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*Happy Holiday Season from the
Department of Missouri, SUVCW!*

We can look back on our successes with pride and we should double our efforts to make 2016 even more productive.



Cover: Nov 8, 2015 – Columbia, MO -- SUVCW members mostly from the Tiger Camp paid tribute to Sgt Wallace Lilly, 68th US Colored Troops providing him a stone at Columbia Cemetery

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Events on the Horizon

Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Jan 11	151 st Anniversary of Manumission in Missouri
Feb 15	DEADLINE – All Camp Secretaries to Have Form 22 – Election of Officers to Dept Secretary
Feb 28	Sherman Tomb Observance – Unconfirmed
Mar 12	Department Meeting – Jefferson City – Meeting Room 7 at 10:00 AM
April 1	DEADLINE – Registration for Lincoln Tomb Observance
April 16	Lincoln Tomb Observance (Form on Page 18)
April 30	DEADLINE – All Camp Secretaries to have Form 27 – Camp Annual Report to Dept Secretary
May 15	DEADLINE – Most Camps to have Form 990N filed with IRS
May 30	Memorial Day
June 4	Department Encampment – Location to be determined in St. Louis Area

Editor's Comments

I want to throw a challenge out to all members this coming year. It will be especially hard for me as I know few people that match the description I'm about to give, but I promise I will try to meet the challenge as well. I want to challenge all of you to recruit one member under the age of 35. Most of you have children, grandchildren, nephews, etc. that qualify for the organization. You should look upon it as your sacred duty to Civil War soldiers to instill in this group a measure of civic pride and volunteerism. This is a hard task, as today's youths don't seem to understand what it means to volunteer for anything.

If the events of this past year have shown anything it is that we, as Americans, have failed miserably to teach our youth anything about respect for property, respect for our country, and a willingness and determination to do something to make our country better. The success stories are our Eagle Scouts, but unfortunately they account for a small number of today's youth. Maybe there is a way to create a desire to volunteer by showing them that volunteering leads to social connections and also may lead to job opportunities. When I wanted to become a police officer, back when I was a teen, I found a way to volunteer time to help me eventually achieve that goal. One year, I worked fulltime (48 hours a week), when to college (15 credit hours), and still managed to volunteer 1000 hours to a police reserve unit. Somehow, I still managed to make time for my friends as well. Did this volunteer work lead directly to a job? No, but it had to help convince the first person to hire me for a fulltime police job that I was serious about my career.

The SUVCW needs members that can volunteer hours. What better way to train a young man about organizing office reports than to work on digitization or history research projects. What better way to help instill discipline than to march in an SVR unit? Working on restoring monuments often involves money running to 6 digits. What better way to learn project management than for a team member to handle the accounting, the public promotion, etc? Why, even learning the art of running structured meetings (encampments) is a learning experience that I have since used more than one in my own job.

We have a lot to offer, but we must OFFER it. Let's try to bring another member into the organization and let's especially try to bring in a young man who can care on after we are gone.

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Bound for the Trash Bin...G.A.R. Logan Post 585's Charter



A lot of Missouri G.A.R. charters are at the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis. If you wish to look at the originals of many posts sometime, you can check out the *Allen-Rodgers Family Papers, 1858-1924 Record Series Number: 01/A0021 Volume: 4.00*. Lt. Col. Thomas Rodgers (140th Pennsylvania Infantry), served as assistant adjutant general for the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Missouri and was apparently responsible for collecting the old charters when posts folded. However, there are many charters still scattered about the nation in historical societies, private collections, or simply stuff away somewhere.

Hidden behind a framed picture that was ready to be chucked out with the garbage, Dan Hechler of Troy, MO found the original charter to Troy's Logan Post. Now, Troy already had Major A. Bartlett Post 289, so why did such a small town need another post? This charter is the separate African-American Post for the town. Separate because the times did not generally allow any mixing of the races.

Other than the mustering in of the post on 22 Oct 1906 and its being recorded in the 1907 department encampment reports, not much else is known of the post. One list of the dead shows Charles Wheeler passing away in 1909. Wheeler was a member of Co. B, 62nd U.S.C.T. and he served from Nov 1863 to 31 Mar 1866. He most likely was with the unit when they fought at Palmetto Ranch, arguably the last land action of Civil War

in May 1865.

The commander of the post was Thomas Perkins, who is probably the Thomas Perkins that served in Co. E, 56th U.S.C.T. He was apparently with them during their campaigning in Arkansas. Perkins passed away in 1927 at the age of 86.

This is not the first example of such a serendipitous find. Even our original Department of Missouri Sons of Veterans (Pre-SUVCW, Pre-1900) Charter was found in an antique shop by Oliver Sappington, Sons of Confederate Veterans, who graciously returned it to us.

Keep your eyes peeled for things like this. You never know what you might find. If you do find something, send us a picture and a story. It is our duty to make historical record of such documents as this so we can learn from them and teach our youth why separate but equal was wrong.

From Len Eagleburger's *Ozarks Civil War Sesquicentennial Weekly* we get the following:

Civil War Trivia

The 201st Infantry, an element of the West Virginia National Guard, has what is perhaps the most unique distinction of any military unit in history; because its ancestral Virginia militia regiment split at the start of the Civil War, it has battle streamers for both Union and Confederate service, each of which includes the second battle of Bull Run, at which, in effect, the regiment fought itself.

Medal of Honor Recipient Controversy

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Welch or
Welsh, George W. Age. 18

Rank Corp. Co. A

Captain McMahan

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Enlisted Dec. 10, 186.3

Where Vicksburg, Miss.

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Mustered in Dec. 10, 186.3

Where Vicksburg, Miss.

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Tr. fr. 7 Mo Inf. Dec. 14, 1864, (Co F)
Remarks Prom Corp. Jan 26, 1865.

~~Tr~~ Deserted July 19, 1865, Demopolis, Ala.
MR Dec. 64 to February 65, deserted
February 8, 1865

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Mustered out 186

Where

Form No. 242 1/2, A. G. O., Mo., 6-26-22-6M.

OVER

Believe me, it was not my intention to stir up any controversy when I started doing some research on our Medal of Honor (MOH) Recipients buried in Missouri or serving in Missouri units, but that's what I got. I was merely trying to get photographs of as many of Missouri's MOH soldiers as I could when I came across soldier George W. Welch (Welsh). Welsh served in Co. A, 11th Missouri Infantry and received his Medal of Honor for capturing a rebel flag.

