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In Memory of Samuel D. Wang, P.C.C. McPherson Camp #1 – Little Rock, Arkansas

Samuel D. Wang, 83, of Fort Smith died Friday, Oct. 21, 2011, in his home. He was born in North Georgetown, Ohio. He was a retired vice president of Hiram Walker, worked as an arbitration judge, graduated from Wittenberg University and from Case Western Reserve University Law School, was a member of both the Ohio state and Sebastian County bar associations, was a Koran War veteran, a member of the American Legion, ATO Fraternity, Noon Civics League, Friends of the Library, and St. Luke Lutheran Church and was a past president of the Old Fort Museum. He was the widower of Nancy Wang.

In addition, Sam was also a founding member and served as the first Camp Commander for the McPherson Camp # 1, Little Rock, Arkansas – Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He had also previously served as a member of the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission.

Memorial service with military honors was held at 1 p.m. Saturday, October 29, 2011 at St. Luke Lutheran Church with burial of cremains at U.S. National Cemetery under the direction of Ocker-Putman Funeral Home in Fort Smith.

He is survived by a daughter, Linda Hamilton of Fort Smith; three sons, Mark Wang of East Peoria, Ill., Gary Wang of Valley Stream, N.Y., and Earl Wang of Summerfield, N.C.; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to either Community Rescue Mission, 310 N. F St., Fort Smith, AR 72904; or to St. Luke Lutheran Church, 5401 Free Ferry Road, Fort Smith, AR 72903.

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Department Order #6
Friday, October 26, 2011

It is with deepest sympathy that I inform you of the passing of Sam Wang, after a lengthy battle with leukemia. Sam is an SUVCW Life Member and also served as the first/founding Camp Commander of the McPherson Camp #1 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

I hereby order that the Department of Missouri – Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will observe a thirty day period of mourning, beginning Wednesday, October 26, 2011, and ending at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, November 25, 2011. All members shall drape their badges in a black mourning ribbon when worn, and all camp charters, web-sites, and the Department’s web-site will also be draped in black for this period in memory of Sam Wang.

In addition, the Department Chaplain will send a card of sympathy to Sam’s next of kin on behalf of the Department of Missouri.

Personally, I wish to offer my sincerest sympathy to Sam’s family on their loss.

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

D. Christopher Warren
Commander
Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attested By:
Walter E. Busch
Secretary/Treasurer
Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



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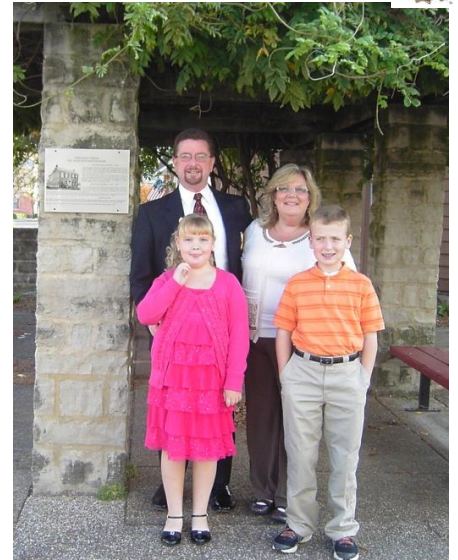
National Commander-in-Chief Donald Palmer and Family Visit Ste. Genevieve



On 29 October 2011 the Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp # 326 hosted a Reception and Dinner for National Commander-in-Chief Donald Palmer and his family. The dinner occurred at the Ste. Genevieve Hotel and was attended by thirty-one SUVCW members and their family.

The reception was well attended. There was a guest book for guests to sign and to write their favorite memory of C-in-C Palmer. Brother Bob Schmidt set up a display of some of his collection of Grand Army of the Republic articles for guests to look at. Some of the historic documents and articles that are in the possession of the Department of Missouri were on display and the St. James Camp had on display their project of Ste. Genevieve County Civil War Veterans individual information sheet book.

The photo to the right is C-in-C Don Palmer, his wife Kimberly Palmer, Sarah Palmer and Jr. Member John Palmer. They are standing by the Civil War plaque that was unveiled during the Sesquicentennial Event on July 9th, 2011. This plaque was partly funded by the SUVCW Endowment Fund.



Our evening after the reception began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Junior Member John Palmer.

St. James Camp Commander Thomas Farlow introduced the special guests who were present as well and an officer from each of the represented Allied Orders expressed their greetings. One of the special guests was Ste. Genevieve Mayor Richard Greminger. Department Chaplain Emmett Taylor led us in prayer then dinner was served family style and was enjoyed by all.

Mayor Richard Greminger presented C-in-C Palmer a Proclamation from the City of Ste. Genevieve. Camp Commander Tom Farlow presented a Resolution from District 104 Representative Joseph Fallert Jr. and Department Commander Chris Warren presented a

Resolution from the 3rd Senatorial District Senator Kevin Engler. The McCormick Camp and Volker Auxiliary presented gifts to the Commander-in-Chief. The Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp # 326 Auxiliary prior to the dinner presented to Kimberly Palmer the head table flower display as a gift.

The Commander-in-Chief gave a small speech where he praised the Department of Missouri as one of the few Departments that numbers continue to increase.

