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General John A. Logan's Memorial Day Order



General Order

No. 11

Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic
Washington, D.C., May 5, 1868

I. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foe? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude,—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this Order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By command of:
JOHN A. LOGAN,

Commander-in-Chief.
N. P. CHIPMAN,
Adjutant-General.





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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 I had some personal issues come up, a funeral to attend, and after being unemployed for almost a year-and-a half I went back to work on a new job. Thank you all for your understanding in this matter.

As for my role as Department of Missouri Commander, I have been extremely busy since the start of 2012. During this time I have had the privilege to attend meetings of the Phelps Camp #66, the Fletcher Camp #47, the Wilhelmi Camp #17, the McCormick Camp #215, the St. James Camp #326, the Tiger Camp #432, and two of the auxiliaries in Missouri (Louisa Volker Aux. #215 & the St. James Aux. #326). In addition, I have had the honor of presenting five SUVVCW Eagle Scout Awards, and two JROTC Awards, in Civil War attire to several fine young men. My wife and I have been busy promoting the SUVVCW and the ASUVCW with Civil War educational programs at three state historic sites/state parks, four Boy/Cub Scout groups, a historical society, and a local public school; as well as marched in two different parades. So as you can see, our passion is Civil War education and a firm dedication to the Sons and Auxiliary.

Also, I want to remind each of you of the upcoming 17th Annual Department of Missouri Encampment, which is to be held in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri (Creole House, 339 St. Mary's Road, Ste. Genevieve, MO) and will start at 10:00 a.m. Be sure to turn in your registration forms early (see forms/info further in the newsletter.) All members must have a credentials card and need to be wearing their badges, as per regulations. An optional barbecue lunch is also being offered, and we will be having our awards presentation immediately after lunch.

Furthermore, every year the Department has tried to promote it as a family affair, but this year, while working with the Auxiliary, there is a new idea. The Louisa Volker and St. James Auxiliaries are hosting a Ladies Tea & Brunch. Reservations will be required, prior to May 30th. This will be a free event from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, and then some of the ladies may get together to go sight-seeing or shopping. This is open to all ladies and girls, whether you are a member of the Allied Orders or not, so let your spouses/significant others know. There is a flyer further in this newsletter with contact information.

Next, I want to remind each of you of your commitment that you made upon initiation, to observe Memorial Day. Please make an effort to honor our fallen soldiers from all wars, and our Civil War ancestors in an appropriate way. This also brings up another upcoming important day; Flag Day (June 14th). Please fly your U. S. Flags proudly, as we honor our standard for which so many have given “their last full measure of devotion.”

In closing, I want to thank each of you for allowing me to hold the position of Department Commander for this last year. It has been an honor and privilege to serve each of you, the camps, and our order. As I leave my office, please know that I will still attempt to do my best by the Department and the SUVVCW, and will be available to assist any of you in any way that I possibly can. It was very nice to be able to visit as many of the Camps as I could during this last year, and I want to apologize to the few that I was unable to visit (it was not intentional). May God bless each of you over the coming years, and may our organization grow and be alive for generations to come.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

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Department Commander's Activities January – June 2012

January 2012

Tuesday, January 3, 2012 – Attended a camp meeting of the Phelps Camp #66 in Springfield, MO.

Thursday, January 19, 2012 – Attended a camp meeting of the Fletcher Camp #47 in DeSoto, MO and swore in their 2012 Camp Officers.

Tuesday, January 24, 2012 – Attended a camp meeting of the Wilhelmi Camp #17 in St. Clair, MO and swore in their 2012 Camp Officers.

Thursday, January 26, 2012 – Attended a camp meeting of the McCormick Camp #215 in Park Hills, MO installed their 2012 Camp Officers.

Saturday, January 28, 2012 – Attended the Louisa Volker Auxiliary 215 (ASUVCW) meeting in Park Hills, MO.