The mystery starts with some basic information in the Medal of Honor records about him. They record him as coming from Brown County, Iowa. Brown County doesn't exist. So far this is the kind of stuff that is inconsequential, but still a royal pain, when doing genealogy. Genealogists routinely come across misspellings and confusion. Brown County, IA, might have been written down, but Brown County, Indiana (IN), been the correct information. However, Welsh's mystery is not that simple as transcription error. Welsh is a Medal of Honor recipient, who according to Missouri records deserted after the big battle and after receiving a promotion to corporal.

Welsh was 18 years old when he enlisted in Co. F, 7th Missouri Infantry Volunteers at Keokuk, IA on 1 June 1861. Twenty-eight days later, he mustered in at St. Louis, MO. His 7th Mo. Inf. muster card doesn't have any more information other than in December, 1863 he is listed as a veteran volunteer.

On 14 Dec 1864, he was transferred to Co. A, 11th Missouri Infantry. Two days later, during the Battle of Nashville, Welsh captured the flag of "13th Alabama Infantry". That statement becomes an issue in itself, for the 13th Alabama Infantry was with General Lee at the time of the battle of Nashville! There was a 13th Arkansas near where his Missouri unit was fighting (according to some researchers on the web),

but the 13th Arkansas apparently had their flag captured by another soldier. Hm-m-m! As troublesome as this may seem, according to researchers, such citations listing what Confederate flag was captured are often mixed up. The point is that he captured a rebel flag.

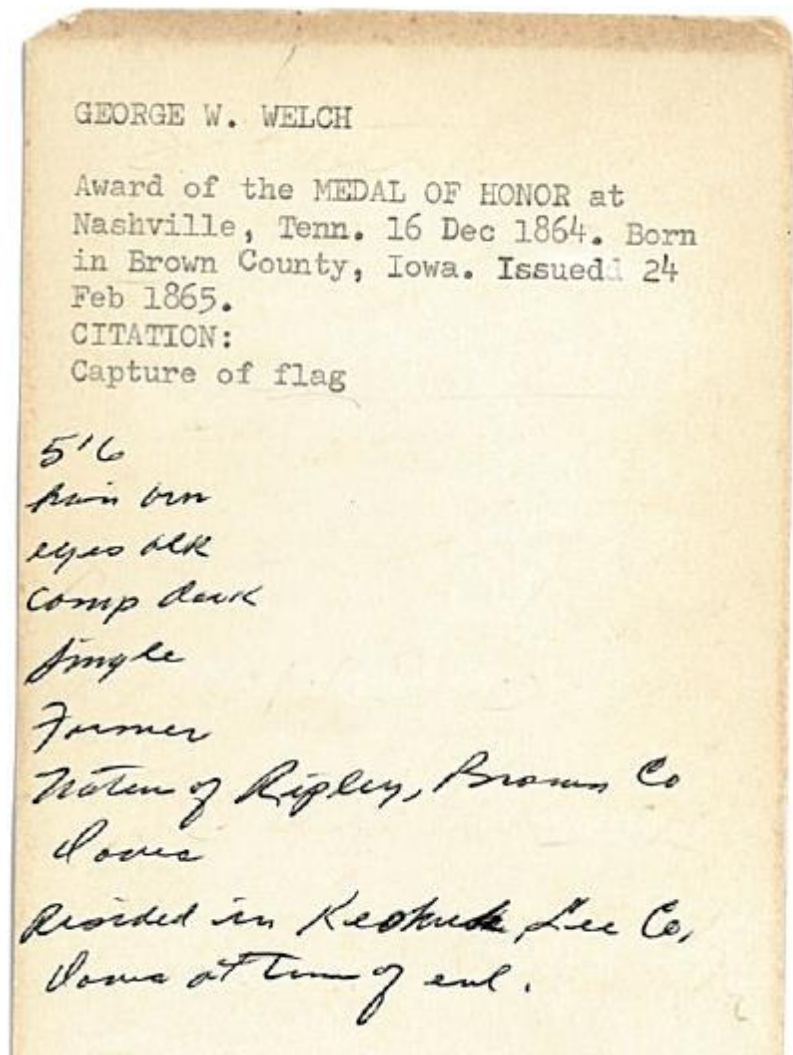
He quickly was awarded his medal with Congress approving it on 24 February 1865. It is after this time that he disappears. No after war information located so far; no burial site found; no pictures. No George Welsh or Welch! He is a mystery.

So, there seemed to be several issues with George Welsh and I was hoping that maybe the Missouri on-line records through the Secretary of State's Office might clear it up. Often there are comments on these cards regarding deserting, reinstatement, or punishment followed by reinstatement and eventual mustering out. Unfortunately, when I checked the web site I was only able to pull up a copy of a one page muster card (above) showing that he deserted. But all was not lost yet.

There was a notation at the bottom of the card that is seldom seen. The word "over" was there. Usually, when this happens there is a second page to the digitized record. This time there wasn't a page 2. I then contacted the state archives and asked them if they could provide me with page two. They did so quickly and is shown on the right. Again, no luck. It doesn't mention anything about his desertion, but gives the reason for his Medal of Honor and also a general description of Welsh. Notice that the citation for the medal states that a flag was captured and does not specify which unit's flag.

So, we have several mysteries with Corporal Welsh. What unit's flag did he capture? Why did he desert? Was he reinstated after deserting, but it not noted on his muster card? Where did he go to after the war? There are two Welshes who are buried in Ripley, IA, but from judging their ages, they would at best be his granddaughters. One thing that might be cleared up, as time permits, by checking the muster rolls of the 11th, but maybe not. Hopefully, in time there will be some evidence to clear this stain on the record of one who was cited for such bravery.

There is a stain on Welsh's record. However, unlike the 19th century, after the experiences of shell shock in World War I, battle fatigue in World War II and post-traumatic stress since Vietnam, his 'desertion' should not be looked upon with disdain until all the facts are known. And even then, on 16 Dec 1864 in one of the hardest fought battles of the Civil War, George W. Welsh, in a moment of bravery, captured a rebel flag.



More Civil War Trivia

From Len Eagleburger's *Ozarks Civil War Sesquicentennial Weekly* we get the following:

Ulysses S. Grant's wife Julia Grant was once taken prisoner by the Confederates. Julia and their youngest son Jesse often traveled with Ulysses and stayed in his camps so he could have "good home-cooked food". In December of 1862, Julia was captured by Confederate troops under the command of Confederate Brig. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest. This is believed to be the only wife of a Union General to be taken prisoner. When her identity was discovered, Forrest had her released immediately.

