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FROM THE COMMANDER ...



As a Department, we are focusing on needs for improvement in a number of areas. One such need is in the area of communication between the Department and its members. To address this need, we have established a Department newsletter that includes news from the Department and Camps from around the state. It gives me great pleasure to introduce the "Missouri Unionist", a Department-wide newsletter that will be published on a quarterly basis. As you read through this issue, you will likely conclude that a lot of effort goes into preparation and publication of a newsletter of this sort. Department Graves Registration Officer Mark Trout has volunteered to serve as editor of the Missouri Unionist. I would personally like to thank Brother Trout for taking on this responsibility and for the amount of personal time he is donating to the organization. I, along with my staff, hope you find this newsletter informative and beneficial to your membership.

In Fraternity, Loyalty, and Charity
Don Palmer, Commander

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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR...

My fellow brothers,

Remember back to that cold November day in 1863, when Abraham Lincoln said a few words that we have all become so familiar with; "It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us - that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion."

I believe in the year 2002, we should dedicate and concentrate on a year that focuses on the word "devotion." A word with an almost "sacred" meaning and used over and over and time after time by our Grandfathers as they struggled and died in the Great War of the Rebellion. A word the dictionary in fact defines with such terms as godliness, affection, dedication, and love.

Knowing the important legacy and duties in which our great and noble Grandfathers of the Civil War bestowed upon us as the Sons of the Union Veterans, we should all take a moment and think about the important responsibilities they actually gave us and take that "increased devotion" to the cause for which they in fact did give "their last full measure of devotion" for us.

We, as the legal and honored heir of the Grand Army of the Republic must re-dedicate and re-devote ourselves to the sacred cause of keeping their legacy alive. As many of you already know, our children of today are not being taught in any adequate length about Civil War history. Regardless if they are in elementary, secondary, or college level school, you will find it hard to locate a school with a curriculum that focuses on the true military history of the Civil War in any adequate length or acceptable level.

Many of you realize it, many of you have witnessed it. Ask ten adults "what is, or have you ever heard of the Grand Army of the Republic" and nine will have no clue what you are talking about. It's not their fault, it's our society and educational system's fault. Since the American educational system of today fails to teach our children any adequate amount of Civil War history, it is up to organizations such as ours to educate our fellow Americans about the most significant turning point and loss of human life in our country's history.

It is therefore up to us, each and every member of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War to change this disgraceful insult to our Grandfathers. You must remember, that many Americans today are descendants of immigrants of the Twentieth Century. Many of their ancestors came to America after World War I and they do not have that direct linkage, connection, and admiration of the Civil War that we have been so blessed with.

I personally challenge each and everyone of you dedicated brothers of the SUVCW in the Great State of Missouri this year to take the extra step, take the extra time, make the extra effort, and re-devote yourself to the great cause in keeping our Grandfather's legacy alive. Remember, if not now, when? If not you, who? This year re-dedicate yourselves to the important tasks in which our Grandfathers have passed onto us. Go out and recruit new members for the organization. Get active within your community and initiate educational and memorial events focusing on the Order and the Civil War.

The Missouri Unionist will be the start of a new statewide communication effort for our organization to accomplish these goals. The newsletter will be initially sponsored and funded by the Missouri Department of the SUVCW as well as from the personal funds of some of our fellow brothers. In addition, I must take the time to personally thank Bethany Tetley and her generous contribution to our newsletter. Without her dedication to our cause, and her many long hours of assistance, this publication would not be possible.

And on that note, it is with great hope, that each and every Camp within the Department will assist in not only contributing articles, pictures, and information for each issue of the newsletter, but will ultimately make a financial commitment and support the publication from time to time. The Missouri Unionist will be our Department's primary source of interdepartmental communication and will be instrumental in keeping all of the Camps in touch with each other. The newsletter will highlight the different activities going on throughout the State of Missouri and will be an asset to the organization, but it will need your help in order to survive.

The newsletter was given the name "The Missouri Unionist" by current Department Commander Don Palmer and I believe the name is quite fitting - a publication about all of us, here in Missouri. I will do my part as Editor to bring you a very reliable, worthy, and professional looking publication four times per year that hopefully each of you will find enjoyable and eagerly await.

