



**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI**

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**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 1
Series 2023-2024
23 June 2023**

2023-2024 Elected and Staff Officers

On 3 June 2023 at Springfield, Missouri delegates to the 28th Department Encampment elected their officers. Delegates to the 142nd National Encampment were also elected. The results of the election are:

ELECTED OFFICE	NAME	CAMP
Commander	Robert J. Amsler, Jr., PDC	US Grant Camp #68
Senior Vice Commander	Robert Aubuchon, PCC	US Grant Camp #68
Junior Vice Commander	Mark Coplin, PCC	US Grant Camp #68
Secretary-Treasurer (2025)	Dale Crandell, PDC	Westport Camp #64
Council (2024)	Sumner Hunnewell, PDC	Gen. Thomas Fletcher Camp #47
Council (2024)	Gary Scheel, PDC	Felix St. James Camp #326
Council (2025)	Glen Alsop, PDC	Maj. Francis Wilhelmi Camp #17
Delegate	John Palmer	US Grant Camp #68
Delegate	Robert Aubuchon, PCC	US Grant Camp #68
Delegate	Joseph Rainey, PCC	McPherson Camp #1
Delegate	Douglas Roussin, PCC	Gen. Thomas Fletcher Camp #47
Alternate Delegate	All Department Brothers	

In accordance with the Department Bylaws and Policies, the Commander, after his election, shall appoint staff officers for a term of one (1) year. Those appointment are:

STAFF OFFICE	NAME	CAMP
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer	Walter Busch, PDC	US Grant Camp #68
Patriotic Instructor	Randal Burd, Jr., PDC	Gen. Thomas Fletcher Camp #47
Chaplain	Mark Coplin, PCC	US Grant Camp #68
Counselor	Robert Amsler, Jr., PDC	US Grant Camp #68
Quartermaster	Walter Busch, PDC	US Grant Camp #68
Graves Registration Officer	Glen Alsop, PDC	Maj. Francis Wilhelmi Camp #17
Signals Officer Webmaster, Email	Walter Busch, PDC	US Grant Camp #68
Assistant Signals Officer Social Media, Promotions	James Dixon, PCC	Columbia Tiger Camp #432

STAFF OFFICE	NAME	CAMP
Historical Records Coordinator GAR Memorials Officer Civil War Memorials Officer Historian	Walter Busch, PDC	US Grant Camp #68
Missouri Unionist Editor	Randal Burd, Jr., PDC	Gen. Thomas Fletcher Camp #47
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Sumner Hunnewell, PDC	Gen. Thomas Fletcher Camp #47
ROTC Coordinator	Sumner Hunnewell, PDC	Gen. Thomas Fletcher Camp #47
History Award Coordinator	Randal Burd, Jr., PDC	Gen. Thomas Fletcher Camp #47

I wish to thank those brothers who elected me and entrusted me with this department. I will endeavor to carry out my duties faithfully. I also wish to congratulate those brothers who are officers elected with me. For those who will serve in staff positions, I am indebted to you for your generosity to our Order and dedication to the Department of Missouri.

Ordered this 23th Day of June, 2023,

Attest:

Robert J. Amsler, Jr., PDC
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DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 2
Series 2023-2024
9 July 2023

Passing of Brother Douglas Niermeyer

With sorrow, the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War reports the passing of Brother Douglas Niermeyer on 27 June 2023.

Brother Niermeyer was a Past Camp Commander of the Francis J. Wilhelmi Camp #17 and Past Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. He was active in several hereditary organizations including the Sons of the American Revolution, Society of Colonial Wars, and Virginia Society of Cincinnati.

In memory of Brother Douglas Niermeyer, 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 fourteen days from this date.

