



The Missouri Unionist

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
WILLIAM POOL!**
Real Son William Pool
celebrates his 100th
birthday; receives card
from Department of
Missouri, SUVCW

William Pool, WWII veteran and last living Real Son of a Civil War soldier, turned 100 on January 13, 2025. You can find more information, photos, and video, including news coverage on KY3 News, by visiting our website at <https://www.suvcwmo.org>.



William Pool and Commander Robert Aubuchon.



Standing behind William Pool are Carolyn George, Bob AuBuchon, Danny Pool, and Jeannie Price.

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IN MEMORIAM



JOHN CHARLES RUTHERFORD, PDC

PHELPS CAMP #66 - SPRINGFIELD, MO

JUNE 5, 1962—MARCH 8, 2025

John Charles Rutherford, 62, passed away at CoxHealth Medical Center South on March 8, 2025, after an extended illness. He was born in Fremont, Ohio, on June 5, 1962, to Leland and Ethel (Damschroder) Rutherford.

He met his future wife, Clara Lee Gunn, in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, where both were attending Middle Tennessee State University (and where John earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1987, majoring in Historic Preservation). One of his favorite stories involved Civil War history—as his ancestor's regiment, the 24th Ohio, fought at the Battle of Stones River. Clara's ancestor's regiment, the 2nd Florida, also fought there, and the 24th OVI captured the 2nd FL! He always said

she "got them back" by capturing him! They married on April 25, 1995, at the Heart to Heart Wedding Chapel, located at the time on West Chestnut Expressway in Springfield, Missouri.

Over the years, he worked for the National Park Service at Stones River National Battlefield, Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial, and Antietam National Battlefield. He authored numerous magazine articles, newspaper columns, and with Dr. William G. Piston, co-authored *We Gave Them Thunder*, a nonfiction book about the Civil War battles of Springfield, Missouri, and Hartville, Missouri. He retired in 2022 after a decades'-long career in the Springfield-Greene County Library's Local History Department.

His lifelong love of history led him to join the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He was a charter member of the Phelps Camp #66 and served the organization as Missouri Department Commander, 1999-2000.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Leland and Ethel Rutherford. He is survived by his wife, Clara; a brother Kevin, of Perrysburg, Ohio; his aunt, Carol Ballard, of Bowling Green, Ohio; several cousins; numerous nieces and nephews; and friends too numerous to count. He will be remembered for his sense of humor, friendliness, dedication to research, and his willingness to talk about what he knew.

An opportunity to celebrate and remember John will be hosted by Bill and Nancy Piston on April 17 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. - with tributes at 2:30 p.m. Location: 828 S. Delaware Ave. in Springfield.

If you wish to express a remembrance of John, please donate in his memory to The Library Foundation, c/o Brian Grubbs, 4653 S. Campbell Ave., Springfield, MO 65810 (please specify that your donation be directed to the Local History Department Fund); or to the Phelps Camp #66, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, c/o Kirk Singleton, 13679 Lawrence 1245, Billings, MO 65610.



FROM THE EDITOR:

HISTORY IS NOT TRIVIA. HISTORY IS RELEVANT.



I recently attended a personal development workshop with my wife through the church we attend. Part of the workshop involved contacting people you know and asking them to send three words representing what they believe you are most passionate about. I explained the assignment and sent out the request via text to a large number of family and friends. The responses I received varied. Perhaps unsurprisingly, a lot of responses came back with “history” and “the Civil War.” This got me thinking, are these really among my top three passions in life? And if so, why?

There are a lot of people who are really passionate about Civil War history. They can name most of the generals from both sides, what battles they fought in, what weapons they used, who won and why and how each battle could have been fought differently. There are those who live for sharing their knowledge of every date and detail of this period of our nation’s history. And while I can do some of this after years of research on the subject, these aspects of history are not what I am most passionate about.

A friend of mine who has since passed away hadn’t known me for long before she was certain she had me figured out. “You are a poet and a philosopher,” she declared. It wasn’t an attempt at flattery, but a matter-of-fact observation. I guess it could be flattering or it could be insulting depending on how you want to look at it. A poet and a philosopher could refer to someone who avoids reality, who always has their head in the clouds—who spends too much time engaged in abstract thinking and dreaming. In this case, I am sure her comment wasn’t meant as an insult. But she was right in that it is reflection on the unchanging human experience that draws me to history, not the hoarding of disjointed facts and figures. History is not trivia. History is relevant. Mark Twain supposedly said that history doesn’t repeat, but it rhymes. How can one not agree?

