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Dear Fellow Missourians,

I am pleased to present you with the 2009–2010 *Official Manual of the State of Missouri*, which you can also find online at [www.sos.mo.gov/bluebook](http://www.sos.mo.gov/bluebook). Since its creation in 1878, the “*Blue Book*” has been a key resource for exploring Missouri’s past, present and future. In addition to providing information on our local, state and federal governments, we include stories, essays and pictures that help preserve our state’s heritage.

Countless Missourians have devoted their lives to public service. Every day elected officials and citizens alike give their time to improving the lives of their neighbors and communities. The *Official Manual* is filled with information about many of these people, as well as the organizations, committees, boards, and government branches that strive to provide good customer service and to make government work for all of us. By volunteering their time or dedicating their careers to public service, the men and women found within these pages are leaving their mark on Missouri’s history.

The desire to give back to one’s state and country is deeply embodied in those to whom this book is dedicated: the Missouri National Guard. I am pleased to commemorate the 2009–2010 “*Blue Book*” to the courageous troops who have served our communities, state, and nation since their start as the Missouri Militia in 1808. True to their motto, *Always Ready, Always There*, the Missouri National Guard has served nobly in times of peace, natural disaster, and war. Whether fighting the Flood of ‘93, the Katrina disaster, or wars in Europe and the Middle East, the men and women of the Missouri National Guard have met every challenge put to them.

One of the most notable Missouri Guardsmen, President Harry S. Truman, once remarked that “America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand.” Missouri was certainly built the same way, by ordinary people with the grit and tenacity to work hard and leave the world a little better for their children.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robin Carnahan".

Robin Carnahan  
Secretary of State

# Missouri's National Guard *Always Ready, Always There*

## A History

Since its beginning as the Missouri Militia, the Missouri National Guard's presence has been felt in almost every major American military campaign.

During the Civil War, Missouri soldiers saw combat in the major battles at Forts Henry and Donaldson, Vicksburg, Chattanooga, Chickamauga, and Atlanta, with the majority of the soldiers fighting on the side of the Union. The Missouri National Guard's largest manpower presence occurred almost 50 years later, during World War I, when the Guard sent 14,756 Missourians to eastern France. It was in this combat that future president and Missouri Guardsman Harry S. Truman fought side-by-side with his fellow Missourians as commander of Battery D, 129th Field Artillery.

Since that time, the Missouri National Guard has grown to a force of 11,500 Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen. Their continued service at home and abroad reinforces the Missouri National Guard's motto of *Always Ready, Always There*.

## Recent Missions Abroad

Operations in Iraq and Afghanistan have benefited from the presence of the Missouri National Guard. In August 2009, the 1138th Military Police Company was deployed to Iraq to aid in detainee operations. Missouri's third Agribusiness Development Team was also deployed to Afghanistan to teach farmers new agriculture techniques. Later this year, the 1141st Engineer Company of Kansas City will head to Afghanistan, charged with neutralizing roadside bombs to clear roads for convoys. Overall, thousands of Missouri National Guard members have served in Iraq and Afghanistan and, as of September 2009, 10 have lost their lives in the conflicts.



Staff Sgt. Kermit Simmerman and his daughter, Alexis, were among the hundreds of Missouri National Guard Families reunited in March 2008 following the Kosovo Force-10 mission.

Working to foster democracy, Missouri National Guardsmen have also been a major presence in Kosovo. To this day, more than 1,000 Missouri Guardsmen have been deployed to support the United Nations' peacekeeping mission in the country – the Missouri Guard's largest overseas deployment since World War I. A major milestone for the Missouri National Guard came as Kosovo declared its independence from Serbia on February 17, 2008, and troops worked closely with Kosovars to help stabilize the emerging nation.

## Helping Neighbors

Along with displaying their courage on the battlefield, Missouri Guardsmen have been there in times of natural disaster throughout the United States.

The Guard was called upon to assist in the Midwest during the Great Flood of 1993, when flooding spread across nine different states and covered 400,000 square miles. Families were displaced, levees failed, farmland was destroyed, and water encroached upon the Missouri State Capitol. Despite the rising water, the men and women of the Guard tried to thwart disas-

ter by sandbagging the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers. In the end, the Missouri National Guard used almost every one of its members to protect, rescue, and rebuild the lives of those affected by the catastrophe.

On August 28, 2005, the United States experienced another great force of nature, this time devastating the southern coast. Hurricane Katrina ravaged parts of Texas, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, inundating them with heavy rain and strong winds. The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina left desolation and despair for the victims of the storm. The Missouri National Guard sent more than 2,000 members to aid law enforcement officials and families in need.



Patrick Phillips, of the 1138th Engineer Company, cuts away debris to clear a path following the January 2008 ice storm in Bertrand, MO.

## Giving Back to Missouri

In 2009, ice storms plagued our state and created a need for National Guard services in many counties that experienced power outages, blocked roads, and boil orders. About 100,000 homes and businesses lost electricity – including 80 percent of Butler County, 95 percent of New Madrid County and all but the city of Kennett in Dunklin County, where over 450 people were forced into shelters. Even one week after the storms, more than 50,000 homes and businesses were still without power. Overall, eight people died in the storms, and FEMA estimated the total damages to be almost \$200 million.

Over 400 National Guardsmen were deployed to 10 counties to assist Missourians in the aftermath of the storms. The Missouri Army National Guard's 1138th Engineer Company provided much-needed relief to residents of Mississippi County, which reported that 85 percent of its residents were without power. The soldiers supplied wellness checks to the residents and cleared roads that were blocked with debris, allowing emergency services and supplies to reach those in need.

