



SPECIAL GENERAL ORDER NO. 4
SERIES 2014-2015
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Passing of Real Son Hilbert J. Gramelspacher

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: It is with a heavy heart that I report the death of Real Son Hilbert Joseph Gramelspacher of Poplar Bluff, Missouri on February 1, 2015 at the age of 95 years.

Section 2: Brother Gramelspacher was a member of U.S. Grant Camp No. 68, Department of Missouri. His father, Joseph Gramelspacher, served as a Private in Company E, 143rd Indiana Infantry.

Section 3: Brother Gramelspacher worked in a Civilian Conservation Corps camp for two years and served seven years and four months in the U.S. Coast Guard during and after World War II. He was a radioman on the ice cutter USS *Comanche* on the Greenland Patrol and on the destroyer escort USS *Falgout* on trips to North Africa. During his working career he was a Westinghouse appliance repairman and service manager in California where he worked in the homes of several celebrities, including Lucille Ball, Joan Crawford, Jerry Lewis and Cybill Shepherd.

Section 4: Brother Gramelspacher's remains will be cremated and there are no funeral services planned. His ashes will eventually be interred next to his first wife Melba in Pontotoc, Mississippi.

Section 5: The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War extends its sincere condolences to Brother Gramelspacher's family and friends, and to the members of his Camp.

Section 6: All Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

Section 7: All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge for a period of thirty (30) days.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 3rd day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC
National Secretary