Brother Bob Schmidt gave a good presentation on the Enrolled Missouri Militia and that concluded our evening.

We would like to Thank everyone who participated and the Phelps Camp for sending a congratulatory note which was read before the assembly. Photo's and article furnished by Gary Scheel. Dinner programs and sound system was furnished by Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital.



A Very Special Thank You to the Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp # 326 & Auxiliary

A very special thank you on behalf of the entire Department of Missouri – Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, is extended to the St. James Camp and its Auxiliary for serving as hosts for this event. The event was well planned, and an enjoyable evening was had by all. Your members represented the SUVCW and ASUVCW very well, and did us all honor.

Also, a very big thank you to Gary Scheel, who served as the Department's appointed liaison for this event.



Department Commander's News



Greetings Department of Missouri – SUVVCW Members

The Department has been quite busy with many activities since the last issue of the "Missouri Unionist." Allow me to apologize for not getting an issue of the "Missouri Unionist" out sooner, but we were unable to fill the "editor" position, and I have since taken it upon myself to do this job. Gary Scheel did such a wonderful job over the last several years, it is hard to follow such a person, but I will do my best. I want to encourage each camp to submit an article for the next issue, which will probably come out. I want you all to keep up the good work throughout the remainder of the Civil War's Sesquicentennial years. It has done the Department proud that we have had camps sponsor or co-sponsor six approved SUVVCW Sesquicentennial events in 2011 within the state of Missouri. Also, I was honored to hear that we have been one of the few Departments that are actually growing in the SUVVCW this year! This being said, it is almost time for members and camps to start collecting their dues, so try to re-enlist all of our members, and then try to get some new ones to join as well.

Anyway, I have been staying very busy with Civil War activities, representing the Department of Missouri at events, and trying to visit the various camps throughout our boarders. If I have not been to one of your events or camp meetings, please know that I will try my best to get to one. It would be very helpful if all of the Camp Commanders (incoming and outgoing) could send me the dates and locations of their meetings, and also any events you are hosting, so that I can attempt to come and visit with you and your camps. It is not my intention to interrupt your meetings of events, I simply wish to get to know our membership better and allow any questions to be asked of me.

So far I have been privileged to visit the following camps and/or auxiliaries: McCormick Camp 215 (and the Volker Auxiliary 215); St. James Camp 326 (and its auxiliary); Fletcher Camp #47; Grant Camp #68; and the Sherman Camp #65. My schedule seems to get more full all of the time. To inform you of how busy I have been with SUVVCW and Civil War stuff, some of my activities are listed on the next page (June – December 2011).

On another note, I have some good news. With the membership population shifting toward the east and southeast, we will be holding the 2012 Department of Missouri Encampment in Farmington, Missouri. Most of it is still in the planning phases, but we are going to be making it more economical, so the encampment will be held only on Saturday, June 2, 2012. We may also be eliminating the evening banquet, and those who wish to eat out together may have the opportunity, thus being more "cost conscious" on those having to travel (and helping to reduce it to a one day event). Hopefully, this will allow some of our members to car-pool and for more members to have the opportunity to attend.

Also, I have heard that there are coming changes to the SUVVCW Sesquicentennial Event requirements and forms. It is my understanding (and only my understanding) that events may have to be submitted at least 90 days in advance, have both a rubber stamp and passport books present, and maybe a few other things. Be watching as I will try to keep the Department informed by a Department Order.

In closing, I want you each to know that you are what makes this Department possible. If I can ever be of assistance, with questions answered or etc., please feel free to contact me. Also, let us remember our Veterans (both current and past) as well as our service personnel that have earned our freedoms at a high cost! Friday, November 11th is Veteran's Day, so please remember to thank a veteran for their sacrifices!

If I do not get to speak to you before hand, have a blessed Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas (or Happy Holiday if you do not celebrate this holiday) and a Happy New Year!

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

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June 2011

Saturday, June 4, 2011 – Attended Dept. of MO SUCVW Encampment, Columbia, MO, and was appointed interim Dept Commander, by Department Council and then elected to the office during the encampment's elections. Stayed for banquet and guest speaker, then presented Department of Missouri awards to their recipients. Also, issued Department Orders 1 & 2.

Thursday, June 9, 2011 – Attended the Gen. James R. McCormick Camp 215 SUCVW's camp meeting in Park Hills, MO.

Friday, June 10, 2011 – Attended the Louisa Volker Auxiliary 215 (ASUCVW) meeting in Park Hills, MO.

Thursday, June 16, 2011 – Attended (forming) Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 camp meeting, and installed camp officers; De Soto, MO.

Sunday, June 19, 2011 – Presented program on "Civil War Flags of Missouri" to Civil War Round Table of Cape Girardeau, MO.

Thursday, June 23, 2011 – Sent paperwork to National SUCVW Sesquicentennial Committee for Fort D Days Event, for McCormick Camp.

Friday, June 24, 2011 – Went with Volker Auxiliary members to turn in nearly 19,000 soda tabs for Ronald McDonald House charity at McDonald's Restaurant in Farmington, MO.

Saturday, June 25, 2011 – Attended National Civil War Artillery Association's "School of the Piece" (sponsored by 4th Military District – SVR) Jefferson Barracks Park, St. Louis, MO.

Wednesday, June 29, 2011 – Issued Department Orders #3 with period of mourning.