History, and in this case the history of the American Civil War, is full of timely lessons to be learned about the unchanging human condition. We relate to historic events because humanity is a constant. Events which took place 160 years ago set in motion a course which shaped who we are as a nation today in ways we don’t even fathom and in other ways that choose to reveal themselves again and again. Reflection is a pointless exercise if the lessons of the past do not inform the future. I am not passionate about the facts and figures of the Civil War in the way a child is passionate about the statistics on the back of his baseball cards, but I am very passionate in learning from the experiences of our ancestors and sharing the undiminishing relevance of human experience.

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>*



Collector's Corner

Douglas Roussin, PCC

General Thomas C. Fletcher, Camp 47 | January—March 2025

Souvenir Badges of the Grand Army

Collectors of Grand Army of the Republic memorabilia falls into many categories. There are those who collect anything related to that organization. Others specialize in one or more areas—such as collecting only canteens, belt plates, souvenir horseshoes or national encampment badges, etc. Now, with that being said, there is one area of collecting Grand Army badges that seems to be often neglected. This is collecting souvenir badges related to a particular national encampment.

Most of you know that each national encampment had a representative badge which was presented to each delegate that attended that particular encampment. But there were other official

badges and ribbons that were made and given to aides and committee members who conducted other official duties. There were also many other badges being offered to the delegates and their families along with veterans who attended just to see the festivities. These are simply called souvenir badges. These badges were sold along with other souvenirs to help recoup some of the cost of the encampment. Sometimes there were two, three or even more of these badges produced for an encampment.

On the right and left are two national encampment badges. These badges were given to each delegate who attended and are called representative badges. There was only one of these badges produced for each of the 84 national encampments and many are very hard to find.



Souvenir badges could be stamped or cast. They would usually have a design that was easily recognizable related to where the encampment was held. Something like the arch is to St. Louis. Badges were made of brass or tin. The workmanship of these badges was superb and very eye-catching. Here are a few of the many designs that were offered to the veterans who attended with their families.



These souvenir badges were produced for the national encampments which was held in California. Both feature a bear. The badge on the left has the word souvenir and is holding a circle drop which contains the following information, 37th National Encampment, San Francisco, August 1903. The membership star of the G.A.R. is sitting in the circle. The badge has a simple design, but the large bear tells everyone where the encampment was held.



The badge on the right has a later date, 1912. It was produced for the 46th National Encampment which was held in Los Angeles. It also features a bear which is smaller. This badge has a busy design and contains much detail. An unusual feature of this badge is the fact that it has been lacquered. This tends to hide the details even more. The back is inscribed with the words, Official Souvenir Badge.



The badge on the left has a stamped eagle, cannon, rifle, sword, and anchor. The badge is accented with a red, white and blue ribbon. The circular drop is aluminum which is very unusual. Large GAR letters with the portraits of three presidents, Washington, Lincoln and McKinley are present. The reverse has the title, The Three War Presidents of the U. S. of A. George Washington- Father of Our Country, Abraham Lincoln-Emancipator of the Slaves, and William McKinley-Friend of the Oppressed. It is a souvenir badge for the 32nd national encampment which was held in Cincinnati, Ohio, 1898.



This encampment had many souvenir badges which were sold to the many veterans who attended. Below are four other souvenir badges. Note the different designs.



Many national encampments made more than one souvenir badge. Where do you think this encampment was held? You got it! These badges were made for the 31st National Encampment, 1897, which was held in Buffalo, New York. Both badges have a large buffalo at the top. Each is standing over the word souvenir.

The first badge has a shield with the date, 1897, and two flags. A star in the center of the badge is surrounded by the words, 31st National Encampment. Four eagles surround the star. The second badge has a red, white and blue ribbon and holds a star with the portrait of Gen. T. S. Clarkson. Clarkson was the Commander-in-Chief of the GAR at that time. The gold badge has the portrait of President William McKinley. On the reverse is a picture of a buffalo with the inscription, "Put me off in Buffalo."



This Official Souvenir badge was made for the 1899, 33rd National Encampment which was held in Philadelphia. The badge is quite elegant for its simplicity and was patterned after the Liberty Bell. A gold membership star is in the center of the bell.

The final two badges were sold at a national encampment held in Washington, D.C. but is not known which encampment as they do not have a date. Several encampments were held in Washington.



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 <https://suvcmo.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.

Wilhelmi Camp #17 – Washington, MO



Glen Alsop, PDC, and Randy Baehr, PCC, with Department Commander Robert AuBuchon at the annual General William T. Sherman ceremony in Calvary Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri, on Saturday, March 29, 2025. Randy Baehr presented a wreath at the ceremony on behalf of Wilhelmi Camp #17.