Ordered this 9th Day of July 2023,

Robert J. Amsler, Jr., PDC
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DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 3
Series 2023-2024
9 July 2023

2023-2024 Standing and Special Committees

Bylaws Committee. In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article VII, the Department Senior Vice Commander chairs this standing committee and may appoint any brother in good standing to the committee:

Chair: Robert Aubuchon, PCC

Awards Committee. In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article VII, the Department Senior Vice Commander chairs this standing committee with our three most recent Past Department Commanders serving as committee members:

Chair: Robert Aubuchon, PCC
Member: Dale Crandell, PDC
Member: Sumner Hunnewell, PDC
Member: Gary Scheel, PDC

Encampment Site Committee. In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article VII, the Department Commander appoints at least two members to this standing committee. The committee chair may make any additional appointments he chooses:

Chair: Walter Busch, PDC
Member: Kevin Miller, PCC

JROTC Selection Committee. This special committee selects the JROTC Outstanding Cadet in accordance with Department Policy 717. The committee has a 30 October 2024 sunset. The committee chair may make any additional appointments he chooses:

Chair: Sumner Hunnewell, PDC

Programs Committee. This special committee coordinates Department-wide programs and activities that advance the principals, mission, and goals of the National Order and Department. The committee has a 30 June 2024 sunset. The committee chair may make any additional appointments he chooses:

Chair: Don Palmer, PCinC

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DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 4
Series 2023-2024
9 July 2023

2023-2024 Department Business Meetings

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article II, the Department Commander shall schedule regular business meetings in October and March; and give notice of the date, time, and location.

Date: Saturday, 14 October 2023
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Missouri River Regional Library
214 Adams Street, Jefferson City, Missouri

Date: Saturday, 9 March 2024
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Missouri River Regional Library
214 Adams Street, Jefferson City, Missouri

Per Department Policy 402, all elected officers, staff officers, and committee chairs should attend and submit written reports to the Department Commander and Department Secretary at least one week prior to the date of the business meeting (7 October 2024 and 2 March 2024). Per Department Policy 100, all officers must wear their membership badge.

All camps are encouraged to send representatives to business meetings, and all members in good standing may vote. Per Department Policy 401, all members must present their membership card when requested. All members are encouraged to wear their membership badge.

Ordered this 9th Day of July 2023,

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DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 5
Series 2023-2024
6 September 2023

Special Encampment of the Department of Missouri

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article II, the Department Commander, with consent of the Department Council, is convening a Special Department Encampment for the stated purpose:

Vote to ratify or reject recommended amendments to the SUVCW Constitution presented in General Order #2, Series 2023-2024, 10 August 2023: General Order of Membership Qualifications Ratification.

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article II, the Department Commander shall give notice of the date, time, and location.

Date: Saturday, 14 October 2023

Time: 10:00 am

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

All Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Department Commanders, and the sitting Department Commander are voting members of the Special Department Encampment. The Department Secretary provides credential cards for elected Department Officers.

All Past Camp Commanders and sitting Camp Commanders are voting members of the Department Encampment. Delegates and Alternate Delegates must be elected by their Camp. The Camp Secretary provides credential cards for Camp Officers and Delegates.

Per Department Policy 400, a delegate must present their credential card and membership card to the Department Secretary in order to vote at the Special Department Encampment. Per Department Policy 100, all Department Officers must wear their membership badge. All Officers and Delegates are encouraged to wear their membership badge.

Ordered this 6th Day of September 2023,

Attest:

Robert J. Amsler, Jr., PDC
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DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 6
Series 2023-2024
7 September 2023

2023-2024 Department Business Meetings (revision 1)

This Department Order #6 revises Department Order #4. Please note the October business meeting is rescheduled to follow the Special Department Encampment that starts at 10:00 am, Saturday, 28 October 2023.

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article II, the Department Commander shall schedule regular business meetings in October and March; and give notice of the date, time, and location.

Date: Saturday, 14 October 2023
Time: 11:00 am
Location: Missouri River Regional Library, 214 Adams Street, Jefferson City, Missouri

Date: Saturday, 9 March 2024
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Missouri River Regional Library, 214 Adams Street, Jefferson City, Missouri

Per Department Policy 402, all elected officers, staff officers, and committee chairs should attend and submit written reports to the Department Commander and Department Secretary at least one week prior to the date of the business meeting (7 October 2023 and 2 March 2024). Per Department Policy 100, all officers must wear their membership badge.

