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*On the road
with the
Commander-in-Chief*

The Commander-in-Chief, in photo at left, visits with Department of Tennessee officers during their annual encampment.



The Commander-in-Chief, at right, listens to discussions at the Wisconsin Mid-Winter Meeting.

CinC Pahl's Travel Schedule

27 January	Dept. of Tennessee Mid-Winter Meeting	Huntsville, AL
3 February	Dept. of Wisconsin Mid-Winter Meeting	Wauwatosa, WI
17 March	New England Conference	Boxborough, MA
23-24 March	Dept. of California & Pacific Encampment	San Luis Obispo, CA
31 March	Dept. of Iowa Encampment	Des Moines, IA
7 April	Dept. of Rhode Island Encampment	Warwick, RI
14 April	Lincoln Tomb/GAR Founder's Ceremonies	Springfield & Petersburg, IL
21 April	Dept. of Nebraska Encampment	Omaha, NE
28 April	Dept. of Michigan Encampment	Lansing, MI
5 May	Dept. of Oklahoma Encampment	Oklahoma City, OK
12 May	Dept. of Illinois Encampment	Peoria, IL
19 May	Daughters of the Union 1861-1865 Nat. Congress	Grand Rapids, MI
28 May	Memorial Day @ Arlington Cemetery	Washington, D.C.
1-3 Jun	Dept. of New York Encampment	Waterloo, NY
8-9 June	Dept. of Missouri Encampment	St. Louis, MO
15-17 June	Dept. of Ohio Encampment	Alliance, OH
28-30 June	Dept. of Pennsylvania Encampment	Bethlehem, PA
9-12 August	126 th National SUVCW Encampment	St. Louis, MO

Various National Officers will represent CinC Pahl at the Encampments and events not listed.



SUVCW Event Recruiting Checklist

- ___ **Assign Officer-in-Charge**
 - Select event recruiting staff (should be your most outgoing members)
- ___ **Determine if event is geared toward:**
 - Adults (SUVCW, ASUVCW, WRC, DUVCW, LGAR)
 - Youth (Juniors) Tip: Don't forget parents
 - Both youth & adults
- ___ **Set event goals**
 - # of event "contacts"
 - # of unit meeting visitors
 - # of new members
- ___ **Determine potential # of attendees**
- ___ **Plan to provide extra "sizzle" outside the booth**
 - Tip: Provide color guard to open/close event, memorial ceremony, period games, etc.
- ___ **Plan display booth or tabletop display**
 - Pick booth location in main traffic flow (if possible)
 - Determine size of booth
 - Order/secure banner
- ___ **Set dress code – uniform, business casual w/kepi, badges and insignia**
- ___ **Set booth rules**
 - Tip: No food or drink in the booth, no smoking, no horseplay, keep chatting among members to a minimum – you're there to meet prospective members.
- ___ **Plan traffic-builder or promotion**
 - (i.e. video in booth, demos, static displays, etc.)
 - Secure raffle license, prizes, if needed
- ___ **Set booth schedule – members to work booth on specific days and/or times**
 - Tip: don't work one or two people all day' – rotate personnel, if possible. Also, make sure to give breaks and provide back-up
- ___ **Order handouts:**
 - Go to www.suvcw.org – Forms, Documents and Proceedings; SUVCW Supplies (#109 – Promotion & Advertising pamphlet)
 - Local Allied Orders brochures and materials, Form 3 applications
 - Tip: You really don't have to give a handout to every contact – only to those who you feel have a real interest in becoming a member.
- ___ **Collect contact information**
 - Create a simple form: Name, street address, city, state, zip, phone number(s), e-mail address
- ___ **Plan for Post-event follow-up**
 - If large-scale event: Divide up prospect list among respective Camps
 - Assign members to complete follow-up
 - Phone call and/or letter to prospect:
 - Invitation to meeting – Day, time, location
 - Answer any questions/concerns
 - Assign a "visitor contact" to ask for when they come to meeting
- ___ **Measure success**
 - # of event "contacts"
 - # of unit meeting visitors
 - # of new members

Missouri Real Son Welcomed into Our Order



Grant Camp members (standing left to right): Brs. Gary Scheel, Dan Jackson, PCC Bob Amsler, PDC Don Palmer, PDC Bob Petrovic, PCC Mark Coplin, Marty Aubuchon, CC Walt Busch, Chris Warren and PCC John Avery. Real Son George Williams is seated.

