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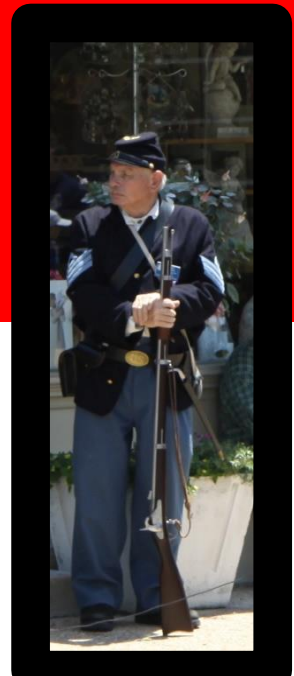


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Events on the Horizon Scheduled So-Far

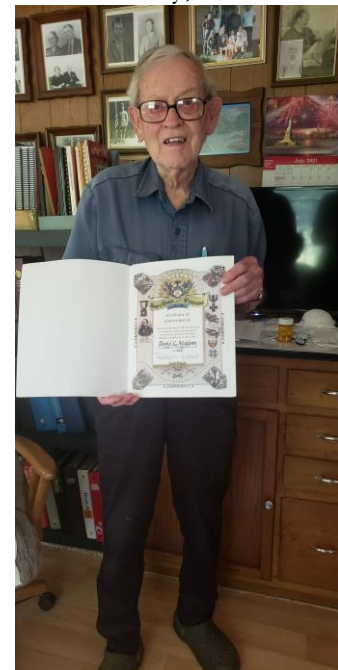
- DON'T FORGET TO FILE YOUR 990-N WITH IRS AND EIN INFORMATION WITH NAT'L TREASURER ASAP
- Mar 5 – 1 PM - General William T Sherman Remembrance Day - Calvary Cemetery
- Apr 2 – 10 AM - Missouri Soldiers at Shiloh Commemoration – Shiloh, TN National Battlefield
- Apr 16 – Fall In 9 AM - Lincoln Tomb Ceremony - Springfield, MO
- May 30 - Memorial Day – Various Locations

Editor's Comments by Walt Busch, PDC

ODDS & THE END

This editorial will probably be a little longer than most; not that I have that much to say, rather it is about all the stuff I forgot to say in the last several months. My quick list of excuses are: 1) Brother's Death and Aftermath; 2) National Encampment; 3) Central Region Association Conference; 4) Planning 2 Events for my Camp; 4) October computer crash that as of 12-14 is finally restored; 5) German school; 6) Doctors appointments; 7) RV repair; 8) assisting in running a Civil War Reenactment and 9) Dealing with C-A-M (Crazy A\$\$ Mom). So, mea culpa and forgive me that I forgot a lot of stuff to do. So, let's start off with the list.

1. David McCann, Westport Camp 64. (pictured right) I failed to mention him in the last issue. He donated money and was recognized by the National SUVCW for doing so. He is an example of the true spirit of Charity to which we all make a pledge as Sons.
2. Catherine Bell's Show-Me Spirit Award. Catherine won the Wayne Sampson Show-Me Spirit Award at our June Department Encampment. She won it for allowing us to photograph a MO GAR Commander Hollingsworth's file in her home in Kansas City, KS area. She also donated a few items to our department. A couple were allowed to be used as fundraisers, the most important one was a gavel personally made by Commander Hollingsworth. I have been told that the award has been made up. However, not following my usual dogged "why hasn't this been done yet?" questioning of people, I don't believe she was ever given her award. The award needs to go to her and hopefully Westport Camp will agree to present it to her.



3. Inventory Forms for the Department (and Camps) to use to list SUVCW property in their possession. Again, this is to be followed up on by the March meeting and while I still have time to share and discuss with people to get a consensus, I have yet to do so.
4. Monuments: Since dealing mostly with the encampment on my computer (besides crashes), I now have a backlog of around 35 monuments (Missouri Dept and National) to work on. *Please Lord, 10 snow days in January would not be unappreciated by me!*
5. The monument at Laclede MO that was damaged as shown in the last issue (picture on right again) still needs to be followed up on with the town's mayor. I need to kick myself for not checking further into it.
6. Your next department encampment. Well, thanks to Bryan Bradford of Tiger Camp we are to be meeting in Columbia on June 4, 2022. More information to follow in March. I also wish to step down from the encampment organizer chair. I have no problem assisting people in arranging these events and also traveling to locations to check them out, but it is time someone else learns how to set them up.



7. Department website – I think I have kept up fairly well with it, but I have been looking at it over the past several months thinking that I really need to rearrange this or that. I also have learned a few tricks on setting up pages for other organizations whose websites I run for free. I'd like to do those. One thing I was able to do was set up a website for Westport camp.

We have mentioned in the past at meetings that we have unlimited storage on our website and can have webpages created for ALL OF OUR CAMPS. I can set it up, but it is also up to each camp to provide someone who can log into that page and can edit it. It isn't hard and I can probably train any of your camp members to do it in an hour or two over a beer. The link to camp websites (what we have) is <https://www.suvcwmo.org/camps-list.html>

That's all folks. Thanks to all, Dale, Sumner, Doug, and all who sent me stuff over the years, especially those who wrote complete articles. It helped make my job easier. I hope more people will support the next editor. Remember, this is a recruiting tool if you use it properly. But, most of all, this is your newsletter. It makes no sense for you to plan an event for months at a local level and not try to get it advertised here (and we could get it advertised on our main department webpages too). You are not using all the tools available to get people to come to your event, which doesn't advertise our organization and ultimately doesn't add honor to our Union veteran ancestors.

A Letter from the Upcoming Editor of the *Missouri Unionist*

My name is Randal A. Burd, Jr., Past Commander (2016-2018) of the Department of Missouri, and I will be taking over the editorship of the *Missouri Unionist* in 2022. I am happy to be taking the reins of such a quality publication as this one. As the *Unionist* is a three-time recipient of National's Marshall Hope Award for Best Department Newsletter, it will be this editor's aim to continue the proud tradition of excellent publishing demonstrated by Walt Busch and his predecessors.

My experience serving two elected terms as Editor-in-Chief of the *Missouri Miner* newspaper (2000-2002) at the Missouri University of Science & Technology will be an asset in this new endeavor. I will not miss the waxing layout process, nor will I miss the darkroom...much. I will miss the 40+ person paid (at least stipends) staff. As this is a quarterly and not weekly publication, I'm sure I will make the adjustment, but I will ask the same as the previous *Unionist* editor in that you submit the information and photos you wish to appear. This information can be submitted to unionist@suvcwmo.org, preferably no less than a week before publication unless the event is happening that week. The next deadline would be March 24, 2022.

I look forward to keeping in touch with each camp in the department as you send me your articles and photos in a timely manner. I welcome your patience and suggestions as we begin another productive year of remembering our Union ancestors and the cause and country for which all gave some and some gave all.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC

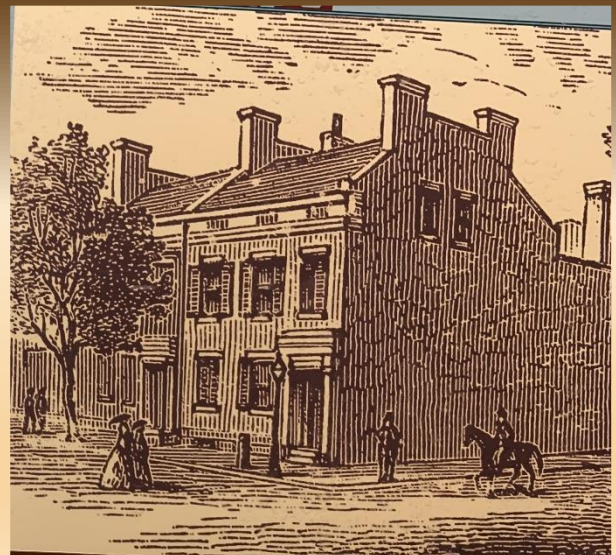
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The Wedding Home of US Grant and Julia Dent. Originally catty-corner and east of the Roswell Field House. Roswell was the lawyer for Dred Scott and the father of Poet Eugene Field. Roswell's house still exists and is set up to reflect the history of the Scott case.

Grant's home was removed for construction of 7th St and the interstate highways. Its location was marked by a metal historic marker. Also, since gone.



Collector's Corner

Douglas Roussin, PCC
Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher, Camp 47
Fall, 2021

I have spent years collecting Civil War and Grand Army of the Republic memorabilia and have found relics in all sorts of places, from gun and relic shows to antique shops and flea markets. I have also found items in old barns and sheds. Sometimes, people simply called because they heard I collected old things. Occasionally, people would bring, and I would purchase a piece of family history. Relics passed down through the family and which the present owner had no use could be had. I tried on several occasions to convince the owner to keep it in the family by giving it to his children. The response was usually the same, "they don't want it. I would rather let someone have it who would appreciate it". Many times, they would have no idea where the relic came from or who in the family it belonged too. I was told, "It belonged to some great uncle of my Moms or Dads, I guess." This would happen quite often.

Recently I had the opportunity to purchase a few items that had come from an estate sale. One item in the grouping quickly drew my attention. It was a shiny shoulder belt pin with the number 47. It is only the second 47th shoulder pin that I have run across. The first pin with 47 I found was years ago. This is the General Fletcher Camp number, so I felt that I had to have it. The pin was placed on my haversack and I proudly wear it in parades. I knew it had to be associated with a Grand Army Post, but which one? Every G.A.R. department had a Post 47. It would be impossible to locate the right Post without a lot more information.



Would this group of relics with its shoulder belt plate 47 help me solve this mystery? The answer would be YES. As I began my research, I had no idea that I would get more information than I bargained for! Let me share what I found.

Among the relics, was an oval frame with a faded picture of George Mason Gates. In the picture, Mr. Gates wears a four button G.A.R. sack coat with white web belt from which hangs a Grand Army sword. He wears a membership badge



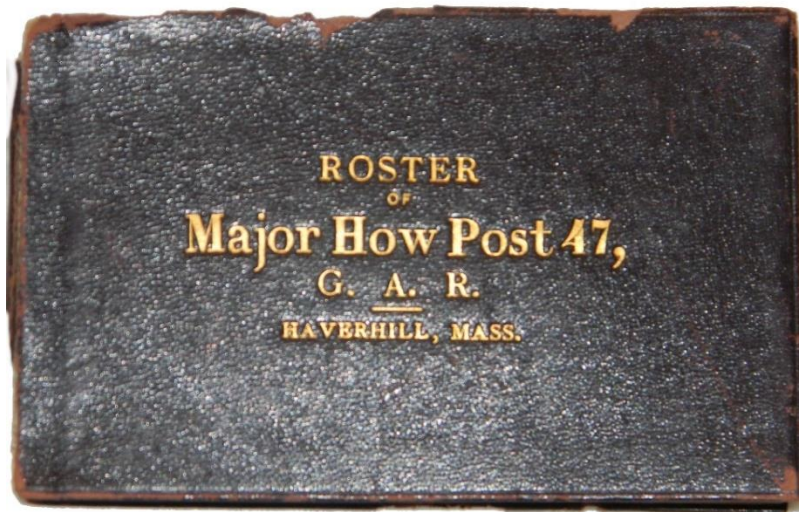
with a rank bar which appears to be a past commander's bar. In his lapel is a small brass button next to an American flag. He wears a men's regulation hat with gold cord. The hat patch has G.A.R. letters and the number 47.

