



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

**Passing of Real Son Hilbert J. Gramelspacher**

By the authority vested in me as National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the National Constitution, Rules and Regulations, 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 Auxiliary to 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.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 3rd day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, 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/ Rachele M. Campbell, PDP  
National President

ATTEST:  
By: /s/ Tricia Bures  
National Secretary