February 2012

Monday, February 2, 2012 – Spoke on the SUCVW's Eagle Scout Award to local Boy Scout council at Farmington, MO.

Tuesday, February 7, 2012 – Attended the Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326 – SUCVW's camp meeting in Ste. Genevieve, MO.

Thursday, February 9, 2012 – Attended Gen. James R. McCormick Camp 215 SUCVW's camp meeting in Park Hills, MO.

Monday, February 20, 2012 – Presented Civil War program for Boy Scout Troop #403 in Pilot Knob, MO.

Saturday, February 25, 2012 – Presented SUCVW Eagle Scout Award to Travis Culton (Troop #403), Arcadia, MO.

Sunday, February 26, 2012 – Attended the Sherman Day Ceremony in Calvary Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri.

March 2012

Saturday, March 3, 2012 – Attended a camp meeting of the Tigers Camp #432 in Columbia, MO and Presenting an SUCVW Eagle Scout Awards to Brendan Pingel and Levi Mills (Troop #967), Leadwood, MO.

Monday, March 5, 2012 – Presented a Civil War educational program to Cub Scout Pack #160, Potosi, MO.

Thursday, March 8, 2012 – Attended a camp meeting of the McCormick Camp #215 in Park Hills, MO.

Friday, March 9, 2012 – Issued Department Orders #7 – Passing of Gene Murdock.

Saturday, March 10, 2012 – Attended Dept. of MO SUCVW's Business Meeting, Capitol Building, Jefferson City, MO.

Sunday, March 11, 2012 – Attended Gene Murdock's (McCormick Camp member) visitation at C. Z. Boyer Funeral Home, Desloge, MO.

Tuesday, March 13, 2012 – Presented a Civil War Program for the Mine Au Breton Historical Society, Potosi, Missouri.

Friday, March 16, 2012 – Fort Davidson SHS School Day Program and Open House and Public Meeting, Pilot Knob, MO.

Sunday, March 18, 2012 – Presented an SUCVW Eagle Scout Award to Adam Milan, Pilot Knob, MO.

Monday, March 19, 2012 – Presented a Civil War educational program to Cub Scout Pack #403, Pilot Knob, MO.

Monday, March 26, 2012 – Issued Department Orders #8 – IRS Compliance.

Tuesday, March 27, 2012 – Presented a Civil War educational program to Cub Scout Troop #417, Park Hills, MO.

Saturday, March 31, 2012 – March Back in Time Event at Antique Treasures in Leadington, MO and Presented an SUCVW Eagle Scout Award to Mike Shy, Pilot Knob, MO.

April 2012

Wednesday, April 11, 2012 – Presented SUCVW ROTC Award to Kevin McClure, Farmington, MO High School.

Thursday, April 12, 2012 – Attended camp meeting of the McCormick Camp #215 in Park Hills, MO.

Saturday, April 14, 2012 – Attended Lincoln Death Day Ceremony in Springfield, IL and presented the Dept. of MO Wreath.

Monday, April 16, 2012 – Issued Department Orders #9 – Passing of David Beckermann.

Saturday, April 21, 2012 – Attended/Marched in a parade for the Thomas. C. Fletcher Camp #47 in DeSoto, MO.

Tuesday, April 24, 2012 – Presented SUCVW ROTC Award to Robert Wright, Fredericktown, MO High School and also serving as their awards' ceremony/dinner guest speaker.

May 2012

Friday, May 4, 2012 – Presented Civil War Soldier program at 4th Grade Pioneer Day at Roosevelt Elementary School, Farmington, MO.

Saturday, May 5, 2012 – Civil War Day Living History Event, presented life of Civil War soldiers, Johnson Shut-Ins State Park, Middlebrook, MO.

Tuesday, May 8, 2012 – Attended a meeting of the St. James Camp #326 & its Auxiliary in Ste. Genevieve, MO.

Saturday, May 12, 2012 – Presented first-person portrayal of Capt. Thomas H. Macklind (member of GAR) at Dillard Mill SHS, Viburnum, MO.