The belt plate is the membership star pattern. (This pattern appears on page 25, Belt Plate 21, Variation No. 4, of my book, Plates, Belts and Swords of the Grand Army of the Republic.) Both the hat cord and buckle are part of the collection I purchased.



Two other items of importance are part of this group of relics. The first is a small black book with gold letters, its title, Roster of Major How Post 47, G.A.R., Haverhill, Mass. This small book from 1908, has over 100 pages and list over a

thousand names for that particular Post. Also listed at the end were the officers of the Major How Corp No.96, Department of Massachusetts, Women's Relief Corp for that year and Harry C. Norton, Camp 129, Sons of Veterans. George Gates name was not in the official publication but has been penciled in. It is probable that George's name was overlooked during publication, or he joined the Post at a later date. Included behind his name is Company H, 5th Conn., and his address as Plaistow, N. H.



The final item is a small photo of a group of aging veterans. Each is wearing a hat with the number 47 on it. As it turns out, this photo had the greatest impact on me of all the relics. Being able to identify the shoulder belt plate was my original goal. Mission accomplished. But this picture of the aging veterans has had a far greater impact than just identifying my 47 pin. It brings a



particular time and day into focus. You see on the back of the photo is the following inscription:

Commander Arthur Batchelder
Senior Vice Com. Herbert Morse
Junior vice Com. Smith Lucas
Acting Chaplin John Hurn
Quartermaster Seagt. W. C. Blye

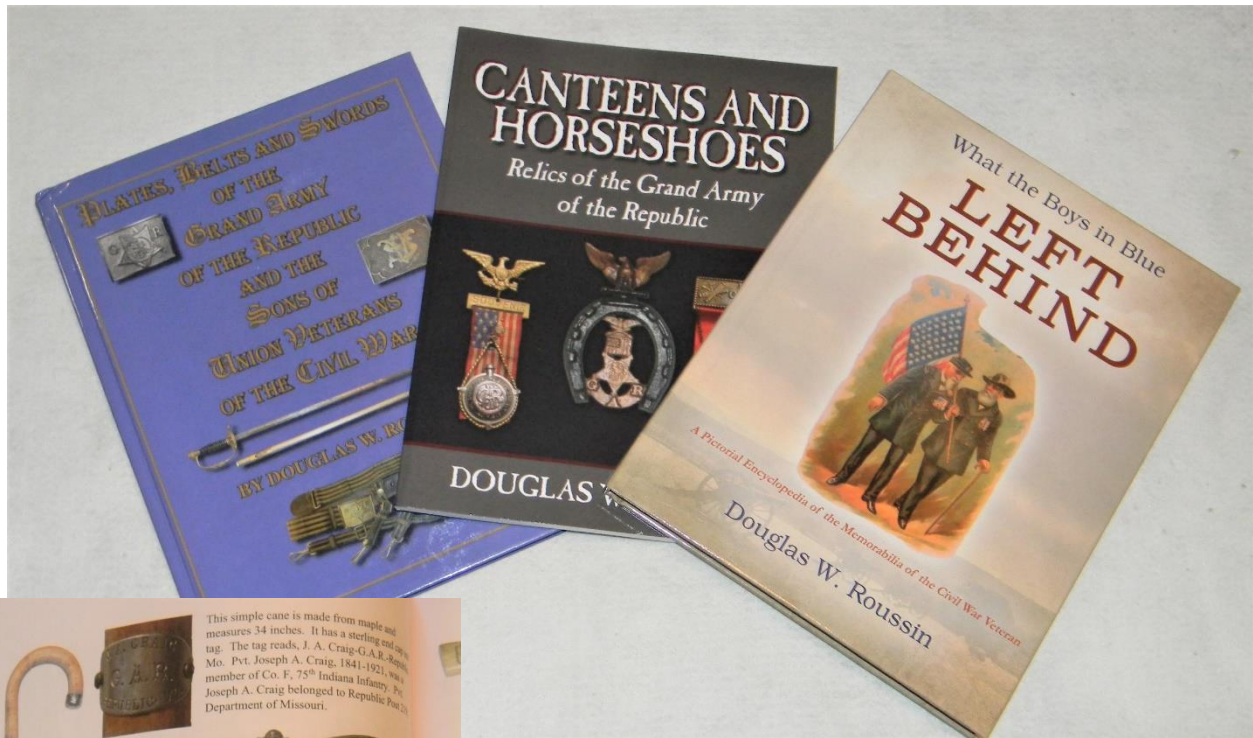
Taken in Plaistow, N. H., Easter Sunday, April 1, 1923, at the funeral of Comrade Geo. M. Gates.

Post Script: The Major How Post 47 was Chartered 28th January, 1868 and disbanded in 1939.

Here is additional information on the Gentlemen in the picture. This information was found in the Roster. Arthur N. Batchelder, Company M-4th Mass. Heavy Artillery----Herbert Morse (not Listed in Roster)---Smith W. Lucas, Company L, 15th New York Engineers-----John Hurn,

Company E, 58th Mass. Infantry also. U. S. Navy----Woodbury C. Blye, Sergt. Company K, 3rd N. H. Infantry----

And now a little advertisement!



The following collector's books can be purchased directly from the Author. These books are filled with hundreds of photos and crammed with information on Grand Army of the Republic memorabilia. These books are a must for any collector or historian.

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In Memory of Brother Jerry Kasten

Jerry Lee Kasten, 83, son of Ernest Edward and Olga Helena Sperling Kasten, entered heaven Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021.

Jerry was born Jan. 31, 1938, in Cape Girardeau. Jerry married Ruth Grunow Kasten on Nov. 27, 1959, at Concordia Lutheran Church in Evansville, Indiana. They had one son, Jon Mark Kasten of Cape Girardeau.

He was baptized March 31, 1938, and confirmed March 18, 1951, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau. His confirmation Bible text was II Peter 3:18. He attended Trinity Lutheran School, Cape Girardeau Central High School and Southeast Missouri State University.

He was a life-time member of Trinity Lutheran Church and served on many committees during his lifetime.

Jerry's interests include traveling, restoring old tractors, cars, Boy Scouts and the Civil War. He was a member of Egypt Mills Antique Tractor Club and many Civil War organizations in St. Louis, Cape Girardeau and Ste. Genevieve County, Missouri. He was a member of the St. James Camp #326 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Ste. Genevieve and their camp guard commander. Jerry was proud of the 3-inch ordinance cannon and limber he made and fired on many Civil War events. He spent many hours doing re-enactments and promoting Fort D in Cape Girardeau. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Men's 50-year Club.

Before retirement in 1996, he was employed at L.A. Tucker Truck Line, Jerry Lipps and Elfrink trucking companies.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Eugene Kasten of Belleville, Illinois; and sisters, Ann Kasten Hickam of Cape Girardeau and Evelyn Kasten Blair of St. Louis.

Survivors include his wife, son, nieces, nephews and numerous cousins.

Due to COVID, a private funeral will be held at a later date.

If desired, memorial contributions made be to Trinity Lutheran School Foundation Fund, 55 N. Pacific St., Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

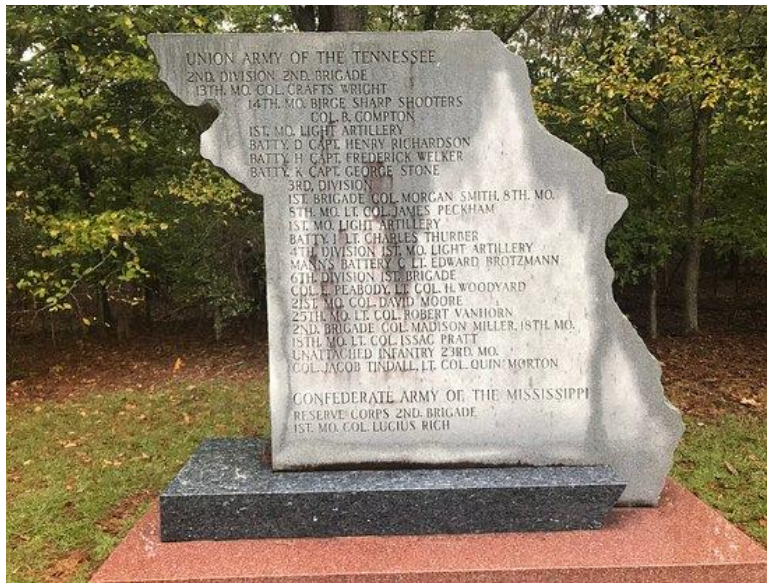
Courtesy of the Southeast Missourian.



DEPARTMENT TELEGRAPH

Honoring Missouri Units at the Battle of Shiloh National Military Park: The Upcoming Department of Missouri Commemoration

Date: April 2nd Time: 10 am



There are 47 Missourians buried in the National Cemetery at Shiloh and our plans are to lay wreaths at the gravesites of our men who did not come home.

We will be at the Pavilion on park property and are planning on having a lunch either catered in or a bag lunch. We will then proceed to the Missouri Monument for a ceremony and from there we will proceed to the 13th Missouri Infantry monument where the Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326 will hold an additional ceremony.

Please make plans to attend. That weekend is also the 160th Re-enactment of the Battle.

Below is the motel we have reserved 25 rooms for our groups.

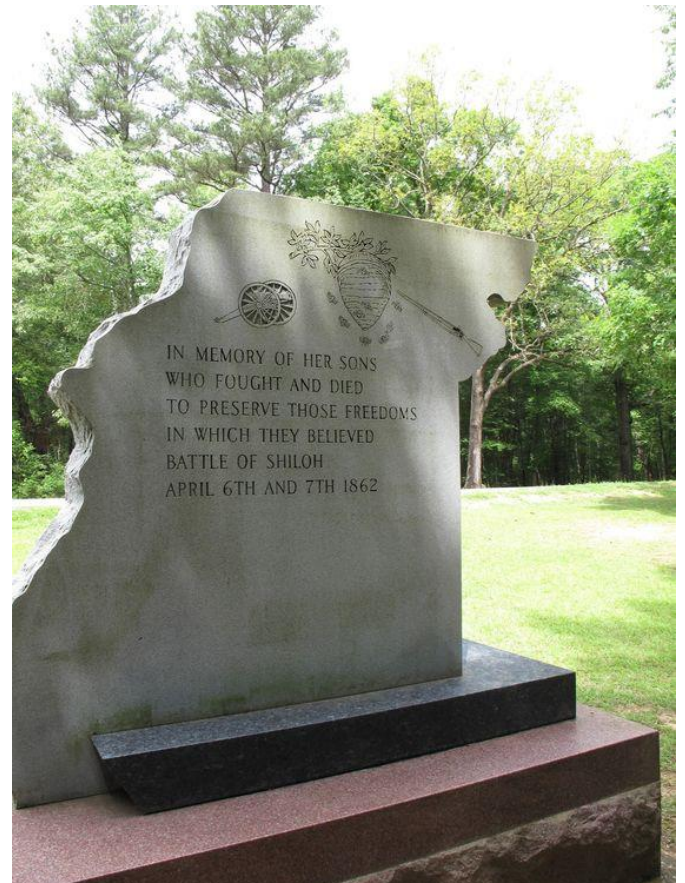
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2107 Highway 72 West, 2107 Old Hwy 72, Corinth,
MS 38834

Phone: [\(662\) 286-5949](tel:6622865949)

25 rooms reserved
15 Doubles (2 queen beds)
10 Kings 1 single king bed

Confirmation # 93329280
Group name: Department of Missouri Sons of Union
Veterans

Rate quoted to us is \$104 + tax per night



RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS

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DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 6 17 December 2021 2021-2022 Department Business Meeting

In accordance with the Department By-laws, Article II, the Department Commander shall schedule business meetings in October and March and give notice of the date, time, and location.