Thursday, June 30, 2011 – Contacted Randal Burd, concerning the formation of the "Siegel Camp #614" in Rolla, MO.

July 2011

Monday, July 4, 2011 – Attended & Participated in SUCVW Living History/Civil War Day at Veteran's Museum in Perryville, MO (helped raise \$500 in donations for said museum.)

Thurs & Fri, July 7-8, 2011 – E-mails back-and-forth with C-in-C Brad Schall, and issuing of Dept. Orders #4, closing Col. Moore Camp #70.

Saturday, July 9, 2011 – Attended & Participated in SUCVW Sesquicentennial Event/Living History Event sponsored by St. James Camp #326 – SUCVW and also SUCVW monument dedication to Civil War "bank robbery" in Ste. Genevieve, MO.

Tuesday, July 12, 2011 – Attended the Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326 – SUCVW's camp meeting in Ste. Genevieve, MO.

Thursday, July 14, 2011 – Attended the Gen. James R. McCormick Camp 215 SUCVW's camp meeting in Park Hills, MO.

Fri & Sat, July 15-16, 2011 – Attended and set up membership booth for Big River Chautauqua Event (Civil War themed), Bonne Terre, MO.

Sunday, July 17, 2011 – Gave short presentation on the "Battle of Pilot Knob & the 47th Missouri Infantry;" Arcadia, MO.

Saturday, July 30, 2011 – Participated in SUCVW Sesquicentennial Event of U. S. Grant's Commissioning Ceremony, sponsored by the U. S. Grant Camp #68 – SUCVW; Ironton, MO.

August 2011

Tuesday, August 2, 2011 – Met with Director of Mineral Area Arts Council, Roxanna Cummings, to help plan Civil War Music Event in Ironton, MO to be held Sunday, October 23, 2011, with McCormick Camp/Volker Auxiliary doing demonstrations and activities concerning the Civil War.

Saturday, August 6, 2011 – Attended & Participated in SUCVW Sesquicentennial Event "Fort D Days", sponsored by the McCormick Camp #215-SUCVW; Cape Girardeau, MO.

Tues. & Wed., August 9-15, 2011 – Was contacted by National SUCVW to seek info on tax exempt status of two camps, contacted camps, problems resolved with said camps.

Thursday, August 11, 2011 – Attended the Gen. James R. McCormick Camp 215 SUCVW's camp meeting in Park Hills, MO.

Saturday, August 13, 2011 – C-in-C Brad Schall issues General Orders #28, naming myself as a recipient of the Meritorious Service Award.

Sunday, August 14, 2011 – Visited Shelbyville, Illinois Civil War Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument on the way to Ontario, Canada.

Friday, August 19, 2011 – Issued Department Orders #5.

Monday, August 21, 2011 – While visiting family, went to Wheatley, Ontario, Canada to look for grave of Thomas H. Nichols, 2nd Massachusetts Infantry, Co. A. Found gravesite unmarked, need to contact SUCVW in Ontario on this.

Tuesday, August 22, 2011 – While visiting family, went to Lakeview Cemetery, Leamington, Ontario, Canada to place U.S. flag on grave of Galusha Turner, 18th Michigan Infantry, Co. D.

Wednesday, August 23, 2011 – While visiting family, went to Windsor, Ontario, Canada to place U.S. flag on the grave of James Kerr, 1st Michigan Light Artillery, Co. I, who is buried in Windsor Grove Cemetery. Also, that same day, went to St. George's Cemetery, Comber, Ontario, Canada to place U.S. flag on grave of Charles Frederic Allyn, 24th Michigan Inf, Co. G.

Monday, August 29, 2011 – Sent SUCVW Sesquicentennial application for Hermann, MO Reenactment to National Committee.

Tuesday, August 30, 2011 – Received word that "Spradling Camp #72" in Fort Smith, Ark, had sent their paperwork to form to Dept. Sec/Tres, Walt Busch, which was sent this day to the Nat. Sec, Eugene Mortoff.

September 2011

Monday, September 5, 2011 – Went to Fort Davidson in Pilot Knob, MO and worked on Fletcher Camp's paperwork/application for charter.

Tuesday, September 6, 2011 – Received e-mail with news that the Siegel Camp in Rolla, MO, has permission to form from National SUCVW and they have appointed temporary officers.

Thursday, September 8, 2011 – Attended the Gen. James R. McCormick Camp 215 SUCVW's camp meeting in Park Hills, MO.

Saturday, September 10, 2011 – Attended & Participated in Fletcher Camp's Living History at De Soto, MO Farmer's Market. Also, later that same day, attended and participated in Fort Benton Living History Event and SUCVW's Civil War Mass Grave Monument Rededication Ceremony; Patterson, MO.

Mon & Tues, September 11-12, 2011 – Began preparations for Reception for Don Palmer, 1st MO C-in-C for SUCVW. St. James Camp voted to serve as host camp with Gary Scheel being appointed as Dept. of Missouri's planner, liaison.

Tuesday, September 13, 2011 – Presented (along with wife, Twyla) a program titled "Washington County's Unknown Civil War Couple" covering the history of Capt. Thomas H. Macklind (3rd MSM CAV) and his wife Louisa Volker Macklind, in period attire/first-person, for The Mine Au Breton Historical Society in Potosi, MO.

