

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR 1861-1865
General Orders #2 2012-2013



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President's Message

Dear Sisters,

I hope all the Tents are having a good year. I enjoyed visiting Julia Grant Dent Tent # 16 on October 6th, 2012,

Don't forget our Missouri Department Convention on June 7, 8, and 9th, 2013 at the Comfort Inn in Macon, MO. We are planning a great event. More information will be in the next GO. We appreciate any news we can get from the Tents.

Our official information on the Convention will be in the next GO.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Convention.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Marilyn Freeman
Department President

DP requests each Tent to donate a themed basket for the Silent Auction at the Department Convention. The Silent Auction benefits the Department President's project.

Annual Convention Report August 2012

122nd National Convention at the Los Angeles Marriott, August 9-13, 2012

Thursday, August 9th

The 122nd Convention began with the Grand

Mark Your Calendars
and plan to attend on
June 7, 8 & 9, 2013
the MO Department Convention
at the Comfort Inn, Macon, MO.

Opening on Thursday evening with National President, Sister Barbara Walsh Stone presiding. Color Guard was from the James Monroe Junior High School JROTC. A Welcome address was presented by Senior Vice President (and Convention Chair) Carole Morton. Greetings were presented from members of SUV, MOLLUS, Auxiliary to the SUV (and more) and letters read from various Senators and Congressmen.

Friday, August 10th

The morning meetings began. The Bible was opened and was draped in remembrance of Sister Patricia Mullinex (Past National President and member of Tent 20, Kahoka, MO) and Testimonies were given by several Sisters, including myself, Cindy VanAntwerp and Barbara Stone. Then the business portion of the meeting began with the reading of reports and Executive Board recommendation. During the late morning session there was also the initiation of 6 new members, including 2 duvs (cousins of Sister Phyllis Freeman).

During the lunch break the California/Nevada Department had set up a Hospitality Room with finger foods and snack; and several displays and presentations which were available during many of the free times during the weekend. The Credentials report showed 46 Voting and 42 Non-Voting members present.

Some of the facts that were reported by various officers included

- DUVCW total volunteer hours of 32,683;
- 439 applications sent or given to prospective members
- 1033 Flags placed at grave sites
- 119 Schools visited.

Friday evening was the Memory Banquet.

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Saturday, August 11th

- The business session was opened with the presentation of the Colors by Naval Sea Cadets, Betsy Ross Division (founded in 1984).
- Credentials Committee reported 49 Voting (including 4 PNPs); 53 non-voting.
- The business session continued for most of the day including 2 awards to Missouri Department Tent 22 (Mary Whitney Phelps) - the first was the W. Glen Davis Award for most new members, excluding transfers and reinstatements; the second was the George W. McVeigh Award for the Tent, over 3 years old, with most new members, excluding transfers and reinstatements. The Katy Brownell Award to a person who has shown dedication to our organization and the community went to Janeth Seyfang, PNP.

(*) One of the major issues discussed during the Convention was the new IRS compliance issues for 501C3 status (non-profit). There will be information coming to many Tents and Departments requiring documentation for the years 2008-2012. It will be *VERY IMPORTANT* that all Tents and Departments use only the current forms that will be sent out via the Department Presidents (to be forwarded on to the Tents).

Saturday night was the always fun All States Banquet. The California/Nevada Department put on a skit all dressed up as cows; and since no one else put on a skit, they won the right to keep the 'statue' for another year. Our incoming President was also dressed as a cow (in the front of the rest of the cows in the attached picture - at least I hope I can get the picture sent).

Sunday, August 12th

The day began with our Worship Service and Memorial Service headed up by Sister Chaplain Sally Redinger. .

Monday, August 13th concluded the Convention with final officers' reports. The official attendance was given by the Credentials Committee - 49 voting members, and 54 non-voting members. Election new Officers (installation held on

Monday, August 13) as follows:

President: Carole Morton (CA/NV)
Sr. Vice President: Ellen Higgins (PA)
Jr. Vice President: Sally Redinger (MI)
Chaplain: Jan Rynerson (IN)
Treasurer: Susan Watkins (CO/WY)
Registrar: Janice Cass (OH)
Patriotic Instructor: Sarah Meyer (Det Tent - GA)
Council Members: Barbara Stone (#1) Phyllis Freeman (#2) (MO), Lois Reinhart (#3) (OH), Norma Schmidt (#4) (CO/WY) & Linda Ring (#5) (NE)
Board of Trustees: Ozzie Thompson, PNP (MN) & Janet Uribe, PDP (CA/NV)
Legislative Committee: Judy Frohm (PNP) & Patricia Blackman (WI)
GAR Living Memorial: Sandra Millen (PA), Marguerite Dyal (Det Tent GA) & Sherry Harbol (MN)

Please see the National GO # 1 for additional information concerning other motions passed and general information. (Note: the motion from Missouri Department, (proposed by Tent 16) to reduce the cost for a member bringing multiple 'duv' members was passed and earned a round of applause from the floor.)

