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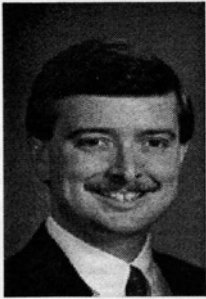
Missouri State Flag Collection



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FROM THE COMMANDER ...



As we continue to develop our vision for the future, we are focusing on a number of elements, one of which is communication. We have now established a Department-wide newsletter to communicate Department progress to our membership. Now it's time for the membership to communicate its thoughts and ideas to the Department. In the next couple of weeks, Camp Commanders will be distributing the Vision 2010 survey to their Camp membership. A survey form is also included in this issue for convenience. We are soliciting member's thoughts on both Camp and Department performance and ideas on how each can increase the value of their SUVCW membership. Please take five minutes and tell us what's on your mind. Also, the 2002 Missouri Department Encampment is only two months away. Information on the Department Encampment is enclosed in this issue, so begin making your plans to be in St. Louis on June 22nd!

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Don Palmer
Commander

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR ...

My fellow brothers,

On June 21, 2002, members of the Department of Missouri are to meet in St. Louis for the Annual Department Encampment. The Department Commandery intends to hold a very worthwhile and enjoyable reunion for all in attendance. This year's event will be held in a manner that resembles the National Encampment with the National Commander in Chief himself in attendance. There will be scheduled events, discussions, presentations, and guest speakers on an array of different topics affecting our organization.

If you have never attended a National Encampment or a Department level Encampment, this year is the one you should make. There will be an enormous amount of information and activity present for all of us to address. From the smallest and newest Camp in the State to the largest and oldest one, we should all make an effort to attend this year's Encampment. Having National Commander in Chief Powell attending this year's event on the heels of the Department hosting last year's National Encampment, it is imperative that we have as many members attending the Encampment as possible to make a good impression on him.

Without going into great details, I am aware that one of the Missouri Camps has already applied for multiple financial grants in the area of over one half million dollars for the primary funding source for the acquisition of a historical property. I am also aware that numerous political figures from the United States Congress, to the State of Missouri, to the local County officials are involved in this project. This proposed project is monumental in the history of the SUVCW and will no doubt succeed with everyone's support.

The details of this matter will be relayed to all of the Department members when the Camp's negotiations and legal procedures are completed and finalized in May of 2002. At that time, a complete presentation and notification on the matter will be made at the Department Encampment in June. I inform you of this activity as proof to all Department members that this year, as I spoke of in my last letter from the Editor, is the year that we here in Missouri will make our mark in SUVCW history.

We should proclaim the year 2002 as "Missouri's year" and several of our Camps have already started to make their move to fulfill this goal. We must re-devote and re-dedicate ourselves as never before to the memory of our fallen Grandfathers who died and suffered for all of us here today. It is time that we all dedicate a little more time to the organization and take the extra step and make the extra effort on their behalf. It is time now to really make a difference and in the end, we will succeed.

Further detailed information of the Department Encampment is in this issue of the Missouri Unionist but I wanted to take the time to personally ask each and everyone of you brothers to please come to St. Louis in June. In order for us to succeed as a Department, we must work together and support one another in our Camp and Department activities and we can start this by meeting one another in June. I look forward to meet each and everyone of you at the Department Encampment.

*In everlasting Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Mark Trout, Editor*

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 25-27 Memorial Day Celebrations Statewide
- May 27 Annual Jefferson Barracks Activities & Picnic
- May 30..... Memorial Day
- June 14 Flag Day
- June 21 - 22 St. Louis, MO - Missouri Dept. Encampment
- July 4 Independence Day
- July 10 Per Capita dues to the Department
- August 8-11 Springfield, IL - SUVCW National Encampment

STATE OF MISSOURI HISTORIC FLAG COLLECTION

By Michael Crousore

As a resident of Jefferson City, Missouri, I have been privileged to spend some of my weekends as a guide in the State Museum located at the Missouri State Capitol Complex. This has brought me into contact with the State's collection of Civil War Flags. My maternal grandmother was a "True Daughter" and her father was an officer in the 21st Missouri Volunteer Infantry.

Recently, some misunderstandings regarding this priceless collection were brought to my attention. Many of the flags in the collection have been removed from the glass cases on the main museum floor and put into storage in flat cabinets. This was not done for any political reasons that some had accused, nor was it done to avoid the Confederate Battle Flag controversies that have caused turmoil in other states.

The flags were unfurled and stored flat in preparation for their refurbishment, restoration, and stabilization, so that they can be properly preserved for future generations to enjoy. The method of storage, and their place of storage, was recommended by the conservator. The primary conservator, Ms. Fonda Thomson, was chosen by the State because she had completed a very similar project for the State of Pennsylvania. While many of the flag specimens are no longer displayed on the museum floor, they are however available for private viewing upon request.

