

Script for Sherman Day (2026)

<< Procession of the colors. Dan Jackson will be piping. >>

Brothers, please post the colors.

<<The colors are posted. People should be standing.>>

Please remain standing as our national anthem is performed and our pledge recited.

At this time, please recite with me the Pledge of Allegiance.

<<The pledge is recited.>>

To bless our event, I will call upon our Camp Chaplain, Monsignor Michael Witt, to pray on our behalf. Brothers, uncover.

<<Msgr. Witt prays.>>

On behalf of our Camp Commander, Robert Amsler, I would like to welcome you to the annual Sherman Day commemoration

<< inside >> in the cemetery where his family rests. We have had to adjust our program due to weather.

<< outside >> here at the Sherman family's gravesite.

We appreciate your attendance. I am Justin Klocke, Junior Vice Commander of the U. S. Grant Camp #64, Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The Sons of Union Veterans is a fraternal organization, chartered by Congress, and legal successor to the Grand Army of the Republic, which was founded by Union soldiers and sailors. General Sherman was a member of the Republic Ransom Post 131 of the Grand Army of the Republic here in St. Louis.

Many Civil War other hereditary organizations are here with us today, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, and Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

<<Verify that these people are here. Add others as needed.>>

In particular, I would like welcome

- Randy Baehr pronounced 'bare', Captain and Inspector General, 4th Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve*
- Pat Baehr pronounced 'bare', Past President, Julia Dent Tent, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865*
- Twyla Warren, Past President, Louisa Volker Auxiliary 215, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans*
- Sylvia Hunnewell, Chaplain General, Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States, and*
- Kathy Bower, President, National Woman's Relief Corps*
- Ed Bower, representing the General John A. Logan Museum in Murphysboro, Illinois*
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Also, we have past Missouri Department Commanders with us:

<<All may not be here but keeping the list handy is a good thing.>>

- Donald Palmer, who was also our national Commander-in-Chief*
- John Avery*
- Walt Busch*
- Chris Warren*
- Glenn Alsop*
- Randal Burd, Jr.*
- Dale Crandell*
- Sumner Hunnewell*
- Gary Scheel*
- Robert Amsler, Jr.*
- Robert AuBuchon*
- Mark Copeland, our current Department Commander*

If you have any Union Civil War ancestry and would like to join us, I would urge you to talk to any members of these patriotic and hereditary societies.

At this time, I would like to introduce Walter Busch, our Camps Memorials and Monuments Officer, who brings greetings, and will say a few words about our Order's monuments program.

<<Walt greets.>>

At this time, we will be entertained by Duncan Noack, a member of the Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47, who will play for us

"Rally Round the Flag"

<< Duncan plays. >>

Thank you, Duncan.

I would like to introduce our speaker who with us on this beautiful / windy / cold / rainy day. Nick Sacco is the Historian and Curator at Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site, National Park Service, or as we call it locally "White Haven" here in the St. Louis area. Nick has been on the staff there since 2018. Please welcome Mr. Sacco.

<< Keynote speech. >>

Thank you, Mr. Sacco.

I would ask those who are planning to lay wreaths to be prepared.

Historically, laying the wreath at a grave or tomb is meant to honor the life and service of people or a person worthy to receive such honor.

Duncan Noack will now play "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

I would like to call the following representatives to place a wreath

For the Missouri Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, _____

Give time for wreathes to be laid before calling the next one.

For the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, Julia Dent Grant Tent #16, Pat Baehr pronounced 'bare'

Pause

- For the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Bob AuBuchon, Missouri Department Commander***

Pause

- For the Grant Camp #68, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,***
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Pause

- For the Wilhelmi Camp #17, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Randy Baehr *pronounced 'bare'****

Pause

- For the Fletcher Camp #47, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Chris Warren***

- Pause

- For the Louisa Volker 215, Auxiliary Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Twyla and Abbie Warren***

Pause

- For the Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Sylvia Hunnewell***

Pause

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Thank you, everyone.

<< outside >> I would ask now that the Honor Guard perform a firing salute.

<<The salute is performed.>>

<< Dan Jackson sounds *Taps*. >>

I would ask that you turn to the back page of your program and join in as Walter Busch leads us in the singing of "God Bless Our Native Land."

<< Singing commences and finishes >>

Brothers, please retire the colors. << Colors are retired. >>

Monsignor Witt, will you please give our benediction?

<<Brother Witt prays.>>

This concludes our Sherman Day ceremony.

Please join us at Square One Brewery at Lafayette Square for a collation.

Thank you all for coming.