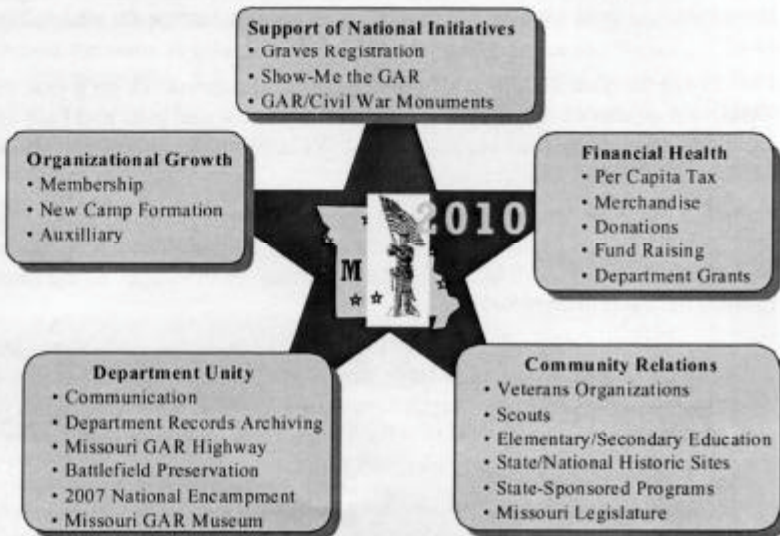
In Fraternity, Loyalty, and Charity,
Mark L. Trout, Editor

MISSOURI VISION 2010: THE DEPARTMENT PLAN FOR SUCCESS

Since its re-chartering in 1996, the Department of Missouri has been growing steadily in membership and in stature. In 2001, the Department had its By-Laws approved by the Commander-in-Chief and it hosted a successful National Encampment in Springfield, MO. With the Department now operating under approved By-Laws, it is time to develop a plan for continued growth over the next decade. This plan, known as Vision 2010, establishes what we want the Department to look like by the year 2010 and formulates how we get there. There are five key elements to Vision 2010, including organizational growth, community relations, Department unity, support of National initiatives and financial health.

Organizational Growth

Membership is a critical element relative to continued growth of the Department. This not only includes attracting new members, but keeping attrition to a minimum. Not only do we need to show potential new members the benefits of belonging to our organization, we need to place equal weight in keeping our current members interested in our programs. To assist in this endeavor, we will be conducting a Vision 2010 survey of the Department membership every two or three years to get a handle on member thoughts, interests and criticisms. As a follow-up, we must adequately address member concerns. Members of the Department need to believe that their voices will be heard and they are not simply a name on a list. The Department will



establish a membership goal for 2010, with goals for annual growth up to that point. This will be used to help measure our success in attracting new members and maintaining our current membership.

In order to increase member and Camp participation in SUVCW activities, we will introduce an awards program as an incentive. These awards will be presented on an annual basis at the Department Encampment to the most active Camp, the most valuable member of the Department and a non-member who has provided invaluable support to our organization. The award for most active Camp may also include a financial contribution from the Department to the selected Camp; however, any financial transaction must first be approved by the Department Council.

The Department currently operates seven Camps in the state and at least three more are in the organizing stages. We need to look

at Camp distribution in the state and actively recruit members in areas void of Camps to help with camp formation in their areas. As part of the 2010 strategy, we will be looking at the state demographics to identify where new camps can be formed and sustained in order to plan the 2010 organizational structure.

The Department of Missouri, at present, does not have an Auxiliary operating in conjunction with the Department. Some of the more successful Departments in the SUVCW have strong and active Auxiliaries working cooperatively to meet objectives of both organizations. As a Department, we should establish a goal to have an Auxiliary operational in our state. Based on an attempt to form an Auxiliary in 1997, we know there are pockets of interest and we need to bring these pockets into a coherent force in order to form the foundation of a Missouri Auxiliary.

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Community Relations

There have been many instances when we have mentioned our organization in public and the response has frequently been, "are you a Civil War re-enactment organization?" Although this is no cause to take offense, it just shows how much the community in general is unaware of what we do and our potential value to the community. I firmly believe that each camp in the Department should have some autonomy in working in their respective communities; however, there should be a certain degree of coordination at the Department level.

The Department needs to encourage Camps to work with their local veteran's organizations such as the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars to coordinate on programs for Memorial Day, Veterans Day, etc. Since we represent the GAR at these and all occasions, we need to make sure their voice is still heard.