Another misunderstanding about

the collection concerns the fact that there are so few flag specimens that are from Confederate units when Missouri had such a large number of Confederate units from it. There were over 100 flags originally collected by Missouri's Adjutant General in the 1860's. During his attempt to recover as many Civil War flags that he could, he could only secure six Confederate flags.

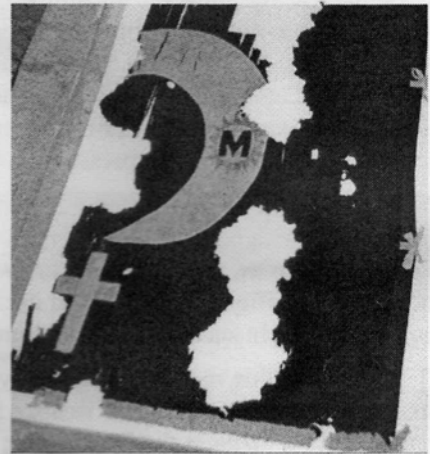
One reason for this low number of recovered flags is because at the close of the war, many Confederate banners were cut up and the pieces distributed out to the men as souvenirs. Because of this fact, an actual Confederate Battle Flag is rare indeed, and that makes the six in the State's collection all the more priceless. Contrary to some rumors, this six Confederate flags have not been hidden from view, but are currently in flat storage along with numerous other Union flags with most of them already having already been restored and the remainder waiting their turn.

The Adjutant General displayed



Above: Restored flag of the 21st Missouri Infantry Volunteers

the flag collection in the Capitol Building for many years following the Civil War until 1911 when lightning struck the Capitol dome and destroyed the build-



Above: Personal colors of Missouri Confederate General John S. Marmaduke

ing. Many local citizens and volunteers from the State Penitentiary risked their lives to carry State records and artifacts, including the flags, out of the burning building. The flags were then put into storage for safekeeping but they were forgotten for many years. In the 1920s, the flag collection was re-discovered however, the years of the improper storage and moisture had caused some damage to them.

In an earlier preservation attempt, most of the banners, which are made of hand-embroidered silk, were sewn to cotton backing, furled around their poles, and sealed in the display cases on the museum floor. In the 1980's, some members of the St. Louis Civil War Roundtable were visiting the State Capitol, and observed that many of the flags were deteriorating at an alarming rate. With their interest and in-

put, the State Legislature authorized a small portion of the State's Parks and Soils Tax to be used to investigate the feasibility of stabilizing the flags, if possible.

Every year since then, the State Legislature has decided whether or not to renew the small allotment from the Parks and Soils Tax. This allotment is usually enough to fund the restoration of two or three flags. Since that time, twenty-five flags have been cleaned and stabilized, three more are currently undergoing the process, and another fifteen are waiting their turn. The remaining flags are still furled around their poles and are still in the display cases on the Capitol floor waiting positive identification and restoration.

In the collection are two flags that deserve special mention. The Gentry Flag that was flown by the First Regiment Missouri Volunteers in the Seminole War. Also, the United Daughters of the Confederacy (Bettie Shelby Chapter) presented a 3rd National Confederate Flag to the Confederate Veterans home in Higginville, Missouri (now a

toric Site).

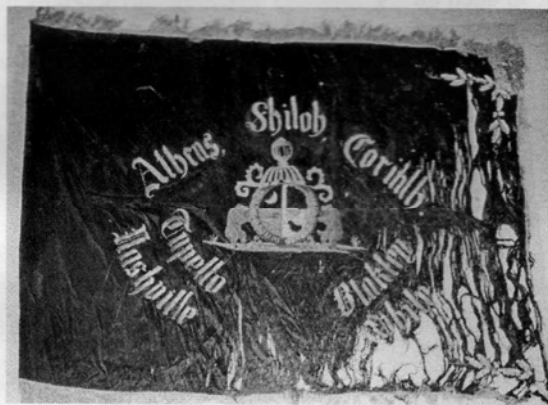
The restoration process is tedious. It consists of removing the cotton backings (from the 1920's) one stitch at a time, relaxing of the material fibers between glass plates, cleaning, and then encapsulating the flags in a gauzy fabric called Stabiltex, which protects the flag from expansion and contraction due to moisture. One interesting note is that the process can be "undone" in the future, should better preservation techniques become available.

For many years, the State would not allow citizens to donate private funds to the restoration program for any particular flag. Now the State Legislature permits both private groups and individuals alike to donate funds towards the restoration of all of the flags or a particular flag in general. Recently, a museum in Stuttgart, Germany, funded the restoration of the flag of the 17th Infantry, Missouri Volunteers (many local immigrants from the Stuttgart area had served under this flag). When completed, the flag will be on display in the Stuttgart Museum for five years, and then be returned to Missouri.

