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# From The Commander

## Department Commander Rod Price

Brothers

Could we all heed these words below, written long ago and apply them to our daily lives, with the same sincerity as the original author.

Rod Price, Commander  
Department of Missouri

Executive Mansion, Washington.  
**Feb. 20, 1865.**

His Excellency Governor Fletcher:

It seems that there is now no organized military force of the enemy in Missouri, and yet that destruction of property and life is rampant everywhere. Is not the cure for this within easy reach of the people themselves? It cannot but be that every man, not naturally a robber or cut-throat, would gladly put an end to this state of things. A large majority in every locality must feel alike on this subject, and if so, they only need to reach an understanding, one with another. Each leaving all others alone solves the problem; and surely each would do this but for his apprehension that others will not leave him alone. Cannot this mischievous distrust be removed? Let neighborhood meetings be everywhere called and held of all entertaining a sincere purpose for mutual security in the future, whatever they may heretofore have thought, said or done about the war, **or about anything else**. Let all such meet, and waiving all else, pledge each to cease harassing others, and to make common cause against whomever persists in making, aiding or encouraging further disturbance. The practical means they will best know how to adopt and apply. At such meetings old friendships will cross the memory, and honor and Christian charity will contrive to help.

Please consider whether it may not be well to suggest this to the now afflicted people of Missouri.

Yours truly,  
**A. Lincoln**

## Phelps Camp # 66

### Springfield

Jeff Patrick reported that the headstones for the two graves in Kirksville have been delivered, and payment for their installation has been sent to the monument company. We are now planning an official dedication ceremony for next April. Union veteran Dr. A.T. Still, the father of osteopathic medicine, is buried in the same cemetery, so we will mark his grave as well.

Steve Weldon reported that the Carthage Park Board has approved our proposal to erect a monument in Central Park. The proposal will now go before the Carthage City Council. A prominent southwest Missouri artist has agreed to design the monument.

Camp members Gary Riley, David Coffman, Greg Wait and Jeff Patrick represented Phelps Camp at the Pioneer Descendants Festival in Douglas County on October 2. While there, they discovered that the headstones of two Union veterans buried in nearby Yates Cemetery need to be replaced. New stones will be ordered this winter

# U.S. Grant Camp # 68

## St. Louis

On September 18, 2010 members of the Grant Camp participated in the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Affton Days Parade. They were part of the "Save Grants Farm" entry in the parade.

L to Right.

Robert Aubuchon, Marty Aubuchon, Jim England, Bob Amsler and Jim Hubbard.

(Jim Hubbard and Jim England are members of the SCV Price Camp)

(Photo courtesy of Grantwood Villiage, MO)



L-R John Avery, Mark Coplin, Marty Aubuchon and Don Palmer

No 68 SUV are John Avery Mortuary Representative 4<sup>th</sup> Military District, Mark Coplin Sgt 2<sup>nd</sup> MO Infantry, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Martin Aubuchon 2<sup>nd</sup> MO Infantry and CC US Grant Camp, JVC Department of Missouri , and Don Palmer Senior Vice Commander National Sons of Union Veterans, PDC Department of Missouri

On Saturday November 13, 2010 four members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> MO Infantry, Co A SVR 4<sup>th</sup> Military District and US Grant Camp #68 Sons of Union Veterans participated in a Dedication of a Civil War Marker for Pvt Henry Hencken 1825-1899. Pvt Hencken was a member of Keeler Post, NO. 152 Grand Army of the Republic. Pvt Hencken served in Captain Haag's Missouri Home Guard, Company E. The dedication ceremony was held at the Hencken Family Cemetery located in Wildwood, MO. Members of the Wildwood Historical Society were in attendance in addition to several family members. Members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mo Infantry SVR and US Grant

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# McPherson Camp # 1

## Little Rock, Arkansas

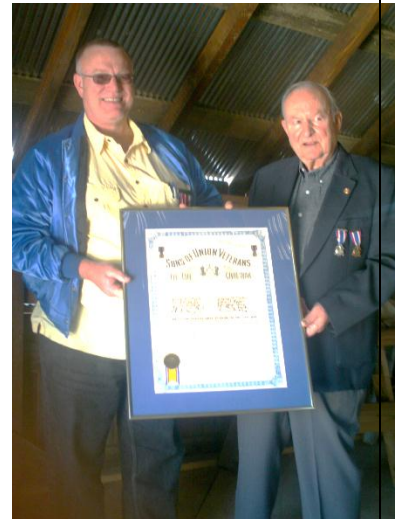


On October 30<sup>th</sup> McPherson Camp received their Camp Charter during a meeting at Reed's Bridge Battlefield in Arkansas.