The National organization has an established process for honoring Boy Scouts that achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. We need to make Missouri scouting districts and councils more aware of our interest in participating in Eagle Scout Courts of Honor as well as working cooperatively on merit badge projects and community-related activities. All Camps should be taking an active interest in this.

As descendants of those who fought for the Union during one of her darkest hours, it is in our best interest to make sure that this history is not lost to our future generations. At a Memorial Day ceremony a couple of years ago, I

was talking to a high school student about the program we had just presented. The response was, "That was over 100 years ago.... who really cares now?" Unfortunately, to our younger generations, this opinion appears to be pervasive. We need to generate programs that can be presented at both elementary and secondary levels to promote interest in preserving the history of this period. More important, we must instill the belief that we need to honor all Americans who served during times of crisis, no matter how long ago it was.

There are a number of County, State and National Historic Sites across Missouri that relate to the Civil War. A number of these offer living history and educational programs for the communities that they serve. Some Camps across the state have been working with historic sites to develop programs for the general public, but we need to make sure that all Camps take advantage of these opportunities. We will be generating a list of all Civil War-related historic sites across the state and assigning them to Camps in their area to begin this interaction.

As an organization, we need to take advantage of state-sponsored programs to help increase our visibility within the community. An example would be the Missouri "Adopt-a-Highway" program, where signs containing the name of the responsible organization are placed in clear view along the highway. In this case, the community can see evidence that we are taking an active interest in community betterment.

Since community relations forms

a large part of Vision 2010, a committee has been established to coordinate community relations on a Department level. This committee, chaired by the Department Patriotic Instructor, will help ensure that programs directed at the community are deployed consistently and aggressively.

Department Unity

There is no better way to bring about cohesiveness in a Department than having all elements working towards common goals. One of the fundamental aspects of working cooperatively is communication. This is one of the areas a number of Department officers identified that required improvement. To address this need, the Department will be publishing this newsletter on a quarterly basis to provide information to all members relative to Camp and Department news across the state. We will also be overhauling the Department web site to provide a broader range of information with more frequent updates.

Another near-term Department-wide initiative will be to archive all Department and Camp records electronically. Although we are not yet a "paperless" society, we will be much closer to it by the year 2010. Most of our vital records are on paper and we need to back them up by creating electronic files so that archiving and storage will be made easier.

Some short and long-term Department projects that are being considered include establishing a Missouri GAR Highway, a GAR Museum in Missouri and working cooperatively with the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT)

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Posts, it was thought that a Missouri state highway should be named "Missouri GAR Highway". This is seen as one way of preserving the memory of the GAR in Missouri. We will obviously need to gain approval from the Missouri Department of Transportation and will need to raise funds to accomplish the task. Establishing a GAR museum in Missouri is another possible long-term project that will require working with local legislators in order to obtain state funding to support such an aggressive task. The CWPT is actively securing land tied to Civil War battlefields to prevent developers from encroaching on hallowed ground. The Newtonia battlefield in southwest Missouri is on the endangered list and we should do what we can to help the CWPT preserve this battlefield for future generations.

Finally, the Department of Missouri was granted approval to host the 2007 National Encampment in St. Louis to mark the 120th anniversary of the 1887 GAR Encampment, the only one that was held in St. Louis. We learned much as we went through the planning for the 2001 National Encampment in Springfield, MO. We need to apply what we learned and lay out our strategies to ensure that 2007 will be an encampment to remember.

Support of National Initiatives

The National organization has established a number of projects including graves registration, GAR Post records and GAR/Civil War monuments. These are being worked aggressively by a number of Departments and we

need to follow suit. Department-level committees were established for each of these initiatives to help foster organized approaches for supporting these initiatives. Each committee will establish annual goals up to 2010 to assist in measuring progress. The committees will break the state into jurisdictions commensurate with Camp locations to help maximize coverage. To date, individual members and some Camps have been generating data to support these initiatives, but it is difficult to get a handle on where we stand using this "shotgun" approach. Although these are long-term projects, adding organization to support of these National initiatives will hopefully help us complete these tasks in a timely manner.

Financial Health

Although we are a not-for-profit organization, we still require financial resources in order to conduct programs and activities for the good of the Order. Since 1996, we have depended largely on per capita tax generated from membership dues and occasional fund raising activities. As we escalate our involvement in programs within the state and support of National initiatives, we need to project our financial needs through the year 2010 and lay out a plan relative to how we will meet those needs. To augment our current sources of income, we need to look at merchandising on a Department level and become more active in soliciting donations to support our programs.

