



# THE SIGEL BEAGLE

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## Sigel Camp #614 Participates in Patriot Day Rally

Sigel Camp #614, Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has attended a couple of events to educate the public and recruit new members during an otherwise slow 3rd quarter.

On September 14, 2013, Camp Commander C. Scott Brown and his wife, Jenee, along with Senior Vice Commander Randal A. Burd, Jr., manned a table loaded with original and replica Civil War period items, clothing, and food to educate those attending the annual Patriot Day Rally in Lion's Club Park in Rolla, Missouri. This is the second year in a row Sigel Camp has participated in this worthwhile event, and Camp Commander C. Scott Brown again gets the lion's share of the credit for bringing interesting artifacts and for drawing curious onlookers with his sharp uniform and engaging historical discussion.

Also in attendance were camp members Randal A. Burd, Sr. and Milan Paddock. Among the interesting items displayed by the camp were food samples from the Civil War era, including the Browns' homemade hardtack and two jars of Randal's pickled bologna (which mainly served to prop up the brag board).



Sigel Camp #614 Commander C. Scott Brown, and Sigel Camp #614 Senior Vice Commander Randal A. Burd, Jr., P.C.C., attended the annual Patriot Day Rally on 14 Sep 2013 at Lion's Club Park in Rolla.

Sigel Camp member Milan Paddock served a dual role at the Patriot Day Rally event. In addition to being a member of Sigel Camp, Milan, along with Randal A. Burd, Jr., is also a member of the Ozark Patriots Chapter, Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

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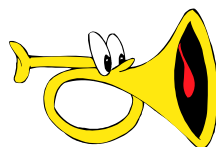
# Meeting Schedule of Sigel Camp #614

## Tentative Meeting Schedule 2013 - 2014

- 12 Oct, 10am – SUVCWMO  
Bus. Mt.
- 13 Oct, 3pm – Columbia  
College
- 10 Nov, 3pm – Columbia  
College
- 08 Dec, 3pm – Columbia  
College
- 08 Mar, 10am – SUVCWMO  
Bus. Mt.
- 23 Mar, 3pm – Public Library
- 13 Apr, 3pm – Public Library

All meetings are located in Rolla, Missouri, unless otherwise indicated. Department Business Meetings take place in House Hearing Room #7 of the Missouri State Capitol Building in Jefferson City. The National Encampment for 2014 will take place in Marietta, Georgia.

This schedule is subject to change. Camp members will be notified via email of changes.



Department Order No. 2, Series 2013-2014, involved setting the dates of Business Meetings for the Department of Missouri.

All past, present, and future *department* orders are available at  
<http://www.suvcwmo.org/orders.php>

**“Patriot Day Rally”  
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For the second straight year, the Ozark Patriots Chapter of MOSSAR shared space with Sigel Camp #614 at the Patriot Day Rally, educating curious onlookers about the bravery, passions, and tribulations of our patriot forefathers.

Among events that did not go exactly as planned for Sigel Camp #614 was the living history event at Fort Benton in Patterson, Missouri, on September 7, 2013. While it was attended by Sigel Camp Secretary Steve Allen, who is also a member of the reenactment group, Turner Brigade, other members of the camp who had planned on attending were unable to make the trip. Judging from suggestions made by attendees to rename “Fort Hill” to “Chigger Hill,” it may be fortuitous that many of us were not able to attend as planned.

Unfortunately, Sigel Camp #614 was also unable to repeat our presence at Old Ironworks Days at Meramec Springs State Park in St. James, Missouri, on October 12-13; however, Senior Vice Commander Randal A. Burd, Jr. was able to fulfill his role as Department Secretary at the Department of Missouri business meeting in Jefferson City on October 12.

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Pending Application	John Travis, Jr.

# Poke Sackology 101

A Civil War soldier didn't have the luxuries that modern soldiers enjoy of having pre-packaged MRE's, handy cordura pouches for everything, and cargo pockets. Much of his daily ration was issued loose, and on campaign he was often left to his own devices to carry and consume the rations. To this end, some men ate a 3 day ration issue immediately, and escaped the task of carrying and storing the various loose goods. Most men however resorted to different means of separating loose dry rations. Sometimes, it was as simple as wrapping it up in a rag, but given a little spare time, I believe that many would sew up small bags from old shirting to separate their rations. I base this on the common occurrence of this type of bag in pre-war rural society. The essence of simplicity, it could be quickly sewn up, and I have read a letter from a soldier to his brother thanking him for a package of dried fruit and pies. He mentions that the "shirting sacks" the fruit came in were just as valuable and requested needles and thread in the next package.