←Camp Commander Sam Wang and Department of Missouri Junior-Vice Commander Marty Aubuchon admiring the new charter.

Past Department Commander Walt Busch, and McPherson Camp member, Presenting Camp Commander Sam Wang

the new Camp Charter. →



# Major Francis Wilhelmi Camp # 17

## Washington



On Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> members of the Major Francis Wilhelmi attended the Pacific Railroad Days at Pacific MO. Senior Vice-Commander Mike McCubbins and Brother Mike Just set up a camp/information area in the town. Later Sr. Vice McCubbins and Brothers Glen Alsop and Jack Laubinger were part of the dedication ceremony at Blackburn park. The ceremony was to dedicate the Civil war marker in the park that was built as part of Scout Zach Myers Eagle Scout project. Zach raised most of the On Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> Camp Commander Ron Burke setup a display at the Old

Ironworks Days at Meramac Springs State Park in St. James, Mo. Also in attendance were Brothers Mike McCubbins, Glen Alsop, Jack Laubinger and Mike Just.

On Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> Brothers McCubbins Laubinger and Just attended the New Haven Firefest and setup a Camp/ Information area in the park. Brothers Alsop and Dean Venardos also attended.

On Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> Camp Commander Burke, set up a table at the Franklin Co. History Fair sponsored by East Central College in Union , Mo.

Respectfully submitted, Glennon Alsop, Sec/Tres.

# Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326

## Ste. Genevieve

On October 9, two members of our Camp participated in the annual Spirit Reunion at Memorial Cemetery in Ste. Genevieve. There were twenty different spirits making themselves known to all who wished to visit with them. There were nearly one hundred and fifty visitors that came through in the two hours that we were there.

Junior Member William Zoughaib portrayed a fifteen year old Civil War soldier named, Jacob Zimmer a musician in Company I, 30<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry. He died on December 15, 1862 while in the hospital in Ste. Genevieve.

Gary L. Scheel portrayed Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James who is buried next to his parents. His father died nearly two weeks before him. Lt. Col. St. James was second in command of the 13<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry Regiment and was mortally wounded on 6 April 1862 at the Battle of Shiloh, TN. He died two days later in the hospital at Savannah, TN and was buried in Memorial Cemetery on 13 April 1862.

Both of these Civil War Veterans lie in unmarked graves.

where we set up an educational area with a display of weapons and equipment that was used during the Civil War. Three of our members were there and they were Paul Cameron, Tom Farlow and Tom Greminger. Tom Farlow drilled all young volunteers teaching them the basics of Civil War drill. Our Ladies Auxiliary also had an area set up.

Gary L. Scheel was interviewed by the local radio station about the history of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their importance and effect on our modern veterans organizations. This broadcast ran on Veterans Day. Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> which is sponsored by our local American Legion Post. They honored us again by requesting that we fire a salute. Bob Hammack (not pictured) lay a rose at the memorial to our Veterans as did a member of our Ladies Auxiliary. There were ten members of our camp present and four members of our Ladies Auxiliary.

(L-R) Jerry Kasten, Gary Scheel, Tom Greminger, Paul Cameron, Tom Farlow and William Zoughaib.

Photo was taken by one of our members Samar Zoughaib.



# General James McCormick Camp # 273

## Bonne Terre

We have been participating in many events since the last issue of this newsletter. September was a busy month for the camp. On September 18th the camp, with five members present and Tom Farlow of the St. James Camp, and six members of the Louisa Volker Auxiliary presented a Civil War day at St. Francois State Park north of Bonne Terre, MO. This event consisted of a fashion show, military drills, and an evening program and game about local bushwhackers. We were selling raffle tickets for the camp's reproduction Civil War officer's sword. A man named Gene Grein of Ste. Genevieve, MO was the lucky winner and on the 30th, Camp Secretary Doug Roussin and Camp Commander presented him with his prize.