Saturday, May 19, 2012 – Attended/Marched in a parade for the Thomas. C. Fletcher Camp #47 in Hillsboro, MO.

Monday, May 28, 2012 – Attending Memorial Day Ceremony at the grave of Gen. James R. McCormick in Farmington, MO.

June 2012

Saturday, June 2, 2012 – Attending 17th Annual SUCVW Department of Missouri Encampment in Ste. Genevieve, MO.

Department of Missouri Encampment Information

2012 MISSOURI DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2012 – STE. GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI

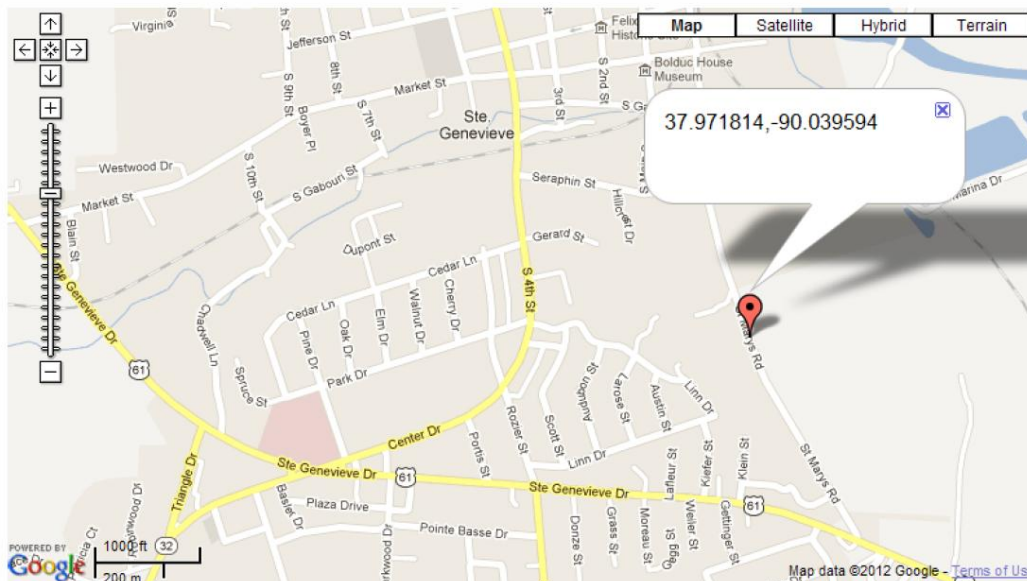


The Creole House

a part of Felix Valle State Historic Site

St. Mary's Road, Ste. Genevieve, Mo 63670

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Department of Missouri Encampment Information

Agenda

Saturday, 2 June 2012

7:30 - 9:00 am Registration

9:00 am - Department Business Session I

12:00 noon – BBQ – Awards Presentation Luncheon

1:00 pm or immediately after awards presentation whichever is last–
Department Business Session II

4:00 pm - Elections/Officer Installation

5:00 pm – Adjourn

TO ALL CAMPS:

Camps wishing to have a brag board must create their own. Also camps wishing to sell camp items may set up a table and do so as this is a large area for our use.

Currently the following will most likely have items for sale.

1. Department of Missouri
2. US Grant Camp – Shirts & Grant Challenge Coins
3. SUVCW Foundation – Assorted items.

Department of Missouri Encampment Information

2012 Missouri Department Encampment Pre-Registration Form (Please Return Forms by May 28, 2012)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE _____

DEPARTMENT _____

CAMP NAME NUMBER _____

CURRENT/HIGHEST PAST OFFICE/DELEGATE/ALTERNATE _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Please return this form and check payment made out to **Dept of Missouri SUVCW** to:

Gary Scheel, PCC
PO Box 87
Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670

Registration Fee (\$7 each / \$10 at the door) = \$ _____

BBQ Luncheon - Family Invited # People ____ x \$5 = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Notes :

1. The department will provide soft drinks & chips at the event as part of your registration fees.
2. The BBQ luncheon will include awards ceremonies. BBQ will be brats and sazetza along with fixins (potato salad and stuff like that). If you don't want the lunch you can brown bag or go to a local restaurant, but the next business session will begin immediately after awards are presented.

