickelson, Clarence Warfield, Doug Harding, Mary Scheel, and John Kasten for their help at both the camp and the reenactment. Thank you John, Marcia and Becky who provided an hour of Civil War era music before the reenactment and their continued support of our camp is much appreciated. A medley of Civil War era fife and drum songs was also provided in the afternoon by Ryan and Erin Martin and Duncan Noack. Camp members Tom Greminger, Reuel Smith, and Gary Scheel had Civil War and GAR displays. Thanks again to everyone who stopped by to visit the camp and learn about the history of the Civil War.

← Bill Naeger carrying the money, Marty Aubuchon, giving instructions and Ed Millinger, Gary Scheel and Bill Janis watching the action.



L to R; Marica, John and Becky

Members of the Louisa Volker, Auxiliary participating as concerned citizens. → To their right is Doug Nickelson a Confederate sympathizer



← Union Troops, captives and the money heading to General Fremont and St. Louis.



Tom Greminger discussing his display with those interested in Civil War history in Ste. Genevieve →



← L-R: Duncan Noack, Ryan Martin & Erin Martin



Mike Schaaf visiting Reuel Smith's display → of his two ancestors GAR items



Oktoberfest in Ste. Genevieve on September 14th and 15th → Paul Kist and Gary Scheel had an informational booth set up at the Oktoberfest in Ste. Genevieve. We were there from 10 am to 6 pm on Saturday and Paul was there from 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday. Gary Scheel arrived around noon on Sunday.

They enjoyed discussing with several people on both days about Ste. Genevieve and the Civil War. The booth consisted of a list of men from Ste. Genevieve who served in the Civil War. Many people were interested in the list. The other part of the booth consisted of a display of the equipment an infantryman would have carried. Many people were interested in the display of equipment.



R-L: Paul Kist, Gary Scheel

Lt. Col. St. James Camp #326 – Ste. Genevieve, MO

October 6th, Display and Living History Demonstration

Brother Paul Kist, a member of St. Philip and St. James Catholic Parish in River Aux Vases, Ste. Genevieve County arraigned for our Camp to set up a display and have a small living history. It was a beautiful day and those of us who were there enjoyed it. As they say a picture is worth a thousand words.



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Photo's

- 1. Display
- 2. Fifer (Erin Martin) Drummer (Ryan Martin)
- 3. 10 new recruits learning to march (#10 didn't make the photo)
- 4. L-R, Gary Scheel, Paul Kist, Ed Millinger, Ryan Martin, Michael Schaaf and Erin Martin
- 5. Cannon firing
- 6. Powder Monkey

Special Thank You to Jon Kasten and Ruth Kasten for bringing their cannon from Cape Girardeau to allow us to use it.
Special Thank You to St. Philip & St. James Catholic Parish for allowing us to be a part of their day.

Lt. Col. St. James Camp #326 – Ste. Genevieve, MO



← Brother Tom Greminger (1st from the left) recommended the Bloomsdale American Legion Post 554 for a SUCVW Flag Certificate. Post 554 met on Tuesday, October 15th and invited us to attend their meeting in order to present the certificate. Camp Commander Ed Millinger (2nd from the left) presented the certificate to Post Commander Greg Walker (3rd from the left) with Post Quartermaster Donald Buatte (extreme right) looking on. They were very appreciative for the certificate. Camp members present for the presentation were, Commander Ed Millinger, Tom Greminger, Paul Kist, Michael Schaaf and Gary Scheel



Brother Tom Greminger recommended the American Legion Post in Bloomsdale because of the improvement in the area around the flag pole and the benches that were placed in the area for those who wanted to reflect as they look at the battlefield cross in front of the flag pole.



On Tuesday, October 22nd we traveled to St. Mary and provided a living history for the residents of Marian Cliff Manor an assisted living and residence facility for nearly sixty men. Of these sixty men nearly fifty of them are veterans. We started setting up at 11 am and by noon we were ready for the residents.



← L-R, Fifer Erin Martin
Drummer Ryan
Provided Civil War Era music.

(Martin Aubuchon Display)

(Tom Greminger Display)

We started setting up at 11 am and by noon we were ready for the residents.

Residents looking at a couple of the displays of Civil War items. They had many questions which were eagerly answered by members of the Camp.



Camp Scene display.
Left to Right
Mike Schaaf, Bob Mueller, Gary Scheel, Ryan Martin, Erin Martin, Marty Aubuchon, Tom Greminger.

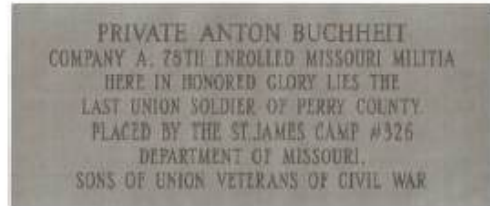
Camp dog courtesy of Marian Cliff Manor.

Lt. Col. St. James Camp #326 – Ste. Genevieve, MO

OUR ACTIVITIES



Private Anton Buchheit
 Company A, 78th Regiment
 Enrolled Missouri Militia
 Enrolled April 30 1864 in Perry
 County, MO.
 Ordered into active service September
 29, 1864 and relieved from duty on
 December 3, 1864. Number days of
 actual service 66



Company A, 78th Regiment Enrolled Missouri Militia was a mounted company and was ordered into active service during Confederate Major-General Sterling Price's Raid through Missouri, Kansas, Indian Territory and Arkansas.