One of the most well known Civil War veterans in Missouri's history was General John S. Marmaduke. The son of a governor, he was a West Point graduate, who chose the side of the Confederacy when the war became inevitable. His personal colors are in the State's collection and has already been restored. After the war, he remained active in politics, and became governor himself after Reconstruction was concluded. He contracted pneumonia, died in office, and is buried under a massive obelisk in the State's plot in Jefferson City. At the base of the obelisk, the units he commanded are listed, and his epitaph reads, "He was Fearless and Incorruptible."

The Missouri State Museum invites interested parties to donate to the restoration of any particular flag. For an appointment to view the collection please call Mr. L.T. Shelton at (573) 522-1980 or you can call (573) 751-2854 for general questions or comments regarding the Missouri State Museum and its collections and exhibits at the State Capitol.

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Above: Example of typical Civil War flag in the Missouri Collection "before" restoration process and "after" restoration process

RAIN, MUD & SWAMPS

The Story of the 31st Missouri Volunteer Infantry Regiment

By. Gary L. Scheel

Rain, Mud and Swamps is a book that I wrote about the regiment that my great-great Grandfather was in during the Civil War. In 1990 my Mother informed me that I had an ancestor who had fought in the Civil War. At the time my interest in genealogy was almost non-existent. I have always been a history buff and have especially enjoyed American military history, especially the Civil War. She wanted to know what this unit the 31st Missouri Infantry Regiment had done during the war. I have always, deep inside, wanted to write a book, but never felt I would be able to.

Once I found out that the 31st Missouri was in almost every major battle in the western theatre, I became enthralled with recording the exploits that they experienced during the war. I wanted to write my book for people like me who were descendants of veterans of the 31st Missouri Infantry. I wanted to be able to follow my great-great Grandfather's footsteps. To be able to go to the battlefields where he fought and to wonder what he had thought and what he did. In my research, I was able to find the places he had marched, slept, and watched his fellow soldiers die. It became alive to me. I wanted all those, who like me, were descendants and could not go to these places and learn what their ancestors had done, where they had fought, and where some of them had died. I feel that my book accomplishes this. I also have found out that not only do the descendants of these brave men in the 31st Missouri enjoy my book, but also those who have a love for the Civil War also have enjoyed my book.

I started working on my book in April 1992 and finally went to press in July 1998. I received three thousand and fourteen copies in November 1998 and have been selling it ever since doing my own marketing

and have at this date sold one thousand eight hundred and ten copies. I wrote this book to honor those in the 31st Missouri who served when our nation called on them. Fifty men and officers made the ultimate sacrifice on the battlefield either being killed outright or being mortally wounded. Two hundred and fifteen men and officers died of disease some of these dying in a hospital after being wounded. Two are buried at Andersonville Prison. They marched through eleven Confederate states, fought in twenty-nine battles, skirmishes, and sieges in seven of these states and were under fire for an aggregate of one hundred and sixty-six days.

In my research, I was able to find resources in two primary areas. The Missouri Historical Society Libraries and all the University of Missouri's Western Historical Manuscript Collection. The diaries and letters that were available were such that I was able to find many resources of not only the 31st Missouri Infantry but also their sister unit the 32nd Missouri Infantry Regiment. These two regiments were together throughout the whole war, from their formation in the fall of 1862 until they were discharged in July 1865. On November 11, 1864 these two regiments had been reduced in numbers to such an extent that they were combined into a six-company battalion. At one point Colonel Abraham J. Seay said, "I have two hundred and twenty rifles in my battalion available for duty today."

I quote my great-great Grandfather's short diary from January 1865 until March 1865, letters from a private to his wife, the diary of the Colonel Seay of the 32nd Missouri Infantry, General Peter J. Osterhaus' 1864 diary and other diaries and letters that were available. I wanted to find enough material that when my book is read, an idea of what the soldier thought and had written would be a

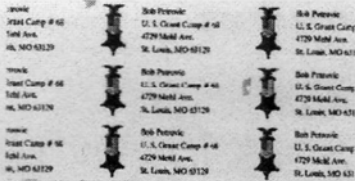


major part. Probably my most favorite part is the roster that is included from pages six hundred and forty to six hundred and ninety-two. The number of descendants who have found their ancestor in my book has surprised me. I was able to copy the roster from the Missouri Secretary of State's office where the records are stored in the Missouri State Archives.