Questions? Please contact:

Walt Busch (314) 630-8407 wbusch@suvchwmo.org

NOTE: Attendees MUST present a signed credentials card & membership card at the Encampment in order to complete the registration process and be admitted. Credentials cards should be provided by your Camp Secretary. Badges are encouraged for all members and required for all current department officers and past department commanders.

Ladies Tea & Brunch Information



Ladies Are Invited!

The Ladies of the
St. Col. J. Felix St. James Auxiliary #326
And the
Louisa Volker Auxiliary #215

Request the pleasure of your company at
a Ladies Tea & Brunch

**(Whether You Are A Member of the Allied Orders or Not)
During the Department of Missouri - S.U.O.C.W.'s
17th Annual Encampment*

When:

Saturday, June 2, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Where:

The Creole House, 339 St. Mary's Road, Ste. Genevieve, MO

Cost: Free

Dress: Modern Casual

R.S.V.P. By May 30th

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Department of Missouri **Senior-Vice Commander's Information**



Proposed By-Laws Changes

From: Department of Missouri By-Laws Committee

Martin Aubuchon, Senior Vice Commander

Bob Petrovic, Committee Member

James Dixon, Committee Member

The By Laws Committee has reviewed the current version of the Department of Missouri By Laws as amended 2009. I have sent a copy of the recommended or proposed revisions to all Camp Commanders and Secretaries for distribution amongst their members. Please distribute these comments to your camp members and review them and be prepared to discuss and vote on the changes at the Department Encampment in Ste. Genevieve, MO on June 2. In accordance to Article XIII Section 1, the Bylaws can only be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Brothers present at the Department meeting.

In the case that you need a copy of them re-sent, please contact me, and I will resend them.

SUVCW Department of Missouri Awards

This message is a reminder to all members to consider nominations for the Department Awards. Nomination forms are available at the Department website (and this message was sent via e-mail to all members). The Department encampment is Saturday June 2 in Ste. Genevieve, MO.

Please submit your nomination forms to me no later than May 15th.

The Department presents the James B Eads award for the most outstanding camp and the Frank Blair award for the most outstanding individual brother.

Other awards are the Show Me Award for the most outstanding CITIZEN, Meritorious Service Award, and GAR award.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

Martin Aubuchon

Dept. Senior Vice Commander

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Phelps Camp #66 – Springfield, MO

On March 10, 2012, Phelps Camp members conducted a special memorial program to honor the men of Phelps' Regiment, Missouri Infantry, at Pea Ridge National Military Park near Pea Ridge, Arkansas. Camp members were joined by approximately 15 reenactors and 45 visitors on a hike from Elkhorn Tavern to the area where Colonel John Smith Phelps and his outnumbered regiment conducted a brave but ultimately unsuccessful attempt to hold the Union line against ferocious enemy attacks. An account of the regiment's role in the battle was read, along with short profiles of each of the regiment's casualties (those killed or mortally wounded) and the poem, 'When the Boys in Blue are Gone.' A descendant of one of the casualties was in attendance. The program was held as part of the park's 150th anniversary commemoration."

The brothers in the photo taken in front of Elkhorn Tavern are, from left to right, Gary Riley, Jon Birket, Kip Lindberg, Michael Price, Jeff Patrick, David Mills, Greg Wait and David Coffman.



Members of Phelps Camp participated in three ceremonies in April. On April 14, member Steve Weldon spoke at the dedication ceremony for a new historical marker in Montevallo, Missouri, commemorating the skirmish fought there in 1862 (see photo above right). In addition, camp members Greg Wait, Kip Lindberg and Gary Riley participated in a ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery in Fort Scott, Kansas, dedicating a new headstone for a member of the 2nd Kansas Colored Infantry. Huzzah!