All camps are encouraged to send representatives to business meetings, and all members in good standing may vote. Per Department Policy 401, all members must present their membership card when requested. All members are encouraged to wear their membership badge.

Ordered this 7th Day of September 2023,

Attest:

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DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 6
Series 2023-2024
8 September 2023

2023-2024 Department Business Meetings (revision 2)

This Department Order #6 revises Department Order #4. Please note the October business meeting is rescheduled to follow the Special Department Encampment that starts at 10:00 am, Saturday, 14 October 2023.

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article II, the Department Commander shall schedule regular business meetings in October and March; and give notice of the date, time, and location.

Date: Saturday, 14 October 2023
Time: 11:00 am
Location: Missouri River Regional Library, 214 Adams Street, Jefferson City, Missouri

Date: Saturday, 9 March 2024
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Missouri River Regional Library, 214 Adams Street, Jefferson City, Missouri

Per Department Policy 402, all elected officers, staff officers, and committee chairs should attend and submit written reports to the Department Commander and Department Secretary at least one week prior to the date of the business meeting (7 October 2023 and 2 March 2024). Per Department Policy 100, all officers must wear their membership badge.

All camps are encouraged to send representatives to business meetings, and all members in good standing may vote. Per Department Policy 401, all members must present their membership card when requested. All members are encouraged to wear their membership badge.

Ordered this 8th Day of September 2023,

Attest:

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DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 7
Series 2023-2024
18 March 2024

Early Department Award Nomination Deadline

Please be advised that in accord with the discussions during the business meeting hereby order that nominations for all awards be forwarded to Brother Bob Aubuchon, Senior Vice-Commander by 11:59 p.m. on 15 April 2024 in order to provide sufficient time for the award plaques to be made prior to the department encampment. All members are encouraged to review the qualifications for the awards and make nominations in accord with department regulations and policies.

Ordered this 18th Day of March, 2024,

Robert J. Amsler, Jr., PDC
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Attest:

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DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 8
Series 2023-2024
6 April 2024

U.S. Grant Day

All brothers are strongly encouraged to support the bill for U.S. Grant Day in the Missouri House. The bill is HB 2751, Ulysses S. Grant Day. The bill is to be heard sometime after 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 6 at the state capitol. All brothers are encouraged to attend. In addition, please bring anyone else who would like to appear. You may attend in support or click to provide testimony. Everyone's help, even outside of our organization is greatly appreciated. Please go to <https://house.mo.gov/> and click on "hearings" and click on "special committee on tourism" and a window will pop up. On the upper right you can click on "submit witness form" or "submit testimony form" and complete. The testimony is for you to put you own comments on the committee's record or you can attend with the witness form. I and Bob Aubuchon will attend and would welcome your attendance. But if you cannot attend, please submit your comments via the website.

If you cannot attend, please go to the website and click on the link above and click submit written testimony and add you can enter what testimony you wish to submit on the form. It can be as simple as stating you support the bill because you believe a great hero like U.S. Grant deserves the recognition.

Ordered this 6th Day of April, 2024,

Attest:

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DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 9
Series 2023-2024
7 April 2024

29th Encampment of the Department of Missouri

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article II, the Department of Missouri shall hold an annual Encampment on the 1st Saturday in June at a place determined by the Department's Encampment Site Committee with notice given by the Department Commander:

Time-Date: 10:00 am, Saturday, 1 June 2024

Location: BTC Bank, 2302 Main Street, Boonville, Missouri

Attendees to the Department Encampment must complete the registration form and pay \$7 if pre-registering and \$10 if registering onsite. The pre-registration deadline is extended to 25 May 2024:

https://www.suvcwmo.org/uploads/3/0/9/6/30960503/2024_department_of_missouri_encampment.pdf

Per Department Policy 402, all elected and appointed officers, and committee chairs should attend and submit written reports and recommendations to the Department Commander and Secretary by 25 May 2024. All Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Department Commanders, and elected Department Officers are voting delegates at the Department Encampment. The Department Secretary provides credential cards for Department Officers.