As we all well know, some Camps in the Department are larger and more prosperous than

other Camps. Given this, we need to become less dependent on per capita tax, with the hopes of reducing the burden on Camps throughout the Department. In addition, we need to establish a grant system within the Department so that Camps limited in resources have an avenue to obtain what they need to support their programs. The National organization has made grants available to all Camps and Departments; however, for support of smaller, local programs, we need an additional source specific to Missouri. No Camp in the Department of Missouri should be constrained by limited resources in their pursuit of opportunities to promote the good of the Order.

Having gone through the highlights of Vision 2010, you are probably wondering "why do we need this?" The answer, in short, is it will help foster a more functional Department organization. This will be accomplished through the establishment of common priorities and the use of common processes. Through improved communication, we will eliminate assumptions, which have caused problems in the past. Over the past year or so, we have been "benchmarking" other successful Departments to gain an understanding of how they have become successful. Successful implementation of Vision 2010 will help us move from benchmarking to becoming the benchmark.

- Department Commander
Donald D. Palmer, Jr

*“TERRITORY IS BUT THE BODY OF A NATION.
THE PEOPLE WHO INHABIT ITS HILLS AND
VALLEYS ARE ITS SOUL, ITS SPIRIT, ITS LIFE.”*
- JAMES A. GARFIELD

As has been the story down through history, it has taken a tragedy to bring the masses back to a sense of patriotism. The Sons of Union Veterans, as well as the Sons of Confederate Veterans, I'm sure had a flashback on September 11, 2001, to the days of our forefathers and the horrific anguish, fear, grief and patriotism they must have felt.

I would urge each of you to fly the American Flag (lighted at night) continually from this time forth in honor of our great Nation and in memory of those of our blood of the past and those of our heart of today. What better way to honor and remember.

If anyone is in need of information on flag etiquette the following will be helpful.
“Etiquette of the Stars and Stripes” - available from the VFW “Americanism Manual” - available from the American Legion - on the web

In F, C & L,
John D. Avery
Patriotic Instructor
Department of Missouri



2002 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

Saturday, June 22, 2002
St. Louis, Missouri

Events include:

- Fellowship..... Friday, June 21
- Department Meeting..... Saturday, June 22, 9:00 a.m.
- Encampment Banquet..... Following Department Meeting

*Additional information will be provided
as further planning continues.*

**DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI OFFICIALLY STARTS
STATEWIDE GRAVES REGISTRATION PROJECT**

At the Department Meeting held in St. Louis on September 29, 2001, Department Commander Don Palmer appointed Mark Trout of U.S. Grant Camp 68, the Department's new Graves Registration Officer.

Mr. Trout resides in Wildwood, Missouri with his wife and four children, and is employed in the Planning and Parks Department of the City of Wildwood. In 1999, he helped initiate and implement an entire graves registration and recording project for this City, composed of 68 square miles. The project encompassed approximately 100 individual burial sites throughout the City which corresponds to almost 4,000 individual graves, many of which are Civil War Veterans.

His efforts, along with the irreplaceable partnership of Ms. Joyce Mercer of the St. Louis Genealogical Society and others from the Wildwood Historical Society, allowed the documentation of each of these graves and the compilation of this information into a master database for use by the City, and other organizations. The database also corresponds to a master City mapping system located at the Wildwood City Hall that numbers each of the burial sites and enables a person to locate any grave within the City limits in a matter of just minutes.

Mr. Trout gave a presentation at the Department meeting regarding his efforts in Wildwood and

laid out the initial steps and guidelines for the implementation of the graves registry project for the Department. Mr. Trout proposed each individual Camp within the Department should have specific counties assigned to it by the Department Commander and it would be that Camp's sole responsibility to work on obtaining grave registration information within each of those assigned counties.

The information obtained from the individual Camps would then be forwarded by their assigned Graves Registration Officers to the Department Graves Registration Officer so the Department can document the information. It would then be the Department's Graves Registration Officer's responsibility to forward all of the grave information to the National Organization's Graves Registration Officer. This way, permanent records can be kept at the local, State, and the National levels.

