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Last Edition by Gary L. Scheel

From The Commander

Department Commander D. Christopher Warren

SUVCW Brothers of the Department of Missouri:

Greetings from your new Department Commander. I want to thank all of you for your support during the election at the Department Encampment at Columbia on June 4th. I look forward to a prosperous year, and also to seeing many of you at the various meetings, events, and activities throughout this term. First, I would like to thank the Department Council (and acting Council) for their decision at the Encampment; within the few days prior the Department had an unexpected event. Department Commander Price was unable to attend, and also had requested (and was granted) an Honorable Discharge from our order; the Council present (and temporary elected council) followed the order's Constitution and Regulations, thus convening and coming to the decision to appoint myself as the Department Commander interim, until the elections, which were held toward the end of the Encampment. It was at this time that I was elected for the 2011-2012 term. We wish Mr. Price well in his future endeavors.

Next, many of you know me, but for those who do not, allow me to introduce myself. My name is David Christopher Warren, but I prefer to be called Chris. I was born and raised in the Ironton/Pilot Knob area, and have been interested in Civil War history since about age nine. For six years, I was a tour guide at Fort Davidson State Historic Site in Pilot Knob (and had volunteered two years prior to that). Almost seven years ago, I joined the U.S. Grant Camp 68 – SUVCW and later served as its Camp Junior-Vice Commander. I also joined the 2nd MO INF, Co. A – SVR and eventually rose to the rank of SGT within this unit. Then, in the Summer of 2006, I came up with the idea that the “Mineral Area” of Missouri needed an SUVCW Camp. It was not long until I began organizing what would later become the Gen. James R. McCormick Camp 215. It has been my privilege to have served four and a half terms as its Camp Commander; however, my election to the position of Department Commander and the C-in-C's Gen. Orders #16, caused my resignation before completing this year's term within the camp.

Later, in 2008, I introduced the idea of this camp needing an SVR unit, and thus the 47th MO INF, Co. E – SVR was born; allowing me to serve as its unit commander every since. Also, that Fall saw my wife, Twyla, and Cher Petrovic creating the Louisa Volker Auxiliary 215 – ASUVCW, of which I have served as Co-Counselor since its inception. So, as one might realize, the SUVCW and Civil War is very much a vital part of my life. Furthermore, I have also been Civil War reenacting for several years, and currently serve as CPL of the 1st Missouri Engineers, Co. E – Turner Brigade. Additionally, my wife Twyla, who is from Ontario, Canada, and I both have Civil War ancestors. My wife's great-great-great grandfather was Benjamin Davis, 16th PA CAV, while my great-great-great grandfather was William S. Reed of the 25th MO INF/1st MO ENG. My collegial studies include a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education and Social Studies, as well as recently completing a Master of Arts Degree in Civil War Military History.

In closing, I want to convey my sincerest desire to do the best of my abilities as your Department Commander. I have recently issued my Department Orders 1 & 2, which are posted on the Department's web-site. If I can be of any assistance to you or your camps throughout this year, please do not hesitate to contact me. Remember, this is your Department and I want each of you to feel a part of it. Let us truly remember that we are here by a common bond of heritage or interest and to promote a genuine feeling of “Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty” amongst all of our members.

Yours in F, C, & L,

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150th Anniversary of Camp Jackson



L-R: Jack Grothe (#65) Vernon Von der Heydt (#65), Robert Amsler Jr. (#68), Joe Difani Jr. (#65), Marty Aubuchon (#68), Chris Warren (#215), Mark Coplin (#68), Greg Wolk (#326), Gary Scheel (#326), Robert Aubuchon (#68), Department Commander Rod Price (#215), James Ebert (#68), Randy McGuire (#68), Dan Jackson (#68), Robert Petrovic (#68) and Joe Difani Sr. (#65 not in the photo) Photo by Cher Petrovic

On May 10th members of the Department of Missouri SUVCW assembled at St. Louis University in St. Louis. The university is the site of Camp Jackson and we were there to commemorate the Sesquicentennial of the Camp Jackson Affair. There were sixteen members of the Department of Missouri present. This event was sponsored by the U.S. Grant Camp # 68, SUVCW and the history department of St. Louis University.