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

On February 11, Greg Wolk gave a presentation on the Battles of Lucas Bend. It was a very good presentation with a large crowd including members from the camp as well as members of the community. Lucas Bend is located on the Mississippi River and the Union steam boats used to transport troops were protected from the Confederate guns located in Columbus, Kentucky. Lucas Bend site is located near the Battle of Belmont. It was a very good presentation and enjoyed by all.



On February 22nd, Marty Aubuchon and Gary Scheel attended the Missouri National Veterans Memorial in Perryville. The event was the Kids Day at the MNVM with an emphasis on the Civil War. We took original Civil War items and other items that would interest the kids.

In the photo to the left of Marty is the large photo of the Memorial Day 1888 assembly in Ste. Genevieve of the Grand Army of the Republic Post. To the right of Gary is the list of the men who were from Perry County that served during the Civil War. We also took the list of Ste. Genevieve County and there were a few people who looked at the lists finding their ancestors. We had several children come through and photo opportunities were enjoyed by them and us.

From our Historian Robert Mueller. He placed this on → our Facebook page.

Jan. 1900, Augustus St. Gem delivered these remarks. This was our calling from 125 years ago to preserve the memory of our local Civil War Union military. I wonder if he envisioned the SUVCW...

FUTURE POSSIBLE EVENTS

- March 30th, General William T. Sherman Day
1 pm, Calvary Cemetery, Florissant
- April 6th, Honor Guard at Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James
1 p.m. Memorial Cemetery, Ste. Genevieve
- May 26th, Memorial Day Ceremony at Saint Anne Catholic Church, French Village (TBD)
- May 30th Decoration Day. (TBD)
- June 7th, Department of Missouri Meeting, Fenton
9 am to 5 pm
- July 4th, Ceremony (TBD)
- August 23rd On the Square Reenactment

It will be for our children and our grand-children to keep green the memory of the great achievements of their fathers and grand-fathers, who saved to them and the world the blessings of the grandest Government God has conceived in the mind of man. Ay, may our grand-children carry our patriotic deeds into the 21st century, and may their children, their grand and great-grand-children perpetuate them in all future centuries.





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DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 6
Series 2024-2025
10 March 2025

Passing of Past Department Commander John Charles Rutherford

Brothers, it is with sorrow to report the passing of Past Department Commander John Charles Rutherford of Springfield, Missouri on 8 March 2025 at the age of 62.

Brother John joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 1994, deriving his right to membership from his 3rd Great Grandfather, Captain Dewitt Wadsworth, Company C and I, 24th Ohio Infantry Regiment. He was a charter member of Phelps Camp #66, serving as their first Camp Commander; Past Department Commander of Department of Missouri in 1999-2000; and host committee chair for the 2001 National Encampment held in Springfield. John was an avid historian and genealogist on local history and the Civil War, his last publication being *We Gave Them Thunder: Marmaduke's Raid and the Civil War in Missouri and Arkansas* co-authored by William Piston.

In memory of Brother Rutherford, the Department's Charter and web site shall be draped, all Camp Charters and websites shall be draped, and Brothers shall attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge. Following Department Policy #103, this order shall remain in effect for thirty days from this date.

Ordered this 10th Day of March 2025,

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





**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 \$8 per person (price not included in the meeting registration). Do you want to join our meal of fried chicken, coleslaw, potato salad – and some other stuff? YES NO

QUESTIONS? Walt Busch 314-630-8407 wbusch@suvcmo.org



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 <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
LUNCH	\$8.00x <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
NO LUNCH, BUT SNACKS	\$3.00x <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
<small>(do not choose snacks if paying for lunch)</small>		
PAYPAL SERVICE FEE \$1.00	IF USING PAYPAL	\$ <input type="text"/>
DONATION (can be tax deductible)		\$ <input type="text"/>
TOTAL		\$<input type="text"/>

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@suvcmo.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.

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General Order #10 January 1, 2025—

New Year's "Reveille"

As we enter into 2025, we will soon be attending our Department Encampments to conduct business for the benefit of our Order. It is noble work to continue the process which makes our organization strong and preserves the memory of the "Boys in Blue." We are all called to this task and you will make a difference. In addition to forging and strengthening friendships that will last a lifetime, you will learn how our Order works, participate in the process, contribute to our mission, and, make a big difference. We need you. **All of you!**

Great praise goes out for the work of our Brother Officers at every level who dedicate their time, efforts, and expertise to conduct our daily business, as well as those who come together to legislate our efforts. My sincere thanks go to all who will gather at Department Encampments across the nation, over the next several months, to do good for our Order.