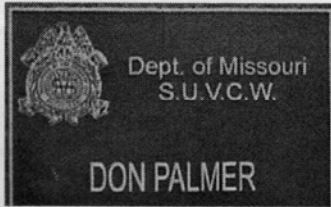
One of the main reasons that I joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was in a way that I could honor and pay tribute to not only my ancestor, but to every man that was in the 31st Missouri Infantry. I feel that I owe them a debt for having the privilege and the honor of telling their story of their exploits during the Civil War. I want to thank the General Ulysses S. Grant Camp #68 for allowing me to become a part of an organization that I feel has the same goals as I do.

Editor's Note: Gary Scheel's book on the history of the 31st Missouri Infantry is available for purchase at various books stores such as Borders Books or you can purchase it directly through Gary Scheel. Brother Scheel has offered to all SUVCW Members a reduced rate on the book in addition he has offered a monetary donation to the Department on each book that is sold through the Missouri Unionist. I encourage every Department Member to add this wonderful book on Missouri History to their Civil War book collection today and by doing so, you will also be supporting the Department of Missouri. For more information on ordering Rain, Mud, & Swamps, check the merchandise page of the Missouri Unionist.

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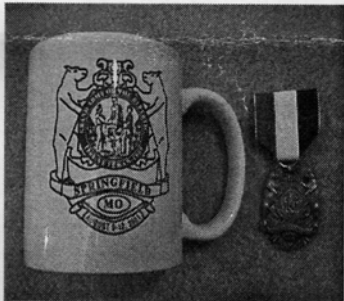


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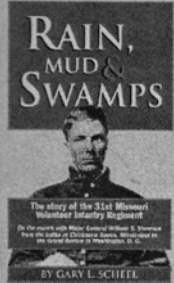


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MISSOURI ENCAMPMENT REGISTRATION

2002 MISSOURI DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Friday and Saturday, June 21 - 22, 2002 - St. Louis, Missouri

Holiday Inn - St. Louis Westport
1973 Craigshire Road
St. Louis, MO
(314) 434-0100
Toll Free (800) 465-4329

Room rate is \$75.00 (sgl/dbl)

Reservation deadline for this rate is May 31, 2002

Courtesy transportation to and from Lambert-St. Louis Airport



Weekend Agenda & Information

Friday June 21, 2002

- 6:00 pm Registration
- 7:00 pm Department Fellowship Event - Copperfield's Restaurant (inside hotel)
- 8:30 pm Social at Hospitality Suite - Meet Commander-in-Chief, George Powell

Saturday June 22, 2002

- 7:30 am Registration
- 9:00 am Department Business Session I
- Noon Lunch
- 1:30 pm Department Business Session II
- 4:00 pm Elections/Officer Installation
- 5:00 pm Adjourn
- 6:00 pm Social Hour
- 7:00 pm Encampment Banquet
**Open House follows banquet*

For Family Members:

As we in the Department of Missouri intend the Encampment weekend to be a family event, we are encouraging members to bring their families. There are many attractions for family members to enjoy while SUVCW members are attending the business sessions. Some of the more popular attractions include:

- Unique shopping experience at nearby Westport Plaza (shuttle service from hotel provided)
- Tours of local historic sites, such as U.S. Grant Nat'l Historic Site, Jefferson Barracks Park and the Daniel Boone Home (Defiance, MO)
- Antique shopping at historic downtown St. Charles, location of first MO State Capital, and have lunch at Lewis & Clark's Restaurant
- Famous St. Louis landmarks, such as the Gateway Arch, St. Louis Union Station, Anheuser-Busch Brewery, St. Louis Zoo, and Forest Park, site of the 1904 World's Fair

Pre-Registrations due by June 8

Mail Forms to:

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2002 ENCAMPMENT BANQUET

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of Adult Meals X \$25 = Sub Total