The above information is submitted in the hopes that they will provide information concerning the National Convention. I personally invite all of you to attend the 123rd National Convention to be held in Lincoln Nebraska Wed-Sun, July 31 to August 5, 2013. The 2014 Convention will be held in Gettysburg, PA July 29 to August 4, 2014. The location of the 2015 Convention is not firmed up, but 2016 will be in Springfield and hosted by National.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Phyllis D. Freeman, PDP
National Council Member #2

GO#1 CORRECTION

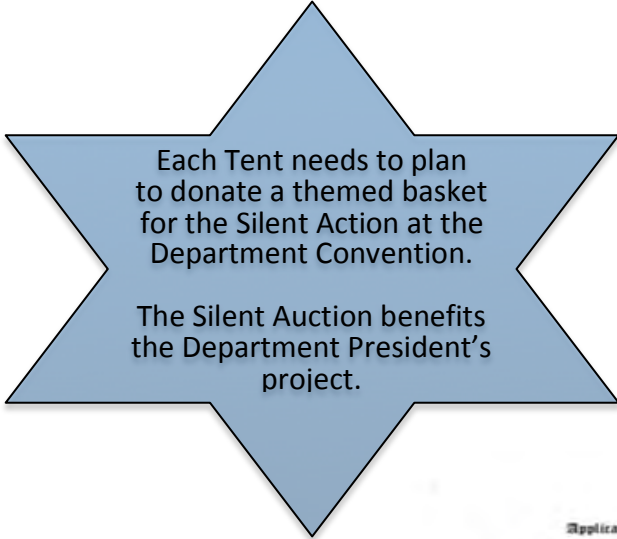
Sister Rebecca Konersmann Chaplain
DUVCW Tent # 16 email is wrong in GO #1.

Change to: Beciblu@aol.com

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2012-2013 Department President's Project

January 2013 Update:



Marilyn Freeman, Department President is continuing the project of online images started by Fran Black by adding the applications that correspond with the Register Books for the Missouri Veterans Home (St. James) which was originally a home for Union soldiers and was known as the Federal Soldiers' Home until 1977. See samples of Applications for admission, Certificate of Identification and file cover.

Volume 2 of the St. James Soldiers Home database is now up on the web. Volume 2 covers June 25, 1897 through October 31, 1913. Volume 3 (through 1929) will be added some time in the near future.

SOLDIER
Application for Admission
to
The Federal Soldiers' Home of Missouri
ST. JAMES, MO.

THE STATE OF MISSOURI, in County of Franklin, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the original application for admission to the Federal Soldiers' Home of Missouri, as filed in the office of the Board of Managers, at St. James, Missouri, on the 27th day of February, 1929.

1. Name of applicant: Alfred Cahley

2. When in your service? St. James Mo

3. Date of birth: 1852

4. Where born: Benton County, Mo

5. How long have you been a citizen of Missouri? 37 years

6. Where have you worked the past ten years? St. James Missouri

7. When and where married? Philpa Missouri

8. In what war did you serve the United States Government? Civil War

9. What is the date of enlistment? Feb 27 - 1862

10. The place of enlistment? St. Louis

11. In what company and regiment, or unit? Co. E, 150th Regt. Ill. Inf.

12. Rank or line of discharge? Private

13. Date of discharge? Sept 26 - 1865

14. Place of discharge? St. Louis, Mo

15. Cause of discharge? Disability

16. Are you disabled? Yes, on both sides of my face, and also have the disability now caused by old age and disease of old age

17. Has the State of Missouri ever been a member of the National Guard? Yes

18. Have you ever been a member? Yes

19. Where did you serve? St. James

20. What is your occupation? None

21. How are you supported? None

22. Are you single, married, widowed? Widowed

23. If married, to your wife, name? Philpa

24. How many, to your wife, name? None

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SOLDIER

Application of
Alfred Cahley
for admission to
State Federal Soldiers' Home
ST. JAMES, MISSOURI

NOV 4 - 1929

Admitted to the Home
11-4-29

Board Number
254

24. What health have you during? None

25. How many, the said P. O. address of your present living address?

26. Have you been an inmate of any Soldiers' Home, Veterans' Home, Soldiers' Relief Home, or any other place and how long and when?

at St. James Mo discharged as per
discharge

Signature of applicant: Alfred Cahley

Signature of Board of Managers: Alfred Cahley

SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

I certify that I have personally examined Cahley, Alfred and that he is a Union soldier discharged from service in 1865 and that he is a citizen of Missouri.