As for me, I will be attending a host of Department Encampments and I am looking forward to personally meeting as many of you as possible. I have also charged other National officers to attend Encampments to represent me and the office of the Commander-in-Chief. It is a special privilege for us to do so. We cherish the opportunity to share these events with you as together we do the work to preserve the history and legacy of the Union Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and members of the Revenue Cutter Service who honorably served to preserve our Nation during those tumultuous times.

Thank you again for your dedication and hard work. I wish each of you a healthy and Happy New Year!

General Order #11 January 6, 2025—

Passing of Former President Carter

My Brothers, as I am sure you are aware, the 39th President of the United States, James Earl "Jimmy" Carter, Jr. died on December 29, 2024. Former President Carter was 100-years-old at the time of his death. Having held one of, if not the most difficult offices in government, he is entitled to respectful acknowledgment of his service to our country and his passing.

In remembrance of former President Carter, this coming Thursday, January 9, 2025, has been declared a National Day of Mourning. Therefore, in conjunction with this National Day of Mourning, I hereby order that the SUVCW National Web Site and the Charters of all SUVCW Departments and Camps be draped, and that all brothers attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges.

This Order shall remain in effect for 30 days from January 9, 2025.





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General Order #12 February 27, 2025—

160th Anniversries of the Civil War

With the advent of Spring a mere few weeks away, it is poignant to note that just days ago marked the 160th anniversary of the fall of Wilmington, NC, which arguably marked the beginning of the final chapter of the Civil War. In acknowledgement of this milestone, we are called to recognize and honor the 160th anniversaries of the events that delivered the eventual end to that bloody affair. The months of March and April, 1865, delivered historic successes and indescribable tragedies that would forever shape our Nation's history.

We, as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, are charged to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union from 1861 to 1865. Over the next few months, we have unique opportunities to bring awareness to our communities these historic events which occurred 160 years ago.

Therefore, as Commander-in-Chief, I encourage our individual Brothers, Camps, and Departments to host and participate in community events that pay homage to our hero-ancestors, their deeds, and their sacrifices. I also charge our Brotherhood with employing every possible opportunity, including social media, to share these moments in history and our various events and observances. Let us make a concerted effort to shed a bright light on the successes of our forefathers from 160 years ago. In doing so, we will raise awareness about our ongoing mission to preserve the history and legacy of the heroes who fought to save the Union during the Civil War.

General Order #13 March 4, 2025—

Passing of Woman's Relief Corps Past National President Cynthia L. Norton

It is my sad duty to report the death of Woman's Relief Corps Past National President Cynthia L. Norton on Sunday, March 2, 2025.

PNP Norton served as the WRC National President with distinction in 2010 and 2011. Of note, for many years PNP Norton chaired the annual Memorial Day parade in Wellington, Ohio. PNP Norton leaves an admirable legacy of selfless service and patriotism that is a credit to the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In solemn recognition of her dedicated service, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's social media platforms, and the Charters of all Departments and Camps will be draped in black. All Brothers will attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges in remembrance of PNP Norton.

This Order shall remain in effect for 30 days from this date, March 4, 2025.





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General Order #14 March 11, 2025—

Passing of Past Department of Missouri Commander John Charles Rutherford

It is with great sorrow and sadness that I have the duty to report the passing of Past Department Commander John Charles Rutherford on Saturday, March 8, 2025. PDC Rutherford served his Department and the National Organization with excellence. Of particular note, PDC Rutherford was the Host Committee Chair for the 2001 National Encampment in Springfield, Missouri.

Brother Rutherford's lifelong love of history and the Civil War drew him to our Order, becoming a Charter Member of the Phelps Camp 66 and serving as Missouri Department Commander in 1999 and 2000. Over the years, Brother John worked for the National Park Service at Stones River National Battlefield, Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial, and Antietam National Battlefield. He retired in 2022 after a decades'-long career in the Springfield-Greene County Library's Local History Department.

We stand with our Missouri Brothers in this time of sorrow, mourning the loss of an esteemed Brother and gentleman.

An opportunity to remember Brother John will be held on Thursday, April 17 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. - with tributes at 2:30 p.m. at:

828 S. Delaware Avenue
Springfield, Missouri 65802

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.





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Special Message #3 March 14, 2025—

Lobbying – A Reminder to our Order

Recently, I have received a number of thoughtful inquiries regarding lobbying from both the Camp and Department levels. Being watchful of current events that may have an effect on our mission is our duty as Brothers and I am personally grateful to all who cherish this obligation. Directly related, an important facet to remember when representing our Order are those requirements we as a 501 (c) (3) entity are also bound to follow. Fortunately, General Order #14, Series 2020 – 2021, issued on April 13, 2020 by then Commander-in-Chief Brian C. Pierson entitled “Lobbying” is an excellent resource as it speaks directly to what we as an Order can and cannot do.