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Beef Chicken

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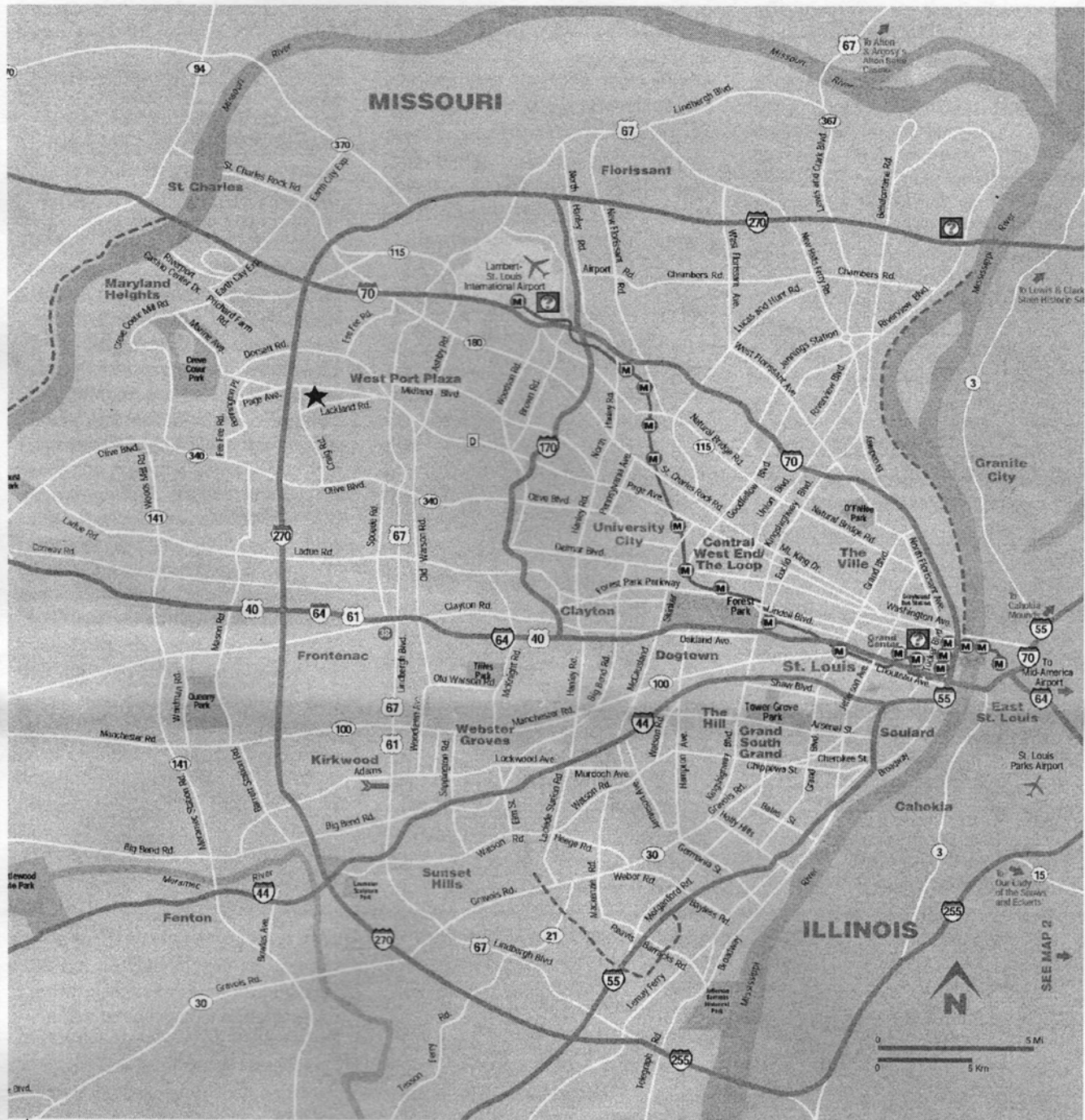
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Will you be attending the Fellowship event on Friday Evening? Yes No

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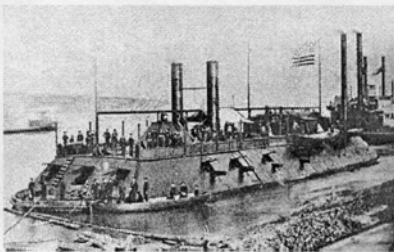
Cape Girardeau and Bootheel area - I-55 North to I-270 North (to Chicago) to Page Avenue East

DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES NEW AWARDS PROGRAM

At the quarterly Department meeting held in Jefferson City on March 16, 2002, a proposed Department Awards program was approved. The basis of this new awards program is to recognize outstanding achievements by Camps and individuals in the Missouri Department on a more formal note. It is also hoped that this recognition will serve as an incentive for increased volunteerism in the Department. A summary of the newly adopted Awards Program is as follows:

JAMES B. EADS AWARD *(Most Outstanding Camp in the Department)*

James Buchanan Eads was born on May 23, 1820 in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. He moved to St. Louis, Missouri as a young teenager and took odd jobs to sustain himself. Though Eads' formal schooling ended before he was 14, he learned mathematics and the sciences on his own. Eads' energy and inventiveness resulted in him becoming a prominent riverine engineer by the time of the Civil War and turned out to be an invaluable asset in helping the Union regain control of the Mississippi River.



In 1861, Eads won a contract from the Federal government for the construction of seven ironclad gunboats to be completed within 100 days. Eads' gunboats were used to help capture Forts Henry and Donelson in February 1862, one month before the famous USS Monitor and CSS Virginia exchanged fire at Hampton Roads, Virginia. During the war, he

continued to construct gunboats and mortarboats for use on the Mississippi River.