He was born on September 3 1845, and was 94 years old when he died on January 16, 1940. He is buried in the cemetery of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Apple Creek, Perry County, Missouri.



On Sunday, Nov. 3rd, the St. James Camp #326 presented a Civil War display during St. Joseph of Apple Creek's fall dinner. After the dinner the camp conducted a ceremony to honor Anton Buchheit as the last Union Civil War soldier in Perry County, MO. Assisting the camp at the ceremony were Father Michael Benz of St. Joseph Parish, Department of Missouri SUCVW Commander Bob AuBuchon, members of the Fletcher Camp #47, members of the Louise Volker Auxiliary #215, John Wibbenmeyer who played taps (Descendant of the Buchheit family), and Mary Jane Buchheit. A large crowd of Anton's descendants (four generations) and their extended family relatives attended the ceremony and many expressed their appreciation for our camp recognizing their ancestor

←4 Generations of Private Anton Buchheit Direct Descendants.

Family and friends in attendance during the Ceremony.



L-R; Mike Schaaf, Bill Janis, Gary Scheel, Paul Kist, Department Commander Robert AuBuchon, Chris Warren, Bob Mueller, Ryder Griffith, Marty Aubuchon, Camp Commander Ed Millinger.

Lt. Col. St. James Camp #326 – Ste. Genevieve, MO



We received an email from the Department of Missouri Eagle Scout Chairman Sumner Hunnewell asking us if someone from our Camp would be able to attend an upcoming Eagle Scout Court of Honor in Cape Girardeau on November 7th.

We gladly accepted the opportunity with three members of our camp had the honor of participating in the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Jonah Stone Patomson.

He is one highly motivated Scout reaching Eagle Scout at the age of 16.

He was presented an Eagle Scout Certificate and an Eagle Scout patch. In attendance from the St. James Camp #326 were Camp Commander Ed Millinger, Tom Greminger, Paul Kist and Jon Kasten. and guest Ruth Kasten.

Photo: L-R: Paul Kist, Commander Ed Millinger, Jonah Stone Patomson, and Tom Greminger who is also an Eagle Scout.

During the ceremony on November 11th, Brother Bob Mueller presented the SUVCW Flag Certificate to Commander Linda Lewis of American Legion Post 150 in Ste. Genevieve, MO

Bob recommended Post 150 for the certificate because of their display of the American Flag in front of the post and the extra flags they display during Veterans Day in Ste. Genevieve

Members present for the ceremony from St. James Camp #326 were Commander Ed Millinger, Bob Mueller, Paul Kist, Mike Teeter and Gary Scheel.

Thanks to Linda Mueller for the photos.



Members of Camp #326 assembled before the Christmas Holiday Festival Parade on December 7th. It started out cool but by the time we were done it was comfortable. Thanks to all those who participated.



Camp Commander Ed Millinger decorated his truck and we used that for our float. Bob Bach and Gary Scheel rode in the back throwing candy out on the parade route. Bill Janis and Marty Aubuchon carried the camp banner. Paul Kist carried the US Flag Guidon, Ryan and Erin Martin performed music on their fife and drum. Sue Zoughaib followed Ryan and Erin and passed out candy to those in the crowd.

Thanks to all of those who took time out in their day to participate in the parade.

Lt. Col. St. James Camp #326 – Ste. Genevieve, MO



→ Christmas songs by Ryan and Erin Martin.

Our Camp Meeting was held on Tuesday night, December 10th. After our business meeting we had our annual installation of officers. We will retain the same officers for 2025 that we currently have.

← Gary Scheel installed the officers. After the meeting was closed we had our annual Christmas Cookie Swap. (notice some of the cookies that were waiting to be swapped and eaten)

We were entertained with a selection of old



← Photo of all our members present for the meeting.



Left to Right:

First Row; Bob Mueller, Paul Kist, Tom Greminger, Reuel Smith, Mike Schaaf.

Back Row; Ryan Martin, Marty Aubuchon, Bill Janis, (Seated) Camp Commander Ed Millinger, Bob Bach, and Gary Scheel.

Bill Janis entertained us with a couple of songs Mike and Sheila → Schaaf are enjoying his singing and playing.



December 13, 1830

On this date Auguste and Desile (Leclere) St. Gemme gave birth to a son Joseph Felix. He changed his name to Joseph Felix St. James while he was a lawyer with an office in Ste. Genevieve. By the start of the Civil War he closed his practice and turned his office into a Union Army Recruiting station. He is reputed to have been the first man, in Southeast Missouri to volunteer for the Union Army. He was made the Lieutenant Colonel of the Southeast Missouri Rifle Regiment (referred to in some correspondence a 3rd Regiment of Missouri Rifles.