Character of disability: Warman injury of both eyes

Is he insane? No

Signature of Surgeon: William H. Miller

Certificate of Identification

THE STATE OF MISSOURI, in County of Franklin, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the original certificate of identification for the Federal Soldiers' Home of Missouri, as filed in the office of the Board of Managers, at St. James, Missouri, on the 27th day of February, 1929.

Name of applicant: Alfred Cahley

Signature of Board of Managers: Alfred Cahley

Action of Board of Managers

The foregoing application and accompanying evidence having been examined, the application is approved, subject to confirmation by the Board of Managers, at St. James, Missouri.

Date: Nov 4 - 1929

Signature of Board of Managers: Alfred Cahley

ATTENTION

The Board of Managers of the Federal Soldiers' Home of Missouri, at St. James, Missouri, has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the foregoing application and accompanying evidence, and to advise that the same has been forwarded to the Board of Managers, at St. James, Missouri, for their consideration and action thereon.

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2011-2012 Missouri Department President's Project Wrap-up



John Dougan, State Archivist, and Christina Miller, Senior Reference Archivist, accept the \$1500.00 check from PDP Fran Black at the Missouri State Archives on July 17, 2012.

Fran Black, Department President, 2011-2012

I am pleased to announce that the digitization and indexing of Volume 1 of the Missouri Veterans Home (St. James) Inmate Register is complete and ready for viewing on the Missouri State Archives website.

As you know, the goal for my project was \$1000.00, which would pay for scanning and data entry needed in order to make the documents from Volume 1 accessible online. The total raised for my project was \$1560.00, so I contacted the Missouri State Archives to inquire about other volumes. For another \$500.00, the Archives would be able to digitize and index Volumes 2 and 3. Needless to say, I authorized our Treasurer, Elna Williams, to send the Archives a check for \$1500.00.

Volume #1 covers applications from June 1897-August 1903; Volume #2 covers applications from August 1903-October 1913; and Volume #3 covers applications from October 1913-February 1929.

Volume #2 and #3 are waiting indexing and will be up on the Archives website soon.

As promised the Missouri State Archives is giving credit to the Missouri Department DUVCW for underwriting the project. Both John Dougan, State Archivist, and Christina Miller, Senior Reference Archivist, expressed their appreciation to Missouri Daughters of Union Veterans for funding this project.

Here is the link to the Federal Soldiers Home Collection:
http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/mdh_splash/default.asp?coll=movethome

Thank you, Missouri Department, for your support of this worthwhile project.

Fran Black, PDP

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Missouri DUVCW Releases Online Images of the Missouri Veterans Home (St. James) Inmate Register

Dick Eastman's genealogical blog: September 12, 2012
http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2012/09/missouri-duvcw-releases-online-images-of-the-missouri-veterans-home-st-james-inmate-register.html

- The Missouri Department Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War has released a great new resource for anyone researching Civil War Union veterans. You can find a lot of genealogical information included in almost every soldier's file. The following announcement was written by the Missouri Department Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865:

- The Missouri Department Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 (DUVCW) is pleased to announce that the digitization and indexing of Volume 1 of the Missouri Veterans Home (St. James) Inmate Register is complete and ready for viewing on the Missouri State Archives website.

- Volume 1 contains the original admission registers for 396 residents from June 25, 1897 through August 11, 1903. Information given in the register may include name, admission date and number, friends or near kin, service record, date and place of birth, age on admission, amount of pension, nature of disability, occupation, marital status, literacy, church and lodge memberships. Additional remarks may also include biographical data, limited family history, addresses of relatives, date of death, and place of burial. Additional volumes will be added to the collection as they become available.

- Past Department President Fran Black chose this as her project during her term as president 2011-2012. The project was funded by donations from members around the state. Here is the link to the site:

- http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/mdh_splash/default.asp?coll=movethome

- DUVCW is a national organization, with over 3500 members in some 100 Tents (chapters) around the United States. Missouri has 5 Tents and over 300 members. Membership in the organization requires lineal descent from a Union Soldier or Sailor.