According to **Sergeant Lawrence Johnson**, of Farmington, "in a small community like this, people want you here and want the help. And we're glad to help them out."

## The People Behind the Uniform

The thousands of Missourians who serve in the National Guard come from every county in the state and range from 18 to 60 years of age. Women comprise more than 13 percent of both enlisted members and officers. The members of the Guard represent the diversity of our state: farmers, doctors, accountants, policemen, firemen, teachers, corrections officers, truck drivers, homemakers, journalists, small business owners, and clergymen – you name it, chances are there's somebody in the Missouri Guard who does it. True to their Missouri roots, stories of Guard members' unending dedication to service and freedom are plentiful.

## Keeping Peace in the World's Newest Nation

In Kosovo, three Missouri Guardsmen from Detachment 1, Headquarters, 35th Infantry Division, voluntarily extended their stay. With a sense of duty to the United Nations' peace-



# Picture This: The Photography of Domino Danzero

Leslie James

Domino Danzero epitomized what many consider typical of an immigrant's ambition when he came to the United States. He was an entrepreneur and a self-motivated man, determined to make a good life for himself.

Domino was born January 13, 1871, near Turin, Italy. By the time he immigrated to the U.S. at age nineteen, he had lost his mother and his only brother. He held jobs at a coal mine in Illinois, as a cook for restaurants in Chicago, and worked for a bakery in St. Louis before becoming a chef for the Harvey House restaurant chain associated with the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Company (Frisco). As a chef, and later a supervisor with Harvey House, Danzero used his amateur photography skills to document the landscape and communities along the Frisco (c. 1900-1908) between St. Louis and Galveston, Texas. Remarkably, railroad management gave special permission to him to stop any train that he was on for the purpose of photographing the local area.

Danzero met his future wife during his travels for Harvey House and Frisco Railroad. He married Bridget Roetto of Monett, Missouri, in August 1902. Bridget became his business associate during their fifty years of marriage, helping with the various businesses Domino founded. The Danzeros began their family in 1903 with the birth of daughter Angelina, followed four years later by a second daughter, Leola. The Danzeros lived in Rogers, Arkansas, for a few years in the early 1900s before settling in Springfield, Missouri, in 1907.

After a decade of service to Harvey House, Danzero decided to embark on his own entrepreneurial path. He started Domino's Café in 1908, Domino's Bakery in 1910, and Domino's Macaroni in 1918. Domino's Bakery produced Butter-Krust Bread and Honey-Nut Bread. Danzero promoted the bread with the slogan, "Eat Domino's Bread and Be Happy." He later modified this slogan to promote homemade products he manufactured in the basement of his house.

In 1923, Danzero received news from his doctor that he suffered from a terminal case of diabetes and would not likely live another year. Domino and Bridget decided

to liquidate their assets in the bakery and macaroni factory. The unexpected retirement gave Danzero and his family time to travel, and the energetic Domino focused on smaller entrepreneurial projects and photography. The family took two extended trips west in 1923 and 1925, both of which are well documented in his photograph collection. Domino and Bridget also made a trip to Europe in 1931. Little did they know that Domino would actually live to be eighty-one.

Despite relinquishing his assets, Danzero still had a desire to produce consumable products. In 1935, he set up shop in his basement and manufactured the Domino Food Products line. His output included hot tamales, ravioli, chop suey, mayonnaise, soups, spaghetti sauce, chili, salad dressings, and custom canned food products.

It is not known exactly when Danzero took up the hobby of photography, but some of the earliest photographs within the collection date between 1891 and 1895. Danzero used an Al-Vista Camera #4-B produced by Multiscope and Film Company for many of his early panoramic photographs. He was able to manipulate the camera to allow himself to pose multiple times in one panoramic image, selling patent rights to Kodak.

His photography documents the communities he lived in, the careers he pursued, his travels, and his family life. The images highlight the Italian immigrant in the Midwest ranging from Tontitown, Arkansas, to Kansas City, St. Louis, and Springfield, Missouri.

Domino died on December 18, 1952. Family members recall that in his later years, when his eyesight was poor, he longed to be able to look at his photograph collection again.

After Domino Danzero's death, his photographs stayed within his family – with his daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren – who took an avid interest in the photographs. The collection is now part of a collaborative effort between the Missouri State Archives, which has digitized Missouri and Ozarks images for Missouri Digital Heritage Initiative, and the Missouri State University's Special Collections and Archives Department, which will house the entire collection.



Self-portrait of Domino Danzero  
*Danzero Photograph Collection*  
Missouri State University

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This summer, our office faced the untimely loss of two dedicated team members. Marvin Peirick, always quick



MARVIN PEIRICK & LYNNE HAAKE

with a joke and a smile, made sure mail and supplies were delivered throughout our office for more than two decades. Lynne Haake worked in the State Archives, where she captivated countless visitors with stories about the history of our state. Throughout their time in our office, they became best friends and, ultimately, husband and wife. Marvin and Lynne are greatly missed.

Every two years, copies of the "Blue Book" make their way into schools, libraries, offices and homes across Missouri. It is my hope that the information published here will help Missourians better understand and interact with their government. If a rural farmer is able to contact a state agency to solve a problem, a college student sees an opportunity to suggest a piece of legislation, or a young girl reads about our state government and decides she wants to be the governor of Missouri when she grows up – every minute of our hard work has been worth it.

All my best,

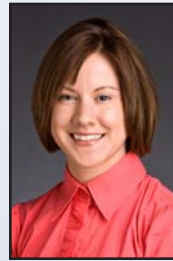
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