Therefore, I strongly encourage every Brother to take time to refamiliarize themselves with each feature of General Order #14. We have made great strides to position our Order as a highly respected and professional organization. Therefore, as we formulate and employ strategies, now and in the future, to honor our ancestors and their noble service, we recognize and embrace that total compliance with General Order #14 is not an option – it is a must.

Again, please review General Order #14 and take each provision into full consideration. For your convenience, you may follow the below link to access and carefully read the Order. Thank you again for your continued commitment to the tenets our Order and as always, I personally thank you for your support.

<https://suvvw.org/sites/default/files/2022-11/GO-14-Lobbying.pdf>

General Order #15 March 17, 2025—

Revocation of Captain Theodore H. Howell Camp 48, Department of Pennsylvania

Commander William E. Fischer, Jr. of the Department of Pennsylvania has requested that the Charter of Captain Theodore H. Howell Camp 48 be revoked. (Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 13)

According to Department Commander Fischer, in response to Captain Theodore H. Howell Camp 48’s failure to submit required Forms, Past Department Commander Dane DiFebo suspended said Camp on March 6, 2023. Additionally, Department Commander Fisher reports no per diem payments were made for either 2023 nor 2024 and, repeated attempts to date to contact the Camp Commander and Camp Secretary have been made and no response has been received.

Therefore, based on the above, Department Commander Fischer’s request is approved and the Charter of Captain Theodore H. Howell Camp 48, Department of Pennsylvania is hereby revoked. (Constitution, Article VI, Section 2)

Any and all property and assets of Captain Theodore H. Howell Camp 48 shall be turned over to the Department of Pennsylvania Commander, acting as the representative of the Commander-in-Chief to collect and hold all such property in trust for the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization exempt from taxes under section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code. (Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 5). The Department Commander shall provide a detailed report to the Commander-in-Chief when this has been accomplished.





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General Order #16 March 17, 2025—

Revocation of General Darius N. Couch Camp 26, Department of Massachusetts

Commander Roderick Fraser of the Department of Massachusetts has requested that the Charter of General Darius N. Couch Camp 26 be revoked. (Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 13)

According to Department Commander Fraser, Camp 26 no longer has the minimum five Brothers to keep the Camp functioning. Additionally, the Camp Commander resigned and requested transfer to the At-large Camp. Further, the Camp was unable to hold elections and notified the Department of their desire to close. They did not submit a Form 22.

Therefore, based on the above, Department Commander Fraser’s request is approved and the Charter of General Darius N. Couch Camp 26, Department of Massachusetts is hereby revoked. (Constitution, Article VI, Section 2)

Of note, all property and assets of General Darius N. Couch Camp 26, have been turned over to the Department of Massachusetts Commander, acting as the representative of the Commander-in-Chief to collect and hold all such property in trust for the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization exempt from taxes under section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code. (Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 5). The Camp’s Charter, now in the possession of the Department Commander, shall be forwarded to the Executive Director.

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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and the
Sons of Veterans Reserve of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Present A

School of the Piece

↵ **June 28, 2025** ↵

on the grounds of St. John's Lutheran Church,
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For registration information, contact:

Steve Allen, Turner Brigade, (573) 578-5822 email: steveallen855@centurytel.net
or go to <http://www.turnerbrigade.org/ncwaastl.htm>