In 1867, he began work on the steel-arch bridge across the Mississippi River at St. Louis that still bears his name. The bridge was opened with



great ceremony on July 4, 1874. For the next decade, Eads' excellent reputation as an innovator gained him consulting jobs across the United States and internationally. His last great plan was for the construction of a ship railway across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec in Central America. In 1884, Eads moved from St. Louis to New York, but he was in Nassau, Bahama Islands at the time of his death on March 8, 1887. He is buried in historic Bellefontaine Cemetery in St. Louis.

The James B. Eads Award will be based on a points system, with each Camp accumulating points for positive contributions such as graves registered, new members, on-time submittal of reports, activities within their communities, etc. These points will be tracked during the period of June 1 to May 31 each year. The award will consist of a "battle streamer" for the winning Camp's flag and a framed certificate for the Camp. The Department will maintain either a plaque or certificate with a

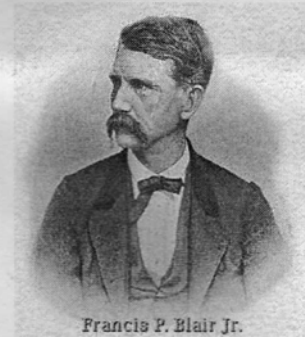
running list of the Eads Award winners.

FRANCIS P. BLAIR, JR.

AWARD

(Most Outstanding Member in the Department)

Francis Preston Blair, Jr. was born in Lexington, Kentucky on February 19, 1821. From secession to Reconstruction, Frank Blair of Missouri made an unbroken series of major contributions to the Union cause. No man did more to block Missouri's move to the Confederacy in 1861. As a U.S. Congressman, he battled for President Lincoln's early war programs. As a soldier, he was a distinguished divisional and corps commander during the Vicksburg and Atlanta campaigns. Finally, as a post-war



Francis P. Blair Jr.

senator, he confronted the radical Republicans in an attempt to bring reconciliation to a shattered union. Blair was the son of an advisor to presidents and the brother of Montgomery Blair, President Abraham Lincoln's first postmaster general. He attended the College of New Jersey, was granted a law degree from Transylvania College in Kentucky and served briefly as attorney general of the New Mexico Territory in 1847. There, he first clashed with military governor Sterling Price, who was to be one of Blair's major foes in the fight for Missouri loyalty. As a Missouri congressman in May 1861, Blair teamed

with Brigadier General Nathaniel Lyon to wrest the St. Louis Arsenal from Confederate hands in the Camp Jackson affair.

Blair recruited seven regiments during the summer of 1862 and was commissioned a Union brigadier general on August 7, 1862. By November of that year, he was a major general, leading a division in the Yazoo Expedition and earning plaudits from Major General William T. Sherman for his leadership at Chickasaw Bluffs early in the Vicksburg Campaign. Blair was commanding the Union line north of Vicksburg when Lieutenant General John C. Pemberton surrendered the city to Major General Ulysses S. Grant on July 4, 1863. At the Battle of Chattanooga, he led the XV Corps, and during Sherman's drive toward Atlanta, Blair commanded the XVII Corps in bloody fighting. After the fall of Atlanta, Blair led his corps in the "March to the Sea". He was in Goldsboro, North Carolina when word came that General Robert E. Lee had surrendered.

Both Grant and Sherman, highly critical of most "political" generals, rated Blair one of the most competent military leaders of the war. Blair became the Democratic nominee for vice president in 1868 and was appointed to the senate in 1871 to fill a vacant seat. Blair died in St. Louis on

July 9, 1875.

The Francis P. Blair, Jr. Award will be based on nominations submitted through Camp Commanders. The nomination letters shall contain a chronological synopsis of specific contributions covering the period June 1 through May 31 each year. The award will consist of an engraved plaque to be presented to the outstanding member.

SHOW-ME SPIRIT AWARD
***(Outstanding Contributions
by Non-Member)***

Each year, the Sons of Union Veterans receive invaluable support from non-members in the community who are interested in seeing our organization succeed in its mission. It is in our best interest to show our gratitude to these individuals in order to foster continued support.

The Show-Me Spirit Award will also be based on nominations submitted through Camp Commanders. The nomination letters shall contain details of contributions that warrant special recognition. Like the previously described awards, the period of performance will be June 1 to May 31 each year. Like the Blair Award, the Show-Me Spirit Award will consist of an engraved plaque to be presented to the outstanding individual.

**CERTIFICATES OF
APPRECIATION**

Members and non-members alike often contribute to the furtherance of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War through actions, words or deeds. It goes without saying that these significant, individual acts should not go unrecognized.

Provisions for Certificates of Appreciation already exist in the Department By-Laws. Any member can submit a nomination for a Certificate of Appreciation at any time during the year. A nomination must contain specific details of the action warranting recognition. Certificates of Appreciation will be signed by the Department Commander, framed, and presented to the individual.