The members of Phelps Camp in a celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Mary Whitney Phelps on Sunday, April 29. A new historical marker honoring the efforts of Mary Phelps to care for wounded Union soldiers, the body of General Nathaniel Lyon, and Civil War orphans, was dedicated. The event was held in Phelps Grove Park, at the corner of Brookside and Virginia in Springfield. Period craft demonstrations were also held from 1-2:30 p.m. that day, the Missouri State University Brass Quartet played from 1:30-2 p.m. and the formal dedication ceremony took place at 2 p.m. Camp members were used for a color guard.

Submitted by Jeffrey Patrick, SVC – Phelps Camp #66

U.S. Grant Camp #68 – St. Louis, MO

Grant Camp is continuing to grow. We have added 4 new members in the past few months. We are even talking to a couple of gentleman in Maryland that are interested in joining our camp. They both have ancestors that were part of Missouri units during the Civil War. The camp is working on the Grant Death Day Event that will be held at U.S. Grant / White Haven (NPS). The event will be held on Saturday July 21st.

As always we are working to be part of the Memorial Day Event at Jefferson Barracks. Our camp did not have enough funding for the horse this year. The word went out and members from with in our camp and outside our camp came together and enough was raised to continue the tradition of having a horse for the hearse. If your unit or camp attends the JB event you may want to consider a donation to our camp to help with the rising cost of the horse. At our last meeting in April the idea of an Auxiliary was brought up. It was voted to proceed with the establishment of a Women's Auxiliary.

Marty Aubuchon the current Senior Vice Commander of the Department has throne his hat in the ring to become the next Department Commander for the Department of Missouri. Please join us in supporting Marty. We are proud of the current National Commander in Chief – Don Palmer (aka Dr. Hair). He has made a great commitment to the order. He is working hard to attend events around the country. He even takes time out to make camp meeting each month and gives us a report on his adventures.

Grant camp continues to maintain Inks Cemetery – (a family cemetery) in Eureka, MO. Our camp held a clean up day on April 28th. Major Inks was a member of the Home Guard in 1861. Marty Aubuchon and Camp Commander Mark Coplin attended and presented awards at two ROTC Dining Out events on April 27th. They were held at Marquette and Lafayette High Schools. We received a call at the last minute to see if someone could attend a third event at University City High School.

Submitted by Mark Coplin PCC/Current Camp Commander – U.S. Grant Camp #68



U.S. Grant Camp #68, St. Louis, Missouri

*Distinguished Brothers of the Department of Missouri, Sons of
Union Veterans of the Civil War,*

GREETINGS from the U.S. Grant Camp #68 – St. Louis, who pray you consider our petition.

WHEREAS: Marty Aubuchon announced his intentions at our camp's March meeting to run for the position of Department Commander at this year's department encampment to be held June 2nd in Ste. Genevieve, MO., and,

WHEREAS: We, as a camp body, recognize his leadership and organizational skills and believe he would make a great commander for the Department of Missouri; and,

WHEREAS: He is currently serving as the Senior Vice Commander for the Department and has served in various other capacities with in the Department; and,

WHEREAS: He is a Past Camp Commander for our camp and has held various positions within the camp; and,

WHEREAS: He is 2nd in command of Co A, 2nd Missouri Infantry SVR and commander of the 1st Missouri Engineers SVR; and,

WHEREAS: He exemplifies the spirit of *Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty*, by attending most if not all camp and department meetings, and attending several national meetings and has assisted in helping the organizers of those events, and helps promote and support the organization and its members;

NOW, THEREFORE: U.S. Grant Camp #68, Department of Missouri, requests your support for Brother Aubuchon to advance to this high office as the next Commander of the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY AND LOYALTY.