Date: Saturday, 5 March 2022 **Time: 10:00 a.m.**
Location: Mark Twain Room
Missouri River Regional Library
214 Adams Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Per Department Policy 402, all elected officers, staff officers, and committee chairs should attend and shall submit written reports to the Department Commander and Department Secretary at least one week prior to the date of the business meeting no later than 25 February 2022. Per Department Policy 100, all elected and appointed officers and Past Department Commanders must wear their membership badge.

All camps are encouraged to send a representative to our business meetings, and all members in good standing may vote. Per Department Policy 401, all members must present their membership card when requested. All members are encouraged to wear their membership badge.

Note: Each Camp that has a representative attending this meeting will receive several free items from our National Encampment in St. Louis this past August. These items will be for the Camp to distribute as they desire.

Ordered this 17th Day of December, 2021
Gary L. Scheel, PCC
Commander
Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Edward Krieser, PCinC
Secretary
Department of Missouri
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DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 5

Series 2021-2022
15 December 2021

Passing of Brother Jerry Kasten

It is with sorrow, the Department of Missouri with Arkansas, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, reports the passing of a member of the Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326, Brother Jerry Kasten on 15 December 2021.

Short Bio,

Brother Jerry joined St. James Camp #326 and was an active member in the camp and its activities. He built a Civil War Cannon and would bring to Ste. Genevieve for our activities. Brother Jerry loved to teach children about the Civil War. The last year we were at the Middle School in Ste. Genevieve for their Civil War days at the very end of the day he would fire his cannon. He turned to the students and asked them if they wanted to see it fire again. They always would yell yes. We would usually fire about three or four more rounds.

Brother Jerry also served as Commander of the SVR Unit that our camp had before we disbanded it. He was instrumental in the restoration of Fort D, in Cape Girardeau. This year they had a grand opening and rededication of the stone building at Fort D and he was present for that. He was a reenactor serving with the Turner Brigade in the Engineer Company.

He shall be missed by St. James Camp #326 and all who knew him. Please remember his family in prayer as they are going through this experience.

In memory of Brother Jerry Kasten, the Department's Charter and web site shall be draped, all Camp Charters and websites, shall be draped, and brothers shall attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge. Following Department mourning policy, this Order shall remain in effect for 7 (seven) days from this date.

Ordered this 15th Day of December, 2021
Gary L. Scheel, PCC
Commander
Department of Missouri with Arkansas
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Edward Krieser, PCinC
Secretary
Department of Missouri with Arkansas
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Commander Gary Scheel's Travels

I hope that you all have had a Merry Christmas with your loved ones. I hope that you all have a Happy New Year. May we as a department increase and enjoy activities and fellowship with many new members in this 2022 year.



← On December 1st, I was invited to the Westport Camp #64 in Independence to install their officers. This was the very first one that I had the privilege to do. Their new Camp Commander is Kevin Miller

On December 7th I was invited to install the officers of the → U.S. Grant Camp #68 officers in the St. Louis area. Their new Camp Commander is Robert AuBuchon



← On December 10th the General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47, in DeSoto, invited me to install the officers of their camp. About the time we were getting ready to start we were notified that we were under a tornado warning. We went through the night safely. Camp

Commander Doug Roussin remained at the helm. He was just released from the hospital on December 8th.

On December 14th, I installed the officers of the Lt. Col. → J. Felix St. James Camp #326, in Ste. Genevieve. Camp Commander is Michael Schaaf.



← On December 16th the Major Frances Wilhelmi Camp #17, invited me to install their officers. Camp Commander Jack Laubinger remains at the helm of the camp.



ROTC Coordinator Message Dale Crandell, PDC

As colleges and high schools return to some normalcy, it is time to rebuild our ROTC awards program. Missouri and Arkansas have 17 college ROTC and 99 high school JROTC programs. If your camp is resuming or looking to expand its participation, the steps are simple, and the ROTC medals are free:

1. Contact your college ROTC or high school JROTC unit that your camp is supporting their ROTC medal award presentation.
2. Confirm with the Department's ROTC coordinator (rotc@suvchwmo.org) which ROTC-JROTC units your camp is supporting.
3. Order the ROTC medal from the Assistant National Quartermaster; they are provided at no cost.
4. Volunteer to present the ROTC medal at the college/school's spring awards program.
5. Report each ROTC award with the cadet's name, date, and school to the Department's ROTC coordinator (rotc@suvchwmo.org).

Camps order ROTC medals at no cost from the SUVCW National Quartermaster using the Form 7 ROTC Award Application at: <http://www.suvchw.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Form-7fi-revised-01-2020.pdf>. When completing the Form 7, SUVCW recommends using the following statement in the selection criteria section:

Cadet to be chosen at a later date based on academic performance and leadership qualities as determined by the ROTC/JROTC program director.

For assistance or questions contact the Department's ROTC Coordinator at rotc@suvchwmo.org.

SUVCW's ROTC medal.



Patriotic Instructor's Message

Dale Crandell, PDC

The preamble of the SUVCW Constitution declares we are a patriotic and fraternal order, pledged to render loyal service to our country and promote American citizenship. The cold days of winter have several opportunities for camps and members to engage in commemorations and celebrations of patriotic holidays and Civil War history. If your camp has a local Civil War battle and person to add to our timeline, please contact our Department Patriotic Instructor at: patriot@sucvwm.org.

Battle of Roan's Tan Yard occurred January 8, 1862. In 1861, pro-Confederate forces were confined to Southwest Missouri prompting General Sterling Price to authorize raids and recruiting in Central Missouri. Confederate Colonel John Poindexter succeeded in establishing a Missouri State Guard recruiting station and training outpost in Randolph County collecting 1,000 mostly new recruits.

Union Major W.M.G. Torrence commanding the 1st Iowa Cavalry Regiment with detachments from other Missouri, Iowa, and Ohio cavalry units launched an early morning attack with 500 troops. Colonel John Poindexter's force defended their outpost aided by dense fog but by afternoon Major Torrence's force broke the Confederate line capturing the outpost and its supplies. The surviving Missouri State Guard troops fled back to Southwest Missouri protected by the dense fog.



To learn more about the Battle of Roan's Tan Yard read *The Civil War in Missouri: A Military History* by Louis Gerties and *The Civil War Missouri Compendium* by Joseph McCoskrie and Brian Warren or visit: <https://mo-passport.org/roans-tan-yard>.

Engraving of Battle of Roan's Tan Yard.

The 2nd Battle of Springfield occurred January 8, 1863. It was the first leg of Marmaduke's Missouri Raid to disrupt supply lines and pressure the Union's Army of the Frontier to withdrawal from Arkansas. Brigadier General John Marmaduke's Confederate 4th Division consisted of four cavalry columns. Only three columns reached the Ozark rally point leaving the Confederates with less than 2,000 against Brigadier General Egbert Brown's 1,300 veteran soldiers and 800 hastily assembled militia.

Springfield was a Union supply depot in 1863 and well-fortified with four constructed forts and a converted building setting-up a rare urban, street-by-street battle. Confederate General Joseph

Shelby's calvary briefly captured a stockyard building and launched an attack on the Union's fort #4. However, by nightfall, General Marmaduke order a retreat and moved his forces northeast.

Confederate Colonel Joseph Porter's fourth column never reached Springfield; they were positioned at Hartville having successfully forced the small Union garrison from the town..



To learn more about the 2nd Battle of Springfield read *The Civil War in Missouri: A Military History* by Louis Gerties, *The Civil War Missouri Compendium* by Joseph McCoskrie and Brian Warren, and *Civil War Springfield* by Larry Wood or visit:

<https://mo-passport.org/springfield-ii>.

D.L. Combs' illustration of Second Battle of Springfield.

The Battle of Hartville occurred January 9 - 11, 1863. It was the second leg of Marmaduke's Missouri Raid to disrupt supply lines and pressure the Union's Army of the Fronter to withdrawal from Arkansas. Brigadier General John Marmaduke's Confederate 4th Division consisted of four cavalry columns. Three columns were engaged at the 2nd Battle of Springfield while Confederate Colonel Joseph Porter's fourth column moved toward Hartville along the Union's Rolla to Springfield supply line.

On January 9th, Confederate Colonel Porter's Missouri Cavalry Brigade captured and destroyed the Union garrison at Hartville but abandoned it to move toward Marshfield and connect with the General Marmaduke's three columns.

On January 10th, Confederate Colonel Porter's Missouri Cavalry Brigade raided several small Union installations enroute to Marshfield. Union Colonel Samuel Merrill, commanding relief troops diverted from Houston, pursued Colonel Porter set-up along the Gasconade River west of Hartville.

On January 11th, Confederate General Marmaduke dispatched two columns to Hartville for resupply, keeping the other two columns positioned for an attack by other Union forces that never occurred. Confederate Colonel



2015 reenactment scene from Battle of Hartville (Credit: Jackie Stoner).

Porter's Brigade and General Joseph Shelby's Brigade skirmished and pushed Colonel Merrill's troops back to Hartville for a four-hour battle. Colonel Merrill was forced to abandon Hartville however General Marmaduke withdrawal heading back to Arkansas.

To learn more about the Battle of Hartville read *The Civil War in Missouri: A Military History* by Louis Gerties and *The Civil War Missouri Compendium* by Joseph McCoskrie or visit: <https://mo-passport.org/hartville>.

February 3rd is Samuel Ryan Curtis' birthday. Samuel (1805-1866), the son of Zarah Curtis and Phalley Yale, was born in 1805 in Champlain, New York but grew up in Ohio the youngest of four. He was an 1831 graduate of United States Military Academy but only served one year, returning to Ohio and working as a civil engineer and later as a lawyer. Samuel Curtis returned to military service during the Mexican-American War, as a Colonel in the 2nd Ohio Volunteer Regiment. After the war, he resumed work as a civil engineer in Iowa and was later elected U.S. Representative for the Iowa 1st District in 1856, 1858 and 1860.

Samuel Curtis supported Abraham Lincoln's campaign and was consider for a cabinet position, but with the outbreak of the American Civil War, he resigned from Congress and appointed Colonel for the 2nd Iowa Infantry and soon promoted to Brigadier General with command of the Army of Southwest Missouri, headquartered in Rolla, Missouri.

General Curtis commanded Union forces totaling 10,500 against General Earl Van Dom's 16,500 Confederates at the Battle of Pea Ridge (March 7-8, 1862), securing Missouri for the Union. For his victory at Pea Ridge, he was promoted to Major General and briefly commanded the Department of Missouri. However, General Curtis' abolitionist views created political conflict with Missouri Governor Hamilton Gamble, compelling President Lincoln to reassign Curtis to the Department of Kansas, a state receptive to abolitionist.