Commander Palmer has appointed a three-member committee to evaluate nominations and select the award winners. For 2002, Department Senior Vice Commander John Martin will chair this committee, which will also include Past Department Commanders John Rutherford and Vern Stottlemire. These individuals were selected to (1) broaden the responsibility of the Department Senior Vice Commander and (2) promote continued participation of Past Department Commanders in Department business. The 2002 Eads, Blair and Show-Me Spirit Awards will be

"I venture to suggest that patriotism is not a short and frenzied out burst of emotion but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime."

Adlai Stevenson

It was requested of all Camp Commanders to appoint a Camp Patriotic Instructor. Most all of you have done that, however I have not received any information about these appointments nor have I received any correspondences or e-mails from any of them. This makes it impossible for me to forward information to each of them. So, next step, please e-mail or snail mail the names, addresses and e-mail addresses to me as soon as possible so that the Department Patriotic Initiatives may begin to be put into place throughout the Missouri Department.

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 - <http://suvvw.org/flag.htm> - on the web

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John D. Avery*

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JOHN H. MCNEIL CAMP #62 - UNIONVILLE, MISSOURI

On April 7, 2002, friends and members of the Captain William T. Anderson Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the General John H McNeil Camp #62 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War gathered together at the Forrest Llewelyn Cemetery in Kirksville, Missouri. They were there to dedicate a new memorial erected by the SCV in memory of the Confederate troops who were killed in the 1862 Battle of Kirksville.

During the summer of 1862, Col. John H. McNeil was doing his best to stop the recruiting activities of Confederate forces in northeast Missouri. Finally on August 6, 1862, McNeil's forces of about 1,000 Federals found Col. Joseph Porter and about 2,500 would-be Confederates in the town of Kirksville, Missouri. The battle raged from house to house for about three hours during which time there were about 450 casualties with the Confederate forces taking the heaviest losses. In the end, the Confederates were pushed out of the Kirksville area leaving behind 370 killed, wounded or captured Confederate troops. When the captured men were checked, several were found to have signed loyalty oaths. These men were ordered to be executed by Col. McNeil. They were then buried in a common unmarked grave in the town cemetery.

In 1915, the Corporal Dix Camp of the Grand Army of the Republic raised enough funds to have a stone memorial put in place to mark the graves of the 16 men who are buried in the common grave. At the time, there were no names placed on the marker and few of the local

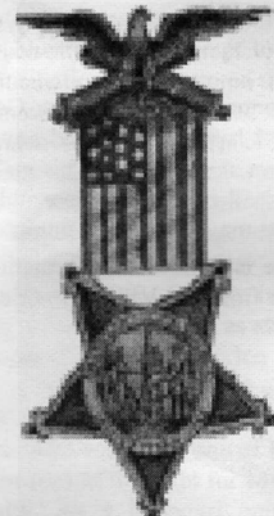
inhabitants could remember who was buried there. During the summer of 2000, vandals tipped over the heavy marker and did other damage to the stone. The members of William T. Anderson Camp, Sons of Confederate veterans found out about the destruction and raised enough funds to have the monument stone cleaned and restored. At that time, it was decided to have the names of the men buried there engraved however, there was no room for such an endeavor on the 1915 stone.

Anderson Camp members spent the next year working on fundraisers and collecting from the Official Records the names of those buried there and the names of those killed during the battle. On April 7, 2002 the new memorials with the names of those killed during the battle on one side, and names of those buried in the grave inscribed on the other, was formally dedicated in a joint ceremony. A color guard made up of members of both the McNeil Camp and Anderson Camp advanced the colors to the grave site and the ceremony began.

After the posting of the National and Camp colors near the site of the new memorial, an invocation was given by Camp Commander Bill Beverly of Searcy Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans. The opening prayer was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States and a salute to the Confederate colors. Opening statements were given by Anderson Camp Commander Neil Block, followed by a response given by Vern Stottlemyre Past Department Commander, Department Of Missouri SUVCW.

The keynote speaker was Commander Gene Dressel of the Missouri Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans. A wreath was placed on the memorial by Alan Decker and Mike Barr whose ancestors are buried in the common grave. The names of all the men listed on the new memorial were read followed by the ringing of a bell after the reading of each name. After the reading of the names three volleys were fired by the combined color guard made up of SCV and SUV members. The firing of the muskets was followed by the firing of a cannon whose crew was made up of members of both the SCV and SUV.

The ceremonial cannon crew were Charles Chinn and Jeremy Chinn of the Anderson Camp SCV and Lonnie Dover, Vern Stottlemyre, & David Wilson of the McNeil Camp SUVCW. Those members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War present and taking part in the dedication were Paul Burkland, John Culifer, Dennis Daniels, Lonnie Dover, Joe Jurado, Vern Stottlemyre, Greg Walters, and David Wilson.