He later became the Lieutenant Colonel of the 13th Regiment Missouri Infantry. They arrived in Tennessee at a small landing on the Tennessee River in Tennessee referred to a Pittsburg Landing. They arrived there on March 3, 1862 with 450 men and officers present. On April 6th about 8 a.m. the 13th Missouri Infantry reported to Major General William T. Sherman who sent them toward the enemy. The Rebels charged and the 13th Missouri was forced to fall back to their original position. It was during this fighting around noon Lt. Col. St James was mortally wounded. He was taken a hospital in Savannah, Tennessee where he died on April 8th. Cemetery records of the Ste. Genevieve Catholic Church state that he was buried there on April 14th. The notation states,

St James, Felix Age 32 years 2 months 18 days killed at Pittsburg, Tn
on the 7th inst. Col. of USA Army, husband of Elizabeth Sargeant

The Grand Army of the Republic Post #326 named after Lt Col J. Felix St James and every year on Memorial Day they would march to his grave site and place flowers. His stone was next to his father who died on March 23, 1862.

Susan Elizabeth died on May 3rd, 1911 and is buried in Valle Spring cemetery. They had two children Annie Isabel born in 8/3/1860 and Icabod Augustus born 2/24/1862 and died the following year on 10/15/1863.

Ian Jones a member of our Camp is a descendant of Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James





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DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 5
Series 2023-2024
29 November 2024

Passing of Brother Robert (Bob) Petrovic

With sorrow, the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War reports the passing of Brother Robert (Bob) Petrovic on 28 November 2024.

Brother Bob was a Past Camp Commander of William T. Sherman/Billy Yank Camp #65, charter member of Ulysses S Grant Camp #68, Past Department Commander of the Department of Missouri, past member of the National Council of Administration, Chairman of the SUVCW Charitable Foundation, Chairman of the National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance, and Colonel and Chief of Staff for the Sons of Veteran Reserve. He was instrumental in the re-charter of the Department of Missouri in 1996 serving as the first Department Commander, and organizing the 2001 Springfield, 2007 St. Louis, and 2021 St. Louis National Encampments plus countless Department Encampments. Brother Bob received two National Meritorious Service Awards with Gold Stars, two Department Meritorious Service Awards, and the Department's Francis Blair Award.

In memory of Brother Robert Petrovic, 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 thirty days from this date.

Ordered this 29th Day of November 2024,

Attest:

Robert AuBuchon, DC
Commander
Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Dale Crandell, PDC
Secretary-Treasurer
Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War





Department Communique #1 20 December 2024



Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,

I want to wish all of you seasonal greetings of a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Blessed New Year. We are keeping busy this year. We have just completed a successful "Victory in Missouri 1864" series of events throughout Missouri and please check out our new Brother, the last son of a Civil War veteran, William Pool, on our main website (www.suvcwmo.org). There are three videos about him that can be seen there as he approaches 100 years of age this next month. Also, during the remainder of my term of office I will still try to attend meetings of all camps.

I would like all of you to consider supporting our department's on-going efforts in keeping alive the memory of our Civil War ancestors. Many people have been opting for life membership and do not pay department dues (and may not pay camp dues as well). This reduces our income. As the year ends, I would ask you to consider donating a little so that we can continue to restore monuments and hold educational events. You may also donate to our general fund which means we can spend money as needed for projects or for day-to-day operations. We are a 501-C3, so any donation can be tax deductible. I am asking for everyone to make a donation to the Charitable Endowment Fund. This fund is earmarked specifically for educational and other projects of the order and not our general operating funds.

All donations may be sent to the Department Secretary/Treasurer Dale Crandell, 605 East State Street, Mountain Grove, MO, 65711-1827. You can also go to our main webpage and click on the button to donate via Paypal (https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=GLQQD3WVX5K4G).

I am planning to donate 20 dollars to the General Fund and 20 dollars to the Endowment Fund and I challenge everyone to join me. I thank everyone for your support. You are very special people as you show that you are patriots and care to preserve our nation and its history.

Again, blessings during this season to you and your family.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Robert AuBuchon
Department Commander
Missouri Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War





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General Order #5, 10 October 2024—

Disasters in the Southeast — How We As Sons Can Help

1. Brothers, by now, you are all well aware of the tragic events that occurred as a result of Hurricane Helene throughout the Southeast. And just yesterday, Hurricane Milton's wrath has befallen Florida. The devastation is unimaginable and widespread. Currently, we are unaware of any particular Brothers in need, however it is clear that our fellow citizens and their communities are suffering and in dire need of assistance.
2. Therefore, I urge all Brothers to look to one of the most important tenets of our Order, Charity, and consider making a contribution to the Hurricane Relief Fund of your choice.
3. Additionally, I have directed our National Chaplain, Brother Douglas Jones, to be the point-of-contact for Brothers directly affected by these natural disasters and gather any and all pertinent information regarding their situation and/or needs. Chaplain Jones will update our National leadership team who will work diligently to provide assistance to the fullest extent possible. Chaplain Jones can be contacted via email: chaplain@suvcw.org
4. Finally, in light of these catastrophes, I call on each Brother to keep the fate of those affected at the fore of our prayers and meditations.

General Order #6, 22 October 2024—

Passing of Past Department of Ohio Commander James H. "Jim" Houston, Jr.

It is with great sorrow and sadness that I have the duty to report the passing of Past Department Commander James H. "Jim" Houston on Saturday, October 19, 2024. Also known by many as "Tex," PDC Houston served the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Department of Ohio with distinction, notably serving as Commander of our Ohio Brothers in 2002.