Saturday, September 17, 2011 – Attended & Participated in two Civil War programs; Civil War Fashion Show and "Bushwhacked" at St. Francois State Park, near Bonne Terre, MO.

Friday, September 23, 2011 – Went with Walt Busch, PDC, of U.S. Grant Camp #68 to extend membership offer to "Real Son" Hilbert Gramelspacher (son of Joseph Gramelspacher, 143rd Indiana INF, Co. E) who lives in Poplar Bluff, MO.

Sunday, September 25, 2011 – Attended 4th Annual McCormick Camp / Volker Auxiliary Barbecue & Picnic; Desloge, MO.

Friday, September 30, 2011 – Volunteered (along with Bob Schmidt & Twyla Warren) at Fort Davidson SHS for Civil War Education/Field Trip for West St. Francois County School (portrayed Civil War soldier); Pilot Knob, MO.

October 2011

Saturday, October 8, 2011 – Attended & Gave Speech at "James B. Eads Memorial Ironclad Cannon" monument dedication; SUCVW Sesquicentennial Event sponsored by Sherman Camp #65; Carondelet, MO.

Monday, October 10, 2011 – Attended the U.S. Grant Camp #68 SUCVW's camp meeting in Fenton, MO.

Tuesday, October 11, 2011 – Sent letter to Phelps Camp apologizing for not being able to attend their "Zagonyi's Charge" event due to scheduling conflicts, as I have two other Civil War events that same weekend to attend.

Thursday, October 13, 2011 – Attended the Gen. James R. McCormick Camp 215 SUCVW's camp meeting in Park Hills, MO.

Saturday, October 15, 2011 – Attended Dept. of MO SUCVW's Business Meeting, Capitol Building, Jefferson City, MO.

Friday, October 21, 2011 – "The Gathering" ceremony for descendants of the Battle of Fredericktown, Missouri; a Civil War monument dedication; and a Masonic Civil War monument re-dedication. (served as Master of Ceremonies first two events).

Sunday, October 23, 2011 – Mineral Area Council on the Arts – Civil War Music Festival in Ironton, Missouri (Civil War soldier demonstrations and talking about SUCVW).

Saturday, October 29, 2011 – Dinner for C-in-C, Don Palmer in Ste. Genevieve, MO. (Presented Missouri State Senate Resolution to CinC on behalf of Dept. of MO – SUCVW)

November 2011

November 2011 – Assumed responsibilities of editor of the "Missouri Unionist" and published my first Department newsletter.

Thursday, November 3, 2011 – Attended Sherman Camp #65 meeting, St. Louis, MO.

Friday, November 4, 2011 – Assisted with paperwork completion for the Volker Auxiliary and attended meeting in Leadington, MO and installed their duly elected 2012 officers.

Thursday, November 10, 2011 – Attended Gen. James R. McCormick Camp 215 SUCVW's camp meeting in Park Hills, MO (with elections).

December 2011

Saturday, December 3, 2011 – Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326 – Participate in Ste. Genevieve Holiday Parade.

Saturday, December 3, 2011 – Louisa Volker Auxiliary 215, ASUCVW & Gen. James R. McCormick Camp's Annual Holiday Party at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 10, 2011 – Bell Ringing for United Way in Civil War Attire for SUCVW at Farmington Wal-Mart (6-9 p.m.)

Tuesday, December 13, 2011 – Civil War Presentation at U.S. Grant Camp Banquet.

ARCHIVING PLAN for DEPARTMENT of MISSOURI

By: Department Archivist, John J. Martin, P.D.C.

1. The State Historical Society of Missouri (herein known as the SHSMO) has graciously agreed to archive record material for the camps of the department and the department.
2. The commander of each camp and the department commander will, upon receipt of this plan, appoint an archivist to implement the plan. I request that the department commander and all camp commanders send me the name and contact points (both phone number and email addresses) for the archivists they appoint. The department commander, all camp commanders and the appointed archivists for each camp will receive a list of these names
3. The first “call” for records to be sent to the SHSMO will not be until late spring, 2012. The first “call” will be for all the records the camps and the department have generated since they were formed and up to 31 Dec, 2011. Thereafter there will be a “call” every late January. The time between now and late spring, 2012, will allow time for the first collection of records. From 2012 on camps and the department should be collecting material “as they go.”
4. Types of material to be gathered are meeting minutes, financial reports, JROTC presentations, Eagle Scout presentations, community events and ceremonies, e-mail traffic, etc., etc. The SHSMO would rather you send in hard copies, photos, spread- sheets, computer generated material and other paper material. You may also send computer disks. They do not want bank statements, and they would rather you don’t send CDs, DVDs, tapes etc. When you send the material the preference is that it be in chronological order. It will be up to the archivist and his commander to determine what other material to send and how much. If for some reason any records are overlooked when they are supposed to be submitted they should be sent as soon as possible after the regularly scheduled submission.
5. When it becomes time to send your material in I will give you the name and address of the office and person to send it to. You may send the records any way you wish to, e.g. U.S. mail, UPS, hand deliver, etc.
6. I would suppose this program is not mandatory. Some camps will do it and some will probably not do it , but remember this: If you choose not to send in your material your camp’s history will be forever lost to future generations. I do not intend to check on camps to see if they are sending their records.
7. If you have any questions please contact me.
8. Please disseminate this information to all members of your camps at the earliest possible time.