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

The Wm. T. Sherman Camp #65 is proud to announce the promotions of Brother Emmett P. Taylor III and Camp Commander Robert D. Champlin to the rank of Captain in the 4th Military District of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

The Camp recently has been very active in the recruitment of new members primarily for the new SUVCW Camp that is currently forming in Washington, Missouri and welcomes new members Sean W. Burton, Gary D. Dunakey, and Bill Groth Jr. to the organization. In addition, PCC Paul Winslow and Dominic Winslow have been reclassified from the associate level to full member status in the organization after recently locating the documentation on their Civil War ancestor.

The Wm. T. Sherman Camp wishes to thank everyone for attending this years Annual General Sherman Birthday Ceremony at Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis. Numerous

SUVCW members from several different States including California were in attendance along with members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, MOLLUS, and various Civil War Re-enactment Units. The celebration of the General's birth was again a very worthwhile event and the Camp once again invites everyone again to St. Louis next year for the annual event.

Members from this Camp, as well as the Department of Missouri and the U.S. Grant Camp #68 also made a recent trip to the Lincoln Death Day Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois that was sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. The Camp takes pride in these important events and has been in attendance at all of the Department of Illinois GAR

Founders Ceremonies since they have been activated.

In closing, the Wm. T. Sherman Camp #65 would like to take the time to encourage and invite all brothers of the SUVCW to the Great City of St. Louis on June 21, 2002 for the Annual Department of Missouri Encampment.

*Yours in F,C&L,
Charles Ed Funck III
Secretary-Treasurer, PCC*



Ceremonial Color Guard at General Sherman's gravesite at Calvary Cemetery during Sherman Birthday Observance

PHELPS CAMP #66 - SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

On March 9, 2002, P.D.C. John Rutherford represented the Phelps Camp in a ceremony observing the 140th anniversary of the Battle of Pea Ridge. Despite inclement weather, the SUVCW was well represented and the event proved to be a great success.



John S. Phelps



John E. Phelps

In April, the Phelps Camp participated in the Annual Park Day program at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield in Springfield, Missouri. Camp members took the opportunity to help clean up Highway ZZ which

is adjacent to the battlefield and participates in Missouri's Adopt-A-Highway program. A special thanks is due to members Bob Clanton, Chris Strodman, Jeff Patrick, and Michael Price for their efforts.

The Phelps Camp, like many others Camps nationwide, is looking forward to the upcoming months and will be participating in Memorial Day activities, cemetery maintenance, and presenting their Parade of the American Soldiers for various parades, ceremonies, and events.

*Yours in F,C&L,
Michael Price,
Phelps Camp #66*

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

The U.S. Grant Camp joined Posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars in donating to a fund to help defray the cost of the Memorial Day program at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Since 1997, the U.S. Grant Camp has been participating in the Memorial Day parade at Jefferson Barracks. For the past two years, it has been an integral part of the program with inclusion of the Civil War-era hearse and an introductory address at the beginning of the ceremony. At the October 2001 Camp meeting, the camp voted to donate \$200 to the Inter-Veterans Memorial Day Committee Fund to help with the cost of sponsoring this event. Since the Grant Camp has become an integral part of Memorial Day at Jefferson Barracks, it was decided that it should help bear some of the burden in funding this

impressive event. At the January 12th meeting of the Inter-Vets Committee, Commander John Avery presented a check to Committee Chairman and American Legion member Merton Adreon.



Above: Grant Camp Commander John Avery presents donation to Merton Adreon, of the American Legion to help with finances to support Memorial Day activities at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

**2002 ANNUAL
JEFFERSON BARRACKS
MEMORIAL DAY
CELEBRATION PICNIC**

Sponsored by U.S. Grant Camp

After the Jefferson Barracks Memorial services and activities on Monday, May 27, 2002, the Ulysses S. Grant Camp invites all Civil War enthusiasts of the Blue & Gray and their families to join them for a refreshing social get together and lunch from noon until 5:00 pm. Come join fellow Civil War enthusiasts from numerous other organizations and groups committed in the preservation of our Civil War heritage and history.

Soft drinks, hotdogs, hamburgers, bratwursts, etc, will be provided to all guests in attendance for a small donation to the organization's general operating fund. This fund assists the organization in conducting educational and ceremonial events throughout the year regarding the history of "America's Greatest Story."

As a courtesy so we can plan the event accordingly, an RSVP would be appreciated although not required to Junior Vice-Commander Mark Trout (314) 220-1944 prior to Friday, May 24, 2002.

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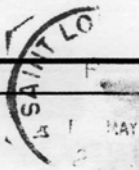
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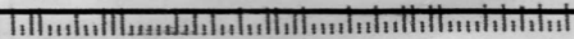


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