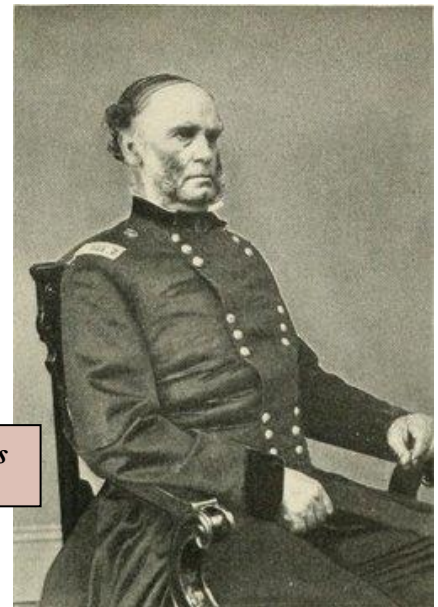
In 1864, General Curtis commanded the combined Missouri and Kansas force at the Battle of Westport, bringing an end to Confederate General Prices' raid into Missouri and end to Confederate operations in the Trans-Mississippi Theater.

After the war, Samuel Curtis returned to Iowa and construction of the Union Pacific Railroad. He died in 1866 and is buried in Keokuk, Iowa.

For more information:

<https://www.civilwarvirtualmuseum.org/1861-1862/pea-ridge/samuel-r-curtis.php>

General Samuel Ryan Curtis



President Abraham Lincoln's Birthday is February 12th, a state holiday in Missouri, Illinois, and Connecticut. Lincoln was born February 12, 1809, in Hardin County, Kentucky, the son of Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks. He was assassinated on Good Friday, April 14 and later died April 15, 1865, in Washington, District of Columbia at the age of 56 years, 2 months, and 3 days.



Abraham Lincoln was a farmer, merchant, lawyer, politician, and elected the 16th President of the United States taking office on March 4, 1861; and re-elected to a second term inaugurated on March 4, 1865. He served as Commander-in-Chief during the American Civil War, issued the Emancipation Proclamation on September 22, 1862; and signed the Joint Resolution for the 13th Amendment to the Constitution.

For more information:

<https://www.nps.gov/abli/index.htm>

Abraham Lincoln monument at Kansas City's City Hall.

George Washington monument in St. Louis' Lafayette Park.



President George Washington's Birthday (Presidents Day)

is celebrated on Monday, February 21, 2022. Our first President's actual birthday is February 22nd and a federal holiday from 1879 to 1971, until the Uniform Monday Holiday Act moved the holiday to the third Monday in February. Most states designate the holiday as Presidents Day in honor of all U.S. Presidents.

The United States Senate commemorates Washington's birthday by reading his 1796 Farewell Address. The tradition started in 1862 during the American Civil War with a petition from Philadelphia to commemorate Washington's 130th birthday. Tennessee's Senator Andrew Jackson presented the petition stating:

"In view of the perilous condition of the country, the time has arrived when we should recur back to the days, the times, and the doings of Washington and the patriots of the Revolution, who founded the government under which we live."

For more information:

<https://www.archives.gov/legislative/features/washington>

The Battle of New Madrid, also known as the Battle of Island Number Ten, was a siege of Confederate held New Madrid and Island Number Ten from February 28 to April 8, 1862. Island Number Ten was well positioned along the Mississippi River's Kentucky Bend, providing a choke-point for the occupying Confederates to prevent Union riverboat movement south of New Madrid, Missouri.

First, the Union's Army of Mississippi commanded Brigadier General John Pope laid siege to New Madrid forcing the Confederate garrison, commended by Brigadier General John McCown to withdrawal his gunboats and troops to Island Number Ten.

Currier & Ives' lithograph of Island Number Ten bombardment.

Second, Union Flag-Officer Andrew Foote's naval flotilla that included the ironclads *Carondelet* and *Pittsburg* exchanged fire with Confederate's artillery, allowing Union General Pope's troops to approach by river and capture the island's only access road. The Confederates were isolated by land and water; Confederate Brigadier General William Mackall relieved General McCown and surrendered Island Number Ten to the Union.



To learn more about the Battle of New Madrid read *The Civil War in Missouri: A Military History* by Louis Gerties and *The Civil War Missouri Compendium* by Joseph McCoskrie and Brian Warren or visit:

<https://mo-passport.org/new-madrid>.



Since this is the Editor's last issue – he is inserting a picture of personal importance. To left is the USS Carondelet running Island No. 10. The picture is part of a series of pictures commissioned by the former Southern Commercial Bank in St. Louis in the 1960's. The series was painted by my mother, Marlene Hahnfeld-Busch.



Medal of Honor Day: Often called the Congressional Medal of Honor, the U.S. Congress designated March 25th as National Medal of Honor Day, dedicated to all Medal of Honor recipients. Serving as the nation's highest award for valor, the U.S. Congress and President Abraham Lincoln authorized the Medal of Honor for Union Navy sailors and

marines on December 21, 1861, and Army soldiers on February 15, 1862:

"Bestowed upon recipients who distinguish themselves conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of their life, above and beyond the call of duty."

The Medal of Honor has been presented to 3,527 recipients, 1,523 for service during the American Civil War. There are 35 American Civil War recipients buried in Missouri and 15 in Arkansas.



For more information: <https://www.suvcwmo.org/union-medal-of-honor-recipients.html>

Contact: SUVCW Missouri Medal of Honor Coordinator Randal Burd, Jr. at: unionist@suvcwmo.org

Left: Mary Edwards Walker, first female recipient of the Medal of Honor for her medical service during the American Civil War.

Right: PDC Dale Crandell, author of the above article



One More Day of Remembrance and Celebration in January ...

While Juneteenth (June 19) may be a Federal Holiday since President Biden signed it into law on June 17, 2021, that day actually celebrates the freeing of slaves in Texas. For years after 1865 in Missouri, slaves celebrated January 11th as their Manumission Day.

What is *Manumission*? Manumission refers to the legal release of enslaved people at a time when slavery is sanctioned by law, as opposed to emancipation, which follows abolition and releases all people formerly enslaved.

On January 11, 1865, both the Missouri legislature and the Governor passed the law freeing Missouri slaves.

Camp Dispatches

St. James Camp (Ste. Genevieve)

Brothers, it is that time of year when most of us are looking forward to Christmas and the New Year fast approaching. As usual our camp has been active in many areas. We are planning a couple of activities for the camp but we are in the stages of the planning which is approaching the end but we are waiting on an item to help us set the date.

Next Tuesday is our meeting and we hope you all can attend. It is going to be the meeting where we install the new officers for the upcoming year 2022. We do have a couple of changes in leadership so we are planning a formal installation, unlike the last year installation where we could not meet because of Covid and we were only to do the installation virtually. Installation of officers will be conducted by the Department Commander.

Our Camp officers to be voted on and installed for the year 2022:

Camp Commander – Michael Schaaf

Senior Vice Commander – Ed Millinger

Junior Vice Commander – Tom Greminger

Secretary – Robert Mueller

Treasurer – Gary Scheel

Council of Administration – Tom Greminger, Paul Kist, Reuel Smith



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
&
HAPPY NEW
YEAR**

Opportunity for participation in upcoming activities.

March 5th – Department Meeting – 10 am Place to be determined

March 6th – General Sherman Day – Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis – Time is usually 2 pm start

March 12th – Jefferson Barracks Swap Meet

April 1st – 2nd – Shiloh Remembrance Ceremony [more information to follow]

Check out our Facebook page for future activities. <https://www.facebook.com/SUVCWPOST326>

OUR ACTIVITIES

Evergreen Cemetery in Chester, IL. Grand Army Section. On October 19th, Michael Schaaf and Gary Scheel met our newest member, Reuel Smith, who lives near Chester. We knew of the Grand Army of the Republic grave plots and where they were. When Reuel joined our camp we met at the Cemetery and recorded the names on the grave markers located in this section. There are fourteen Civil War Veterans are buried there. They were members of the Swanwick Post #212 of Chester.

L to R, Reuel Smith, Michael Schaaf →



←L to R: Reuel Smith, his Great Grandfather James A. Smith's grave marker, Gary Scheel.

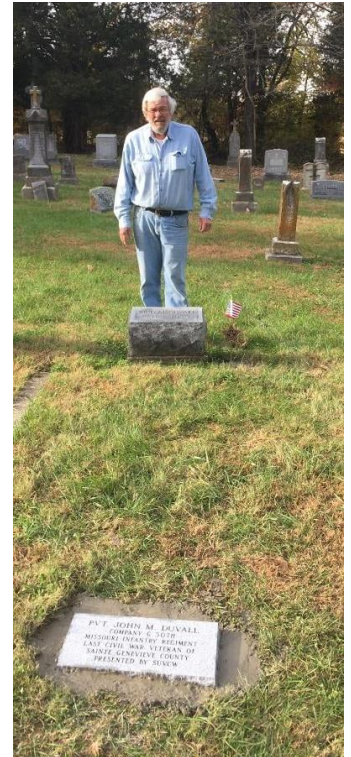
Brother Reuel Smith ancestor was a Private in Company L, 13th Cavalry Consolidated. He also served as Post Commander of the Swanwick Post #212.

Rural Heritage Days on Saturday, October 23rd was not the best day weather wise. We set up a rain fly on the property of the Felix Valle State Historic Site. There was a prediction of rain so Tom Greminger brought a condensed version

of his display. Michael Schaaf and Ed Millinger also were there to help with the display. It wasn't too bad weather by the time it was supposed to start which was 9 a.m. Around 11 am it really started raining hard and it was a continuous rain. Around 1 pm the display was shut down.

Private John M Duvall who is the last Civil War Veteran to die in Ste Genevieve County. In early part of November it was pretty cold for the first couple of weeks. On November 12th, we found a day where it was actually a little warm. We had the Last Soldier monument already just waiting for such a day. Mike Schaaf and Gary Scheel traveled to the St. Mary, M, O Cemetery to place the marker in the ground. When we arrived we decided to place it at the foot of the grave in line with his son and daughter-in-law. While Mike was digging the hole for the monument, Gary

started to work on the hole for the flag holder for the Last Soldier. We set the stone and the flag holder, admired our work and took a couple of photos and left. The funny part was that the neighbor of the cemetery dogs didn't know we were there until we started to leave. So we didn't have to worry about listening to the dogs bark and watch them to make sure they didn't come toward us.



PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR ARTICLE

I was asked during one of our activities if it was legal for us to fly a 35 star flag during our ceremonies. I said you bet. I really was not sure but I told them since we were dressed in uniforms of the Civil War and the 35 star flag represents that time frame.

When looking for a flag I came upon the confirmation at americanflagfoundation.org web site under frequently asked questions.

“Q: I was watching a show the other day and I saw a flag with 48 stars, this is the second show I saw this in, what should I do?”

A: It is perfectly okay to use a Flag with 48 stars, or any other “official” Flag of the United States, during its progression to today. It is preferable to fly the current Flag, but not disrespectful or out of code to fly any of our country’s official Flags. In fact, during the bicentennial of the War of 1812, the years 2012 – 2015, many governors are asking citizens to fly the official 15-star, 15-stripe Star-Spangled Banner Flag, which is the Flag that flew over Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland during this war and inspired Francis Scott Key to write our national anthem. Spread the word so others aren’t mistakenly offended. Any one of our country’s Flags is inspiring to see waving in the breeze.”

So fly them high and proud.

