



**Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War
1861-1865**

Department of Missouri

Sister Debra Hensley Fain, Department President

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Dear Brothers of the U.S. Grant Camp #68 and honored guests,

On behalf of the officers and Sisters here in the Department of Missouri who proudly hold membership in the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, I wish to offer greetings today.

I beg your forgiveness for not attending the ceremony to honor the 155th anniversary of Memorial Day in person. Unfortunately, I was in an accident Thursday and I cannot physically attend. Please be assured that my heart will be with you as you honor our brave armed forces, not only of the Civil War, but all the other conflicts that our nation has endured.

As a direct descendant of a World War 1 veteran, a World War 2 veteran, several Civil War veterans, a War of 1812 veteran, and several Revolutionary War veterans, I am extremely proud of my family's commitment to defend our beloved nation. Pride and remembrance should be shared by all Americans today.

May God bless and keep all of our country's brave armed forces both past and present and all of our first responders.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Sister Debra Hensley Fain, President