In the photo was an information board of the names of the people who were killed in the streets of St. Louis. A couple were there who were descendants of one of the men killed. They told me that he was disgusted with St. Louis and was making plans of returning to Germany.

There were also members of the Ladies Auxiliary present from a couple of the camps as well as the Womens Relief Corps.

After the ceremony we all went to a nearby place to eat and the Grant Camp bought us pizza.

Article by Gary Scheel. Photo's are courtesy of Cher Petrovic.



Phelps Camp # 66

Springfield

WHAT HAPPENED AT THE MAY MEETING?

Jeff Patrick reported that a letter has been sent to the Community Foundation of Mountain Grove asking for assistance to restore the "Soldier's Monument" there.

Members were reminded that the latest issue of the *Missouri Unionist* may be downloaded at <http://www.suvcwmo.org>.

Jeff Patrick reported that planning continues on the Zagonyi's Charge program, scheduled for October 22. Members enjoyed an excellent presentation by John Sutton on cavalry carbines of the Civil War, and were allowed to examine a number of reproduction carbines.

STEVE WELDON UPDATE

Camp member Steve Weldon, who lives in Joplin, reports that the Weldon family suffered some property damage but otherwise all are well. The thoughts and prayers of the members of Phelps Camp go out to all those in Joplin.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WILSON'S CREEK REENACTMENT

Phelps Camp will have a recruiting/sales table at the Wilson's Creek reenactment on August 12-14. We need volunteers to man the table, so if you're available any time between Friday morning (the 12th) and Sunday afternoon (the 14th), please contact Jeff Patrick as soon as possible at 417-732-2662, ext. 226, or by e-mail (tam1rn@juno.com).

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 18-19: Battle of Boonville reenactment

July 9: Living history activities in Carthage

August 6: Parade in downtown Republic, followed by living history programs

August 7: Ceremony in Clever to commemorate the skirmish at Dug Springs

August 10: Battle of Wilson's Creek anniversary ceremony, 7 p.m.

Thomas C. Fletcher Camp # 47



The Thomas C. Fletcher Camp 47 - SUVCW is in the process of becoming the newest camp in the Department of Missouri. They have obtained permission to form by the National Organization, and are actively recruiting new members. On Thursday, May 16, 2011, Department Commander, Chris Warren, initiated their camp members and then installed the following officers (photo L-R: Leonard Wright - Junior Vice Commander; Ron Johnson - Camp Treasurer; Doug Roussin - Camp Commander; Glen Micke - Senior Vice Commander; and Chris Warren, Dept. Commander) at this camp's monthly meeting. Department Camp Organizer, Bob Petrovic also attended this meeting, and advised the camp on proper procedures to continue in their process of becoming an officially chartered camp of the SUVCW.

The Fletcher camp is currently in the process of finalizing paperwork, and applying for their charter. They meet at the Arlington Inn Bed & Breakfast, 207 East Main Street, De Soto, MO, the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (with most members meeting to eat dinner around 6:00 p.m. in the restaurant). For more information on this camp, please contact Doug Roussin at 2roussin@att.net or call (636) 586-4263.

Major Francis Wilhelmi Camp #17 Washington



These are pictures from Serendipity Day at Ajays' school (Edgar Murray Elementary) on May 6th. ←In the picture are Glen Alsop, Jack Laubinger, Mike Just and Ajay Alsop. We had 5 sessions of 15 kids each and demonstrated how to load and fire the howitzer. Glen Alsop demonstrated how to load and fire the

revolver and rifle. Glen then demonstrated how the soldiers lived in the tent with a display of how the tent was set up and the uniforms and equipment that the soldiers used.



Upcoming SUVCW Signature Sesquicentennial Events

July 9 & 10, Ste. Genevieve Civil War Camp.

Civil War Living History and re-enactment of the Merchant's Bank Raid of August 15, 1861. Sponsored by Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp # 326. For more information contact Gary L. Scheel 573-883-9397 or at Somewhere1@sbcglobal.net

July 16 & 17. Battle of Wentzville.

Re-enactment of the Battle at Wentzville on the 150th Anniversary of the battle. July 16, 1861. For more information contact Captain Emmett Taylor at eptaylor@mac.com

July 30 Colonel U.S. Grant Receives Generals Commission.