On March 5th, U. S. Grant Camp 68 in St. Louis initiated their newest member, Real Son George Grover Williams. About 45 people, including 25 relatives representing four generations of the Williams family were present to witness the initiation. The Camp presented George with his membership medal and a Real Sons certificate. George was born on October 15, 1911 in Jeff, Missouri, the son of Henry Williams, who was born October 18, 1847 and passed away on October 14, 1927.

The elder Williams was mustered into Co. I, 37th Regiment Kentucky Infantry (Mounted) on September 13, 1863 and was honorably discharged on April 19, 1864. He was then mustered into service on July 1, 1864 in Co. K, 4th Kentucky Infantry (Mounted) to serve 3 years as a private. He was honorably discharged on August 17, 1865 and returned to Kentucky on a freight train. But life there was difficult, so he moved to southern Missouri. After marrying and divorcing the same woman twice, Henry married another woman, Melvina Marnell, in 1900. He was 53, she was 22. George was one of three children born to them. The family made its home near Thayer, Missouri, near the Arkansas border, where Henry was awarded 40 acres for his military service.

After the installation George told some stories about the Civil War that his father told him. One story described Henry helping release Union prisoners at Camp Sumter, a notorious Confederate

military prison in Andersonville, Ga. Other stories his father told him were about the major battle in Shiloh, Tennessee. Henry spent his last years at the State Federal Soldiers' Home of Missouri in St. James.

George Williams moved to St. Louis in the 1940s, where he worked for McDonnell Douglas. He and his late wife had seven children. The U. S. Grant Camp #68 is honored to have George Grover Williams as its newest member.



Real Son George Williams

Photos by Cher Petrovic



The Guidon

4th Military District Artillery School Planned

A School of the Piece, a muzzle-loading artillery safety qualification program for re-enactors and living historians, will be held June 23-24, at Jefferson Barracks County Park in south St. Louis County, MO. The program is presented by the National Civil War Artillery Association and the SVR's 4th Military District.

NCWAA staff members will instruct and qualify. BG Charles Corfman, SVR instructor at the last four St. Louis artillery schools, will also instruct. Cannoneers successfully



Men training on mountain howitzer drill during the 2005 Artillery Safety School in Missouri. Ames 3-pdr shown.

Personnel Action

Effective 26 February 2007, 1st Sergeant Frank C. Avila, having been duly elected Commander of Co. C, 8th California Volunteer Infantry, 6th Military District, is commissioned a First Lieutenant, SVR.

**NOTICE TO ALL SVR
ATTENDING THE
NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT:**

**JOIN YOUR BROTHERS
AT THE ANNUAL SVR BREAKFAST
ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2007
AT 0700**

**ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE
RECOMMENDED**

**SEE THE INSIDE REAR
MAILING COVER
OF THIS BANNER
FOR YOUR RESERVATION FORM.**

completing the course will be issued a qualification card valid for two years.

Crews and guns from all muzzle-loading periods (Civil War and earlier) and serving under all flags are welcome and encouraged to attend. Re-enactors and living historians who do not regularly serve with the artillery, but who wish to extend their knowledge, are also welcome.

Interested individuals and units should contact Maj. Jack Grothe, SVR, at (314) 631-7492, or Cpt. Randy Baehr, Turner Brigade, at (314) 962-4690, email robaehr@earthlink.net, for registration materials. Registration forms are also available online at <http://home.earthlink.net/~turnerbrigade/artyschl.htm>. Registration will close on June 2, 2007. Checks for the \$15 registration fee should be made payable to "HQ 4th Military District, SVR" and should be submitted with registration forms by the close of registration.