RARE UNKNOWN CIVIL WAR INFORMATION

“Your reference to the skirmish lines,” said Gen. Ira J. Bloomfield, of the 26th Illinois, “reminds me of some of the freaks the boys committed at the siege of Atlanta. When the siege was in full blast, we moved our entrenchments to within fifteen or twenty paces of the enemy in many places, and the men resorted to all kinds of tricks and devices to get a good shot. One was to get a piece of looking-glass, and then turn a loaded gun-barrel down, pointed over the top of our works; and by lying down below it, and using the looking-glass, a soldier could sight his gun without exposing himself at all. But a very ingenious contrivance was to hollow a conical minie-ball and fill it with powder, and then fit a percussion cap to the point of the ball, with an opening down to the powder. One man would load his rifle with this ball, and several of his comrades would stand with their weapons cocked, ready to fire. The man with the conical ball in his rifle would fire at a stump, fence-rail, or any solid substance that could be seen near the enemy’s rifle pits. When this bullet struck, it would explode and sound as if some one just outside their works had fired a gun. This naturally would make them raise their heads to see what it meant. Then came the opportunity for the men in waiting to surprise their antagonists with the most effective shots, much to the gratification of our men, and the chagrin of the boys in gray.”

The above was taken from a book that I found on “Google Books.” It is very interesting because these are discussions from veterans.

If you are interested in reading it the title is *CAMP-FIRE CHATS of the CIVIL WAR; BEING THE INCIDENT, ADVENTURE AND WAYSIDE EXPOIT OF THE BIVOUC AND BATTLE FIELD, AS RELATED BY VETERAN SOLDIERS THEMSELVES. EMBRACING THE TRAGEDY, ROMANCE, COMEDY, HUMBUG, AND PATHOS IN THE VARIED EXPERIENCES OF ARMY LIFE. BY WASHINGTON DAVIS ALSO A HISTORY OF THE GRAND ARMO OF THE REPUBLIC FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE PRESENT DATE, INCLUDING THE 20TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT AT SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., AUGUST 1886, AND OTHER VALUABLE INFORMATION, BY A COMRADE. CHICAGO: A. B. GEHMAN & CO. 1888*

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



On December 27, 2021, Camp Commander Michael Schaaf and Gary Scheel met with Janice and Bill Cole at Valle Spring Cemetery in Ste Genevieve at 1 p.m. to place the VA Grave marker for Reuben G. Brown who lay in an unmarked grave. It was 64 degrees and a beautiful December day, we couldn't have asked for a better day.

Private Reuben Greenberry Brown was mustered into Company H, 2nd Regiment Missouri State Militia Cavalry at the age of twenty-three. He was transferred to Company A, on his March and April 1865 Muster Sheet. His muster sheets on Fold 3, state that he enlisted at Cape Girardeau and furnished his own horse and equipment. He was also under arrest at Cape Girardeau since September 27, 1864. He was discharged on July 12, 1865.

His great-great Granddaughter Janice Cole had her great-great Grandmother, Philomena Brown, died in St. Louis and according to her obituary she was buried in Ste Genevieve but did not state which cemetery. Janice had Brewer Monument in Perryville, MO place her information on the back of the grave marker. *Photo is -> Courtesy of Janice Cole*



Left to Right, Bill Cole, Janice Cole, Michael Schaaf and Gary Scheel.

←Photo is courtesy of Bob Mueller a member of the St. James Camp #326.

This is one of the first times that we have had family to help us place the marker. Bill Cole used his post hole digger to dig the hole, helped us lower the grave marker and shoveled the dirt from the plastic to the wheelbarrow so we could move it to the cemetery dirt pile

We are planning a ceremony but the date has not been established yet.

We wish to express our appreciation to the Cemetery committee at Ste. Genevieve Catholic Church for allowing us to place the marker in the cemetery.

The Fletcher Camp & Volker Auxiliary on the Move!

OCTOBER 15-16, HILLSBORO HORSE SHOW, HILLSBORO

The Camp and Auxiliary participated again this year in the Hillsboro Horse Show. While recruiting, we do a living history exhibit. The organizers asked us to do a reading of the Sullivan Ballou letter as we have done in the past.



Brother Alan Trodus at the Camp Recruitment Center



Sister Colissa Alexander at the Auxiliary Display

The reading of the Sullivan Ballou letter by Brothers Trodus & Roussin and Sister Susan Breland.





B. Hickman, A. Trodus, S. Hunnewell, I. Hickman, K. Noack, D. Roussin, A. Warren, S. Alexander, C. Alexander, K. Roussin, T. Warren, M. Arbuthnot, C. Warren

NOVEMBER 6, VETERANS DAY PARADE, DE SOTO

Again, we went to honor our veterans and ancestors during the De Soto Veterans Day Parade. We do a good job keeping together marching at the beginning of the parade. There is talk about weighting down Brother Hunnewell's & Hickman's feet with lead.

Photos courtesy of Ted Howell.



Clockwise
Brothers Hunnewell & Hickman
Brothers Roussin, Alexander,
Warren & Arbuthnot
Sisters Warren, Noack, and
Alexander




NOVEMBER 8, AWARDING OF THE SWORD

1st Sgt Alan Trodus of the SUVCW General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 presents the ceremonial sword to the Camp's raffle winner, Kathy Edwards of Crystal City, Missouri.

Her son made the donation and signed his mother's name on the winning ticket during the De Soto Train Days festival.


Congratulations Kathy!

*The 102nd Anniversary of
Veterans Day*

*The 103rd Anniversary of the End of the
War to End All Wars*

Ceremonies at Monument to the 56th USCT Infantry
Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery
Lemay, MO
on
Thursday,
November 11, 2021
1 P.M.



With Members of the
Allied Orders of the
Grand Army of the Republic
And their Guests
Honoring America's Heroes

AFTER THE EVENT
- VFW POST 4223 is serving up meals to veterans and their friends all day. Please consider attending. They are located at: VFW Post 4223, 215 Military Rd (at Lemay Ferry Rd.), Lemay, MO 63125

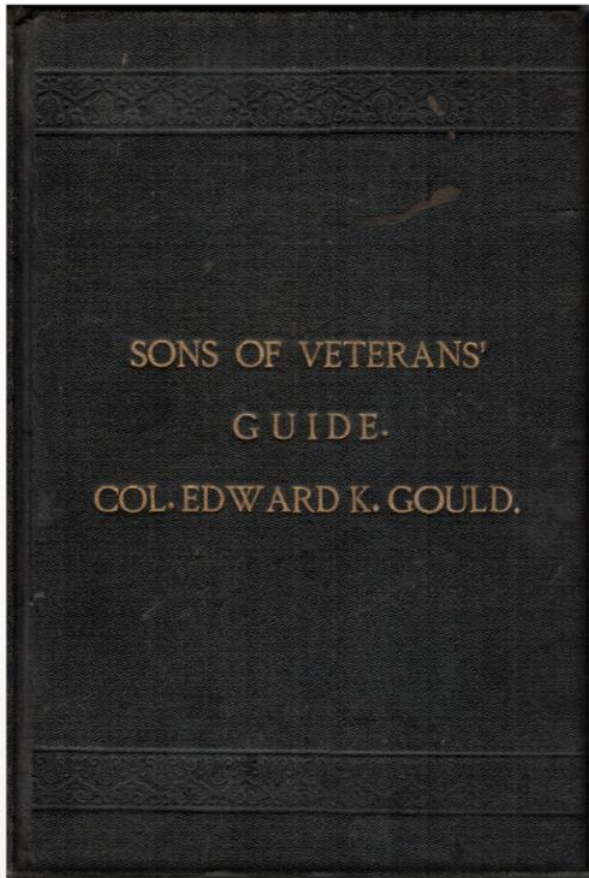
Event sponsored by U.S. Grant Camp #68, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, St. Louis, MO 30994.872023759.012

NOVEMBER 11, VETERANS DAY, JEFFERSON BARRACKS NATIONAL CEMETERY, ST. LOUIS

Brother Walter Busch of the U. S. Grant Camp organized a Veterans Day event at Jefferson Barracks. Originally meant to honor the Civil War federal 56th USCT regiment, it was required to make this honoring all veterans. It was very well-produced and varied with veterans in attendance.

Our Camp participated in various ways. Brother Bob Aubuchon was in the color guard and did yeoman's work holding the 56th USCT flag in place during gale force winds. Colton and Duncan Noack dressed in World War I and World War II uniforms. Duncan Noack provided a musical interlude on violin. Sumner Hunnewell appeared in his Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company uniform and passed out programs.

Say you were in the Sons of Veterans in 1888...keep to your obligations, brothers



ARTICLE V.

FINES.

Section 1. — Any officer or member of the Camp who shall fail to turn out with the Camp on Memorial Day, shall be fined one dollar for each offence.

Section 2. — Any officer or member of the Camp failing to attend the funeral of a member after being duly notified, shall be fined fifty cents for each offence.

Section 3. — If the commanding officer of this Camp fails to enforce any of the foregoing fines, he shall himself be fined fifty cents for each offence.

Section 4. — Any officer or member may have his fines remitted, if he present satisfactory evidence in writing that it was necessary for him to neglect the performance of the duties named in Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this article. Said evidence shall be referred to a special

committee, to consist of three brothers, who shall carefully consider the same and report on each and every case at the next regular meeting of the Camp.

Section 5. — All fines, if not paid at once, shall be passed to the account of the member incurring them, and shall stand against said member as regular dues, which must be settled to entitle him to the privilege of voting and of holding office.

Section 6. — Suspended members shall pay the whole sum due from them up to the time of reinstatement.

— Col. Edward K. Gould, *Sons of Veterans; Guide for Officers and Members of the Sons of Veterans; U. S. A. and Ladies' Aid Societies*, 2nd ed. (Rockland, ME: the author, 1888)

[50¢ would be about \$15.00 today.—Ed.]

The Fletcher Camp & Volker Auxiliary on the Move!

DECEMBER 4, DE SOTO CHRISTMAS PARADE, DE SOTO



Duncan Noack, Izaiah Hickman, and Billy Hickman

It was a reasonably cool night when the Camp and Auxiliary took to the streets of De Soto to march and ride in the annual Christmas Parade. Once again, we sported our white wooden rifles upon which were hanging lit lanterns. GAR parades in the past did the same thing. *Photos courtesy of Ted Howell.*



**Our Ladies Take Center Stage
Twyla Warren, Kelly Noack, and Colissa Alexander**



The float with Abbie & Chris Warren and Waggoner Alan Trodus

DECEMBER 10, CAMP & AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS PARTY, DE SOTO

The Camp & Auxiliary were treated to an excellent homemade meal at the De Soto Community Center. Our guests included Allison Pollitt, the President of the ASUVCW, and Gary Scheel, our Department Commander. They swore in our officers appropriately.

The Roussins provided door prizes, the two-handled sock monkey cocoa mugs were probably the most coveted of the lot...or maybe not.

Did I say that the homemade meal was excellent?

Photos courtesy of Ted Howell.



The Sons officers are sworn in by DC Scheel: Arbuthnot, Warren, Alexander, Trodus, Roussin, and Hunnewell.

PCC Doug Roussin is congratulated by Department Commander Gary Scheel.





The officers of the Auxiliary are installed by ASUVCW President Allison Pollitt: T. Warren, A. Warren, C. Warren, Trodus, Alexander, Breland, Roussin, and Noack

National Auxiliary President Pollitt places the badge of office on newly elected Auxiliary President Kelly Noack





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DECEMBER 11, CHRISTMAS PARADE, HILLSBORO

The night before we had our Christmas party, it was around 70 degrees and humid. What a difference a day makes. In the low forties (thankfully without wind), we lined up #35 of 39. Someone decided that we needed to be behind the parade of horses. Thankfully, the “shovel patrol” and pick-up (literally and figuratively) truck proceeded us. An appropriate amount of “social distancing” occurred between us and the truck. Mdm. Alexander walked behind our decorated trailer and threw candy to the waiting families. Messrs. AuBuchon and Hunnewell marched in the front armed with white wooden rifles with hanging lanterns like the De Soto parade. The Roussins rode the float, distributing candy as well. Alan Trodus, again, was the driver.



