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"EMANCIPATION DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA"—THE COLOR-SERGEANT OF THE 1ST SOUTH CAROLINA (COLORED) VOLUNTEERS ADDRESSING THE REGIMENT, AFTER HAVING BEEN PRESENTED WITH THE STARS AND STRIPES, AT SMITH'S PLANTATIONS, FORT ROYAL ISLAND, JANUARY 1.—FROM A SKETCH BY OUR SPECIAL ARTIST.—SEE PAGE 275.

About the Cover: January was Emancipation (Manumission) Month for many Slaves. South Carolina is pictured here. Missouri's Slaves were also freed in January.

Honoring Seaman August Moreau
— Last Union Soldier of St Louis
County;

In Memory of Brother Tillotson
(1944-2017)



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Events on the Horizon

Feb 15 – Camp Form 22 due into Dept Secretary	Apr 30 – Form 27, Roster, and annual dues due to Dept Secretary
Mar 10 – Dept Business Meeting – State Capitol, Room 7	May 5 – 56 th USCT Remembrance at Jefferson Barrack Cemetery – 10 AM
Mar 24 – Swap Meet – Jefferson Barracks 10 AM – 3 PM	May 15 – Form 990N due to IRS
Mar 25- Sherman Day – Calvary Cemetery, St. Louis, MO – 1 PM	May 28 – Memorial Day – Various Events
Mar 28 – Deadline for March 31 st <i>Unionist</i>	June 2 – Dept Encampment –scheduled for Bennett Springs State Park
Apr 14 – Lincoln Remembrance Day – Springfield (Info on page 27)	July 21 – Grant Remembrance Day at US Grant NHS, Affton, MO

Oct 5-6 - Central Region Allied Orders Conference in Valparaiso, IN

Editor's Comments by Walt Busch, PDC

Word is that the Sherman Camp in the St. Louis area is closing. Help was offered but this camp of over 24 people is closing reportedly at the end of this year. Letters have gone out trying to get as many members as possible into other camps. A few years back a camp with 12 members, the Asboth Camp in St. Charles Co., just collapsed. I think the reason was because the group was winding down their reenacting and that is why they started the camp in the first place. Losing 36 members just because a few no longer want to commit time to the organization is bad, but it shows an extreme weakness in our organization. Many people join on paper only and are not willing to get involved in the work of the organization. As a secretary-treasurer of my camp, I understand the work issue for that position. For others, it is generally what people make of it themselves. Many camps have patriotic instructors, but when was the last time the PI gave a presentation in your camp? The secretary/treasurer who once told me it was a volunteer organization and if I needed his paperwork filled out to do it myself also reflects some of the thinking of some members. If you accept a position in a camp or department, you should do your best to do the job. Just because one person quits should not cause the entire camp to fold. I understand paper membership. I am a paper member of a few organizations, but if I was told tomorrow that one or the other would close if I didn't step up, I would step up. I was asked why I don't want to continue up the chain to Commander-in-Chief eventually and I personally don't think it is something I want to do. But if drafted I would not say no (thank God we have a lot of members willing to step forward). We joined to honor our ancestors, they did the hard work of going to war. All should be willing to step forward. It can be fun!

On another note, PDC John Martin, Westport Camp, wrote me and asked me how many books about the war in Missouri-Arkansas have been written. That is an interesting question. Probably more have been written about the battle of Gettysburg than all the battles in these two states. I didn't consider microfilm records or reports and only consider published books of at least 25 pages. I also based it on seeing the library at Wilson's Creek and running the library at Battle of Pilot Knob State Historic Site for 17 years. I would give the number as less than 500, which is the answer I sent him. In reality, it would not surprise me if only about 300 books have been written about it. Send questions to me and I will try to find an answer, if interesting I will publish it. Thanks John!



In Memory of Brother John M. Tillotson McNeil Camp 62

(February 9, 1944 - August 11, 2017)

John M. Tillotson, age 73, of Rochester, MN, died on Friday, August 11, 2017, at his home. The memorial service will be at 11:00 am on Saturday, August 19, 2017, at First Presbyterian Church in Rochester following the inurnment.