MARK COPLIN, PCC
Camp Commander
U.S. Grant Camp #68
St. Louis, Missouri

Westport Camp # 64 – Kansas City, MO

Battle of Montevallo Dedication

SUVCW Phelps Camp #66 and Westport Camp #64 participated in the Battle of Montevallo Monument Dedication on April 14, 2012. This was a SUVCW Sesquicentennial Signature Event near Nevada, Missouri. An estimated 75 people attended the dedication in rural Missouri on the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Montevallo, which occurred April 13-14, 1862. The ceremony included an historical description of the two day battle by the Vernon County Historical Society; a personal story of the battle's impact on the Gabbert family by descendant and SUVCW member Robert Capps; and a reenactment of the skirmish by SUVCW members and Elliot's Scouts.

In 1862, Confederate forces were moving south through Missouri to re-organize while Union troops were positioning along the Missouri-Kansas boarder to stabilize and protect the civilian population. These statewide events collided in Montevallo, Missouri and many other Missouri towns. On April 13, 1862, 22 men from the 1st Iowa Cavalry arrived in Montevallo, Missouri and quartered themselves at the Scobey Hotel. That night, Confederates attacked the hotel with 25 men, resulting in two men killed on each side. The next morning, the 1st Iowa Cavalry declared Montevallo a Confederate bushwhacker hideout and proceeded to burn the town. Montevallo, Missouri was only four miles from Col. John Coffee's encampment of 250 Confederate troops. Fortunate for the 1st Iowa Cavalry men, Col. Coffee continued south instead of engaging the small Union garrison. The dedication ceremony was hosted by the Vernon County Historical Society with participation by the SUVCW Westport Camp, SUVCW Phelps Camp, SCV Coffee Camp, SCV Hughes Camp, and Elliot's Scouts.

Union and Confederate joint-color guard for Battle of Montevallo dedication.

In addition, the Westport Camp participated in a Medal of Honor Day Ceremony and presented an SUVCW ROTC Award.



Submitted by Dale Crandell, Sec/Tres. – Westport Camp #64

Wilhelmi Camp # 17 – Washington, MO

On April 18th, Associate member Mike Just and Camp Commander Mike McCubbins was in attendance at St. Clair High School for the Air Force ROTC awards night. On that evening a 16 year old JROTC member was to receive an award from the Sons of the Union Veterans for his 450 community hours. There were several other groups and awards ahead of us. The cadet did attend the meeting the following Tuesday in St. Clair and was given an application to join the Sons of the Union Veterans group.

Also, on May 4, 2012, Glen Alsop presented a Civil War educational program to students at the Edgar Murray Elementary School.

Submitted by Michael McCubbins, Camp Commander – Wilhelmi Camp #17



McCormick Camp # 215 – Farmington / Park Hills, MO

The McCormick Camp #215 has been extremely busy since the beginning of the year. A few of the activities we have participated in and some photos follow.



On February 26, 2012 our camp, along with many others in the Department, and the Volker Auxiliary, participated in the annual Sherman Day ceremony at Cavalry Cemetery in St. Louis.

However, we had some sad news hit us a short time later; camp charter member, Gene Murdock (shown on the left hand side the photo), passed away from this life. He was a Civil War historian and writer, and will be missed by all who knew him.



Next, we presented a Civil War educational program for the Mine Au Breton Historical Society in Potosi, MO on March 13th. This was followed by our participation in several Cub Scout and Boy Scout Civil War educational programs (like this one in



Pilot Knob, MO on March 19th); as well as the “March Back in Time” living history we participated in at Antique Treasures in Leadington, MO on March 31st.



April did not slow down either, as we presented three SUVCW JROTC to cadets at Farmington, Fredericktown, and New Madrid High Schools. Also, members of our camp, the Volker Auxiliary, and other camps from the Dept. of MO participated in the annual



Lincoln Death Day ceremony in Springfield, IL on April 14th. We also marched in a parade in DeSoto, MO at the request of the Fletcher Camp #47 on April 21st.