Brother Houston's deep love for and commitment to the Order was reflected on multiple levels. Brother Jim served as Chair of the National Encampment Site Committee for eleven years from 2001 until 2012. A reliable fixture at many National Encampments, Brother Jim's deep obligation to the Order was mirrored in his having held numerous offices in the General Lytle Camp 10 and his dual membership in the Richard Enderlin Camp 73 of Chillicothe, Ohio. Of particular note at the time of his passing, Brother Jim was the Secretary – Treasurer of the SUVCW Charitable Foundation.

Brother Jim's demise is not only a tremendous loss to our Order, but it leaves an enormous void in his community. A stalwart and proud citizen of great distinction, Brother Jim will be mourned far and wide. We stand with his beloved family and friends lamenting the loss of a good, good man.

A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, October 24, 2024, at 12:30pm at: Sycamore Presbyterian Church 11800 Mason Road Cincinnati, OH 45249 (Of note – there will be NO visitation).





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In homage to our departed Brother it is hereby ordered that the National Website, Charters of all Department and Camps and membership badges be draped in black for a period of 30 days from the date of this General Order.

General Order #7, 17 November 2024—

Regarding General Order #22, Series 2023 – 2024: Policy Loan and/or Deposit of Artifacts Policy Vendor Tables Deposit Agreement Form 80 Sections 1 and 3 - RESCINDED

It has come to the attention of the Commander-in-Chief and the Council of Administration that certain properties, specifically, Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) records may be in or come into the possession of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). Provisions exist in the SUVCW Congressional Charter, the Deed of Conveyance between the G.A.R. and the SUVCW, and the National Policy on Records of the Grand Army of the Republic (August 2013) which directs the SUVCW to return said records to the communities where Grand Army posts were located, so far as possible, for the use and benefit of the communities where such posts were located. As such, in addition to other concerns, Sections 1 and 3 of General Order #22, Series 2023 – 2024, Policy Loan and/or Deposit of Artifacts Policy Vendor Tables Deposit Agreement Form 80 present potential conflicts with the aforementioned documents.

Therefore, it is hereby ordered:

- Sections 1 and 3 of General Order #22, Series 2023 – 2024, Policy Loan and/or Deposit of Artifacts Policy Vendor Tables Deposit Agreement Form 80 **is rescinded**.
- The National Committee on Program & Policy is instructed to conduct a thorough review of the rescinded National Policy regarding the loan and/or deposit of artifacts and any and all objects including, but not limited to, Charters, memorabilia, ephemera, etc. along with the rescinded Form 80 and report their findings and recommendations to the Council of Administration. The National Committee on Program & Policy is encouraged to consult with National Officers and Committees along with subject matter experts who may provide relevant input germane to the issue.
- Any Form 80 completed and executed prior to the issuance of this General Order remain in full effect.

Of special importance, **this Order does not affect the National Policy regarding the National Encampment Vendor/Display Program**. Said Policy remains in place.





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Special Message #1, 26 November 2024—

Our Thanksgiving Message

Having entered this week of thanks and gratitude, we want to express our sincere appreciation for the opportunity to serve you and our Orders as Commander-in-Chief and National President. We are deeply grateful.

In his Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1864, President Abraham Lincoln called for the Nation to pray for healing, harmony, and tranquility. His words stirred the hearts and minds of our ancestors, girding them with courage and resolve.

As we observe this Thanksgiving, may we celebrate their bravery, dedication and commitment to the cause of the Union. Let us re-dedicate ourselves to honoring their memory and their selfless service.

To you, our Brothers and Sisters, it is our hope you enjoy a bountiful harvest with family and friends this Thanksgiving! God speed and safe travels on your journeys.

General Order #8, 1 December 2024—

Passing of Past Department of Missouri Commander and Charitable Foundation Chairman Robert M. Petrovic

My Brothers, I have the sad obligation to convey to you the passing of Past Department Commander Robert M. Petrovic on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 28, 2024. PDC Petrovic was also the Chairman of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War - Charitable Foundation. Known by most as simply "Brother Bob," he was a force at the Camp, Department and National Organization levels. His superb management of the Foundation helped provide much needed funding for the many worthy charities and projects our Order supports.

While it would be impossible to note all of his many achievements, in 1996 Brother Bob became the first Commander of the reorganized Department of Missouri. In a few short years he helped organize the memorable 2001 National Encampment in Springfield, Missouri and again he was instrumental in hosting the 2007 event in St. Louis. For well over a decade Brother Bob, with able assistance from his beloved wife Cher, steered the annual President Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and associated gatherings. This signature event shines a bright and very complimentary light on our Order and Brother Bob's tireless work helped make that happen.





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There is one particular aspect of Brother Bob's membership that I find especially poignant, and this is something that speaks directly to his character, pride and sense of duty. Many of you may not know that for a significant period, Brother Bob's membership in our Order was that of an Associate. As we honor the courage and sacrifice of all those who helped preserve the Union most of us have a familial relation to one or more of these brave men. But Brother Bob came in to our Order without that bond, and yet that did not detract from his dedication to our tenets of venerating those heroes. It was not until 2012 that he was able to discover a Union ancestor. And although his membership status may have changed, Brother Bob's resolve and dedication to serve remained steadfast.

No one should be surprised that Brother Bob's dedication to service was far from limited to just our Order. A devoted first responder, Brother Bob had an illustrious career in the fire service retiring from the Affton, Missouri Fire Department as a Captain. We join together as Brothers with his family and his community mourning his passing.