Although the proposed guidelines and policies submitted to Department Commander Palmer by Mr. Trout are still under re-

view, Commander Palmer wants all of the Camps to immediately initiate the program by selecting a Camp Graves Registration Officer and start collecting graves registry information. Members can download a copy of the National Organization's Form from their website or you can reproduce the copy of the Department's Graves Registration Form contained in this issue of *The Missouri Unionist*.

The information can still be sent directly to the National Organization by any member at anytime however, Commander Palmer would like a copy to be sent to Mr. Trout via E-mail or by US Mail for the Department's registry. His E-mail address is MTTrout1963@msn.com for members with internet capabilities or you can send completed forms by mail to Mark Trout, Dept. Graves Registration Officer SUVCW, PO Box 24, Wildwood, MO 63040. A final draft of the Department Graves Registration procedures will be ready for review by all members at the next Department Encampment to be held later this year.



Grave Marker for Pvt. Benjamin F. McDaniel, Great Grandfather of fellow SUVCW brother, Larry McDaniel of Sherman Camp 65

GRAVE REGISTRATION FORM

(Form GR, 12/98 Rev., Page 3)

National Organization SONS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR

Graves Registration Form

Veteran's Name: _____
Last First Middle

Born: _____ Died: _____ Age: _____
Day Month Year Day Month Year Day Month Year

CIVIL WAR () Union () Confederate

Service: _____
Regiment No. U.S./State State of Enlistment Branch Company/Ship Name Rank
Please use the standard abbreviations found on the Graves Registration Form Instruction sheet

Enlisted: _____ Discharged: _____
Day Month Year Day Month Year

Misc. Info: _____

(If applicable, list other units served in, locations of birth, death, WIA, POW, KIA. Also nearest crossroads or directions to cemetery.)

Cemetery Name: _____

Cemetery Address: _____
Street

City or Village Township County State

Grave Information: Lot: _____ Section: _____ Grave Number: _____ Cemetery Records Checked - () Yes

Military Headstone - ()Yes ()No	Flag Holders/ Markers	Medal of Honor - () Yes
Headstone Needs Replacing - ()Yes ()No	()Grand Army of the Republic	
Headstone Needs Resetting - ()Yes ()No	Marker (Flag Holder)	G.A.R. Post _____
Private Headstone or	()Military Order of the Loyal Legion	
Family Monument - ()Yes ()No	Marker (Flag Holder)	Dept. or State _____
No stone/marker found - ()None	()Other Marker _____	

Your Name: _____ Survey Date: _____
Last First MI Day Month Year

Your Address: _____ Email: _____
Street City State Zip

SUVCW Member: Camp Name: _____ Number: _____ Department: _____

Attach Extra Sheet if Needed for Comments

Refer to Instructions for where to Submit Completed Form. This Form may be Photocopied

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WM. T. SHERMAN CAMP #65 - ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Sherman Birthday Celebration

The William T. Sherman, Billy Yank Camp #65 once again invites everyone to attend their annual birthday ceremony on Sunday, February 24, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. in honoring and remembering the birth of Union General William Tecumseh Sherman.

As many of you are familiar with, General Sherman is Camp #65s' namesake and he is buried in St. Louis, Missouri, which also happens to be the home of the Camp. The General lays at rest in Calvary Cemetery located at 5239 West Florissant Avenue in St. Louis and Camp #65 celebrates his birth each and every year with a ceremony at his gravesite.

For those who are not familiar with the Calvary Cemetery, it is one of the most historically significant cemeteries in all of St. Louis and maybe even the State of Missouri. It is the final resting place for many famous Americans such as Dred Scott, Union Generals John Wesley Turner and Pitcairn Morrison, Confederate General Daniel Frost, Confederate Congressman William Cooke, Missouri Confederate Governor Thomas Reynolds, and Medal of Honor recipient Sergeant James Flynn who won his medal for his participation in the famous "Forlorn Hope Group" at Vicksburg in 1863.