All Camps are requested to submit written reports and recommendations to the Department Commander and Department Secretary by 25 May 2024. Camps are encouraged to elect their quota of delegates to the Department Encampment. All Past Camp Commanders and Camp Commanders are voting delegates at the Department Encampment. The Camp Secretary provides credential cards for Camp officers and delegates.

Per Department Policy 400, a delegate must present their credential card and membership card to the Department Secretary. Per Department Policy 100, all Department Officers must wear their membership badge. All Camp Officers and delegates are encouraged to wear their membership badge.

Ordered this 6th Day of April, 2024,

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General Order #2 (Amendment)
Series 2023 – 2024

10 August 2023

General Order on Membership
Qualifications Ratification

1. The 142nd National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War passed the following change to the SUVCW Constitution, which must be ratified by more than 50% of the Departments.

a. Recommendation 1: The Constitution of the Order is hereby amended as follows:

Article III, Eligibility to Membership, is hereby amended to read as follows:

All male descendants, for the purpose of this Constitution, and all Regulations, Orders, and other official acts of the National Organization; Departments and Camps “male” is defined as a person who was biologically male at birth, whether through lineal or collateral lineages specified in Article VII of this Constitution who are blood relatives of soldiers, sailors, marines or members of the Revenue Cutter Service, who were regularly mustered and served honorably in, were honorably discharged from, or died in the service of the Army Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America or such State regiments as were called into active service and were subject to orders of United States general officers, during the War of the Rebellion between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865; who have never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime; and who have, or whose ancestors through whom membership is claimed have, never voluntarily borne arms against the Government of the United States of America shall have eligibility to membership.

b. Recommendation 2The Constitution of the Order is hereby amended as follows:

Article VII, Section 2, Subsections (a) and (b) are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. Associates. There shall be two classes of Associates.

1. Associates are males, a person who was biologically male at birth, at least fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the blood relative qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation but otherwise meet the requirements of membership established by the National Organization.
2. Junior Associates are males being a person who was biologically male at birth, at least six (6) years of age but less than fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the blood relative qualifications stipulated in Article III of the Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization.

c. Recommendation 3: The Constitution of the Order is hereby amended as follows:

Article VII, Membership, is hereby amended to add a new Section 6 to read as follows:

Section 6. A Brother who has been duly elected to membership in the Order shall not be subsequently disqualified from membership or be discharged from the Order solely because of that Brother's change in gender or sexual identification.

d. Recommendation 4: The Regulations of the Order are hereby amended as follows:

Chapter III, Article X, Junior Associates, Section 2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. Junior Associates shall being a person who was biologically male at birth, at least six (6) years of age but less than fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet ancestor service (blood relative) qualifications stipulated in Article III on the Constitution and Section 200303 of the Articles of Incorporation but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization.

Recommendation 5 Refer to the Program & Policy during 142nd National Encampment

e. ~~Recommendation 5. It is recommended that Form 3, Membership Application, be amended so that the declaration in Part II, Application Information and Declaration, be amended to read as follows:~~

~~I declare that I am a male being a person who was biologically male at birth, and that this application has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is true, correct and complete and, if accepted, I will obey and support the National Constitution of the Order, the Bylaws of the Department and the Bylaws of the Camp.~~

2. All Departments will see that this General Order is disseminated throughout. There cannot be any changes made to the items presented as this is the wording accepted by the 142nd National Encampment. It is strictly a For or Against Ratification vote.

3. Once the vote has been taken the Department Commander through the Department Secretary will notify IN WRITING the Commander-in-Chief and the National Secretary of the result of said vote. As soon as the 51 percent of the Departments ratify these changes will be in effect.

So Ordered on the 10th Day of August 2023

Respectfully In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Peter J. Hritsko Jr

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Commander-in-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Submitted 10 August 2023

attest:

Daniel W Murray

National Secretary

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War