



**DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
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Phyllis Freeman who suddenly passed away at the beginning of the year. I was talking to her granddaughter, **Sister Rachel Hall**, a duv, who suggested a bench at Missouri Botanical Gardens where Sister Phyllis enjoyed visiting. I am open to suggestions.

With this being the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, many activities are happening throughout the country.

I anticipate with enjoyment, visiting each of your tents. Please send me information so I can plan my visit.

Dear Sisters,

I would like to congratulate **PDP Dianne Scheffing** and her officers on the successful Missouri Department Convention where I was elected President. Thank you for having the confidence in choosing me for your Missouri Department President. Regretfully, Sister Joan Sorrels, PDP has been ill and not able to move up in office. We extend our love to Sister Joannie hoping she feels better soon.

I realize, that having the Missouri Convention in Columbia, June 5-7, 2015, will present a few obstacles but we have accomplished this before with very little problems in the past and my Columbia sisters are fantastic and capable. I hope to see all of you there next year. One concern the Department dealt with was the monthly charge the bank was deducting. **Sister Treasurer Elna Williams** is working on the removal of the \$10.00 monthly fee or the possible change in bank.

This is going to be an exciting new year. Missouri is hosting the **2015 National Convention in St. Charles/St. Louis**, August 4-9, 2015. There are many aspects to cover and it will be a challenge. Tents are making arrangements for the event.

We have several items for sale to help finance the Convention, one being the Carolina Blue DUVCW t-shirts and another being a pin, shaped like Missouri. (See attached)

If you have any items appropriate to donate for either Convention, please contact me, books, afghans, etc.

I would like to dedicate a bench for **PDP**,

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Rebecca Louise Konersmann

Chaplain's Report

Sister Joanne Aylward of Tent # 20, Kahoka sadly reported the death of **Sister Shirley Jones Roberts**, charter member of Tent #20, Past Tent President and Past MO Department President. **Shirley** passed away 25 July 2014 at Ottumwa, IA after a long and courageous battle with cancer. **Sister Shirly** was a member of Davis St. Christian Church, the Red Hat Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of Union Veterans and the South East Iowa Button Club. She was also a 50 year member of the Order of Eastern Star Ottumwa Chapter #112 and Order of the Amaranth.

Condolences may be sent to her daughter, **Cynthia (Mrs. Mike) Albright**, 2433 South Fontaine, Decatur, IL 62521.

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Upcoming Events

Centralia, Missouri

Sister Mila Cunningham announces Saturday, September 13th @ 10:30 am at the **Centralia Battlefield**, a wreath ceremony will be held at the Union Soldiers Monument for the 150th Anniversary of the Centralia Massacre.

Contact: **Jack Chance**

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The Friends of the Centralia Battlefield will be conducting a re-enactment on September 13 and 14th, 2014

No charge except for parking – Events for men, women and children – Traditional food available for purchase as well as hamburgers and popcorn-Other souvenirs may be purchased. For more information

<http://www.centraliabattlefield.com>

September 27-28, 2014 Pilot Knob, Missouri 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Pilot Knob at Fort Davidson, Arcadia Valley, SE, MO

<http://www.battleofpilotknob.org/>

October 11-12th, 2014 150th Anniversary of Battle of Glasgow, Missouri, upstream from Boonville.

[Http://glasgowmo.com/reenactment/index.html](http://glasgowmo.com/reenactment/index.html)

October 25-26, 2014 Richmond, Mo 150th Anniversary Battle of Albany (guerilla war)

<http://battleofalbanby-raycountymo.angelfire.com>

October 24-26, 2014 Kansas City

Battle of Westport in or near Swope Park
www.battleofwestport150.org

Please check out the upcoming plans The 2015 Lincoln Funeral Coalition in Springfield, Illinois

http://lincolnfunealtrain.org/2015_event.php

Research and recreation

Sister Gail Shoush of Macon, Tent 23 sent information on a booklet on Missouri in the Civil War. **Kenneth Weant** transcribes Civil War articles off of the microfilm of Missouri papers and then publishes them. He has done lots of newspapers and hopefully is working on St. Louis papers now. He just finished a set of transcriptions from the Columbia paper. His books are usually \$25.00---which includes shipping.

website <http://www.gonewestpub.com/>

Good reading

Free from Kindle

“The Story of a Common Soldier in Army Life in the Civil War” by Private Leander Stillwell.

Private Stillwell is from Jersey County, Illinois and tells his story of Benton Barracks in St. Louis and various battles.

“Blue & Gray Cross Current” by new member **Suzanne Chilton with her husband, Dan Chilton.**

This is the love story, based on the memoirs of Dan Chilton's ancestor, Alexander Chilton who joins Coles Regiment as First Lieutenant in the Confederacy. The story takes place in the Missouri Ozarks around Eminence, Missouri where the authors now live. It explains many reasons why people who had no slaves fought for the Confederacy. Things weren't just black and white. Cost is about \$ 13.50 from Amazon and well worth it. Sister Suzanne had to imagine what life was like and brought the memoirs to life, with the right amount of sugar, herbs and spice.

<http://www.blueandgraycrosscurrent.com/>

Another book written by a Union soldier and rather interesting is **“Lights and Shadows in Confederate Prisons, A Personal Experience, 1864-1865 by Homer B. Sprague, Ph.D., Bvt.-Colonel 13th Connecticut Volunteers** - published 1915

Written with humor and sarcasm – don't mention the Vermin episodes....a good read.

“After our nineteen miles' march it was a most welcome relief to be placed on platform cars, though packed so closely that we could hardly stir.

We objected that the cars had no tops. "All the better opportunity to study astronomy," they replied.—"The cars have no sides to keep off the wind."—"The scenery is magnificent," they rejoined, "and they'll answer for 'observation cars'; you have an unobstructed view."—"But the nights are growing cold."—"You'll keep warm by contact with each other." Mad at this mockery, hungry, half-frozen, squeezed like fish in a basket, we took little note of scenery or stars; but it was a comfort to believe that our discomfort was caused by the rapid advance of Sheridan's cavalry.”

Kindle for \$2.99

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