A well-deserved beverage post-parade at the Russell House

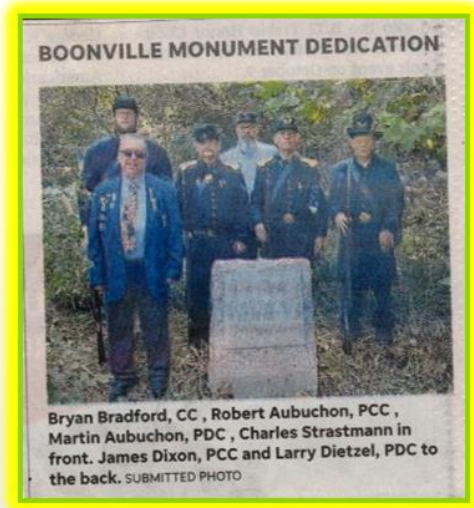
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SEPTEMBER 5, GAR MARKER DEDICATION, OUTSIDE OF WOOLDRIDGE

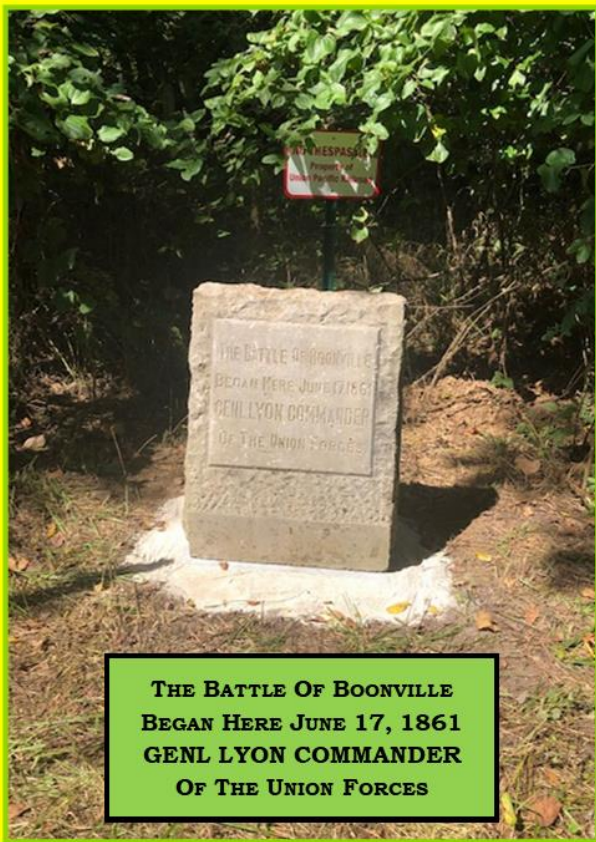
In 1928, the GAR's John A. Hayn Post 240 (Boonville) placed a monument to commemorate the landing of General Lyon with his Union forces as they went on to secure Boonville. For many years, the DUVCW 1861-65's Tent 21 Ann Hawkins Gentry and the SUVCW Tiger Camp had planned on moving it away from the Union Pacific Railroad tracks to a safer area (but still on the railroad right-of-way) and placing it on a new base.

As Department Commander, Sumner was buttonholed by the Tent to try to make this a reality, which it was (in a way) on September 5.

When everyone arrived for the ceremony, we found that the monument company had created a new base, repaired the monument, and placed it on the **old** base! (This was rectified on the



following Monday.) We went on with the ceremony anyway. PDC Larry Dietzel of the Tiger Camp described the Battle of Boonville. Bob AuBuchon of our Camp was in the honor guard. Sumner helped uncover the monument with Ken Bailey of the Westport Camp. The *Boonville Daily News* (Sept. 18) covered the event & the ladies of the DUVCW 1861-65 did a great job pushing to make it happen!



Sumner Traipsing around Philadelphia

Sumner attended the 136th annual meeting of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS). MOLLUS is an organization of those men who are descended from a Union officer, a brother or sister of a Union officer, or a 1st cousin of a Union officer. The meeting was held at the historic Union League building. This League gathered regiments for the Union cause from the Philadelphia area.



Abraham Lincoln by Xanthas Smith

Lt. Grant by Samuel Bell Waugh

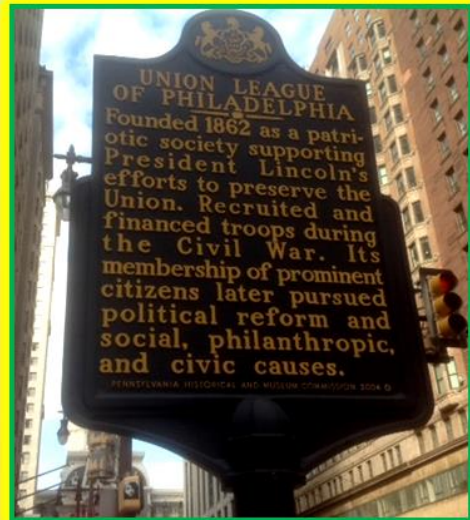
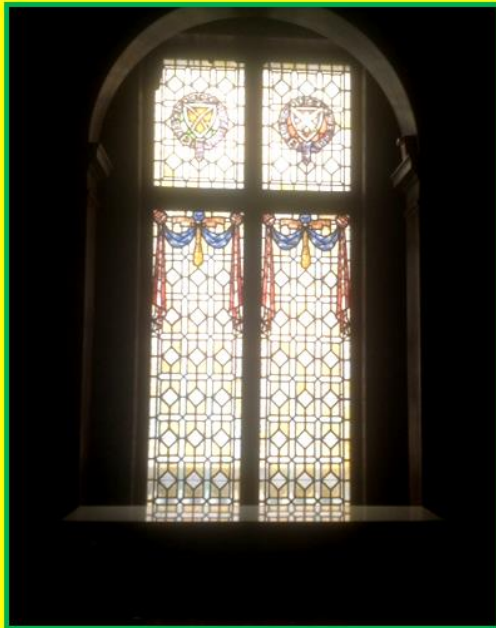


General Grant by James B Lambdin

Gen. W. S. Hancock by D. B. Betchel



The Lincoln Room
Lincoln's statue is flanked by bas-reliefs of his Generals as well as the Gettysburg Address



A city mural "With Malice Toward None and Charity for All"

Sign outside of the Union League

Phelps Camp

CLIFTON CEMETERY PROGRAM

Excellent weather greeted the men of Phelps Camp on Saturday, October 9 for the commemoration of the Clifton family at their cemetery in rural Webster County.

The event, hosted by the Ozark Mountain Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, saw about 75 people gather to honor Nathan Clifton, a veteran of the American Revolution.

Members of that chapter, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Branson High School JROTC, state representatives, family members and Phelps Camp men honored both Nathan Clifton and his sons (four of whom served in the Union Army, and one died in service). Two of Union veteran sons are buried near their father.

The ceremony included remarks by Phelps Camp's Jeff Patrick, a color guard, and the firing of musket volleys.



WILSON'S CREEK REQUESTS HELP WITH ANNUAL VETERANS MEMORIAL ILLUMINATION

The battlefield has asked Phelps Camp to assist with placing luminaries on the Tour Road on Saturday, November 13, in lieu of our regular meeting.

Members should gather at the Visitor Center at 12 Noon. The work should be done by 3 p.m. Comfortable, warm clothes and footwear are recommended. Let's help the battlefield remember the 2,500 casualties of that day, and all those who have served our nation.

HISTORIC WEAPONS RANGE DAY



Members of Phelps Camp journeyed to the Singleton Ranch on Saturday, October 16 for the annual event known as Range Day.

Members fired a number of original and reproduction historic weapons, including the Spencer and Henry rifles, Maynard carbine, 2nd Model Allin conversion, M1853 Enfield rifle-musket, and several late 1860s and early 1870s revolvers.

Although members scored some hits “in the black,” several milk jugs and a 55-gallon drum were riddled by the accurate fire of camp members.



PHELPS CAMP ASSISTS WITH WILSON'S CREEK ANNUAL VETERANS MEMORIAL ILLUMINATION

On Saturday, November 13, members of Phelps Camp assisted with placing some 2,500 luminaries around the Tour Road at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. This event, which has traditionally been held in mid-December, focused on Veterans Day and honoring America's veterans.

Some 250 vehicles drove through the park that evening, and visitors stopped at various sites on the Tour Road to watch living history scenarios.

Park Superintendent Sarah Cunningham extends her thanks to Phelps Camp and all the other groups that came out to help prepare for the event.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Phelps Camp members and their families are invited to our annual holiday luncheon on Saturday, December 18 (note that this is NOT the second Saturday of the month, our usual meeting day) at 11:30 a.m. at Big Whiskey's in Republic (across from Wal-Mart and next to Lowe's).

We hope to see you there!



CIVIL WAR SYMPOSIUM AT SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY CENTER

Camp members John Rutherford, Michael Price and Jeff Patrick will present programs on the Battle of Springfield, the history of Wilson's Creek, and the First Iowa Regiment at the Springfield-Greene County Library Center on the following dates:

Battle of Springfield, Saturday, January 8 at 2 p.m.

First Iowa, Sunday, January 9 at 2 p.m.

Wilson's Creek, Monday, January 10 at 7 p.m. (virtual, or stream live at the Library Center).

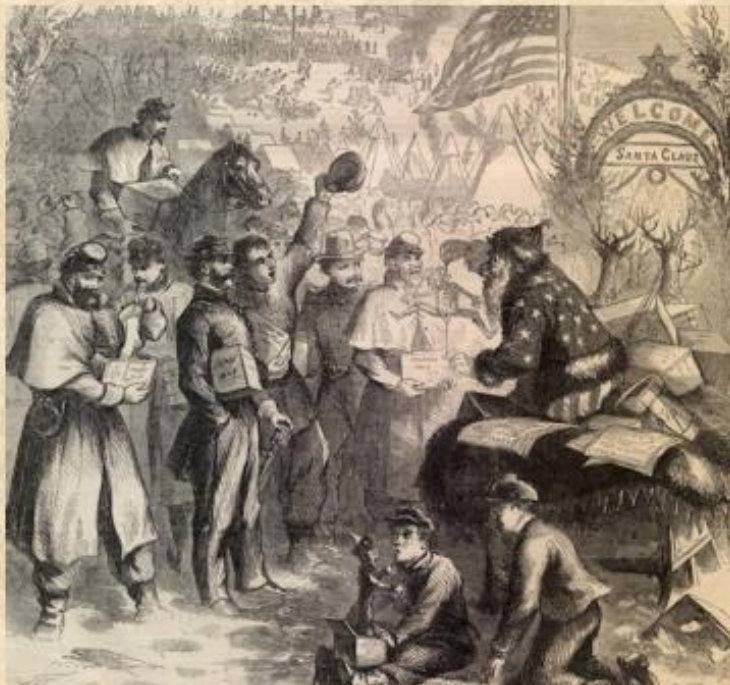
Come out and support fellow camp members!

PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR NEXT MEMORIAL DAY

Next May marks the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Soldiers Monument in Mountain Grove, Missouri, one of the few monuments to Union soldiers in southwest Missouri.

Phelps Camp members who live in Mountain Grove have proposed that we coordinate with the local VFW and American Legion to formally rededicate the monument. We will discuss this possibility at the January meeting.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO THE MEN
OF PHELPS CAMP AND THEIR
FAMILIES!**



[CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION ON
THE 2022 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT
IN MICHIGAN](#)

Grant Camp



We've been very busy these past couple months. First, we start off at the Central Region – Allied Orders meeting the first weekend of October. This is a one-day conference for any member of the any Allied Order in the region (but anyone can come). CinC Don Palmer, Bob Aubuchon, Walt Busch, and our camp member from the Great White North, PCinC Jim Pahl were in attendance at the meeting. We also visited the General Logan Museum in Murphysboro, IL and took part in the



dedication of a memorial plaza on the museum property for the local Civil War victims of the USS Lyon disaster.

Then several of us attended the department meeting in Jefferson City. Still in October on the 25th, we held ceremonies at the Sherman Gravesite in his memory. The President of the National Woman's Relief Corps was in attendance. As usual, we were assisted by members of the Wilhelmi



and Hecker Camps. Msgr, Michael Witt of our camp gave the keynote speech about *Archbishop Peter Richard Kenrick and the Civil War*



Above: National President Jessica Booth, Woman's Relief Corps
Far Right: PCC – CC Robert Amsler, Jr.



Then on November 11, we held the first services in several years (not by our choice – Walt still has a text message from

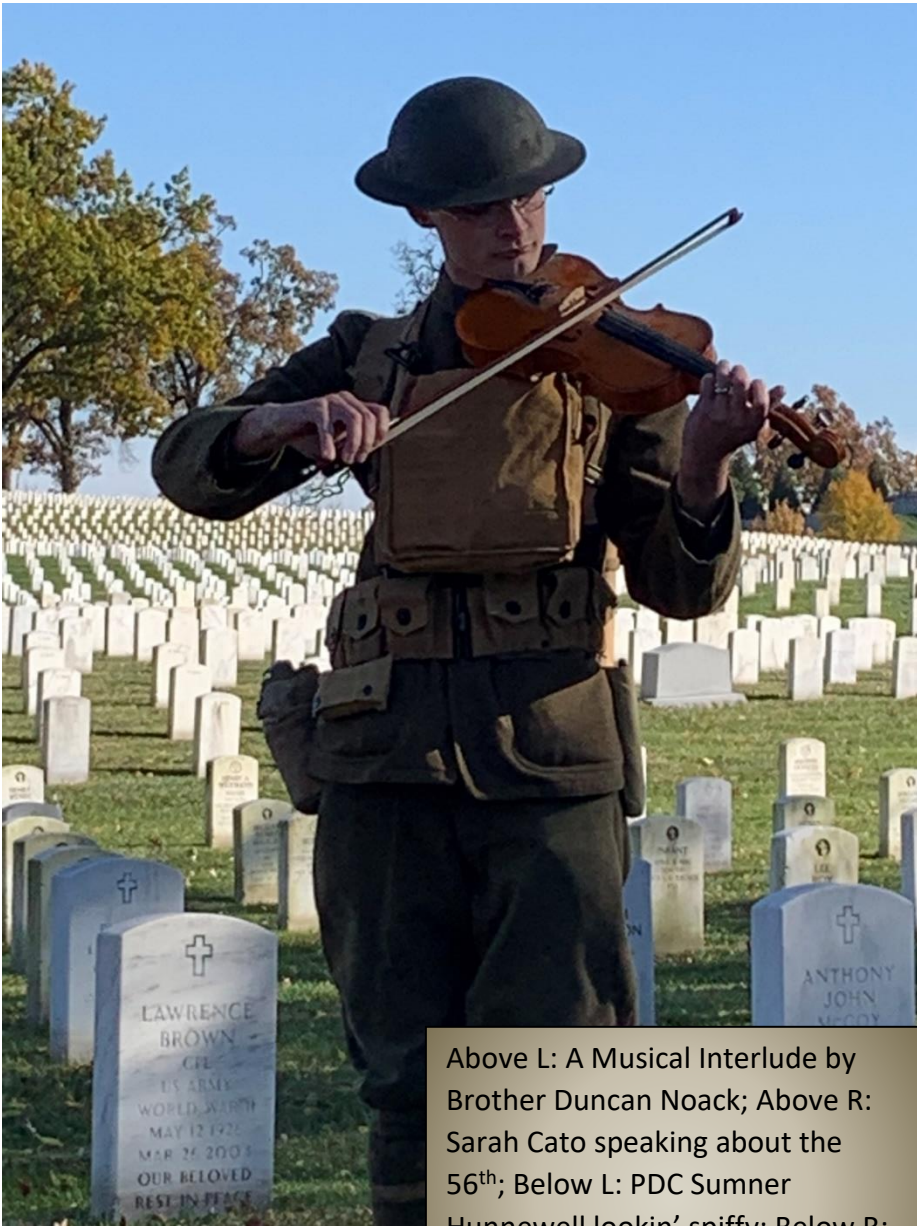
one of their assistant directors on his cellphone stating that the veteran's cemetery is closed on Veteran's Day) at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in honor of the 56th US Colored Troops near their memorial to their dead from Cholera. The cemetery would only allow us to hold a ceremony on Veterans' Day if we honored all veterans, so the ceremonies took on the flavor of a history of the American armed forces. Sarah Cato gave a speech covering the 56th USCT and their memorial. Fr. Vincent Heier gave a talk on buffalo soldiers. The Brothers Noack from the Fletcher



Below: General Custer Aficionado Brother Vincent Heier speaks on the Buffalo Soldiers



Camp dressed out in 20th century military uniforms with Duncan providing a musical interlude on the violin. PCC Dan Jackson honored the veterans with a Scottish



Above L: A Musical Interlude by Brother Duncan Noack; Above R: Sarah Cato speaking about the 56th; Below L: PDC Sumner Hunnewell lookin' spiffy; Below R: The Brothers Aubuchon (see next page).

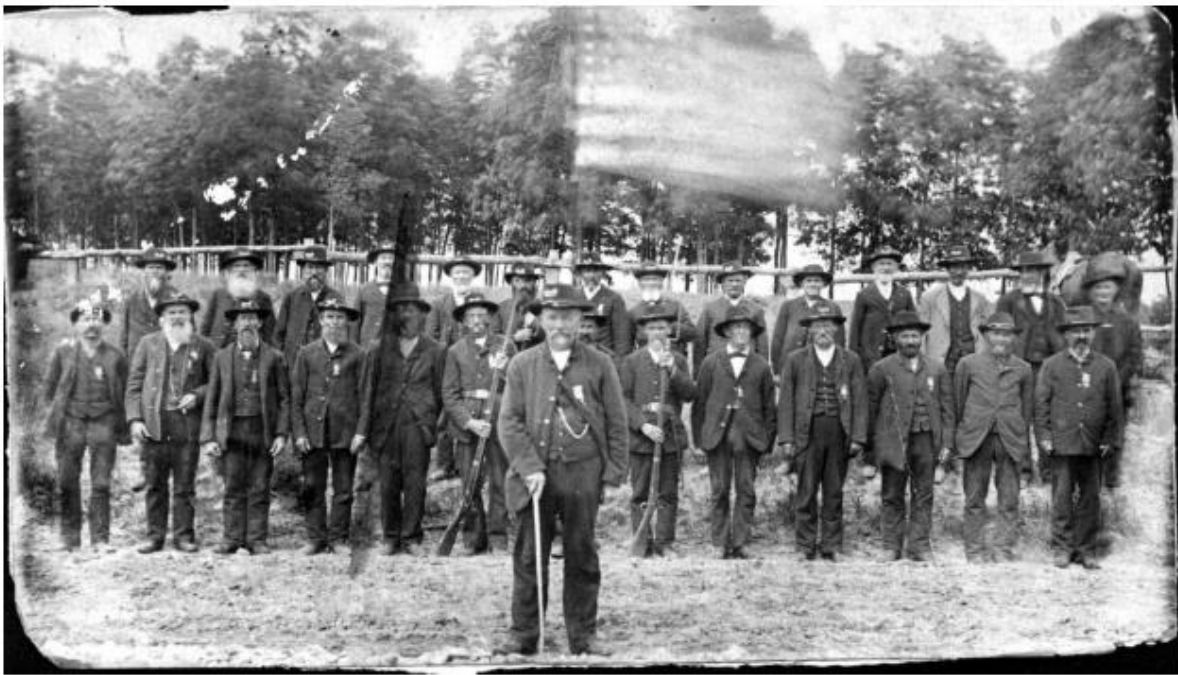


tattoo on the pipes. However, the best dressed was PDC Sumner Hunnewell in his Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts. Several pictures from the event follow.



Around the same time, we were doing these events, the Brothers Aubuchon (PDC Marty and PCC Bob) were busy in Eureka, MO. Located just off of Legends Parkway, the Inks Cemetery is the resting place of Pacific Home Guard Major William Inks, who died 24 Sep 1864.

The Aubuchons and Paul Konopacki brought their rakes and saws to trim trees, clear brush and fill holes. Some rocks sticking out of the ground (not headstones!) were removed in anticipating of cutting the grass next year with a mower instead of a weed-whacker. Together, they are carrying



Caption to 1880 Inks Battalion photo: In September of 1880, Inks Battalion held a reunion in Dutch Hollow (near or at the site of the current day Wildwood Historical Society) and this photograph was taken of the occasion. According to the above article in the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, the reunion and dinner attracted over 1,000 people. In the photograph, listed alphabetically, are: Captain R. C. Allen (in front), Captain William Haag, Captain Christ. Idel, Captain Adolph Sticker, Captain William Stosberg, William Bartold, Michael Bouquet, John C. Cloak, W.K. Cloak, John Demier, A. Dickuts, Philip Goebel, Peter Grub, Wm. A. F. Hartman, Gustav Hausgen, William Horstmann, Christ Klump, J. Kreienkamp, Charles Mueller, Henry Mulhas, Fritz Rosenbaum, Maurel Schuttig, Frederick Steines, Charles Strecker, R. Strecker, Butavus Stricker, and Herman Yeager.

on the task that now Department Commander Gary Scheel started almost 20 years ago.

Bob has been particularly instrumental in dropping by every now and then over the years to do a little weed-whacking, while Paul's interest in the cemetery has to do with his increasing desire to find out more about local history. Marty has spent several recent work days here as well. Together, they all recently attempted to get the local community to take responsibility for the cemetery. All three commented that even though the cemetery is in the middle of a busy subdivision, the area on the hill provides a touch of nature and a sense of peace. The Department of Missouri had previously placed a plaque next to the Major's headstone as a tribute to his service.



In December we were still busy. First, PDC Walt Busch (pictured right) returned a long standing favor to the Col. Frederick Hecker Camp in Belleville, IL. Hecker Camp and their associated SVR unit repeatedly show up at events held by Grant Camp providing various services. Walt spoke to the camp at their officer's induction ceremony about "Stupid Monuments and How to Avoid Creating One." Members of the Hecker Family were also there.