Period camping will be permitted on site. Water, straw, firewood, and indoor sanitary facilities will be provided free. Motels are located nearby for those participants who do not want to camp. A variety of restaurants are available nearby for evening dining.

Look what's under our arches this August . . .



**The 126th National Encampment of the
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

August 9, 10, 11, 2007

St. Louis Hilton Frontenac

Information may be found on your mail cover of this edition!

MEDAL COMMEMORATES LOGAN, 1887 ENCAMPMENT



In September, 1887, the GAR held its 21st National Encampment in St. Louis. The GAR had 372,600 members and approximately 40,000 attended the event. All the hotels were filled; people opened their houses and tent cities were set up to house the veterans attending. GAR PCinC John Logan had passed away the preceding December 26th and so, a limited edition medal was produced for the 1887 National Encampment honoring him.

A numbered reproduction of the medal is being produced with a date reflecting this year's SUVCW National Encampment. A two medal limit per person has been set. Medals are \$15 each plus \$5 S&H if mailed. Make your check payable to Department of Missouri.

2007 Commemorative Medal
c/o Robert M. Petrovic, PDC
6519 Cherokee Lane,
Cedar Hill, MO. 63016-2527

Missouri Brothers Planning National Encampment

The St. Louis Hilton Frontenac will serve as Headquarters for this important business and social gathering, situated in the city's midtown area. The Hilton's central location is close to fine restaurants, shopping and great entertainment. These include the St. Louis Zoo, St. Louis Science Center, Six Flags amusement park, and the Gateway Arch. The Plaza Frontenac shopping mall is nearby and the hotel is nine miles from Lambert International Airport via complementary transportation.

Offered are 263 spacious guest rooms, two restaurants, a fitness center, an outdoor pool, a business center with high speed internet access, two fully equipped computer work stations and photocopy and fax services.

Reserve your room now by calling (314) 993-1100 and mentioning the Allied Orders of the "GAR." Rate is \$92/night plus tax.

Allied Orders in Key Posts

The Missouri Dept. Host Committee Chair is PDC Robert Petrovic, Assisting him are PDC Donald Palmer, DC John Avery, PCC Jack Grothe and Br. Gary Scheel. LGAR PNP Dolores Hubbard and Sisters Maggie Grothe (WRC, ASUVCW) and Cher Petrovic (WRC, LGAR and ASUVCW) are also serving on the committee.

Pre-registrations Being Taken Now

Pre-register at \$7/per brother, using the form provided. The fee includes: (1) Fri. Campfire program; (2) Fri. Memorial Service; and (3) Sat. hospitality room(s).

Special Optional Activities

(4) Thur., Aug 9 - 3 p.m. Tour of Jefferson Barracks Historical Park and U.S. Grant's Whitehaven home—Spend the afternoon visiting these historic sites by bus. Informative programs provided at each site. Box lunch with drink is included.

(5) Sat., Aug 11 - 7 - 8 a.m. Sons of Veterans Reserve Breakfast—Hosted by the Commanding General, the breakfast buffet is open to all brothers. SVR members are encouraged to attend in uniform with their wives and families.

(6) Sat., Aug 11 - 6 p.m. Allied Orders Banquet—Formal Evening meal and entertainment. Two entrée choices.

Interesting Places to Visit

Old Courthouse—Dred Scott's freedom suit in 1846 made its way to the U.S. Supreme Court and changed the course of history.

Grant's Cabin (Hardscrabble) and Farm—Tour his cabin and a zoo with over 100 different species.

Forest Park—Memorials to Generals Bates, Blair, and Sigel.

Lyon Park—Memorials to General Lyons.