Also located within a mile of the Calvary Cemetery, and a must to see, is the historic Bellefontaine Cemetery. This old St. Louis cemetery rivals the Calvary Cemetery in both its beauty and historic significance by having other notable Americans buried within its gardens, but when it comes to par-

ticipants in the Civil War, it cannot be outdone or overshadowed. Some of those at rest in Bellefontaine Cemetery are: Confederate Major General Sterling Price and his son Confederate Brigadier General Edwin Price. Union Generals Don Carlos Buell, Bernard Farrar, William Wood, John Cavender, Andrew Smith, Benjamin Bonneville, Albert Edwards, William Wherry, Lewis Parsons, Madison Miller, Phillip Brown Jr., Orson Hart, John Pope, Samuel Simpson, John Noble, Thomas



Fletcher, and Francis P. Blair are all buried in Bellefontaine. Also at Bellefontaine Cemetery are Civil War Medal of Honor recipients Sgt. Henry Hammel, Lt. Frederick Fout, Private Joseph Pesch, Lt. Henry O'Brien, Private Fitz Guerin, Lt. Francis Brownell, and Colonel Wells Blodgett. In addition to the above, there are three Missouri Governors, four St. Louis' Mayors, three Confederate Congressmen, and a member of President Lincoln's Cabinet. Just these two cemeteries alone leaves one breathless and in total awe when it comes to the significance that St. Louis and her people actually played in the Civil War.

Sherman Camp #65 takes very much pride in their annual remembrance of the famous Civil War

General and once again guarantees an exciting and enjoyable event for everyone in attendance. The procession will assemble at the main gate of Calvary Cemetery at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday February 24, 2002. At the start of the festivities, a ceremonial procession with Civil War re-enactors and Honor Guard will proceed from the cemetery's main gate up to the General's gravesite for the official ceremony. Sherman Camp #65 Camp Commander, Robert D. Champlin, will be the Master of Ceremony and will welcome all the guests. Douglas R. Niermeyer, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion will be the event's guest speaker.

The Sherman Camp invites everyone to come and share in the event. Anyone who wishes to place flowers or wreaths on the General's grave is welcomed to do so. If you would like to participate in the event or have further questions, please contact the Camp's Chaplain, Vern von der Heydt, 8020 Bellerive Drive, Normandy, Missouri, 63121-2002 or the Camp's Secretary-Treasurer, Charles Ed Funck III at (314) 524-3633 or E-mail him at crfunck@juno.com.

The Sherman Camp will also host a post-ceremony fellowship chicken dinner at Romine's Restaurant located at 9053 Riverview Drive, which is just a short distance from Calvary Cemetery. Please contact either Paul Leistriz at (314) 867-3692, or Charlie Funck at 314 524-3633 (E-mail crfunck@juno.com) prior to February 17, 2002 for dinner reservations and the number of guests that will be attending.

U.S. GRANT CAMP #68 - ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Grant Camp Year In Review

May I take this opportunity on behalf of the members of the U.S. Grant Camp #68 to wish all the Camps, their members, and their families a most happy and productive New Year.

The year 2001, was a very active and productive year for our Camp



Grant Camp Commander, John Avery, and Sterling Price Camp Commander, James England, of the Sons of Confederate Veterans at graveside ceremony of Private Horstmann.

here in St. Louis County. In May, we participated in the annual Memorial Day Celebration at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. If you have not taken the opportunity to attend this ceremony, please make every effort to do so this year, you will be most impressed, I'm sure. If you are planning to attend this year, please contact the Grant Camp for information and of course, you all are welcomed to march with us if you wish.

Within our Camp's area, we are very privileged to still have in tact the original meeting post of the D. N. Keeler G.A.R. Post #152. Fortunately for all of us, the present

owners of this building, Mr. & Mrs. James Martin of Wildwood, Missouri, have been very willing to open their home to us. Our Camp has taken part in several events at the property in the last couple of years. Most recently, members of the Grant Camp and the W.T. Sherman Camp #65 took part in the dedication of a new granite G.A.R. monument at the site.

In the fall and winter months of 2001, members of the Grant Camp also took part in the complete restoration of two cemeteries in the West County area. Both cemeteries are part of the rich Civil War heritage of the St. Louis, Missouri area. These two projects consisted of the Glencoe, Missouri Catholic Cemetery, where the grave of Pvt. Albert Pauble is located, and the private family cemetery of Civil War Veteran H. William Horstmann located in Wildwood, Missouri.

As part of the Wildwood Historical Society's annual historical homes tour, members of our Camp, as well as invited guests of the W.T. Sherman Camp, the Sterling Price Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the

Military Order of the Loyal Legion took part in a grave site ceremony. It was at this ceremony that a bronze G.A.R. marker was permanently placed at the headstone of H. William Horstmann, Private, Co. E, Pacific Battalion, MO Home Guard.