Finally in May, we participated in Living History demonstrations at Johnson Shut-Ins State Park, near Middlebrook, on May 5th, and marched with the Fletcher Camp once again in an Armed Forces Day parade on May 19th in Hillsboro, MO. We are also planning a small ceremony at Gen. James R. McCormick’s grave, in Farmington, on Memorial Day.

Submitted by Chris Warren, Camp Treasurer – McCormick Camp #215

St. James Camp # 326 – Ste. Genevieve, MO

Our Camp has had a rough couple of months. In March, Brother Clarence Hill's wife Jeanne went to her eternal reward. We mourned the loss experienced by Brother Clarence.

In April we lost Brother David Ray Beckermann lost his fight with cancer. He passed from this world to his eternal reward on April 15, 2012. His ancestor was a Civil War veteran Private George Beckermann of Company F, 30th Missouri Infantry Regiment. George Beckermann was a member of the J. Felix St James Grand Army of the Republic Post # 326 of Ste. Genevieve. Four members of our camp were present at the funeral held on April 19, 2012. Brother David at one time was the Chief of Police of Ste. Genevieve.

On 10 January, Commander-in- Chief Donald Palmer honored us by installing the officers of our Camp. CinC Palmer was also the installing officer at our Camps very first installation of officers. Our new Camp Commander is Tom Greminger our new Senior Vice Commander is Paul Cameron P.C.C. and our new Junior Vice Commander is Samer Zoughaib. This year we split the duties of secretary-treasurer. Secretary is Gary Scheel and Tom Farlow is our Treasurer.

On 26 February Jerry Kasten and Auxiliary Member Ruth Kasten and Gary Scheel attended General Sherman Memorial Day at Cavalry Cemetery in St. Louis. Jerry Kasten and Gary Scheel participated in the firing of honors with the 17th Missouri Infantry.

In our March meeting Teddy Mueller gave us a presentation on Civil War music. He played Civil War era songs on his fiddle and his concertina. He explained the history of some of the songs.

On April 29th four members of our camp participated in an Eagle Court of Honor for Michael Wehner. Members present were Eagle Scout Coordinator Bob Hammack, Senior Vice Commander Samer Zoughaib, William Zoughaib and Gary Scheel. It was a very nice ceremony and Brother Hammack presented the Eagle Scout certificate from the SUVCW. Brother Hammack is also the Department of Missouri Eagle Scout Coordinator.



Submitted by Gary Scheel, Camp Secretary – St. James Camp #326

Tiger Camp #432 – Columbia, MO

Over the last month the Columbia Tiger Camp 432 has attended three events and is working on one veteran's tombstone project. On April 9th and 11th Camp Sr. Vice Commander Russell DeVenney Jr and Camp Commander Larry Dietzel presented five 45 minute Civil War talks to over one hundred and twenty ninth graders at Jefferson Jr. High School in Columbia, Missouri.

On April 28th Brother James Dixon participated in a marker dedication for the Battle Of Rigg's Run just east of Centralia, Missouri. The following information is from the Columbia Tribune article from Sunday, April 29, 2012. <http://www.columbiatribune.com/news/2012/apr/29/battle-of-riggs-run-commemorated-with-plaque/>

"Just before Christmas 1861, agents sent out by Maj. Gen. Sterling Price from the headquarters of his Missouri secessionist army had reached Central Missouri. They were supposed to organize recruits responding to Price's call for fresh troops and, on the night of Dec. 20, 1861, attack the North Missouri Railroad.

The men who attacked the railroads burned almost every bridge and culvert along the road for more than 100 miles. Hundreds of men took part in the raid, and thousands more would flock to the rebel banner in the days afterward.

The Union response would overwhelm the new recruits at places such as Mount Zion Church and Roan's Tan Yard. The counterpunch began in the fields of Z.T. Riggs' farm, where about 300 men gathered the morning after the attack to rest and eat. Small groups from the 7th Missouri Cavalry, the 10th Missouri Infantry and Bishop's Blackhawk Cavalry, about 110 men in all, pounced on the rebels.