SUVCW EFFORTS PARTIALLY CORRECT A WRONG

In a follow-up to our article in the March issue regarding a graves mix-up listing Sgt. Thomas Goodman, a survivor of the Centralia Massacre, as being buried at Jefferson Barracks, the Veterans' Administration has reached an opinion. Neal Blazey, an SUVCW member in California, conducted research showing that Sgt. Goodman was buried in California and that the grave of an unknown Sergeant was most probably Sgt. Valentine Peters, who died during the 1864 massacre. The opinion of the National Cemetery Administration History Office is presented here verbatim from an e-mail signed by David W. Rodgers, Administrative Officer, Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery:

We have at long last received an analysis from the National Cemetery Administration History Office regarding your query from last year. First accept my apologies on behalf of NCA for the length of time this has taken, especially in light of the excellent documentation your [sic] provided regarding SGT Thomas Goodman. The historians were able to verify your research regarding Goodman with materials from Archives and other sources they have. Based on SUV's documentation, and the recommendation of the History office, we will be able to remove Goodman's headstone from Jefferson Barracks and replace it with an Unknown Soldier headstone. Of course, we will also remove Goodman's name from the burial records at Jefferson Barracks.

Regarding the designation of Goodman's grave as that of SGT Valentine Peters, the NCA historians have advised that there's not enough clear evidence that would allow us to redesignate that gravesite for Peters. Here is a direct quote from the lead historian who worked on this issue: "Goodman survived, but there is not enough evidence directly connecting Sgt. Peters with the remains in that grave at this time."

There will be a formal report that comes out on this issue, and we will share that with you and the Sons of Union Veterans once we have received it. We will wait until we have that formal report to place the Unknown headstone on in Grave 45 1642.

The Department of Missouri SUVCW has formally requested that even if they cannot put Sgt. Peter's name on the tombstone that the file for that tombstone be flagged with the information as we believe Blazey's research to be accurate.

Blockhouse Near Railroad Bridge in Chariton County, MO. Built to Defend against Guerrillas.

Many such buildings were constructed at railroad bridges in Missouri during the war. Col. US Grant's first action in the war was at a guardhouse in Hunnewell, MO, at the bridge across the Salt River.



Sumner Hunnewell of Fletcher Camp reminds us of the devastation to families caused by the Civil War by sending me an article about a pastor. This is a short summary of part of his life:

Seelsorger

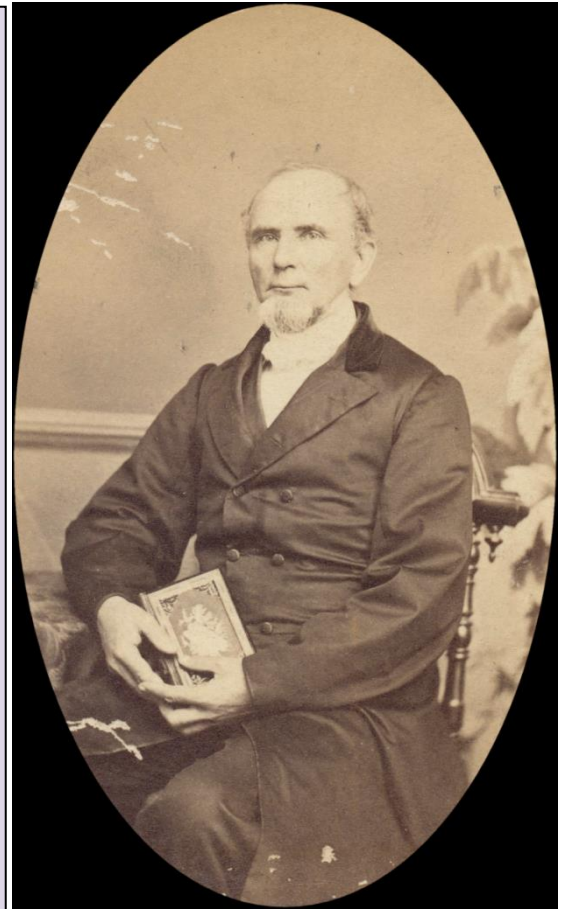
The Reverend Johann Frederick Bün̄ger [ed.- umlauts are neat to use] was an important man in the development of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. The church group that settled in Missouri in 1839 went through some rough times as did Bün̄ger, who lost a two children and a wife in the 1840s.

Bün̄ger, the pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Louis, led a push starting in 1859 to establish a clean hospital, Krankenhaus, for the sick people instead of the more common Pesthaus [ed. –you can get the idea from the word] of the day. The nickels collected each Sunday, through his efforts, amounted to \$6,500 by 1864 and led to the purchase of 2 houses to be used for the sick.

In 1865, a Union soldier led to Bün̄ger directing his efforts along another path. The seriously ill soldier came to the pastor and lamented that he had lost his wife and he expected not to last long himself. He was worried about his child. Bün̄ger, acting in the true spirit of Seelsorger (another German word for pastor which literally translates *spiritual comforter*), arranged for a Lutheran teacher who pledged \$10 a month to support the child and the father. With all the families torn apart by war and with fathers never coming home, there were many charitable needs. Bün̄ger and the Lutherans responded and by 1867, Bün̄ger became the first president of the Lutheran Hospital, Asylum and Orphanage Association. That same year, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Des Peres, MO, purchased 40 acres of land to erect an orphanage.

Other church groups, likewise, did a lot to alleviate the suffering of the returning soldiers and the families of soldiers who never returned. Like Bün̄ger they saw the suffering and even though they may not have been German, still acted as Seelsorger, comforting the spirit and providing for bodily needs.

- *Photo of Rev. Johann F. Bün̄ger – courtesy A-SUVCW member Sandy Walther – Family photo of 3rd Great Uncle*



Title: Nellie Grant as Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe, at St. Louis Sanitary Fair, 1864.

Description: Nellie Grant, daughter of Ulysses Grant and Julia Dent Grant, dressed as Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe at St. Louis Sanitary Fair, 1864. Costume consists of calico dress, ruffled bonnet, and eyeglasses; she holds several dolls and other toys, and sits in a large shoe.

Collection of the Missouri History Museum.

Abe Lincoln and the U.S. Greenbacks

By Jack Laubinger, Franz Wilhelmi Camp

When we see Lincoln on the five dollar bill, we are reminded of his great accomplishments. However, his role in developing U.S. currency rarely comes to mind and the Greenback President is probably not one of the nicknames we have for him.