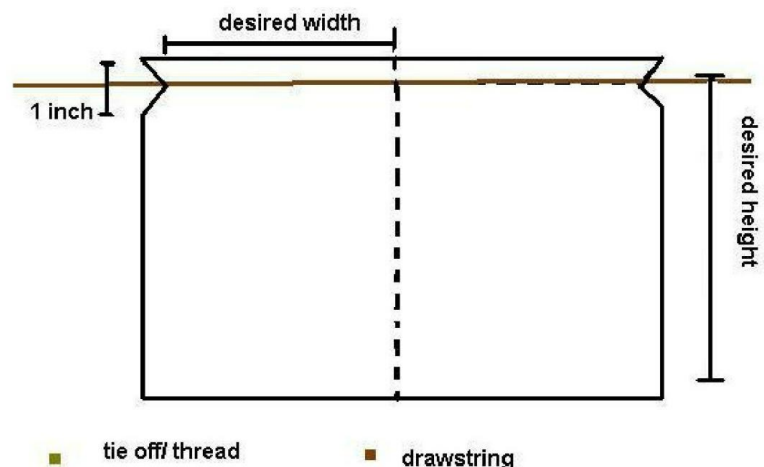
At Outpost 1, a trade with a Confederate picket landed me a handsewn poke sack of tobacco. It indirectly started me on my current progressive bent. I started sewing them by hand for my father and I, and I got pretty good at it, and I enjoyed the sewing enough that I began making up large bunches of them, and selling them to my pards when they wanted them. As such, I thought I'd post the directions to make them here. I make all my poke sacks from woven cotton material, in a variety of appropriate patterns. I don't use plain white material because I believe it is over-represented in reenacting. I use natural cotton thread, and sisal or hemp drawstrings. If you have one, use an old (clean) shirt that you've worn out, and you can make as many as 20 poke sacks out of it if you're frugal. I made a neat one with part of a cuff and a sleeve. (Poke sacks with story)

## A Little Background

1) Cut the fabric twice as wide as you want the bag, plus 1 inch, and as high as you want the bag, plus 1 1/2 inch.

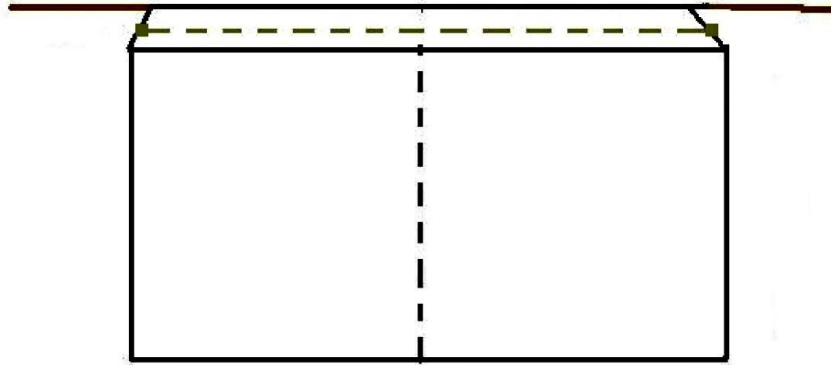
2) Fold 1/2 inch over the drawstring and press so the seam stays straight. I like using check patterns so that I can align the stitches more easily.

3) On each end, I like to cut off a small triangle. This isn't a necessary step, but it makes the bag more squared when the stitching is over.



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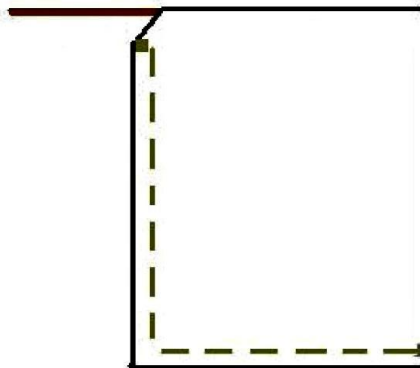
4) Once you fold the fabric over the drawstring, thread your needle and make the first stitch and tie it off.



■ tie off/thread    ■ drawstring

5) Begin stitching 1/2 inch from the edge. Be sure not to sew through the drawstring, and remember, the smaller and tighter the stitches in all your sewing, the more durable it will be, and the better it will hold small items like rice and coffee.

6) Once you've sewn along the top, tie it off once again, (do not cut the string) and fold the bag back on itself, so that it looks like you will be sewing it inside out.



■ tie off    ■ drawstring

7) Stitch down the side and along the bottom. This is where small stitches are the most important.

8) Once you reach the end, tie it off again, tie the two ends of the drawstring together, and turn your new poke sack inside out!

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## Sigel Camp #614, SUVCWMO, Rolla, Missouri

Sigel Camp #614 members are also members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR). Currently, we are enlisted through the 1<sup>st</sup> Missouri Tigers Militia in Columbia, Missouri.

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