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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.

So ordered this 11th Day of March, 2025

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Attest:

Alan L. Russ, PDC
National Secretary
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War