1861 found President Lincoln burdened with all the unique demands of a war time president working to quell an internal rebellion. Armies had to be raised and trained, provided with modern weapons and ammunition, and properly fed and clothed. Thousands of horses, mules, saddles, bridles, and harness were needed. The navy had to be expanded so ship building became another demand for his administration. The list went on and on. Lincoln needed a way to finance the war.

He went to New York with his Secretary of the Treasury to apply for the necessary loans and was shocked when they demanded 24-36% interest. Lincoln would not plunge the country into that kind of debt so he sought another solution. Using the advice of an old friend and advisor, Lincoln got Congress to pass a law authorizing the printing of full legal Treasury notes to pay for the war effort. Lincoln saw the great overall benefits of the issue, "...we gave the people of this republic the greatest blessing they have ever had-their own paper money to pay their own debts."

Lincoln had over 450 million dollars printed. They served as legal tender for all debts, public and private, were paid to the soldiers, and bought supplies for the war. The notes were printed with green ink on the back so the people called them "Greenbacks." By Lincoln creating his own money, he saved the country over 4 billion dollars in interest.

This was not well received in England. The London Times called Lincoln's moves a "mischievous financial policy." It threatened the European bankers who worried that a nation that can furnish its own money could become prosperous beyond imagination. They feared the brains and wealth of all countries will go to North America. This was a strong incentive for them to support the South which would destroy Lincoln's government.

Two things helped thwart English support. First the Emancipation Proclamation played on the British people not standing for their country supporting slavery. Therefore, the London bankers could not openly support the Confederacy against the people. Second, the Czar of Russia sent a portion of the Russian Navy to the U.S. to operate under the command of Lincoln and be used in the case of British ships trying to break the blockade.

As 1863 approached, Lincoln knew he would need more money to continue the war but Congress would issue no more greenbacks. Instead he reluctantly approved the National Bank Act and from then on, the entire U.S. money supply would be created out of debt. John Kenneth Galbraith stated, "The American economy has been based on government debt since 1864 and it is locked into this system." How true is it today?

Let us add a bit of conspiracy to this. After his reelection, many feel Lincoln would have reversed the National Bank Act. He opposed the power of the central banks and would have probably broken up their monopoly. Could John Wilkes Booth have been an agent of the bankers?

Let us look over how Lincoln changed U.S. currency. He issued the first U.S. paper currency, commonly known as greenbacks. In 1862 he passed legislation to create the Denver and Carson City mints. The Carson City mint closed in 1893. He was active in stopping counterfeiting and helped pass two acts to combat it. Currency was in short supply during the Civil War. People also began to hoard coins so small denomination currency was needed because most metals were used in the war effort. In March, 1865, Lincoln authorized issuance of the three-cent fractional note. Although it was not well received, it did serve as stepping stone to get the U.S. through the end of the Civil War.

Like many stories from our past, there are often contradictions and detractors. The majority of articles researched for this article support Lincoln and his positive role in establishing U.S. currency, but some give the credit to congress and cast Lincoln in a role more favorable to the bankers.

DEPARTMENT TELEGRAPH

ROTC Awards Program Updates: Free is Good

ROTC Medals Now Free

The 2015 National Encampment approved the National Patriotic Instructor's recommendation to provide the ROTC medal free to any camp or ROTC/JROTC unit making an award presentation; this becomes effective January 1, 2016. Camps may pre-order ROTC medals from the National Quartermaster using the revised Form 7 ROTC Award Application: www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Form-7-ROTC-Award-FILL-IN.pdf. Missouri and Arkansas Camps presented 36 ROTC medals in 2015 at a collective cost of \$198. This cost savings can now be applied to other SUVCW Camp programs and activities.

The steps are much simpler under the new process:

1. Confirm with your college ROTC or high school JROTC unit your camp's sponsorship of the ROTC medal award.
2. Complete the revised Form 7 including the date of the awards ceremony.
3. Submit the revised Form 7 to the National Quartermaster.
4. After the award is presented, notify the department's ROTC Coordinator dcrandell@suvcwmo.org of the cadet, school, and camp.

For assistance or questions contact Dale Crandell at dcrandell@suvcwmo.org.



SUVCW's ROTC medal.

JROTC Outstanding Cadet Competition

The Department of Missouri approved a pilot program to select a 2016 Outstanding JROTC cadet from Missouri-Arkansas. This competition is only open to high school JROTC cadets; college ROTC cadets are not part of this initial pilot program. Under the pilot program, the Outstanding Cadet will be selected by a committee appointed by the Department Commander and receive a \$200 prize. Details on the award, prize, and selection criteria are under development for final review by the Department's March Business Meeting.

The steps for a high school JROTC cadet to participate in the competition under the 2016 pilot program are simple:

1. The JROTC cadet must be a 2016 recipient of a SUVCW ROTC medal for his/her high school JROTC unit.
2. The JROTC unit must provide a 100- to 300-word summary of the cadet's accomplishments. No form, just a simple text message.
3. Each camp may nominate one cadet for the competition from among the JROTC high school units they sponsor.
4. Submit the camp's nominee with the JROTC unit's 100- to 300-word summary to department's ROTC Coordinator dcrandell@suvcwmo.org. Deadline to receive camp nominations: May 10, 2016.

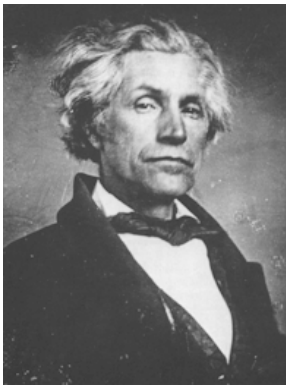
Camp's may want to consider a local prize for their camp's nominee to encourage participation, such as one-year associate membership in the SUVCW. For assistance or questions contact Dale Crandell at dcrandell@suvcwmo.org.



STILL AT ISSUE - FUNDS HAVE NOT BEEN RELEASED

Please continue contacting your Missouri State Legislators and Senators. They open for business in January and budgets will be addressed.

JVC Dale Crandell has taken a lead on this recently along with PDC Larry Dietzel. For the latest information or suggestions on what you can do, contact dcrandell@suvcwmo.org



A skull from McDowell College, St. Louis, MO. (right)

Dr. Joseph McDowell (left), an ardent Confederate, had his college confiscated by Union troops and it became Gratiot Street Prison. McDowell described as an “odd duck” was a surgeon on Gen. Sterling Price’s staff during the war.

In the 1840’s he owned a cave south of Hannibal and performed autopsies there, including one on his daughter, reportedly inspiring Mark Twain to write about the grave robbing in *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*.



MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Greetings,

The issuance of this issue of the Unionist will signal the closing of another year and the beginning of a new year. At this time many may reflect on events which occurred in the past year and or may consider plans or resolutions for the New Year. Some of our brothers may have lost loved ones during this past year and on behalf of the Department I extend my sympathies and comfort to those brothers. When considering our organization, we have lost brothers from various camps and this is a time to remember them and cherish their memories. As we honor our ancestors and all those who fought for the Union, let us honor those brothers as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

In the past year, we had the closing of the Asboth Camp, Wentzville, MO, and the closing of the Siegel Camp, Rolla, MO. A new camp Abraham Lincoln Camp was started in Branson, MO and we saw the reemergence of the McPherson camp in Little Rock, Arkansas. Many camps have shown growth with the initiation of new members. As Department Commander, I pass along my compliments and a thank you to the members and officers of the camps in their efforts to keep our organization alive and most importantly to honor those who fought for the Union.

This past year, we experienced a hurdle in having funds, approved by the State Legislature for the restoration of the Missouri Monument, be released by the Department of Natural Resources to the Vicksburg Monument committee. It is very clear by the wording in House Bill Number 6, that the legislature intended that \$375,000 be used for the restoration of the Missouri Monument and this was placed in the State Parks Earnings Fund. DNR has raised a legal question regarding the payment of this amount for a monument located outside the State of Missouri. However, this issue has been brought attention to the original sponsor of the bill through letter writing and a recent article in the Columbia Tribune. This will be addressed when the State Legislature meets January 5. Hopefully, they will find a solution to have these funds released before the end of the fiscal year and not have to wait until next fiscal year. The original goal was to have funds released to the Vicksburg Monument to begin restoration and have the monument ready for a rededication ceremony of the Missouri Monument for the 100th anniversary of the original dedication which occurred October 17, 1917. I extend my personal thanks to Larry Dietzel, Tiger Camp for getting this bill sponsored and to Dale Crandall, Westport Camp for his efforts in making some noise and bringing this to the public and to make sure this is not pass over by the Department of Natural Resources. If you haven't written your state legislator yet, please do so.

At the October, 2015 business meeting we had a long meeting. However, many business items were raised and discussed. Please read a copy of the minutes and ask questions or send your comments to a Department Officer. I encourage or even challenge the camps to send members or delegates to the next business meeting in March..

I am pleased to report that the National Commander in Chief Eugene Mortorff has accepted the Department Invitation and will be attending the Department Encampment scheduled for June 4, 2016. The exact location has not been confirmed, but it will be in St. Louis. I strongly encourage everyone to attend the Department Encampment. This is an opportunity for you to meet our Commander in Chief and to give him a big Department of Missouri welcome. I personally ask you to follow Missouri's nickname and Show Me your support in a Department activity.

It is very pleasing to see the camp activities and events that each of you plan and participate in. Keep up the excellent work. You honor our ancestors and all those who fought for the Union. Please continue your efforts and submit your news to the Unionist Editor so that we can see what our brothers in Missouri and Northern Arkansas are doing. Continue to honor our ancestors at memorials and gravesites. Share the mission of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War with the public and at living history events.

I am looking for suggestions and ideas on how we could fulfill that mission as a Department with participation from many camps. Please send me your thoughts.

As a reminder, please have your new officers installed by your first meeting in January, 2016 and the Form 22 Certification and Installation of Camp Officers is completed and mailed to the Department Secretary by February 15, 2016.

Your presence is requested at the business meetings of the Department of Missouri. This is an opportunity for you to meet other brothers in the Department and to share your ideas for the continuance of the organization. Please attend. The next business meeting of the Department of Missouri Sons of Union Veterans is scheduled for March 12, 2016 at 10:00 am in Hearing Room No 7 at the State Capital Building in Jefferson City, Missouri. While the morning is devoted to business, we adjourn to a local establishment for food and drink and socialize with fellow brothers. Please attend for the business meeting and join us afterwards for some fellowship.

Please also put the Department Encampment on your schedule for Saturday, June 4, 2016 in St Louis, MO and come and meet our Commander in Chief Eugene Mortorff.

Happy New Year 2016.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty
Martin R. Aubuchon

Department Orders

None issued this quarter.

A German Take on the Battle of Wilson's Creek and Lyon's Death



Nr. 3640.

H. Kappitt, Verlag von Debnitz & Niemannscheider.

Die Schlacht entwickelte sich am 14. August Morgens und endete Abends mit der Niederlage der Bundesstruppen. Der Verlust der letztern betrug nach amtlichen Berichten 800 Tote und Verwundete. Die Bundesstruppen zogen sich in guter Ordnung nach Molla zurück. Zu beklagen ist der Tod des Generals Lyon. Von nördlicher Seite sollen 8000, von südlicher 23,000 Mann in's Feuer gekommen sein. Die Conföderirten (Abtrünnigen der vereinigten Staaten) sollen schwere Verluste erlitten haben, die Generale Price und M' Culloch sind gefallen.

CAMPS ROLL CALL

US Grant Camp



Grant Camp Descends on Michigan for Central Region Conference

The 77th annual Allied Orders of the GAR Central Region Association conference was held on October 3 in Dundee/Monroe, MI, home of General George A. Custer. The Central Region is one of two regional associations in the Allied Orders organizations, with the other being the New England Regional Association. The Central Region was founded with the purpose of "bringing the Departments closer together in the true spirit for which they were organized, and to receive information and inspiration for renewed efforts.

- Follow up on storage of Central Region records, which are now stored at LGAR headquarters
- Status on sales of Central Region 75th challenge coins
- Sites for future locations for Central Region Conferences, including Nashville, TN in 2016 and Cleveland, OH in 2017.

The highlight of the business meeting was the presentation of the Meritorious Service Award to Alan and the late LeeAnn Teller, who together, have been the face of the Central Region for the last decade.



Custer Statue in Monroe, MI

The weekend began with an informal dinner at a local restaurant for those that arrived early. On Saturday, the conference began with a trip to the Monroe History Museum for a tour, a presentation on Custer, and lunch.

The business meeting was held back at the Holiday Inn in neighboring Dundee, MI. Central Region Commander Jim Pahl (dual member of the Grant Camp) brought the meeting to order. In addition to officer and committee reports, a number of topics were discussed, including:

New officers were elected for the 2015-2016 administrative year, including our own PCinC Don Palmer as Central Region Commander. Grant Camp members Walt Busch and John Palmer, were appointed as Chaplain and Color Bearer, respectively.