The Hecker Family, PCC David Wildermuth of Hecker Camp, PDC Walt Busch and several members of the German community are working to restore the round bas-reliefs (as shown in monument's circle to right) to the Hecker Monument in St. Louis's Benton Park. They also want to add a historical marker to Hecker's grave site in Summerfield, IL. Col. Hecker was an important figure in the 1848 Revolutions in Germany and an officer in the 24th & 82nd Illinois Infantry Regiments.

The US Grant Camp has instituted the practice of presenting noteworthy patriotic Americans, as voted by the members, a flag presentation case holding one of the flags that have flown over General W.T. Sherman's Calvary Cemetery gravesite. The first presentation was in July for Retired Major General Byron Bagby and given to him at the Grant Symposium.



The camp has also decided to allow past commanders of the Grant Camp to purchase their own materials and have a flag. We hope this might entice members to step up into camp administration.

PDC John Avery has always been a stalwart of the camp and department throughout his membership and always a gentleman while doing so. John is currently wheelchair bound but getting better. At the October meeting, members decided his service was worthy enough that the camp should pay for and present him a flag based on his patriotic service to the organization. On 4 Dec, PCC Mark Coplin, who makes the cases together with PDCs Walt Busch & Marty Aubuchon went to John's house to surprise him with a flag. Unfortunately, one of the e-mail exchanges got out to him, so there was no surprise. There was, however, a very pleasant visit.

Finally, on 7 Dec the Grant Camp held their annual Christmas dinner and induction meeting at the Greenbriar Country Club in Kirkwood, MO. DC Gary Scheel inducted PCC Robert Aubuchon, who once again takes the reigns of the camp. Later, in the week, after investigating information for next year, PCC Aubuchon has announced that our meetings will be returning to Frailey's Grill at



Butler Hill Rd and I-55 in South St. Louis County, but still on Tuesday nights. Our scheduled events for next year were also announced. They are:

2022 Events

- General William T Sherman Remembrance Day - March 5 - Calvary Cemetery
- Lincoln Tomb Ceremony - April 16 – Springfield, MO
- Memorial Day - May 30 - Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery
- Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 Department Meeting - June 10-12 - St Charles (some of us assisting with their Department Encampment)
- General Ulysses S Grant Remembrance Day - July 23 - US Grant National Historic Site (White Haven) - Affton, MO
- SUVCW National Encampment - Aug 11-14 - Grand Rapids, MI
- 56th US Colored Troops Remembrance - Sep 30 - Site to be determined either Missouri Civil War Museum or at their Monument in Jefferson Barrack
- Memorial Remembrance - Nov 19 - Gettysburg, PA
- Christmas Dinner - December 6 (location and exact date TBD)



A Blessed New Year from U. S. Grant Camp 68, Missouri SUVCW

Pictured: Suzanne and PCC Bob Amsler, Jr; DC Gary Scheel; Deborah & PDC Marty Aubuchon; PCC Bob Aubuchon; PDC Walt Busch & Sandy Walther; Barb & New JVC Jim Morrison; Kim Palmer, PCC Mark Coplin & PCinC Don Palmer

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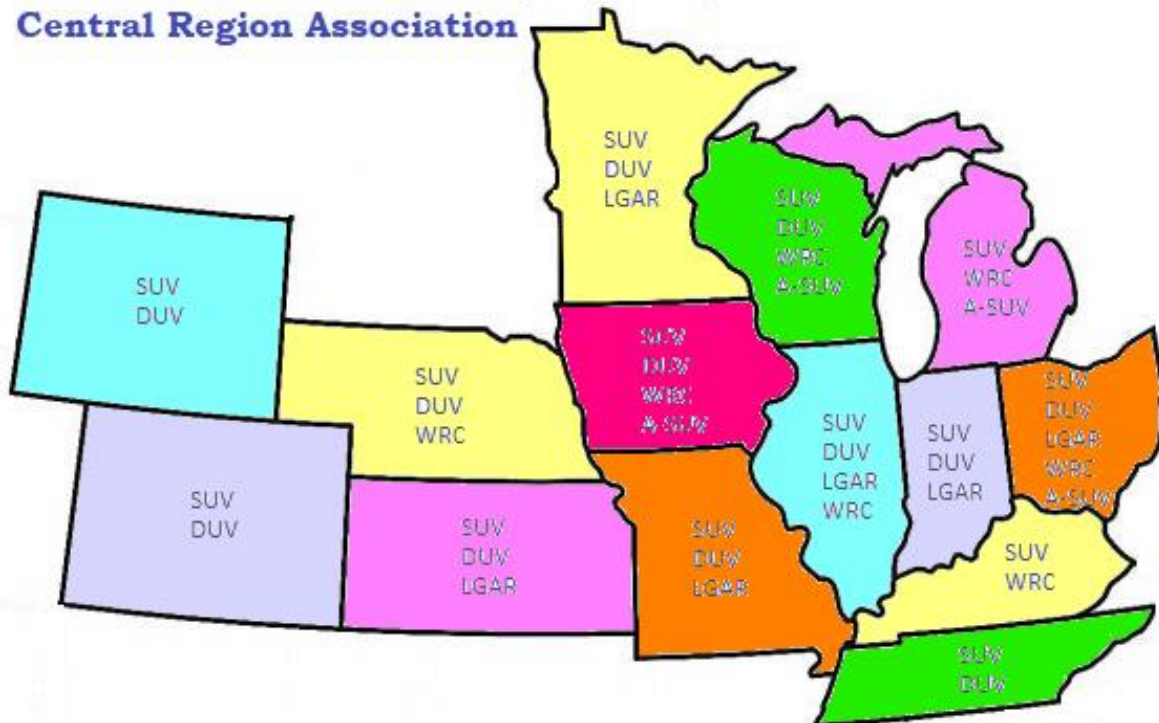
The Central Region – Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic meets once a year. At the meetings, the group usually has a historical presentation (and tour) along with a presentation designed to improve a member's skills within the Allied Orders, of which the SUV CW is a part. A very short business meeting follows. This group has been in existence since 1940 and carries on the tradition of regional meetings of all the groups. The Central Region and the Northeast Region are the only two still in existence!

More information is posted on the website <http://www.craalliedorders.org/>.

All SUV CW, DUV CW, WRC, LGAR & A-SUV CW members are entitled to show up at these meetings and learn and make friends in the other organizations. Members of any of these organizations within our recognized boundaries (see map on website) are entitled to vote and hold office at meetings. For more information, contact Walt Busch wbuscb@suvcmo.org

Since 1940, there have been 9 Commanders from Missouri (one was a dual member from Michigan, 2 were women and one served for 5 years).

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Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

All are invited to participate in the 66th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 157th Anniversary of President Lincoln's death. It will be held at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL at 10 AM on Saturday, April 16, 2022.

Headquarters Hotel: President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701. The room rate is \$111.00 for single - quad. A 10% dining discount at Lindsay's Restaurant is included. Call 1-866-788-1860 for reservations and mention "**Sons of Union Veterans**". **Reserve your room by March 25, 2022.** After this, the remaining blocked rooms will be released.

Wreaths may be ordered from local Springfield florists. Instruct the florist to have the wreath delivered c/o the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, by 9 AM on Saturday, April 17th.

Luncheon will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12:30PM. The luncheon program will feature TBD.

Luncheon cost is \$35.00 per person.

For event info, go to the SUVCW web site (suvchw.org) or contact Robert Petrovic at:

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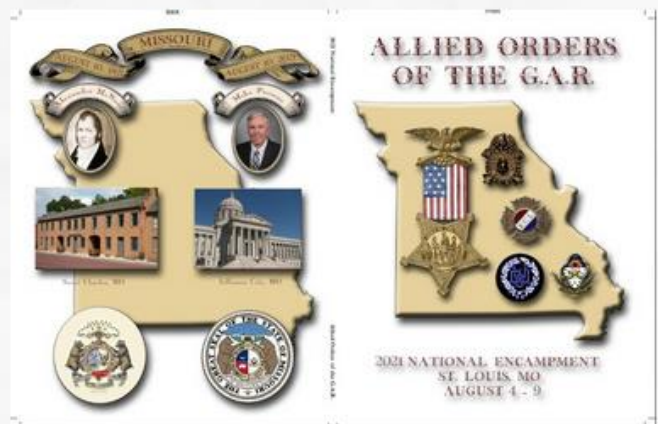


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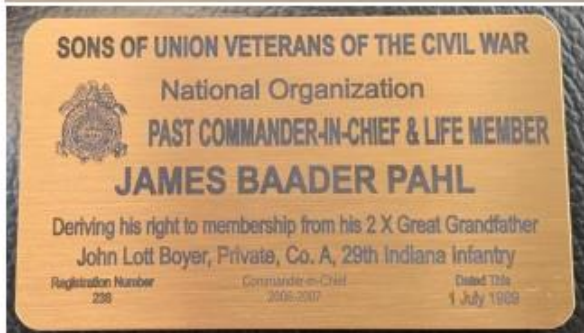
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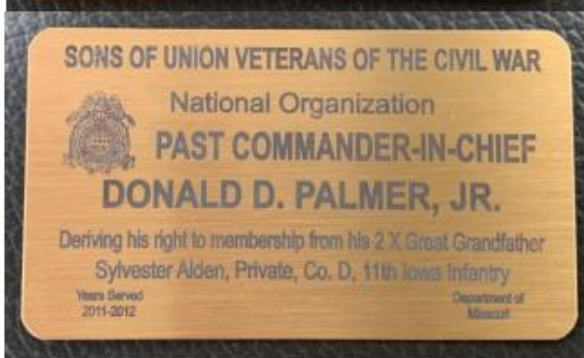
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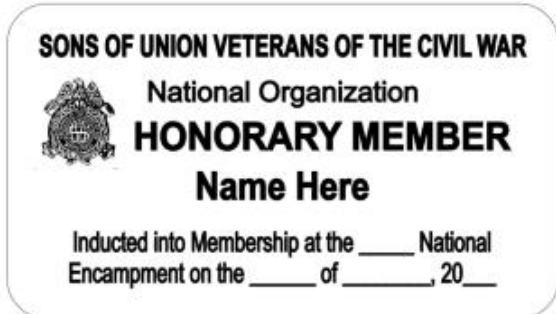
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offered their services. I think it eminently proper the names of the surviving gallant fellows should be named in the official report. The names of the fallen are: Private H. G. Burham of the 10th Army Corps, commanded by Col. George W. Smith. The brigade was commanded by Gen. Sherman W. Ogden, and was acting as rear guard from Spring Hill to Franklin. At that time the army was building breastworks to protect the wagon trains across the river. The brigade fled through the works and formed in line across the river. Gen. Carr was wounded three times, once in the right arm and once in the left arm. He was wounded three times, once in the right arm and once in the left arm.

in his letter to the Secretary of War, says of this act: "I have personal knowledge of the conspicuous gallantry shown by Col. George W. Smith, commanding the 10th Army Corps, in leading the charge of his brigade at Cold Harbor, on June 1, 1863, and in the assault upon the works of the enemy there located, during the two repeated assaults upon the works of the enemy there located, during the two repeated assaults upon the works of the enemy there located." The gallant officer is now decorated Colonel of the 7th Cavalry, and his entire record in the war is a record of valor and heroism.

shot, he having his horse shot under him in the rear part of the regiment. Also a member Capt. James E. Flynn telling him that he would be awarded a medal of honor if he would see to it that he was not killed. He was a good soldier and a good officer. He was a good soldier and a good officer. He was a good soldier and a good officer. He was a good soldier and a good officer.

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