John was born on February 9, 1944, in St. Louis, MO to Martin Luther and Ruth (McRae) Tillotson. He graduated from Ritenour High School in Overland, MO. He also graduated from Northeast Missouri State University with a bachelor of science in mathematics and physics and the University of Missouri Rolla with a bachelor of science in electrical engineering. On August 15, 1965, John married Linda Morelock in Kirksville, MO. They lived in Iowa and New York before moving to Rochester in 1975. John worked for IBM for over 30 years before his retirement. His biggest passion was music. John sang in the Rochester Male Chorus, the Summer Music Project, and Rochester Civic Music. He also sang in church choirs since he was 11 years old. John enjoyed model railroading and was a member of the Rochester and La Plata, MO Model Railroad clubs, and was a lifetime member of the IEEE Profession Engineering Association. He was also an active member of First Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder and served on many committees over the years. John was very proud of his heritage and his Mayflower descendants.

John is survived by his wife of 52 years, Linda of Rochester; daughter, Victoria Bane of CA; son, Eric Tillotson of MO; grandchildren, Katarina Buettner, Ruben Tillotson and Eian Bane; sister, Lila Barrett; brothers; Stanley Tillotson and Donald Tillotson all of MO. John was preceded in death by his parents.



St. Louis County's Last Soldier – Seaman August Moreau Honored

On 4 Nov, the members of US Grant Camp honored Seaman August Moreau by placing a last soldier stone on August Moreau's grave at St. Monica's Catholic Cemetery in Olivette, MO. The camp raises some funds for the marker, but the majority was given to the project by National SUVCW's Monuments Program.

Moreau (1846-1945) was a seaman in the Union's brown water navy. He served aboard the USS Curlew (gunboat no. 12) and also on the Grampus, Neosho and Great Western. He was a member of G.A.R. Post No. 107 (H. Harding Post) in North St. Louis. He attended Memorial Day celebrations for over 50 years, missing his first one in 1944.

The entire program can be found on Youtube and has a link on the department website (a still showing PCC Mark Coplin, master of ceremonies is above). US Grant Camp is now pursuing getting a marker for John Hanson, the last soldier of St. Louis City. He is buried in Jefferson Barracks and the rules for placing a marker on a gravesite there make it nearly impossible to have one placed. The camp, however, is still hopeful. At this time, only 4 last soldier graves are marked in Missouri, despite the fact that many of the possible last soldiers in each of Missouri's 115 counties have been confirmed and are posted on our website.

Collector's Corner

By

Douglas Roussin

Part 4, Confederate Belt Plates

Confederate belt plates have always been desirable. To the belt plate collector, having one or more of these desirable plates is a must. In the early days of metal detecting, the 1950's, 60's and 70's, confederate plates were plentiful and could be purchased for a few dollars. Many collectors specialized in collecting only them.

At that time U. S. buckles could be purchased for as little as \$5.00 and Confederate plates for \$20.00 to \$50.00. By 1980, the demand for Confederate plates had become so great, that the price began to sky rocket. Plates that once sold for \$50 now sold for hundreds and even thousands. It was during this time that aged reproductions, and fantasy pieces began to appear. It really hurt to have spend hundreds of dollars for a two piece Confederate buckle in 1985, to find out it was a \$5.00 repro that had been aged. I know. Companies who had made belt plates in the 1960's for re-enactors had failed in many cases to mark these plates as reproductions, (this over site was later fixed by the better companies). This allowed them, after years of use, to be passed off as originals. In some cases the company name was actually filed off the buckle and was passed as an original. This problem remains today. Beginning collectors have purchased them not knowing the difference, or in some cases, simply collecting them instead of originals because the cost of originals is so great. It is difficult for even long time collectors to sometimes tell the difference. The Confederate buckles in this article are all authentic. I will show the front and back of these buckles.

What is considered to be a Confederate belt plate? Confederate belt plates are those buckles produced during the war by the Confederate government or any of the southern states who were in rebellion. This includes certain buckles exported to the Confederacy from England. Plates made in the years before the war by the southern states are also considered to be Confederate.