Central Region Elected and Appointed Officers for 2015-2016

Grant Camp article in blue is from the November *Hardscrabble*, John Palmer – editor.



Veterans receive thanks at Daughters of American Revolution Veterans Day Service held 11/8/15 at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Present at the ceremonies were Walt Busch, PDC, and Dan Busch of Grant Camp as well as Bill

Groth, PCC of Sherman Camp. The Busch's father, Wally, is near center in the grey sport coat.

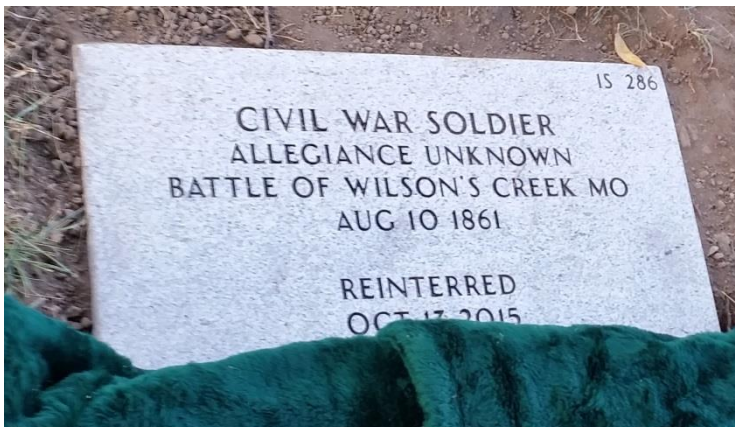


SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM GRANT CAMP - LEFT TO RIGHT - PCC BOB AUBUCHON; DON ALWINE; PCCBOB AMSLER, JR. ; PCC MARK COPLIN; JOHN PALMER; PDC BOB PETROVIC; MIKE HUDSON; PDC MARTIN AUBUCHON; PDC WALT BUSCH; NEW MEMBER ELLIOTT HOSKINS, FATHER VINCENT HEIER; AND PC-IN-C DON PALMER

Photo by Cher Petrovic

McPherson Camp

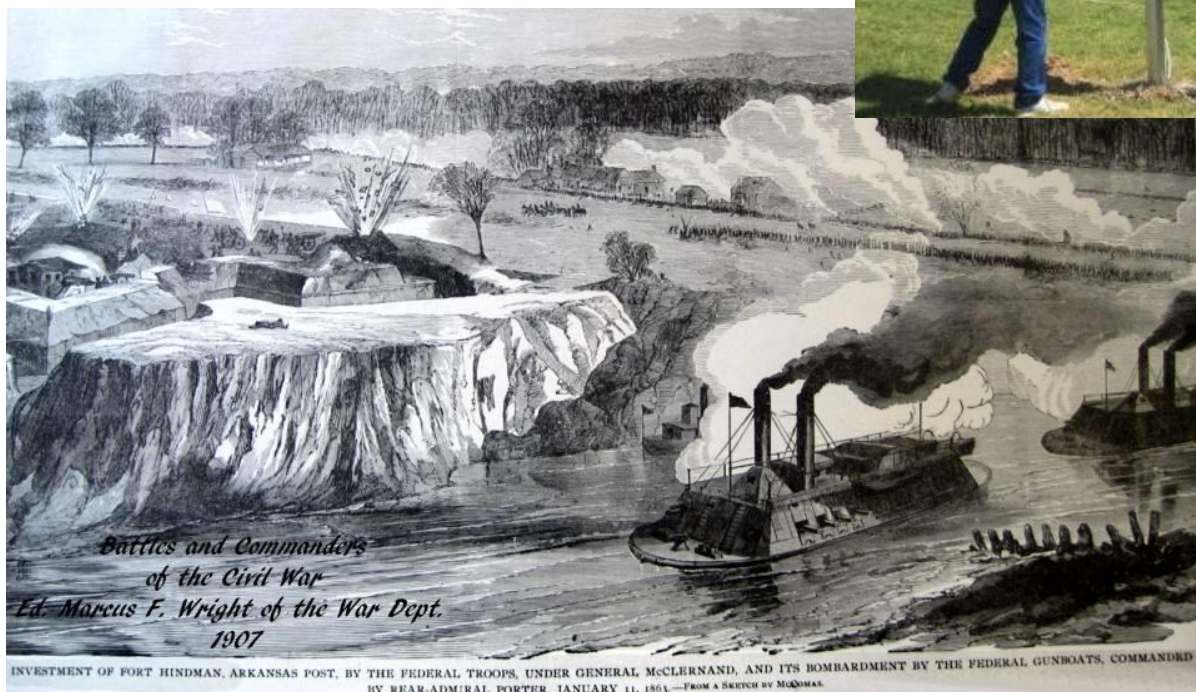
Joe Rainey and Brian Robbins of the McPherson Camp took part in the *Wreaths Across America Project* at the Fayetteville National Cemetery on 12 Dec 2015. A Wreath was placed on each veteran's grave in the cemetery. This is the first year that the Sons of Union Veterans were included in the honor guard.



17 Oct 2015 --Joe Rainey and Bob Underdown traveled to the Springfield National Cemetery to take part in the interment ceremony of a civil war soldier whose remains were found by a relic hunter at Wilson creek battlefield.



The Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission set a goal several years ago to have a new Civil War marker in each of Arkansas's 75 counties. On 31 Dec 2015, they close the program having placed 141 markers throughout the state with at least one in each county.



Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp



December 5th we participated in the annual Holiday Christmas Festival parade. There were four members present of our Camp Guard and one of our ladies. The parade was about one and one-half mile long. It was a good parade with lots of people lining the streets to watch. Later some people said that it was the longest parade we have ever had.

←L-R; Camp Commander Private Joe Williams, Camp Junior Vice Commander 1st Sergeant Gary Scheel, Private Clarence Warfield and Private Ed Millinger. *Photo-Bob Mueller*

Mary Scheel dressed in period → costume following along. *Photo- Bob Mueller*



On December 8th we had our camp meeting where Past Camp Commander Thomas Farlow installed our new officers for the upcoming year. Elected officers for the camp are:

Camp Commander – Joseph Williams

Senior Vice-Commander – Samer Zoughaib

Junior Vice-Commander – Gary Scheel

Secretary – Robert Mueller

Treasurer – Thomas Farlow

Council Members – Thomas Greminger, Clarence Warfield and Jerry Kasten.