Cards of condolence may be addressed to his wife (Sister) Cher Petrovic at: 6519 Cherokee Lane Cedar Hill, MO 63016-2527 In homage to our departed Brother it is hereby ordered that the National Website, Charters of all Department and Camps and membership badges be draped in black for a period of 30 days from the date of this General Order.

General Order #9, 14 December 2024—

Real Son and Brother William Pool Approaching his 100th Birthday

It gives me great pleasure to announce the upcoming 100th birthday of Real Son and Brother William Pool of Bolivar, Missouri. Brother Pool is the son of Charles Pool who served in Company "D" of the 6th West Virginia Volunteers. Of great importance, Brother Pool is the last remaining son of a Union veteran who holds membership in our Order. Brother Pool, a World War II veteran, will celebrate his birthday on Monday, January 13, 2025.

In this joyous holiday season, we as an Order have much to be thankful for and Brother Pool's upcoming birthday milestone is a poignant reminder of our connection to all of those who put their lives on the line for the cause of Union. It is the link that binds us together as Brothers. By recognizing his upcoming birthday, we demonstrate our deep respect and admiration for all who honorably served, and, it is a defining statement of how we value our beloved brotherhood.

Therefore, as Brothers all, I respectfully ask each one of you to consider sending a card with your birthday wishes to Brother Pool. It is my understanding he enjoys receiving mail! Please address your card of happy birthday wishes to: Brother William Pool Parkview Health Care Facility 119 W Forest St Bolivar, MO 65613-1316.





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Special Message #2, 23 December 2024—

Season’s Greetings!

At this very special time of year, we reach out to you in the spirit of our forefathers who saved our beloved Union. Much like our ancestors who came from every background and faith imaginable, we as Brothers and Sisters come together as one to celebrate the holidays. It is a time of giving and remembering, and it is also a time to support one another.

We all know this time of year can be busy and overwhelming. It also can be very stressful for those who do not share the merriment of the season. Whether it be the sadness of losing a loved one, illness or other personal challenge, we, as your Brothers and Sisters, are here for you. Always remember, our fraternal ties bind us together as one. The Boys in Blue depended on and needed each other – let that same spirit of reliance and togetherness manifest itself fraternally in each of our lives today.

As we reflect on this time of year and the fraternal bonds we have built, may this holiday season bring you joy, happiness, and the good health that you truly deserve. It has been an incredible journey thus far with all of you, and we thank you for your positive inspiration and support. We look forward in the new year to continue forging with you our paths of achievements. May you enjoy the holidays to their fullest. We wish you glad tidings.

Was your ancestor an officer for the Union during the Civil War?

The Military Order Of The Loyal Legion Of The United States (MOLLUS) is the first and oldest Civil War Fraternal Organization in the United States. It was founded on April 20, 1865, by former Civil War Officers. Male descendants of Civil War Officers who honorably served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service may be eligible for membership as Hereditary or Associate Companions.

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<https://www.suvcwmo.org/mo-mollus.html>



The Missouri Unionist Ad/Swap Section

All camps are entitled to advertising pages. Raffles Permitted!

Missouri Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Items for Sale

2021 Encampment
Ladder Badge \$25.00
Approx 6 in long



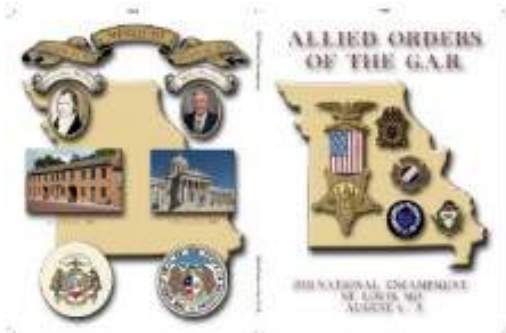
2021 Encampment
Delegate Medal \$10.00
Approx 4 in long



2021 Encampment
Computer Bag \$10.00
Fits Laptops about 14"



2021 Encampment Book – Hi Gloss Cover
1st with book style binding \$1.00



2017 – 100th Anniversary of the Missouri Monument
at Vicksburg Rededication \$5.00

About the Size of a Morgan Silver Dollar



SHILOH RIBBON \$2.00

Produced as a remembrance of the Department of Missouri Ceremonies at Shiloh Tennessee Battlefield in 2022 at the various Missouri monuments



2nd MISSOURI SPECIAL ENCAMPMENT

RIBBON – ONLY 25 MADE! - \$5.00

Special Encampments are rarely called
Get this while you can!



Coors Light Beer Cozzie

Some left over from our Encampment
50 cents each



NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT SHIRTS

\$30.00 Each

ONLY 2XLs and 3XLs Available





MISSOURI SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF
THE CIVIL WAR

SALES ORDER FORM

ITEM	AMOUNT ORDERED	PRICE	SUBTOTAL
2021 Encampment Ladder Badge		\$25.00	
2021 Encampment Delegate Medal		\$10.00	
2021 Encampment Computer Bag		\$10.00	
2021 Encampment 2XL Shirt		\$30.00	
2021 Encampment 3XL Shirt		\$30.00	
2021 Encampment Book		\$1.00	
Vicksburg 100th Anniversary - Mo Monument Rededication		\$5.00	
2023 MO 2nd Special Encampment Delegate Ribbon		\$5.00	
Shiloh - Missouri Remembrance Day Ribbon		\$2.00	
Coors Light Cozzie		\$0.50	
Shipping			
Under \$20 of Merchandise		\$5.00	
\$20 - \$50		\$10.00	
\$50-\$75		\$15.00	
\$75-More	FREE		No Cost
TOTAL		\$	\$

Paypal Payments are possible. Contact wbusch@suvchwmo.org to arrange.