These are some of the more common styles of Confederate buckles. There are many variations of these plates. The two piece has more than 60 variations. The center C.S. plate is heavy stamped brass. The hooks are scrap pieces which were cut, bent and soldered to the back. This plate is considered C. S. regulation. It is found in the western and eastern theaters. The solid C.S. is found in western sites. Note the pointed hooks.



This attractive plate has eleven stars for the seceded states. The hooks are integral. It is made from a heavy brass sheet. This buckle is quite rare and is found in the western theaters.

State Belt Plates

Many southern states had buckles made before and during the war. These plates are found in all theaters of the war.



This Louisiana buckle was made just before the war. The pelican is feeding its young. It is made of stamped brass. Similar buckles were made after the war, but have a solid back.



This is an Alabama map plate. This plate is very desirable and very rare. It has the puppy paw back.



This Alabama buckle has the letters AVC which stand for Alabama Volunteer Corp. It was made just before the war. The back has the puppy paws like the map plate. It was dug in Virginia many years ago. The digger over cleaned the plate which gives the front a slight pitted surface. It is not uncommon to find early dug plates like this. It is better to wash the dirt off the plate and then leave it as found. Never try to shine them.

Regimental Belt Plate

In 1861, the entire 6th infantry regiment was outfitted with this plate. It is the only regimental plate of the Confederate States. The front of the plate has 6th infantry, North Carolina State Troops. Most have a black enamel on the front. This one does not. Note the unusual hooking on the back. This plate is non dug.



English Import

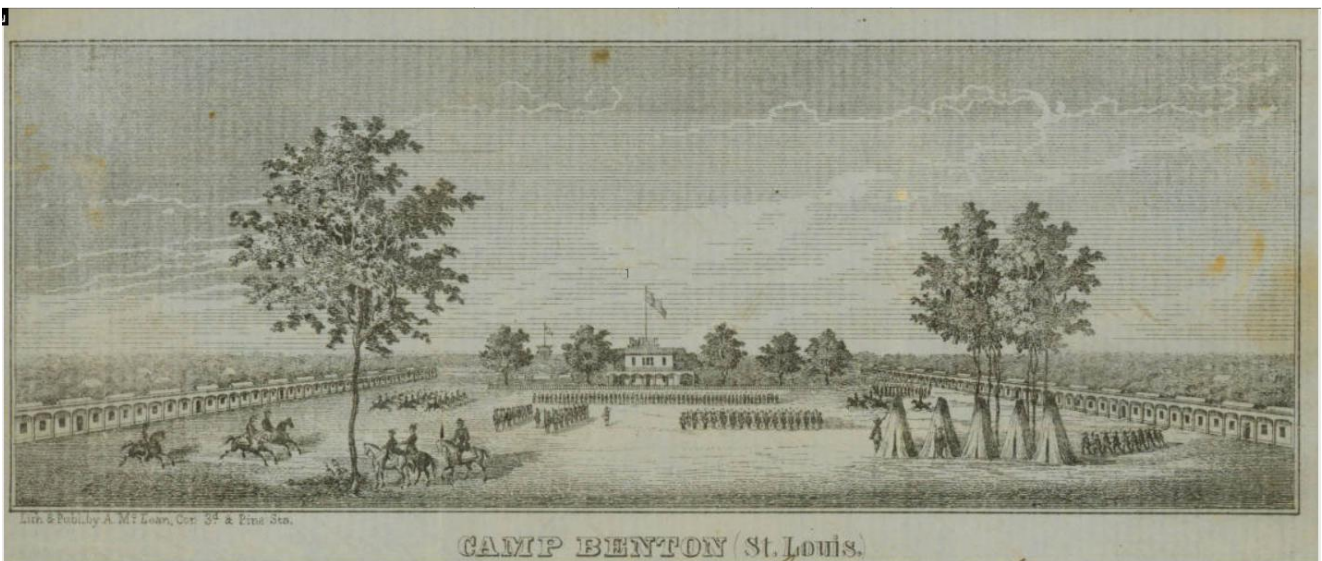
Many guns, swords and buckles were shipped to the Confederacy including this snake buckle. This one is brass and very large. Snakes are found in a variety of sizes and designs. Many Union regiments wore this buckle including several from Illinois. English snakes were used in World War I, with little or no change in design. They are passed off in many shows as Civil War buckles. Beware! All Civil War buckles are reproduced, especially solid buckles. It is very hard these days to identify the originals from the repros. Long time collectors like me are still getting fooled. Be very aware of what you are buying.