On December 19th, camp member Gary Scheel attended an Eagle Court of Honor for Eagle Scout Ethan Trokey. He felt especially honored to be asked to attend because he has been friends with the family since 2002.

←Gary Scheel presenting the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Eagle Scout Certificate and Challenge Coin to Eagle Scout Ethan Trokey. *Photo – Jill Blaylock*

Ethan's Eagle Scout project was replacing the flag pole and building of a walkway to the flag pole at Coleman

Elementary School in Villa Ridge where he attended School.

Eagle Scout Ethan Trokey raising the flag on the schools new flag pole. *Photo – Jill Blaylock* →



The significance of the flag that Ethan is raising is that it was the flag that covered his Grandfather's casket at his funeral. Ethan's grandfather was a World War II Veteran having served in the Pacific Theater in the United States Army.

Phelps Camp

[Pictured – The Ray Homestead at Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield]

12th Annual Memorial Luminary Driving Tour at Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield

Several members of Phelps Camp established a Union Army “picket post” near the Ray House for the annual memorial illumination ceremony on December 12.

A large number of visitors stopped by the camp-fire to chat with the members of Phelps Camp about their uniforms and



equipment, and discuss the role of General Francis Herron’s division in the Battle of Prairie Grove in December 1862. Herron’s men started marching from their camp on Wilson’s Creek on December 3, 1862, covered an amazing 120 miles in 3 1/2 days, then went into action at Prairie Grove, where several of Herron’s regiments suffered heavy casualties.

Fletcher Camp

On December 27, 2015. Mark Decker of Fletcher Camp presented Eric Ouhl an Eagle Scout commendation certificate. His Eagle Court of Honor was held at the Elk’s Lodge in Crystal City on Sunday, December 27, 2015.



Westport Camp

Annual Christmas Dinner

Westport Camp closed 2015 with its traditional Christmas dinner in association with the DUVCW Macklin Tent #24, held at the Islamorada Fish Company restaurant on Wednesday, December 2, 2015. 29 members, family, and guests attended the festivities. Guest speaker Willadine Johnson, who is camp member Rodney Terry's sister, spoke on the Battle of Island Mound. Both Brother Rodney and Willadine are decedents of Private Rufus Vann who served in the 1st Kansas Colored Regiment at the Battle of Island Mound.

The Camp presented its annual awards. Brother Dirk Stapleton received the Distinguished Service Award. Brother Dirk has served many years on the elected Camp Council and appointed Signals Officer. As our webmaster, he has managed the camp window to the public through countless hours of updates and improvements. Additionally, Sergeant Stapleton has been an enthusiastic participant in our Sons of Veterans Reserve unit serving as our local ranking officer with responsibility for the unit recruitment, enrollments, and annual reports. He proudly wears the Union uniform.

Brother Michael Lundeen received the Outstanding Member Award. This past year, Brother Michael served as our camp's elected Secretary-Treasurer and appointed Eagle Scout Coordinator. The Eagle Scout recognition program has seen growth and wider participation this past year under Michael's leadership. Additionally, Private Lundeen has been an enthusiastic participant in our Sons of Veterans Reserve unit having attended all events, proudly wearing the Union uniform.



Guest speaker Willadine Johnson receiving certificate of appreciation from then Camp Commander Dale Crandell

2016 Camp Officers

Westport Camp officers were installed by Past Department Commander John Martin during the Christmas dinner: Elected officers are:

Commander: Michael Lundeen
Senior Vice Commander: Rodney Terry
Junior Vice Commander: Kenneth Bailey
Secretary-Treasurer: Dale Crandell
Camp Council: Brian Smarker, Dirk Stapleton, and James Beckner

Our appointed officers are:

Chaplain: James Beckner
Patriotic Instructor: Robert Grover
Historian: John Martin
Counselor: Brian Smarker
Grave Registration Officer: David Short
Civil War Memorials Officer: Brian Smarker
Signals Officer: Dirk Stapleton
ROTC Coordinator: Dale Crandell



JVC Bailey, SVC Terry, and Commander Lundeen installed by PDC Martin.

Tiger Camp

After much effort and planning led by PDC Larry Dietzel and refusals from the Veterans Administration, the final resting place of Sgt. Wallace Lilly, Co. K 68th Infantry USCT and his wife Mary Dunn Lilly were recognized with a gravestone dedication on Sunday November 8, 2015. Members of Tiger Camp #432 gathered to dedicate the stones purchased with funds donated by individuals within the community and Tiger Camp #432. [Photos of the event are on the front cover of this newsletter.]

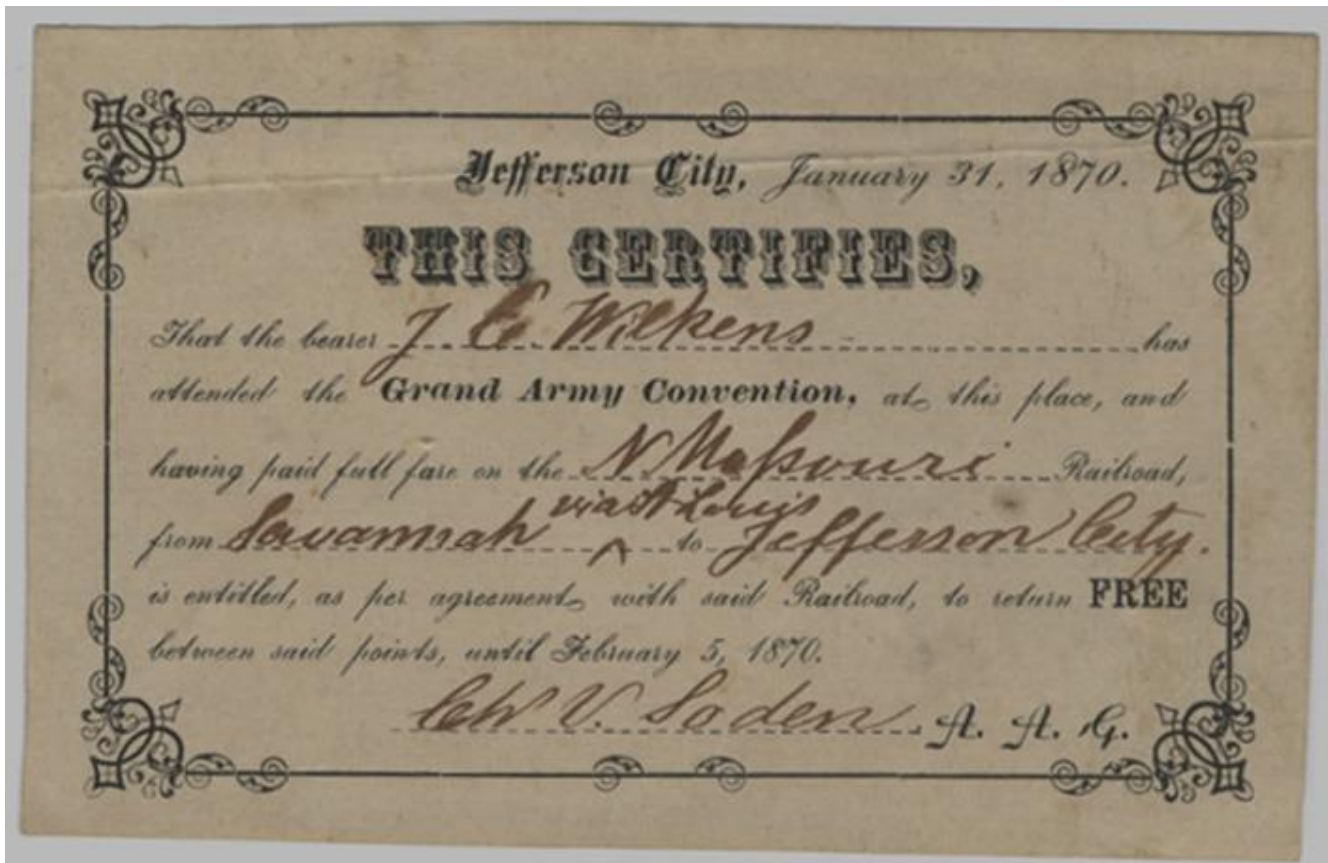
The irony of this dedication is that Sgt. Lilly, also a commander of GAR Post 432, worked to secure markers for over 30 fellow veterans of the War Between the States, while his final resting place went unmarked for over three quarter of a century.