- National DUVCW website: www.duvcw.org

- Department of Missouri website: www.missouriduvchw.org

October 15, 2012: The Archives changed the front page of the Missouri Veterans Home (St. James) Inmate Registers to reflect my request about the donation line. Instead of being hidden in the first paragraph, it's now set off in it's own paragraph.

http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/mdh_splash/default.asp?coll=movethome

The **2010-2011 Missouri Department President's Project** Civil War Trunk is now officially housed at the Boone County Historical Museum, Columbia MO. Some items will be on display in the rotating Civil War Exhibit. The Department President now has a full inventory for her assets folder. The museum's educational committee is coordinating the sharing of these resources with school children.

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Missouri Department Recognition

The Missouri Department of DUVCW was recognized at the 26th Annual Monetary Awards Program held in Mexico, Missouri by the Missouri Veterans Home there. Department Treasurer Elna Williams and members Becky Lang and Catherine Llewellyn were in attendance at the Awards Luncheon held on October 17, 2012. The money donated was generated by department members and tents saving Best Choice labels. When 1000 labels are collected and mailed, the Department receives \$60 which is then donated to one of the seven Missouri State Veterans' Homes on a rotating basis. Last year the Department mailed donations to homes in Cameron, Cape Girardeau and Mexico. Keep saving those labels and giving them to your tent or mail to the Department Treasurer.

Tent Reports

Julia Dent Grant Tent #16 Takes Part in Flag Retirement Ceremony

On the afternoon of October 6th, members of the Julia Dent Grant Tent #16 took part in a Flag Retirement Ceremony. The ceremony was held at the Polar Star Masonic Lodge in the city of Creve Coeur, Missouri location in St. Louis County. The members from the Julia Dent Grant Tent #16 were Ruth Funck, PNP, Dianne Scheffing, Missouri Department Senior Vice President, Rebecca Konersmann, Missouri Department Chaplain, and Charlene Konersmann, PDP.

The ceremony was arranged by Randy Davis Worshipful Master of Polar Star-Rose Hill #79 Masonic Lodge and other members of the Lodge. Also taking part in the ceremony were members of Boy Scout Group #85. Along with the collection of 200 flags from Julia Dent Grant Tent #16, the Boys Scouts collected more than 1000 flags to be retired at the event.

The ceremony began outside the lodge with the retirement of the flag that flew outside of the lodge for many years. The old flag was lowered down and a new flag was raised by Randy Davis. The old flag was brought into the lodge by the boy scouts then taken to the parking lot where it was folded into a triangle in preparation for burning on a pit. Before the flag was placed on the pit, a history of the American Flag and why we burn it rather than just throw it away was read by leader of Boy Scout troop #85. He explained what the meaning of each color of the flag and how our flag has changed over the many years it has flown over our country. He then placed ashes from a previous flag retirement ceremony into the fire pit as a symbol of the beginning of a new retirement of old and worn flags. Before the flag, lowered from the flagpole, was placed onto the pit, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone as a final farewell.

During the rest of the ceremony the Boy Scouts took turns retiring flags, each folded into a triangle. Missouri Department Senior Vice President Dianne Scheffing and the Missouri Department Chaplain Rebecca Konersmann both retired flags as well. In all 75 flags were retired before the evening's end.

Afterwards, refreshments of hot dogs and hot chocolate were served by the Lodge members to the visitors and were enjoyed by everyone.

Submitted by Dianne Scheffing, Missouri Department Senior Vice President and member of Julia Dent Grant Tent #16 St. Louis, MO

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Tent No. 22 Participates in Memorial Ceremony to Dedicate Civil War Veteran's Headstone

On Saturday, September 22, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., a number of members of Mary Whitney Phelps Tent No. 22, Springfield, Missouri, took part in a memorial service to dedicate a new government-issued military headstone for Civil War veteran Thomas Keeling at the Orten-Tippin Cemetery, east of Elkland, in Webster County, Missouri.