Make Check Payments to "Missouri SUVCW" and send to

Walt Busch
1240 Konert Valley Dr.
Fenton, MO 63026

Questions? -- Contact wbusch@suvchwmo.org



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 _____ Pin Backing OR _____ Magnet Backing
 COLOR BADGE Red -Dept _____ Blue -Camp _____ Gold-National _____ Polished Brass _____

LINE 1 (F NAME) _____
 LINE 2 (L NAME) _____
 LINE 3 (RANK) _____
 LINE 4 _____
 LINE 5 (CAMP OR DEPT) _____
 LINE 6: Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Plastic Name Tag \$15.00 each
 Brass Name Tag \$25.00 each
 Shipping up 2 badges in a package \$5.00
 OR 6 badges for \$9.00

The Official SUVCW & GAR Address Labels



Walter E. Busch, PDC
 Historical Records Officer MO SUVCW
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 Fenton, MO 63026

- 120 Count \$4.00 shipping \$1.00

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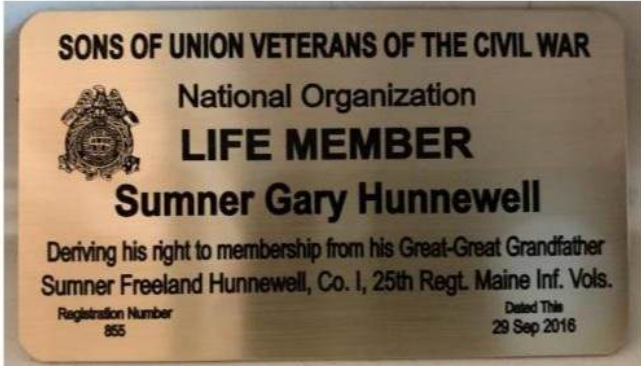
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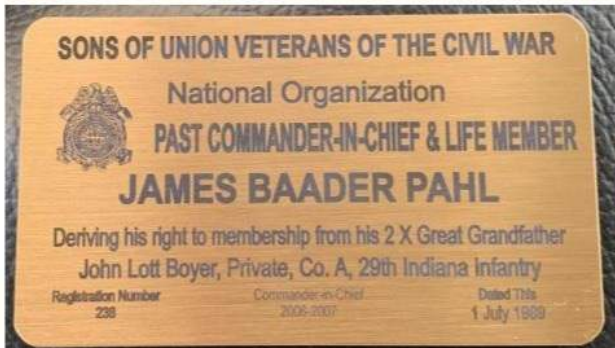
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The Official SUVCW ID CARDS



OFFICIAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP ID CARD – ACCEPTED BY NATIONAL SUVCW AS PROOF OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP

NOTE: You MUST send us a copy of your SUVCW Life Membership card or certificate to purchase this item. We WILL NOT sell this to anyone without a copy of that document being provided! Your name and all information will be shown as on your certificate (however, we will add PDC or PCC behind your name if you are authorized to use that honor.).



Description: wallet size , polished brass, engraved black lettering

NAME LINE _____

Deriving his right to membership from his _____

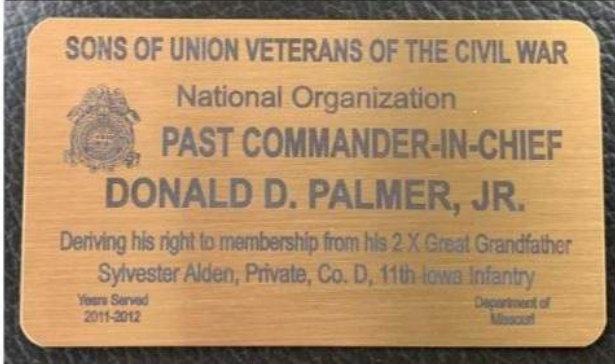
Registration Number _____

Dated This _____

FOR PAST C-In-C & Past C-In-C Life Member ID Cards, Please Also Include

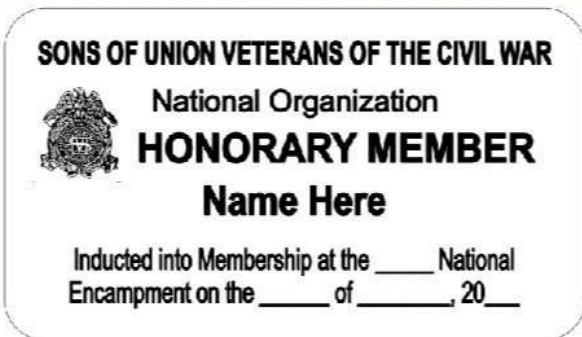
Years Served _____

For PCinC ID Only can include your home department info _____



Price \$25.00 x _____

+ \$5.00 Shipping (S&H up to 2 Id Cards) = \$ _____



National SUVCW can also designate Honorary Members – This can be made for such honorary members or as a gift from National to the person so honored.