The December meeting of Tiger Camp #432 was the camp awards ceremony. This was the first of which we all hope will become an annual event. Award recipients were:

Rollins Award for Education, Robert Allen for his leadership in Columbia Public Schools Civil War Days. An annual event where elementary students learn about and experience the War Between the States.

Guitar Membership Award, Russell DeVenney for his many years of devotion and hard work to keep our camp in compliance with Department and National by-laws.

Lilly Community Service Award, Rudi Keller of the Columbia Daily Tribune for his four years plus daily Civil War series of "Life During War Time" columns and other news articles to help educate and draw attention to activities and issues related to the War Between the States.



From the Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection, Indiana.

ALLIED ORDERS/SVR

COOL CIVIL WAR UNIT NAMES

Think your camp would like to start a Sons of Veterans Reserve unit or a camp guard? But you need a snazzy name; one that not only is historically accurate to a real unit's name, but makes your unit stand out. Here are some unit names from the 1902 report *Organization and Status of Missouri Troops (Union and Confederate) in Service during the Civil War*. All units mentioned below are Union Missouri troops.

Frémont's Rangers (several different organizations used this name)
Frémont's Hussars (First Western Cavalry Battalion) [ed – 2 cool names for 1 unit!]
Black Hawk Battalion (later part of the 7th Missouri Cavalry)
Red Rovers (later Company I, 10th M.S.M. Cavalry)
Melter's Company, Dragoons, 1st Infantry, U.S. Reserve Corps
First Flying Battery, Missouri Artillery
German Turners
American Zouaves (8th Missouri Infantry Regiment)
Benton Cadets Regiment
Black Jaegers or Schwartz Jägers [ed. - Black Hunters]
(4th Mo Infantry Regiment, 3 month militia 1861)
Irish Seventh (7th Mo Infantry Regiment)
Merchants' Regiment (33rd Mo Infantry Regiment)
Western Turner Rifles (17th Mo Infantry Regiment)
Winklemaier's Company, Pontoniers (became Co. K, 5th Mo Infantry Regiment)
St. Louis County Company, Corps of Detectives
St. Louis Police Battalion
Kansas City Station Guards, Companies A through E
First to Third Companies, Marine Corps
Swiss Rifles (15th Mo Infantry Regiment)
Shamrock Regiment (13th Mo Infantry Regiment)
1st through 5th Regiment, Militia Exempts
Love's Independent Company. (Attached to 18th Infantry Reg. 3 yrs' volunteers: became
Co. L. 7th Cavalry Regiment)
Veith's Company, Miners and Sappers, Missouri State Militia. (Became Co. H, 1st Infantry
Regiment, Missouri State Militia.)
Smith's Company, Telegraph Corps.

If you want a pdf copy of this book or just the text to search for more names or references to units, just type in archive.org and use the search engine. If we could have Zouaves, Hussars and Dragoons, how come we didn't have an Uhlan company? Bummer!

Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

All are invited to participate in the 60th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 151st 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, 2016.

Headquarters Hotel: President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701. The room rate is \$96.99 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, 2016.** 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 16th.

Luncheon will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12:30PM. The luncheon program will feature a documentary film by the Lincoln Monument Assoc. on the history of Lincoln's Tomb. Luncheon cost is \$29 per person. For event info, go to the SUVCW web site (suvchw.org) or contact Robert Petrovic at: rpetro7776@aol.com or 636-274-4567.

OBSERVANCE WREATH PRESENTATION

(please print clearly)

Organization name in full: _____
Name & title of wreath bearer: _____
e-mail address: _____
if no e-mail, home address: _____
City, State, & Zip code: _____

To insure being recognized in the program, this notice MUST be received no later than April 1st at the address shown below.

OBSERVANCE LUNCHEON

Please accept ____ luncheon reservation(s). Please list name, e-mail address, home address & phone number of person responsible for picking up tickets at the door. **PLEASE PRINT.**

Name: _____ E-mail: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
City, State & Zip Code: _____

Herb-roasted Pork Loin W/Maderia sauce _____ Parmesan Chicken W/Red Pepper Jus Lis _____ Vegetarian _____

Include remittance of \$29.00 per person for each lunch reservation payable to **National Organization SUVCW.**

Reservations must be made by April 1st and cancellations by the same date in order to receive refund. There will be no extra tickets sold at the door. Make a copy of this form for your records and send original with remittance to:

MILITARY PARADE INFORMATION

Name of unit: _____
No. of people attending: _____
Contact person name: _____
E-mail: _____

This will insure each unit receives a streamer for their flag and all participants receive ribbons.

SEND TO:

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