Registration Deadline: June 13, 2025

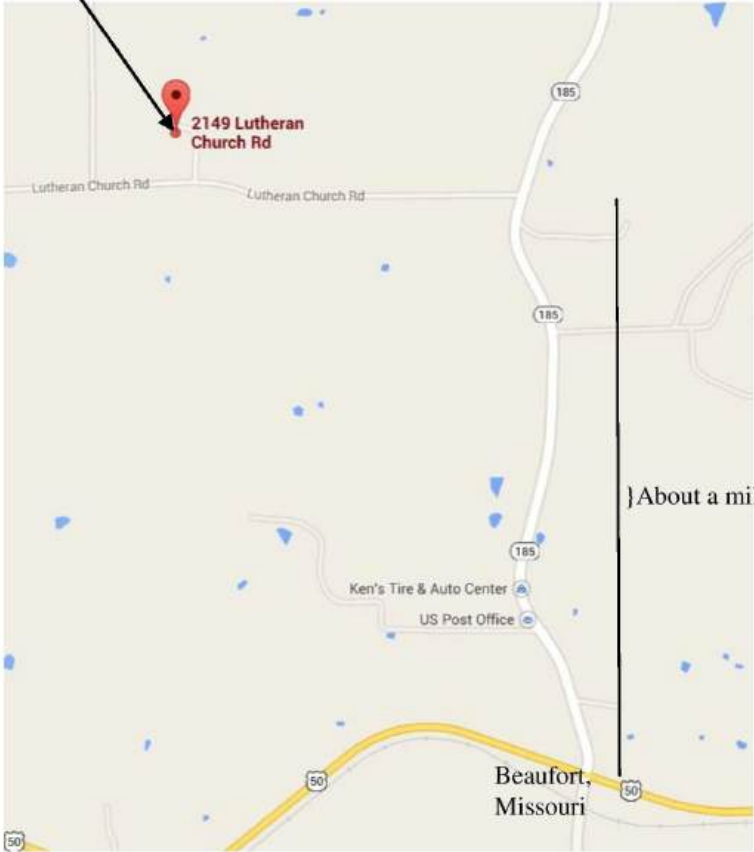


Due to the limitations of the event insurance, we ask that no other firearms be brought to the school other than muzzle-loading artillery.

A Friday evening meal, a Saturday breakfast, and a Saturday lunch will be offered by the ladies of the church for a free will offering.