In F, C & L

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Civil War Exhibit in Arkansas

The Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, in cooperation with the Old State House Museum and the Arkansas Humanities Council, have developed a traveling exhibit – Civil War Arkansas, 1861-1865 – to be displayed around the state. For more info, go to <http://www.arkansascivilwar150.com/events/>

Missouri History Museum – The Civil War in Missouri Exhibit

November 13, 2011 - March 16, 2013

Missouri may best reflect the Civil War’s rending of our nation. Prior to the Civil War, the state was bitterly divided between pro-slavery secessionists and those determined to preserve the Union. The Missouri Compromise, the Dred Scott Case and the Missouri-Kansas border conflicts exposed the simmering tensions. Claimed by both the Union and the Confederacy, two state governments grappled for control of Missouri.

Today, Missouri and its role in the Civil War continue to generate controversy among historians, academics and Civil War enthusiasts. To commemorate the Civil War sesquicentennial--and to explore the complexities of the Civil War in the twenty-fourth state--the Missouri History Museum’s comprehensive exhibit, The Civil War in Missouri, will feature compelling artifacts, imagery and interactive elements. Although the exhibition addresses issues with which our entire nation wrestled, topics that are distinctively Missourian will take center stage.

*Information Submitted by Joe Difani, Jr.

William T. Sherman / Billy Yank Camp #65 – St. Louis, MO

Montgomery City, Cemetery



On Sept 23, 2011 at 5 pm a grave stone dedication was held at the Montgomery City Cemetery in Montgomery City, Mo. The event was organized by the Montgomery County Historical Society and Co. C, 5th Missouri Cavalry Regiment. A new marker was placed to mark the grave of Pvt. William H.H. Pease. On July 18, 1861, Pvt. Pease of Co. C, 8th Missouri Infantry became the first casualty at the Battle of Wentzville.



Capt. Emmett Taylor of the 5th Missouri Cavalry Regiment conducted the grave stone dedication ceremony. Three members of Capt. Taylor's unit fired a salute. Joseph Difani, Jr. of Co. C, 34th Illinois Infantry stood guard at the grave. Lt. Colonel Jack Grothe also addressed the small crowd of about 15. Maggie Grothe of the ASUVCW laid a wreath at the grave. The ceremony lasted about 45 minutes.

James B. Eads Memorial Ironclad Cannon



A dedication for the James B. Eads Memorial Ironclad Cannon was held on Oct 8, 2011 at South St. Louis Square Park, located at 7700 S. Broadway in St. Louis. This Signature event was sponsored by the William T. Sherman Camp #65, Co. A, 1st Missouri Engineers, and the South Broadway Merchants Association.

The new monument commemorates the achievements of James Buchanan Eads, the builder of the ironclad gunboats used on the Mississippi River during the Civil War and the brave sailors

and soldiers who manned these ships.

The ceremony began at 11:00 am with a welcome and brief biography of James B. Eads by brother Noel Stasiak of the William T. Sherman Camp. The crowd of about 70 people were delighted to hear from Frederick Douglass, James B. Eads, Alderman Tom Villa, Congressman Russ Carnahan, Missouri Department Commander Chris Warren (The Importance of Historic Education for Children) and the keynote speaker was Rear Admiral Lee Metcalf, USNR Ret.

The ceremony concluded at about noon with the unveiling of the cannon and a rifle salute given by members of the SVR that included Co. A, 1st Missouri Engineers; Co. C, 34th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry; Co. E, 47th Missouri Infantry, and also members of the Turner Brigade.



Fredericktown



The Battle of Fredericktown, Missouri was commemorated was on October 21, 2011 at the site of the Battle. The ceremonies started at 1:00 pm with Union and Confederate reenactors marching in. Lewis the eagle from the Wild Bird Sanctuary in Valley Park, MO. portrayed Old Abe the War Eagle, the mascot of the 8th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Posting of the colors was performed by members of the ROTC from Fredericktown High School. Missouri Department Commander Chris Warren was the Master of Ceremonies for the event. Certificates were handed out to descendants of some of the soldiers who fought at Fredericktown. This session of the ceremony closed with a rifle salute from the Union and Confederate reenactors and then an artillery salute. The next portion of the

ceremonies was done in the cemetery next to the battlefield. It was a dedication of a new granite marker commemorating the Battle of Fredericktown. The dedication was performed by Commander Warren, again followed by a joint rifle and cannon salute. The last event of the day was the re-dedication of a monument in the Masonic Cemetery to the Confederate dead from the Battle of Fredericktown. Members from the J. Felix St. James Camp #326 (and its Auxiliary), McCormick Camp #215 (and Volker Auxiliary 215), William T. Sherman Camp #65, U.S. Grant Camp #68, Fletcher Camp 47, were present for all of the ceremonies. The SVR was represented by Co. A, 1st Missouri Engineers; Co. F, 78th Enrolled Missouri Militia; Co. E, 47th Missouri Infantry; and Co. C, 34th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

U.S. Grant Camp # 68 – St. Louis, MO



Arcadia Valley Commemorates the 150th Anniversary of U.S. Grant's Promotion to Brigadier General