Thomas Keeling was born on February 8, 1836, in Blount County, Tennessee. He eventually moved near the village of Ebenezer in Greene County, Missouri, and married Delilah Wallis. In August 1864, the twenty-eight-



Photo Provided by Rose Jones

**Headstone of Corporal Thomas Keeling
Orten-Tippin Cemetery
Webster County, Missouri**

year-old Keeling enlisted as a private in Co. F, 46th Missouri Infantry in Springfield, Missouri. He was promoted to corporal within a month of his enlistment. Following a hard march between Arkansas and Cassville, Missouri, in late February 1865, Keeling suffered from intestinal complications. He was honorably discharged in March of that year – shortly before the end of the war and returned home to his farm and wife. Delilah passed away in 1876; there were no children born to them. In 1878, he married Mary Willhite, and they had five children. Keeling purchased 160 acres of land near St. Luke's Church, Conway, Missouri, in 1883. In 1890, he was granted an \$8-per-month invalid's pension. In 1906, he purchased 160 acres east of the Orten-Tippin Cemetery. He died on December 2, 1909, and is buried at that cemetery with his wife, a son, a daughter, and twin grandsons.

The project began earlier this year when Keeling's great-great-granddaughter, Tammy Soverns, of Odessa, Missouri, sought the assistance of Jeff Patrick, librarian at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, in her quest to place a military headstone at the unmarked grave of her ancestor. Mr. Patrick aided her in the headstone application process with the Veterans Administration and also suggested that a memorial ceremony could be arranged, hosted by the Sons of Union Veterans and the Daughters of Union Veterans.

Past Missouri Department President and Past Tent No. 22 President Fran Black graciously volunteered to assist in coordinating the event—to be modeled after a 1917 Grand Army of the Republic headstone-dedication ceremony.

The application for the headstone was approved by the Veterans Administration, and on August 19, Robert Clanton, past commander of Phelps Camp No. 66, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, set the headstone—with the assistance of two of his children—in Orten-Tippin Cemetery, east of Elkland, in Webster County, Missouri.

Tent No. 22 members—many in period attire—in attendance at the ceremony were: Anne Appleby, Rosemary Bane, Fran Black, Sally Bueno, Nancy Burfield, Jody Clifton, Rose Jones, Margaret Maulin, and Cherrie Mann. Jackie Warfel, a DUV prospective honorary member, was also in attendance. Members from both DUV and SUV—along with descendants of Corporal Keeling—participated in the impressive ceremony. Ms. Soverns, whose comments concluded the program, expressed her gratitude to the approximately 70 people in attendance. The family provided a lunch afterward at nearby St. Luke's Church.

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Photo Provided by Rose Jones

**Representing Tent No. 22 at the Keeling Memorial were:
Standing (left-right): Sally Bueno (PTP), Jody Clifton (PTP), Cherrie Mann,
Rose Jones (Tent No. 22 President), Fran Black (PDP, PTP), Anne Appleby,
Jackie Warfel, and Margaret Maulin (PDP, PTP)
Seated (left-right): Rosemary Bane and Nancy Burfield**

**Mary Whitney Phelps Tent No. 22
Inducted 2 Real Daughters**

Mary Whitney Phelps Tent # 22 inducted 2 Real Daughters in 2012. Emogene Cassell Horton, 86, daughter of Jackson Cassell (1845-1926) was approved on October 20, 2012. Her father was born on May 17, 1845, and enlisted as a Union soldier in Berryville, Arkansas January 28, 1864, and was mustered in at Springfield, Missouri, on February 19, 1864. He served in Company M Second Regiment Arkansas Calvary Union. Emogene was born in Searcy County, Arkansas and lives in Marshall, Arkansas in the same house (celebrating its 100th anniversary next year) where she was born and grew up in. Three weeks after Emogene was born her father passed away. She and her sister Earlene were children of Cassell and Delia (O'Neal) Ward who married in September 1922. Cassell was 77

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and father of 11 when he married her mother who had three children from previous marriage. Her mother passed away at 75 in January 1969. Emogene has had eight children with six still living. Many changes have been made to her home that she enjoyed her entire life including a well on the front porch that she still draws water from, electricity installed in 1948, and running water installed in 1958. She still washes clothes and line dries her laundry, drives wherever she needs to go, enjoys quilting, crocheting and watching John Wayne movies.