This year again promises to be another very active one for the U.S. Grant Camp. We have many Civil War Veterans buried in our area and activities such as cemetery maintenance, graves registration, and other special ceremonial and educational events will keep us busy. I would like to take the opportunity and mention that it is with a great deal of honor and humility that I again accepted the post of Commander of U.S. Grant Camp #68, for a second year. I trust our Camp, along with all the Missouri Camps will have a very successful year and continue to grow and always keep the motto in front of us -

"Lest We Forget".

In F, C & L,
John D. Avery, Commander
U.S. Grant Camp #68
St. Louis County, Missouri



New granite monument stone installed at the former D.N. Keeler Post 152 in Wildwood, Missouri as a permanent historical site marker.

PHELPS CAMP #66 - SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

Veterans Day Activities

On November 10, 2001, members of the Phelps Camp #66 participated in Springfield, Missouri's annual Veterans Day Parade. As some of you may know, the Phelps Camp prides itself on the recreation of our Country's past soldiers. Their "Parade of the American Soldier" involves members who wear the uniforms of American Soldiers from every major conflict and war from the Revolution to Desert Storm. The group also made a special appearance at last year's National Encampment where they were a huge success.

The Phelps Camp also participated in America's "largest" Veterans Day Parade held in Branson, Missouri on November 11, 2001. In addition to making public appearances with their "Parade of the American Soldier," the Camp also con-

ducted much activity "behind the scenes" last year as well.

New Grave Marker Placed

Members of the Camp assisted Bob and Nancy Clanton of Conway, Missouri in re-dedicating a new military grave marker for Union Private John

Kissee of Company M, First Arkansas Cavalry in a small cemetery near Phillipsburg, Missouri. Members also provided a Civil War Honor Guard for the event and fired a volley in honor of Private Kissee.



Phelps Camp #66 and their "Parade of the American Soldier" in last year's Veteran's Day Parade in Branson and Springfield, Missouri.



Phelps Camp #66 dedicating a new military monument marker at the grave of Union Private John Kissee of Company M, 1st Arkansas Cavalry

Funds for Original Guidon

All fellow Camps and members in Missouri should take note that the Phelps Camp was recently successful in spearheading a fund raising drive that raised \$7,000.00 that was needed for the professional restoration of the original guidon belonging to Company H of the First Arkansas Cavalry. This important and irreplaceable Civil War artifact is part of the collection at Wilson's Creek Battlefield in Springfield, Missouri.

CAMP NEWS ...

COL. R.B. PALMER CAMP #73 - HARTVILLE, MISSOURI

Palmer Camp Receives Charter
Missouri Department Commander Don Palmer and Department Secretary/Treasurer Bob Petrovic traveled to Vanzant, MO on 13 January to present the charter to Col. R.B. Palmer Camp #73 at their first meeting of 2002. The



Department Commander Don Palmer presenting camp charter to Palmer Camp Commander, Scotty Allen.

meeting was held at the North and South Café & Store just east of Vanzant. Attending were Camp #73 Commander Scotty Allen, Secretary/Treasurer Bob Caudle, Camp Historian Bob Allen and member Wally Klock, owner of the North and South Cafe. In addition, Department Commander Palmer installed the new Camp officers for 2002 and presented Camp Commander Allen with a Camp Commander's badge donated by U.S.



L to R: Department Secretary/Treasurer, Rob Petrovic, Palmer Camp Historian, Bob Allen, Palmer Camp Commander, Scotty Allen, Palmer Camp Secretary, Bob Caudle, Palmer Camp Member Wally Klock, and Department Commander Don Palmer.

Grant Camp #68 of St. Louis. The Department Commandery of Missouri would like to thank Wally and Roberta Klock for their hospitality and welcomes the Palmer Camp to the Department.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 23, 2002 St. Louis, MO - Civil War Swap Meet & Activities
- February 24, 2002 St. Louis, MO - General W.T. Sherman Birthday Ceremony
- March 16, 2002 Jefferson City, MO - Department Meeting at State Capital
- April 10, 2002 **Per Capita Tax (Form #27) due to the Department**
- April 15, 2002 Springfield, IL - Abraham Lincoln Death Day Ceremony
- April 15, 2002 Deadline for articles and announcements in the Banner & the Missouri Unionist
- May 2002 Memorial Day Celebrations Statewide
- June 21&22, 2002 St. Louis, MO - SUVCW Department Encampment
- August 8-11, 2002 Springfield, IL - Missouri National Encampment

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