On Saturday, July 30th in Ironton, MO, the U.S. Grant Camp #68 commemorated Colonel Grant receiving the news of his promotion to brigadier-general. The signature event was sponsored by the U.S. Grant Camp, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Arcadia Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the Iron County Historical Society, in cooperation with the Friends of Fort Davidson State Historic Site and Ste. Marie du Lac Catholic

Church. Shortly after his arrival in Ironton in August, 1861, Colonel Ulysses S. Grant received the official notification of his promotion to Brigadier General. Grant, the leader of the Union forces stationed in the Arcadia Valley at that time, received the news at his headquarters near a cool spring on property owned by Col. James Lindsay on August 7th, 1861. Years later, in 1886, surviving members of the 21st Illinois Infantry Volunteers (Colonel Grant's unit) erected a monument on the spot where he received the official notification of his promotion. The ceremonies on the 30th will have the monument as a center point. The organizers extended special invitations to the Grant family, Col. Lindsay's family and descendants of the 21st Illinois. 4th Military District SVR Commander Lt. Col. Jack Grothe is descended from Pvt. Levi McDowell, Co. D of that unit. At the celebration, Ulysses Grant VI and brother Levi, along with members of their family, were in attendance. Also in attendance were members of Col. Lindsay's family and members of several SUV camps. The Grant brothers were presented with the challenge coins made by the US Grant Camp #68. The signature event also featured music by the Pilot Knob Mountain Boys, a historical re-creation of Grant receiving the news, speeches and displays from various groups. This was the second signature event of the U.S. Grant Camp in the last several months. The first was at Camp Jackson, St. Louis, in May in remembrance of the first military action in the state and Union victory.



Post-War Photo of Col. James Lindsay
68th Enrolled Missouri Militia

*Photos of Lindsay & Monument
courtesy of the Iron County Historical Society

Grant Monument erected in 1886 on what are now the Ste. Marie du Lac Catholic Church grounds, Ironton, MO.



Real Son Joins U.S. Grant Camp

Grant camp 68, Dept of MO, has another real son on their membership books. Hilbert (Herb) J. Gramelspacher was 11 years old when his father died in the early 1930s. His father, Joseph, had married a younger woman like many older soldiers did. They had 3 children before the old soldier died. His father served in the 143rd Indiana Infantry Co E in 1865 and is buried apparently in an unmarked grave in Jasper, IN. Herb, age 91; he served two hitches during WWII in the US Coast Guard, both stateside and in convoy escorts. He and his wife currently live in Poplar Bluff, Mo. Herb also signed up for our SVR unit. Below is a photograph of Dept Commander Chris Warren doing the honors for the Grant Camp in pinning on Herb's membership badge.

Phelps Camp # 66 – Springfield, MO



Phelps Camp #66, in cooperation with the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, recognized the sesquicentennial anniversary of Zagonyi's Charge on October 22. The ceremony was held near the battle site in Springfield's Zagonyi Park. On October 25, 1861, Union cavalymen under the command of Major Charles Zagonyi attacked pro-



Southern Missouri State Guard forces on the outskirts of Springfield, Missouri.

A Hungarian immigrant, Zagonyi bravely led his men in a charge down the Mount Vernon Road. The Missouri State Guard withdrew after hard fighting and Zagonyi's troops occupied Springfield. Although Union forces retreated from the Ozarks in early November, the skirmish made national headlines and was an important part of the early struggle for control of Missouri.



Approximately fifty people attended the forty-five minute program. Speakers described Springfield in 1861 and provided a history of both the Missouri State Guard and Zagonyi's command. The program concluded with a cannon firing courtesy of staff and volunteers from Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. Special thanks to the members of Mary Whitney Phelps Tent #22 DUVCW for their attendance, and our guest speakers, John Rutherford, Jeff Patrick, Sally McAlear, and Kip Lindberg.

Francis J. Wilhelmi Camp #17 – Washington, MO

The first picture is from our September meeting at the Du Kum Inn in Sullivan, showing our new banner. We bought the banner for display at events and meetings. Pictured are Ron Burke, PCC; Jack Laubinger, Patriotic Instructor; Glen Alsop, Secretary/Treasurer; Mike McCubbins, Camp Commander and Brother Mike Just. The next 2 pictures are from Old Ironworks Days at St. James on Oct 8-9. As you can see we had a lot of people come by the tent both days. We recruited for the Sons and the Turner Brigade. In the second picture are Mike Just, Pat Burke, Mike McCubbins, Ron Burke, Jack Laubinger and Myself. We are working on the Last Surviving Project and have our veteran for Gasconade Co., Rudolph Baumgaertner from the 4th Mo. Inf. He passed away in 1934 and is buried in Hermann City Cemetery. With Emmett Taylor's assistance and the Dierberg's we hope to have a marker on his grave by the next Hermann Civil War days.



Gen. James R. McCormick Camp #215 – Park Hills, MO



The Gen. James R. McCormick Camp has been extremely busy since the last issue of the “Missouri Unionist.” On June 25, 2011 members of the McCormick Camp participated in the “School of the Piece” artillery school event at Jefferson Barracks Park in St. Louis, MO. Then, on July 4, 2011 members of the McCormick Camp 215 (and Volker Auxiliary) joined members of the St. James Camp 326 and Sherman Camp 65 to participate in a day of Civil War education and demonstrations at the Perry County Veterans Museum. It was at this event in Perryville, MO that these dedicated members performed infantry drills, gave short educational speeches, demonstrated Civil War clothing/gear, and helped to raise \$500 in donations for the museum.