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US GRANT COIN SET

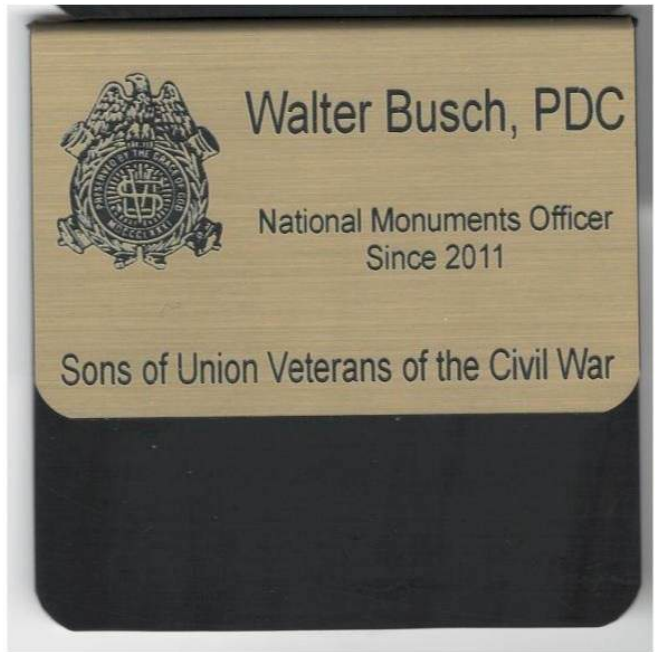
(set of 5 identically numbered)

Only 200 Numbered Sets were made! Set Covers Grant for Each Year 1861-1865
\$30.00 shipping included



US GRANT CAMP ORDER FORM

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COLOR BADGE COLORED ALUMINUM _____

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PLEASE NOTE THAT THE GAR MEDAL PICTURED ABOVE IS BEING SOLD BY THE "GAR – CENTRAL REGION ASSOCIATION" NOT US. HOWEVER WALT TAKES ORDERS AND CAN ACCOMMODATE IT!

SUVCW EMBLEM _____

GAR EMBLEM _____

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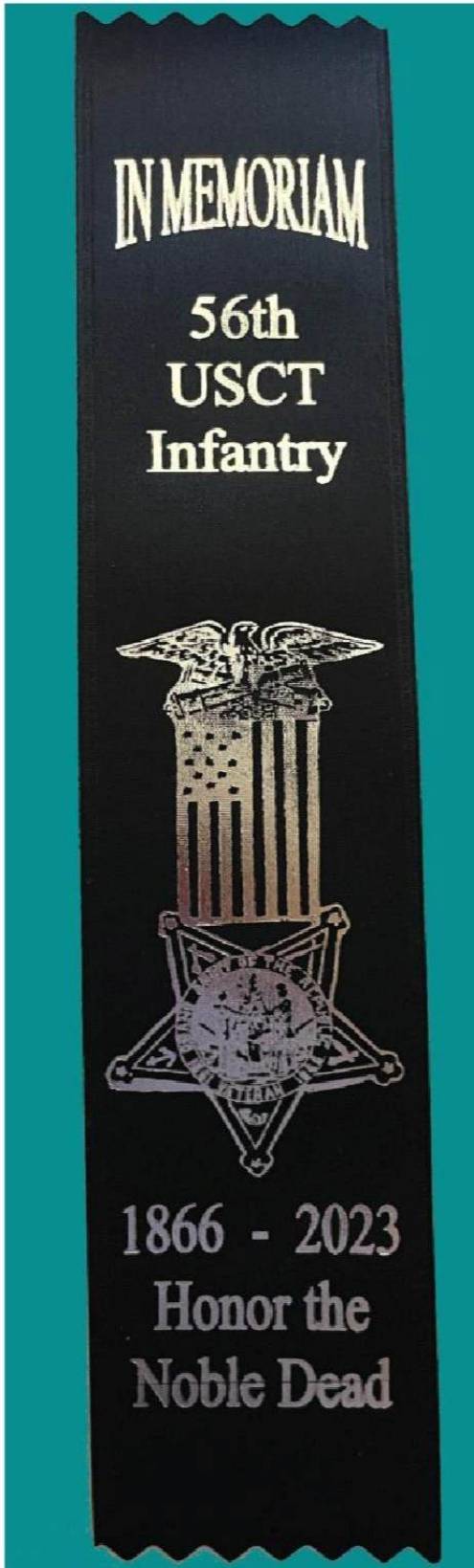
LINE 2 (L NAME) _____

LINE 3 (RANK) _____

LINE 4 & 5(CAMP OR DEPT)

\$20 for either style
Shipping up 2 badges in a
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Amount w/shipping \$ _____

Add to Order on Next Page



US GRANT CAMP ORDER FORM

Shipping Information

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Address _____

City & State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Camp Name & Number _____ Dept _____

ITEM	Amount	PRICE EACH	TOTAL (amount x price)
Pocket Name Tags		\$20.00 (+\$5 s/h each)	\$
SUV Address Labels (120 ct)		\$4.00 (+\$1 s/h each)	\$
GAR Address Labels (120 ct)		\$4.00 (+\$1 s/h each)	\$
Life Member (or PCinC or Honorary Member) Brass ID Card		\$25.00 each (\$5.00 shipping up to 2 cards)	\$
SUV Name Tag (plastic)		\$15.00 (\$5 s/h up to 2 name tags)	\$
SUV Name Tag (brass)		\$25.00 (+\$5 s/h up to 2 name tags)	\$
General Grant Coin Set (each)		\$30.00 (shipping incl)	\$
General Grant Individual Coins		\$3 each. \$3 shipping.	\$
Individual Coins Specify Shiloh _____ Vicksburg _____ Wilderness _____		TOTAL Don't forget to add ribbons on prev. page!	\$

We may be able to save you shipping if ordering multiple items. Email us to check and see!