John Onan Jr. and Thomas Toalson were killed, and James Toalson, Thomas' brother, was mortally wounded. Allen Pipes and Beverly Shackelford were wounded, while the Union forces reported no dead, according to William Switzler's 1882 "History of Boone County."

The School Civil War day and Battle Of Rigg's Run was completed in conjunction with the local Col. James J. Searcy Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Also on April 28th, Camp Secretary Brian Bradford attended the University of Missouri R.O.T.C. awards ceremony and presented the first Tiger Camp 432 ROTC cadet award. The R.O.T.C. Certificate, Metal and Ribbon bar was given to Cadet Andrew Lang.

Tiger camp is in the process of awarding two Eagle Scout awards and holding another school Civil War day in the upcoming weeks of May.

April 28, 2012 Tiger Camp #432 presented a medal and certificate to ROTC MSL Cadet Andrew Long at MU. Then May 17, 2012 CC Dietzel and Brother Rob Allen will be having the Civil War Day at the 2 Mile Prairie School in Columbia, Mo.



Submitted by Larry Dietzel, Camp Commander – Tiger Camp #432

McPherson Camp #1 – Little Rock, Arkansas

Here's a little something from the McPherson Camp #1 in Little Rock. The General James McPherson Camp #1 is planning another Remembrance Ceremony at the Little Rock Natl. Cemetery this coming Memorial Day. Here is a picture of Camp Commander Thomas Ezell & his handmade US flag at last year's ceremony. Brothers in the camp have been busy lately with various reenactments in Arkansas. Just recently Camp Secy/Treasurer David E. Casto was awarded the Charles O. Durnett Award by the Arkansas Historical Association for his essay on the 8th Missouri Volunteer Cavalry. On Saturday April 28th, David Casto visited DeValls Bluff, Arkansas, where he was able to tour the site of Fort Lincoln, part of the Union army works that surrounded this important post during the War. On private land, the old fort is overgrown, but the earthworks are in good shape.



Submitted by David Casto – McPherson Camp #1

Fletcher Camp #47 – De Soto, MO

The newly formed Fletcher Camp 47 in DeSoto, Missouri, participated in the spring parade held in DeSoto, on Saturday April 21. The parade was sponsored by "Get Healthy DeSoto". The parade kicked off Farmer's Market activities which are held in DeSoto each Saturday morning. Local farmers bring in their fresh produce to sell and this encourages a healthy lifestyle. Later this fall, Fletcher camp has been invited to set up a Civil War camp at the market and do a living history. Fletcher Camp participated last fall in a similar event which was very successful in getting the word out that the Sons of Union Veterans had established a new Camp in DeSoto. The Fletcher camp has been invited to parade on Armed Forces Day in Hillsboro, Mo. We have also been assisting the McCormick Camp in several of their activities as well. On February 26th, after participating in the Sherman Day event, we held a small ceremony at the grave of Thomas C. Fletcher in Bellefontaine Cemetery in St. Louis.



Article Submitted by Doug Roussin, Camp Commander – Fletcher Camp #47

Sigel Camp #614 – Rolla, MO

The Sigel Camp #614 has been recently chartered and we welcome them to the Department of Missouri. They received the presentation of their camp charter at the last Department Business Meeting, in Jefferson City, on March 10th. They are holding monthly meetings at the Columbia College campus in Rolla. In addition, they recently had a special program at one of their meetings by the South Central Region Veterans Group concerning the veterans' park in Rolla. This park is in the planning and fund raising stages, but is supposed to have a special Civil War section. The Sigel Camp is throwing their efforts into this project and assisting in any way they can. We are also planning on participating in Newburg Days on June 9th as well.



Submitted by Randal Burd, Camp Commander – Sigel Camp #614



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