Bellefontaine Cemetery—Burial place for over 70 CW officers, including Buel, McNeil, Pope, Smith, Stevenson, Blair and Price.

Calvary Cemetery—Final resting place of Gen. Wm. T. Sherman, Dred Scott and Gen. John Wesley Turner.

National Encampment Program Book

Show your support by placing an advertisement in the Official Program Book. Express pride in your Civil War Ancestor, your Department, Camp/Auxiliary Circle, congratulate the Commander-in-Chief, National Presidents, send greetings to the Allied Orders.

NOTE: Encampment Program Books are 8 1/2 by 11.

Name _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone/Email _____

Organization _____

Full Page - \$40 Quarter Page - \$15

Half-page - \$25 Eighth page - \$10

Make checks or money orders payable to
Department of Missouri, SUVCW
Return this form, ad copy and check to:
2007 National Encampment Program Book
C/O Don Palmer, PDC
147 Lucerne Place
Ballwin, MO 63011

Deadline for receipt of ads - 09 July 2007

2007 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email Address _____

Department _____ Camp # _____

Current/Highest Past Office (Check only one)

CinC PCinC Dept Cmdr.

Past Dept. Cmdr Delegate Alternate

Complete and mail with check or money order (no cash) for \$7.00
made out to National Organization, SUVCW to:

2007 National Encampment
Credentials Committee

6114 Gillespie St.
Philadelphia, PA 19135

This form does NOT replace a completed Credentials card, which is required to complete your registration at the Encampment. You will not be able to register at the Encampment without a completed Credentials card from your Department Secretary.

Pre registration will be acknowledged by email only.

Pre-Registration deadline 24 July 2007

HISTORIC ST. LOUIS GUIDED TOUR
Thursday, Aug. 9, 2007

Name _____
Street _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Organization _____

The cost will be \$26 per person. Tour includes
box lunch style meal with drink
Reserve _____ seats @ \$26 ea.
Total enclosed: \$ _____

Make check or money orders to
Department of Missouri, SUVCW
Return this form and payment to:
2007 National Encampment Historic Tour
c/o Robert Petrovic, PDC
6519 Cherokee Lane
Cedar Hill, MO 63016-2527
Tour Reservation Deadline - 01 August 2007

**2007 National Encampment
Vendor/Display Tables**

Name _____
Street _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Reserve _____ tables @\$20 ea. Total Enc. \$ _____

NOTE: Non profit organizations do not require a
vendors license. Profit organizations require a li-
cense from the city of Frontenac, MO

Make checks or money orders payable to
Department of Missouri, SUVCW
Return this form and payment to:
2007 National Encampment Vendor/Display Tables
c/o Robert Petrovic, PDC
6519 Cherokee Lane
Cedar Hill, MO 63016-2527
Table Reseration Deadline - 01 August 2007

**2007 ALLIED ORDERS BANQUET
RESERVATION FORM**
Saturday, Aug. 11, 2007

Name _____
Street _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Department _____ Camp # _____
Reserve _____ Roasted Beef Brisket@ \$38 ea.
Reserve _____ Seared Chicken Breast @ \$38 ea.
Total enclosed \$ _____

Make check or money orders to
Department of Missouri, SUVCW
Return this form and payment to:
2007 National Encampment Allied Orders Banquet
c/o Robert Petrovic, PDC
6519 Cherokee Lane
Cedar Hill, MO 63016-2527
Banquet Reservation Deadline - 01 August 2007

**2007 National Encampment
SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE
(SVR) BREAKFAST**

Saturday, August 11, 2007 @7 a.m.

Name _____
Street _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone/Email _____
Unit _____
Number of seats required _____

NOTE: ADVANCE RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
\$10 per person before 01 August 2007
\$15 After 01 August at the door.

Send this form and check payable to TAG-SVR,

Return this form and payment to:
Col. Henry Shaw
Adjutant General, SVR
27 Griswold St.
Delaware, Ohio 43015-1716