Make Checks or MO payable to "U.S. Grant Camp #68"

Mail to: Mark Coplin, 4856 Hursley Dr, St Louis, MO 63128
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Check # _____ Contact us if you want to PAYPAL! Order # _____

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ORDER TAKEN BY: _____ DATE: _____ AMOUNT REC'D: _____



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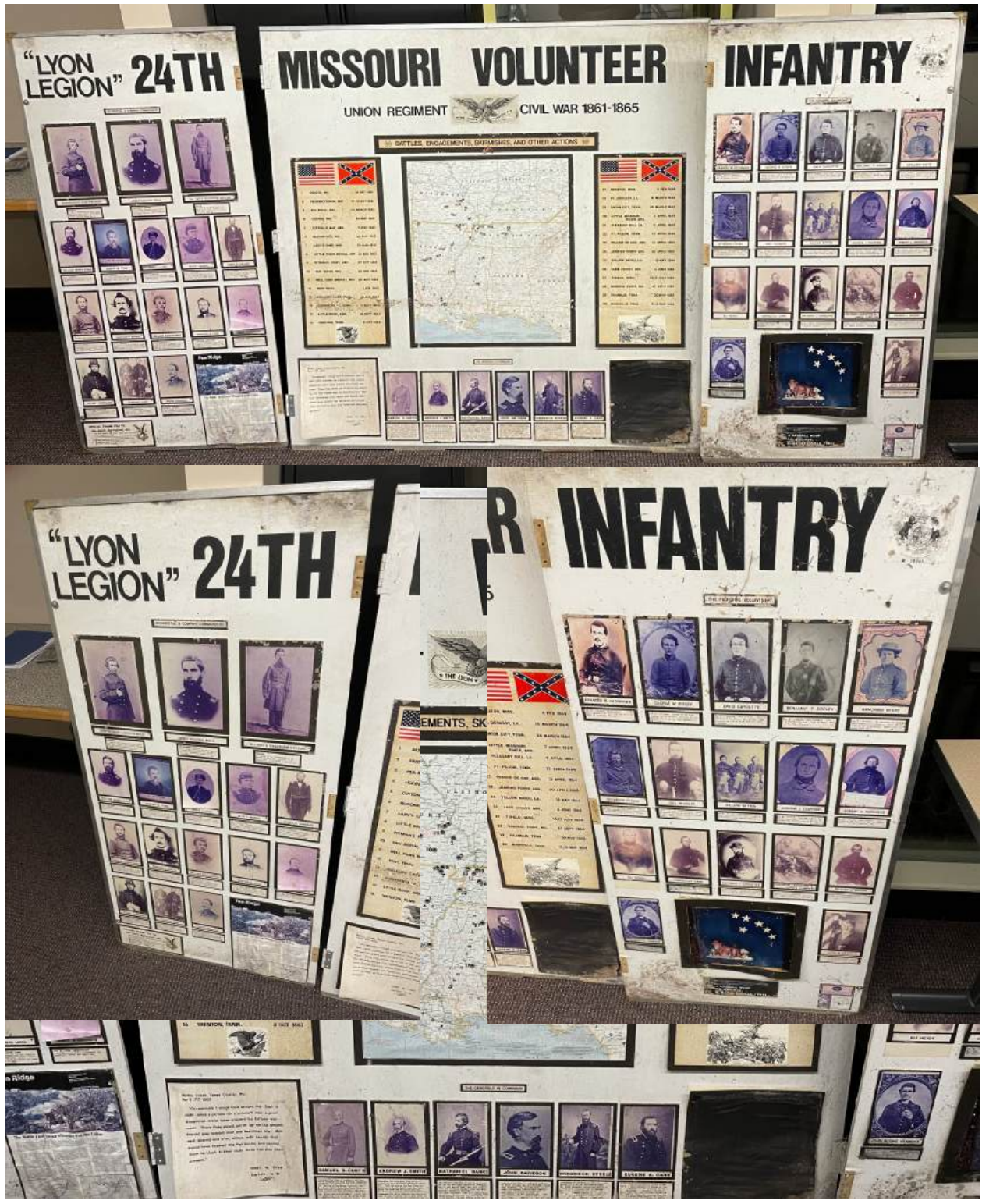
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Questions wbusch@suvcwmo.org

If anyone is interested in adopting this information display of the 24th Missouri "Lyon Legion," let us know at Unionist@suvvcwmo.org!





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

8th—March Business Meeting: Missouri River Regional Library, 214 Adams Street, Jefferson City, Missouri , 10am



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