Next, we participated in the St. James camp’s Living History event, which was also a SUVCW Sesquicentennial Event, on July 9th, where we had members with booths set up selling Civil War relics and books, and also some members participated in the infantry and artillery drills, as well as the local bank robbery. A few days later saw us back at it again, when we were asked to set up (in period attire) at the local “Big River Chautauqua” event (which was Civil War themed) in Bonne Terre, MO, on July 15-16, 2011. We set up



a membership table and answered questions about our attire and equipment.



Then, on July 30, 2011, McCormick Camp (and Volker Auxiliary) participated in the U.S. Grant Camp #68’s SUVCW Sesquicentennial Event “150th Anniversary of U.S. Grant’s Promotion to Brigadier General” held in Ironton, MO, on the site where Grant received his commission to Brigadier-General. This event was well represented by the Department of Missouri – SUVCW and included such dignitaries as U.S. Grant VI and his brother Levi (with their families).

One week later, McCormick Camp co-sponsored its own SUVCW Sesquicentennial Event: “Fort D Days, in Cape Girardeau, MO on August 6, 2011. This was to commemorate the building of the four earthen forts that protected Cape Girardeau and the Mississippi River from the possibility of Confederate attack. Also during this month, Chris & Twyla Warren (of McCormick Camp & Volker Auxiliary) were visiting relatives in Ontario, Canada, but this did not deter their Civil War interests. After much searching, they ended up placing American flags on the graves of three Union soldiers buried in various cemeteries in Southwestern Ontario.



Things did not slow down as September approached. On September 10, 2011, members of the McCormick Camp assisted the newly forming Fletcher Camp #47 (De Soto, MO) with a Living History encampment. The guys demonstrated a soldier’s life, weapons and gear, and even cooked their food over a fire. We also found a few Confederates in the vicinity and quickly deposed of them. Later that same day, in a different part of the state, members of McCormick Camp (and Volker Auxiliary) traveled to Patterson, MO to assist in a ceremony honoring Union and Confederate soldiers who fought at Fort Benton (and who are buried in the cemetery at the foot of the hill below the earthen fort). They were joined by members of the Wilhelmi Camp

#17, Sherman Camp #65, St. James Camp #326 (and its Auxiliary), and U.S. Grant Camp #68, as well as Union & Confederate reenactors, joined together to perform a modified variation of the 1917 GAR monument dedication ceremony for this event.



A few days later found members, Chris & Twyla Warren, presenting a first-person performance titled “Washington County’s Unknown Civil War Couple” which represented the lives of Capt. Thomas H. Macklind (3rd Missouri State Militia Cavalry & later St. Louis Street Engineer) and his wife Louisa E. Volker Macklind (first female U.S. Military telegrapher & later licensed physician). This program was given to the Mine Au Breton Historical Society and members of the public at the Potosi, MO library on



September 13, 2011.

Then, the following Saturday (September 17th), members of the camp and auxiliary presented a Civil War Fashion Show and “Bushwhacked” programs at St. Francois State Park’s amphitheater, near Bonne Terre, MO. They presented Civil War uniforms, gear, weapons, as well as civilian clothing (men’s, women’s, and children’s). The “Bushwhacked” was an educational program about the pursuit of local bushwhacker, Sam Hildebrand, by the local militia followed by a team scavenger for Civil War items throughout the entire campground.



By the end of September, members of both groups were asked to volunteer for a Civil War day field trip for 3rd graders at Fort Davidson State Historic Site in Pilot Knob, MO on September 30th. Once again they presented about a soldier’s camp life, cooked lunch over a campfire, demonstrated weapons and soldier’s gear, as well as ladies and children’s clothing, writing equipment, and period toys. These students were even put through the basics of marching drills and formation of companies.

Next, October kept us just as busy, with members participating in the “Gathering Ceremony” in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Fredericktown, MO, on October 21, 2011. There was also a monument dedication ceremony and a re-dedication of a Masonic monument as well, but we will let you read that portion under the Sherman camp’s news. That same weekend found members being asked to join in on the Arcadia Valley Music Festival, in Ironton, MO. This year’s event was Civil War themed and members of McCormick Camp, Volker Auxiliary, St. James Camp and its Auxiliary, demonstrated various Civil War related activities from wool spinning, soldier’s life, women’s civilian life, and a newspaper artist/correspondent.



Finally, to end this long list of activities, we find members of the camp and auxiliary attending a reception dinner for the first Commander-in-Chief ever elected from Missouri, Don Palmer. This event was held at the Ste. Genevieve, MO Hotel & Restaurant on October 29th. Camp Commander, Jeff Asberry, as well as Past Auxiliary President and current Secretary/Treasurer, Twyla Warren, presented Dr. Palmer with a gift from the two groups. In addition, Department Commander (and McCormick Camp founder) Chris Warren, presented CinC Palmer with a Missouri State Senate Resolution, on behalf of the entire Department of Missouri.