St. John's Lutheran Church
Beaufort, Missouri



}About a mile

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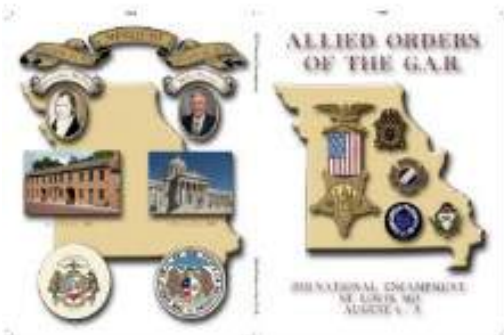
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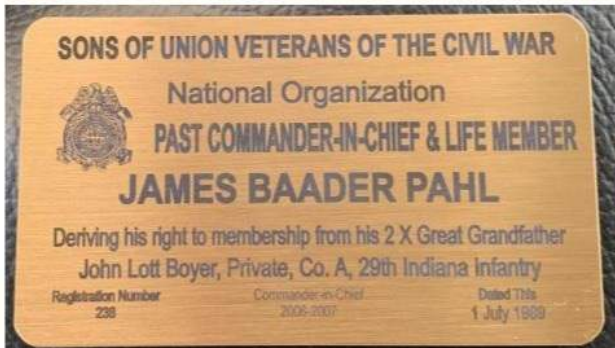
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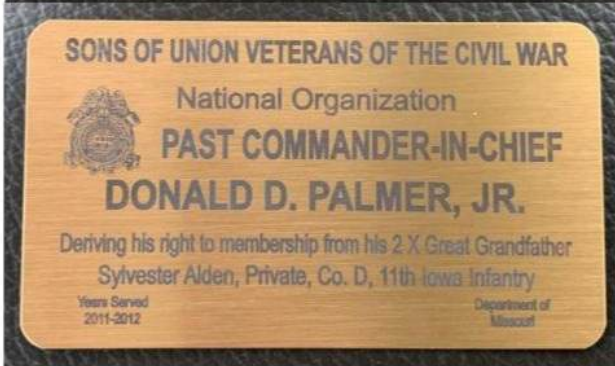
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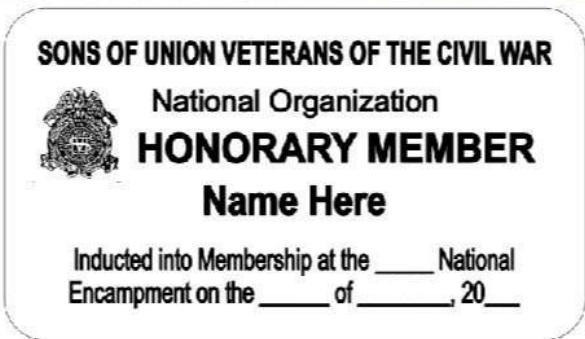
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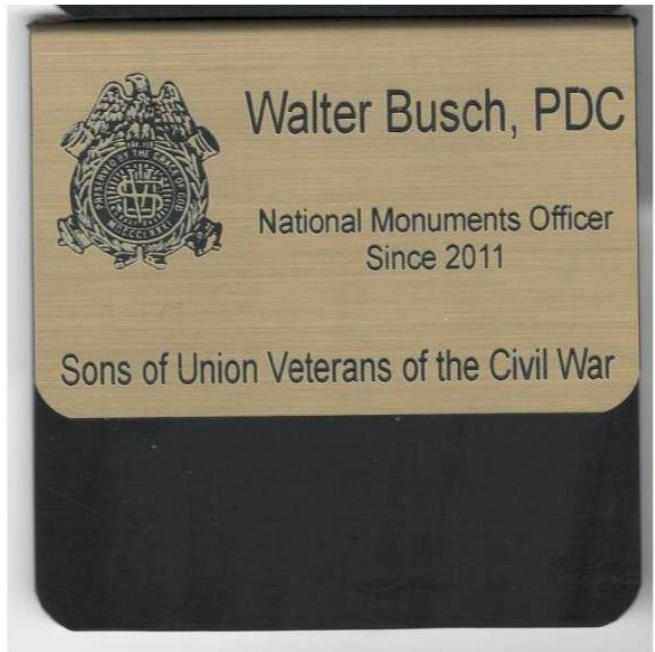
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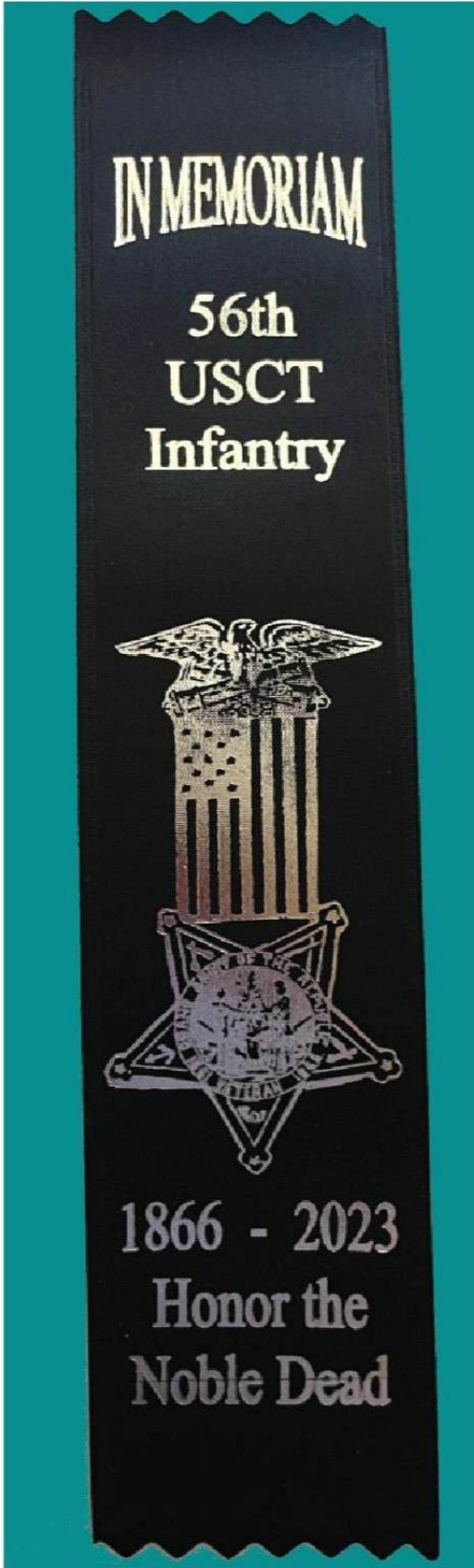
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Life Member (or PCinC or Honorary Member) Brass ID Card		\$25.00 each (\$5.00 shipping up to 2 cards)	\$
SUV Name Tag (plastic)		\$15.00 (\$5 s/h up to 2 name tags)	\$
SUV Name Tag (brass)		\$25.00 (+\$5 s/h up to 2 name tags)	\$
General Grant Coin Set (each)		\$30.00 (shipping incl)	\$
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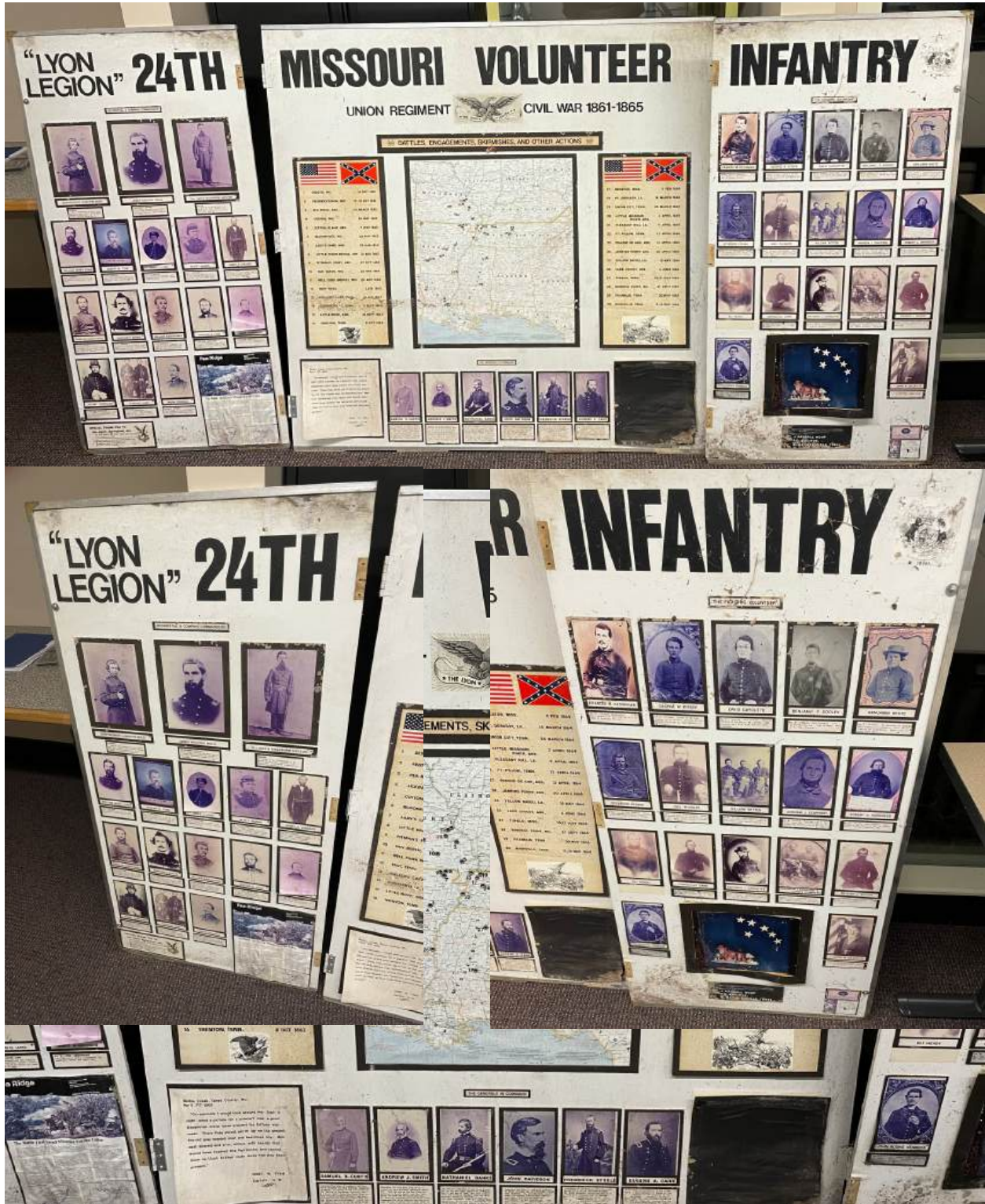
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- APRIL 12th** — Sons of Union Veterans & Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States hold their Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL.
- MAY 26th** — Memorial Day, location at St. James, MO, Veterans Home, 2 pm, so set-up will begin at 1 pm.