Members of the camp and Volker Auxiliary presented a Civil War educational program at Fort Davidson State Historic Site for West St. Francois County's Second Graders on October 1st. Bob Schmidt and Chris Warren demonstrated Civil War uniforms, accoutrements, weapons, marching, and food; while Twyla Warren demonstrated ladies' clothing, accessories, children's games, and medicines of the period



November has arrived and it continues to provide more opportunities to honor our Civil War

ancestors. On November 13<sup>th</sup> we held a "Belated Veterans Day Ceremony" at Hopewell Cemetery near Potosi, MO it included the McCormick Camp, Volker Auxiliary, and two members of the St. James Camp. We arrived early and began the day by placing flags on the graves of the 61 Civil War veterans buried there. This was followed by the opening ceremonies of the men in uniform marching the length of the cemetery road, U.S. flag waving in the wind, and a riderless horse being led by our junior-member. Members of the camp and auxiliary gave talks, read a poem, had prayer, and fired an



honor volley as part of this ceremony. Finally, the McCormick Camp and Volker Auxiliary plan do participate in bell ringing for the local United Way during December.

The Members of the Camp and Auxiliary wish all of you a safe and wonderful Holiday Season and a Very Happy New Year. We look forward to the events and ceremonies of the first year of the Sesquicentennial in 2011. (Photo provided by Chris Warren)

# Private John W. Kling

## Garden A, Grave Site A0047

### Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Jacksonville

We seldom have the opportunity to participate in a ceremony to lay to rest the remains of a Civil War soldier. On 17 September 2010 such an honor was given us. Department Commander Rod Price was notified by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Charles Funck of the 34<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry Regiment SVR of this opportunity. An organization known as "Missing in America Project" located the remains of a Civil War veteran and his wife in a funeral storage facility in Kansas City, MO.

Private John Kling and his wife Elizabeth whose cremated remains were



delivered to the cemetery (L-R: Charles Funck III, D. C. Rod Price, Gary Scheel, Bob Hammack) for burial. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were invited to participate in this ceremony.

Under the command of 1st Lieutenant Charles E. Funck III, Department Commander Rod Price, Gary Scheel, Robert Hammack gathered to finally bring this gallant soldier of the Civil War to his final resting place. It has been a long time coming.

Private John W. Kling enlisted into Company I, 2nd Missouri (Old) Artillery Regiment in Saint Louis on 4 November 1861. He was mustered into service on the same day. On 1 February 1862 he was transferred from Company I to Company E. He was mustered out on 24 August 1863 per Special Order 219, Headquarters, Department of Missouri.

He was born in 1837 and departed this life in 1918. Not much is known of his life but he was married to Elizabeth who was born in 1845 and died in 1923.

Other organizations that paid their respects were local V.F.W. and American Legion Posts, Patriot Guard, National Guard and a local school group.

Because of the short notice, some mis-communication and taking place on a Friday afternoon, I believe many more of our members would have participated but were unable to. The ceremony was planned by Missouri Veterans Cemetery Director Larry Carmer.

Editorial Note: It was my honor to have carried the remains to the place of dedication and I am grateful that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were elected to provide the guard. It is a rare privilege to participate in honoring a Civil War Veteran and his wife in such a manner. My personal opinion is, This is what the Sons of Union Veterans are all about. Editor Gary L. Scheel

# Central Region Association of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic

October 2nd, the Gen. McCormick Camp's SVR unit, the 47th Missouri Infantry - Company E, along with two members of the St. James Camp's SVR unit, the 78th Enrolled Missouri Militia - Company F, presented a color guard at the opening ceremonies of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic's Central Region Association's conference, which was held in Farmington, MO.



During this conference, members of the Department of Missouri - SUVCW were elected to positions over this ten state organization; Officers from Missouri are: Commander, Bob Petrovic, PDC; Senior-Vice Commander, Don Shaw, DC (Michigan); Junior-Vice Commander, Chris Warren, PCC; Secretary/Treasurer, Alan Teller, PDC (Indiana); Chaplain, Walt Busch, PDC; Patriotic Instructor, Marty Aubuchon, CC.