Upcoming Events:

- December 3, 2011 – McCormick Camp & Volker Axiliary Annual Holiday Party
- December 10, 2011 - McCormick Camp & Volker Axiliary Bell Ringing for United Way

Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp # 326 – Ste. Genevieve, MO

Our camp has been very busy since the last Unionist. We had our third Ste. Genevieve Civil War Camp on 9 & 10 July. It was well attended by the public and re-enactors. On Saturday 10 July we re-enacted the bank raid that took place on 15 August 1861. Shortly after we dedicated the Civil War plaque on the site of the bank raid. The SUVCW Endowment Fund provided some of the funds to help this plaque come into existence.

Members of the Asboth Camp # 5, Wilhelmi Camp # 17, Sherman Camp #65, Grant Camp #68, and McCormick Camp #215 assisted to make this event a success. This was a SUVCW Sesquicentennial event put on by our camp.

On 30 July there were six members of our camp and one of the ladies from the Auxiliary participated in the Sesquicentennial event sponsored by the U.S. Grant Camp of General U.S. Grant receiving his General's Commission in Ironton, MO. At this event we had the privilege of meeting U.S. Grant VI.

On 5-7 August, there were seven members who participated in the Sesquicentennial event. Our ladies Auxiliary were also present.

On September 17, Brother Tom Greminger and Brother Bob Mueller were both featured speakers at the History Conference sponsored by the Foundation for Restoration here in Ste. Genevieve.

On 22 October, we participated in the Rural Heritage Days in Ste. Genevieve. Sister Sue Zoughaib of our Ladies Auxiliary was in charge of games for children. There were eight stations. Two of the stations were manned by Brother Paul Cameron who conducted Civil War baseball and Brothers Gary Scheel and Bob Schmidt conducted Civil War drill with our wooden rifles. Brothers William and Samer Zoughaib filled in where they were needed. There were four other



members of the Ladies Auxiliary manning the store. Brothers Tom Greminger and Clarence

On 21-23 October, members of our camp participated in the Sesquicentennial of the Battle of Fredericktown. Camp Commander Tom Farlow's ancestor fought in this battle.



On 22 October, Brothers William Zoughaib and Gary Scheel participated in the Spirit Reunion held at Memorial Cemetery in Ste. Genevieve. William Zoughaib portrayed Drummer Boy Jacob Zimmer, 30th Missouri Infantry who died in Ste. Genevieve in December 1862. Gary Scheel portrayed Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James, 13th Missouri Infantry who was mortally wounded on 6 April 1862 at the Battle of Shiloh, TN. He died on 8 April 1862 in a hospital in Savannah, TN.

On 29 October, we were allowed to host the Reception/Dinner for our National Commander-in-Chief Dr. Donald D. Palmer Jr. and his family. Photo to the left shows Camp Commander Tom Farlow presenting C-in-C Palmer the Missouri House of Representatives Resolution from Representative Joseph Fallert Jr. Brother Bob Schmidt gave a presentation on the Enrolled Missouri Militia.

Upcoming events include the following.

4 November

- Gary Scheel will give a Civil War presentation to the Missouri Folklore Society at 1st Baptist Church in Ste. Genevieve.

5 November

- We will have an informational booth at the Valle Craft Fair.

11 November

- We will participate in the Veterans Day ceremony at the American Legion Hall in Ste. Genevieve.

13 November

-We will participate in an Eagle Court of Honor in Ste. Genevieve, MO.

3 December

-We will participate in the annual Holiday Christmas Festival Parade in Ste. Genevieve.

10 December

-We will participate in the 5th Missouri Cavalry SVR Annual Christmas dinner.

Article furnished by Gary Scheel. Photos furnished by Gary Scheel and Bob Mueller.

Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher Camp # 47 – De Soto, MO

The Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 has been quite active since they began forming. Recently, they held a Living History Encampment at the De Soto, MO Farmer’s Market on Septmeber 10th. It was here that they demonstrated a soldier’s life, their gear, and set up a recruiting booth (to which helped two young men, who are Confederate reenactors, to join). The height of the day was when the Union contingent had “captured” some rebels, and they were lined-up and then executed by firing squad. This was all in good-hearted fun, and the public enjoyed it all very much. Also, Camp Commander, Doug Rouusin, displayed some of his authentic Civil War relics, while others cooked their lunch over a campfire.



The Department of Missouri Welcomes Newest SUVCW Camp

After the Commander-in-Chief’s reception dinner, Don Palmer and Department Commander, Chris Warren, presented Doug Rouusin with the Fletcher Camp’s SUVCW Charter. Unfortunately, it had received quite a bit of damage in the U. S. mail and had some serious spelling errors, so it was sent back to the National Organization for replacement, and will be re-presented to the camp (in a matted frame) at a later date.

Congradulations on your chartering and we wish you all the very best!



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Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation – October 3, 1863

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By the President of the United States of America:

A Proclamation.

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defence, have not arrested the plough, the

shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up

the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.

Abraham Lincoln

By the President:

William H. Seward,

Secretary of State.

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Wishing You & Yours, A Very Happy Thanksgiving!

**Let Us Be Thankful For A ReUnited Nation and Grateful to Those Who Have Served,
Or Are Currently Serving in the Military!**