- MAY 30th** — Traditional Memorial Day, unknown if any events being held.
- JUNE 6th-7th** — MO Department SUVCW Annual Encampment, Best Western Plus, Fenton, MO
- JUNE 14th** — US Flag Day
- JUNE 28th-29th** — School of the Piece sponsored by the Sons of Veterans Reserve, St John's Lutheran Church, 2149 Lutheran Church Road, Beaufort, MO 63013. Registration required.
- JULY 19th - 10am** — President and General Ulysses S. Grant Remembrance Day – Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site (White Haven), 7400 Grant Road St. Louis, MO 63123
- JULY 19th** — U.S. Grant Symposium & Brooks D. Simpson Dinner, Frontenac Hilton, 1335 So. Lindbergh, St. Louis, MO 63131
- AUGUST 7th - 10th** — Sons of Union Veterans National Encampment - Sonesta Hotel, Houston IAH Airport, Houston, TX
- SEPTEMBER 8th - 10:30am** — Ceremony at Hecker, IL Cemetery - Dedicating Marker to Col Hecker
- SEPTEMBER 9th - 10:30am** — Rededication of Col Hecker Monument in Benton Park, St. Louis, MO (Dedication of New Historical Marker)
- OCTOBER 3rd - 4th** — Central Region Association, Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic Conference, Fort Wayne, IN. Exact Location TBD
- OCTOBER TBD** — Department Business Meeting
- NOVEMBER 11th** — Veterans Day
- NOVEMBER 14th - 16th** — 69th Annual *Gettysburg Address Remembrance Day Parade & Ceremonies*, Gettysburg, PA

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