In Ironton, MO . Saturday, July 30, 2011 - Ironton, MO (Ste. Marie Du Lac Catholic Church grounds) For more information contact Walt Busch at webusch@hotmail.com

General Alexander Asboth Camp #5 Wentzville

MEXICO, Mo. — Side by side, brothers David and Walker Lillard moved to Missouri as slaves, joined the Army and married their sweethearts.

Cpl. David Lillard's descendants Joyce Hogan, Retha Mayfield, Earlene King and James Hubbard listen to the Rev. Karl M. Thomas' eulogy for Lillard. About 90 people gathered Sunday to dedicate a grave marker for Lillard.

Yesterday in Elmwood Cemetery, their descendants, side by side for the first time in more than 100 years, watched while descendants of men who fought on opposing sides during the Civil War stood side by side to honor them.

The ceremony to mark the grave of Cpl. David Lillard followed a ritual established in 1917 for funerals and memorials for members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the veterans' organization established for Union soldiers after the war. They laid an evergreen wreath, signifying everlasting love of comrades, a rose to show purity of devotion to duty and a grapevine wreath to symbolize victory.

"The only thing I could think about was the two of them," Joyce Hogan, great-granddaughter of David Lillard, said as she held the U.S. flag presented to her during the ceremony. "I think of those two little boys who left Kentucky as slaves. The bond they must have had between each other must have been unbelievable."

The ceremony capped the Mexico Juneteenth celebration. Karl Thomas, pastor of Second Missionary Baptist Church — a church the Lillards helped found in 1866 — noted the two men fought for their freedom from slavery. "David and Walker were free before any proclamation, before any document. They were free because God made them free. Gray and Blue doesn't matter — we are all children of the same God."

The Lillard brothers enlisted in the Fourth Missouri Colored Infantry in March 1864. Their owner, Abraham Tinsley, was paid \$300 each for their services as soldiers. The unit was reorganized as the 68th U.S. Colored Infantry and took part in one of the last battles of the war, at Fort Blakely, Ala., where they fought against the remnants of the Missouri Confederate brigade.

Walker Lillard's grave was dedicated last year. An article about that ceremony caught Hogan's attention as she was researching her family, and yesterday's ceremony was the culmination of efforts to locate David Lillard's grave. Wayne Sampson, commander of the Alexander Asboth Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and treasurer of the Elijah Gates Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, led the ceremony.

A color guard representing those two camps, as well as the Tiger Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans, provided a fired salute, and the choir of the Second Missionary Baptist Church in Mexico sang the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Hogan's sister, Retha Mayfield, joined her. They traveled from their homes in Los Angeles to attend the event and meet James Hubbard and Earlene King of Clinton Township, Mich., great-great-grandchildren of Walker Lillard. "This is beyond belief," Mayfield said of the reunion.

Hubbard and King had visited Mexico last year for the dedication of the stone at Walker Lillard's grave. Hubbard learned he had cousins in California when he received an email from Hogan. He feels he has done a service to his late mother by making the connection.

"My mother always asked me to find her family," he said. "She never knew her father."

During the ceremony, Sampson noted black and white, Union and Confederate were together. "We are not here to fight the war over," he said. "We'll do that another day. We are here to honor two soldiers who fought for what they believed in."

This article was published on page A10 of the Monday, June 20, 2011 edition of The Columbia Daily Tribune with the headline "Slave siblings are reunited Ceremony brings family together.."



(Photo by Don Shrubshell)

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

Ste. Genevieve

On March 25th we met in Doe Run to participate in the Medal of Honor Ceremony to honor Corporal Platt Pearsall who was awarded the Medal of Honor for action at Vicksburg, MS on 20 May 1863.

On May 10th at the 150th Anniversary of Camp Jackson Affair those from our camp that participated are Greg Wolk and Gary Scheel

May 30th, the date Major General John Logan proclaimed Decoration Day, members of Company F participated in two separate memorial ceremonies in Ste. Genevieve, MO.

At 11 a.m. four members of Company F, attended the ceremonies at the VFW Hall in Ste. Genevieve.

At 2 p.m. eight members of Company F, which included all three of our Junior Members gathered at Memorial Cemetery to honor those who served in the Civil War. We had several members of the community attend.