Juanita Tudor Lowrey, 86, daughter of Hugh Tudor (1847-1828) was approved on December 15, 2012. Her father was born in Iowa in 1847 and enlisted as a Union soldier as an Infantry Private in early 1864. Tudor moved with his unit through Kentucky, Tennessee and to the East Coast. Hugh was in Washington, D.C. after the Lincoln assassination. Juanita proudly possesses Tudor's diaries, tintype photographs and newspaper clippings. Having a 50 year marriage to his first wife, he then married 36 year old Mary Morgan in 1920. To this union two daughters-HuDean Grace in 1824 and Juanita Mary 1826-were added. Tudor passed away when Juanita was two years old and she has no memory of him. "Skeet", a family nickname, graduated from Chillicothe Business College and at 21 purchased a home in Kansas City with down payment money her mother gave her from her father's Army pension. Juanita married Tom DeFord, moved to Michigan, and raised three children. They retired to Arkansas where DeFord died in 1992. She married again (just like her father) at age 70, Russell Lowery, someone she attended school with in Dawn, Missouri. Juanita resides in Kearney.

Mary Whitney Phelps Tent No. 22 of Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 Elects Officers and Appointed Positions for 2013

Mary Whitney Phelps Tent No. 22 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, of Springfield, MO., has elected new officers for 2013. They are: Nancy Burfield, president; Dee Dosch, senior vice president; Connie Bogner, junior vice president; Judy Garrett, chaplain; Doris Jones, patriotic instructor; Fran Black, treasurer; Rose Jones, council member #1; Linda Charles, council member #2; Anne Appleby, council member #3; Sharon Brown, secretary; Margaret Maulin, registrar; Myrna Fischer, press correspondent; Marilyn Lucas, guide; Carmen Boyd, guard; Martha Terry, assistant guard; Connie Bogner, historian; Rosemary Bane, musician; Micki Dischinger, color bearer; Connie Irby, duvs chairman; Fran Black, state-owned homes and hospitals representative; Patti Hobbs, webmaster; Linda Inman, hospitality chairman; and Dee Dosch, Connie Bogner, and Cherrie Mann, program committee.

Mary Whitney Phelps Tent No. 22 currently has 93 members (including 3 Real Daughters—women whose fathers actually served in the Civil War). Membership is through a direct ancestor who served for the Union in the Civil War; girls as young as eight years old are eligible to join. For information on becoming a member, call Margaret Maulin at 886-8197 or visit <http://duvmissouritent22.org/>.



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Tent #23 Report



Josephine Garlock Morrow, Tent #23. Pictured from left to right Marilyn Freeman, DUV State President, Ruth Masten Tent President Sharon Hutchinson, Linda Haley and Anne Freeman. On September 29, 2012 Tent #23 participated in the Macon County Historical Society during their Civil War Day. Sharon Hutchinson donated a handmade rug for us to sell chances on with the proceeds to be used for the State Convention. The rug was drawn at the December Meeting. The lucky winner was Anne Freeman.



State President, Marilyn Freeman and Rebecca Konnerman on October 6, 2012 when she and State Treasurer Elna Williams visited Julia Dent Grant Tent #16 on her official visit.

From: Department Registrar, Nancy Thomas

Updates to Membership Database Rosters

In recent years an Excel database of all Missouri DUV members has been maintained by various volunteers and Dept Presidents for the purpose of sending out the GO's. Mila Cunningham has graciously been maintaining the roster this year. I talked with her yesterday about a shift in reporting procedures and she agreed wholeheartedly.

As Department Registrar, it makes the most sense to have ONE database that is maintained and the likely officer is the Department Registrar. Therefore I am asking you as Presidents and Registrars to please send the changes, additions and corrections to me directly. This will alleviate the need to be cross-checking more than one database and risking the chance of leaving someone off. This database will include ALL active members of MO tents.

In addition I do have a few requests as Registrar:

1. Please send me a copy of the application papers of all new members as soon as possible. You should also send a copy to the National Registrar, and National headquarters, as well as keep a copy for your own files.
2. The ONLY copy that needs to be on yellow, 11 x 17 acid-free paper is the one sent to the *National headquarters*. All others can be on white 8.5 x 11 paper, printed double sided or single sided. While pink paper has been used in the past, there is no requirement by National to do so. I think the most important step in the process is to get the copies sent as soon as possible. Using white paper for the copies should help to expedite this process.
3. Please do NOT put tape on the pages in order to make them appear as an 11 x 17 page. Tape is not acid free and will eventually deteriorate the pages.
4. My goal is to eventually digitize the application papers for each tent. The originals will be maintained, but having copies is essential. Digitizing will be much easier if tape is not used and will also scan better if on white paper. Once digitized, copies will be made available to each Tent of their own Tent's application papers. Patience please....this may take me awhile.
5. Please send me changes, corrections to current members info as soon as possible as well. Thank you!!

Nancy Thomas, MO Dept Registrar