Private Jerry Kasten of Company F participated in Memorial Day ceremonies at Fort D in Cape Girardeau, MO.

L-R: Pvt. William Zoughaib, Pvt Bob → Hammack, Pvt Gary Scheel, Pvt Jonah Robinson, Pvt. Noah Robinson, Cpl Paul Cameron, 1st Sgt Tom Farlow, Cpl. Tom Greminger.



We are standing at the site of Lt. Col. Joseph Felix St. James who was mortally wounded at the Battle of Shiloh. The SUVCW Camp in Ste. Genevieve is named after him.

Nine of eleven members of Company F participated in Memorial Day services.

On May 31st four camp members and one Auxiliary member met at Marble Hill to pick up the Divided Loyalties display furnished by the Missouri Secretary of States office. We then took it to Ste. Genevieve where we put it up at the Visitors Center.

In early June, Tom Greminger and Gary Scheel met at the Visitors Center to put up Civil War displays that complimented the Divided Loyalties display. These two displays will remain up until after the Ste. Genevieve Civil War Camp.

On June 28th two members of our camp took the display down and delivered it to Rolla, Mo the next day.

Our upcoming activities:

July 4th we will participate in Perryville with a living history camp organized by the Camp Commander of the Sherman Camp, Joe Difani Jr.

We are sponsoring the Ste. Genevieve Civil War Camp on July 9 & 10. This includes our SUVCW Signature 150th Anniversary of the Merchant's Bank Raid in Ste. Genevieve.

July 9th will be the dedication of the Civil War Plaque in which the SUVCW Charitable Foundation gave us a grant for \$500.00

July 12th we will have Walt Busch give us a presentation on his new book "Fort Davidson and the Battle of Pilot Knob."

General James McCormick Camp # 215

Bonne Terre

The last few months have been very, very busy for the McCormick Camp 215.

First, members Billy Daugherty, Bob Schmidt, and Chris Warren participated in the annual Sherman Day ceremony at Calvary cemetery, on February 27, 2011. Next, McCormick Camp 215 and the St. James Camp 326, conducted a "Medal of Honor Day" ceremony at the grave of CPL Platt Pearsall, in Doe Run on March 25th. Then, on March 26th, the two camps (and their auxiliaries) once again came together for a history day at the Antique Treasures store in Leadington, where they had displays of a Civil War encampment, an artist newspaper correspondent, toys, ladies fashions, and wool spinning/soap making. Next, April 17, 2011, members of the camp participated in a living history at Fort Davidson State Historic Site in Pilot Knob. This was the first time for the camp's two



Junior members, Kaleb and Connor, got to serve as "powder monkeys" and get a taste of what it was like during the Civil War. Next, on April 13th and April 27th, members Chris Warren, Bob Schmidt, and Andrew Warren, presented two JROTC Awards and U.S. Flags, in Civil War uniform, to a cadet at Farmington and Fredericktown High Schools in Missouri. Then, on May 10, 2011, Twyla Warren (Volker Auxiliary 215), Chris Warren (McCormick Camp 215), and Mark Coplin (Grant Camp 68), set up a living history encampment on the lawn of St. Louis University Campus, during the afternoon, and

then along with several others, participated in a sesquicentennial memorial of the "Camp Jackson Affair" during the evening. Next, Chris Warren, and his wife Twyla, completed a day of Civil War education at Roosevelt Elementary's "Pioneer Day" in Farmington, Missouri on May 13, 2011. This is an annual event where the entire fourth grade from the district is bused to Roosevelt, and then they spend the day going through various "history demonstrations" for 30 minute intervals, all day long. In

addition, member Chris Warren has recently completed a Master of Arts Degree in Civil War Military History, and was asked to give a presentation at the May meeting of the Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp 326 in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri.

His special presentation was on the topic of Civil War flags from Missouri and Arkansas, and went very favorably, with a guest from the Cape Girardeau Civil War Round Table arranging for him to give this same program at their group's June meeting.

Then, on Memorial Day, May 30th, members of the Volker Auxiliary and McCormick Camp attended a small ceremony at the gravesite of Gen. James R. McCormick. Finally, on June 4th, members of the camp attended the annual Missouri Department Encampment in Columbia, where Chris Warren was elected to the position of Department Commander.