DEPARTMENT TELEGRAPH

MEA CULPA

In the haste of publishing the September issue, I failed to include a picture of the 2017 Missouri delegates to the national encampment. L-R: Walt Busch, PDC; Sumner Hunnewell, JVC; Dale Crandell, SVC; Bob Petrovic, PDC; PCinC Donald Palmer; John Palmer, delegate; and John Avery, PDC. Not in the picture but also present PCinC Jim Pahl, Grant Camp.



Department Awards Program Procedures – Deadline 15 April

The Department's Awards Program provides recognition for both member and non-member contributions to the SUVCW and Civil War history. Any member or camp can make a nomination using the updated application forms posted at: <http://www.suvcwmo.org/awards.html>. Deadline to submit a nomination is **April 15, 2018**. Completed applications forms can be sent to any Department Annual Awards Committee member or directly to the Department's Senior Vice Commander at svc@suvcwmo.org.

The **Francis P. Blair, Jr. Award** is presented annually to the most outstanding member of the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It is for the member who has made the greatest collective contribution during a specific year to the Department and his Camp through its programs and activities. The member must have been in good standing and exemplify the virtues of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty for the entire year. An award recipient is not eligible for repeat consideration.

The **Meritorious Service Award** is presented to a member of the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It is for the member who has made a significant contribution or collective contributions over a period of time to the Department and his Camp through its programs and activities. The member must have been in good standing for five or more years, and exemplify the virtues of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. An award recipient is not eligible for repeat consideration.

The **Grand Army of the Republic Award** is presented to an Allied Order member or group. It is for members or groups who have made a significant contribution or collective contributions over a period of time to promote fraternal relationships between the Allied Orders in perpetuating the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and our ancestors who fought to preserve the Union. An award recipient is not eligible for repeat consideration for three years.

The **Wayne Sampson Show Me Spirit Award** is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution or collective contributions over a period of time to promote the SUVCW, Allied Orders, or Civil War history, and who demonstrates a shared interest in the SUVCW mission. An award recipient is not eligible for repeat consideration for three years.

The 2016-17 Annual Awards Committee members are: SVC Dale Crandell (chair), PDC Martin Aubuchon, PDC Glen Alsop, and PDC Larry Dietzel.

REMINDERS --

1. The Department Encampment is planned for Bennett Spring State Park near Lebanon, MO this year. We should know more by the end of this month. Keep an eye on <http://www.suvcwmo.org/encampment.html> for registration information or changes. The National Commander-in-Chief is planning on attending.
2. Dues are due to your camps! Please get them to your camp secretary ASAP!
3. The *Unionist* comes out quarterly at the end of March, June, September and December. Please get your proposed articles and pictures in by the 25th of the deadline month.



ROTC Awards Program

The Department has an active ROTC awards program, presenting awards at 13 college ROTC and 28 high school JROTC programs. If your camp is continuing and looking to expand its participation level 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 (dcrandell@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 (dcrandell@suvchwmo.org).

Camps may order ROTC medals at no cost from the National SUVCW using the Form 7 ROTC Award Application which is available at: <http://www.suvchw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Form-7-ROTC-Award-FI-JAN17-1.pdf>. When completing the Form 7, the Assistant National Quartermaster 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 Dale Crandell at dcrandell@suvchwmo.org.

JROTC Outstanding Cadet Competition

The Department of Missouri authorized the Outstanding JROTC Cadet program for a third year and extended the submission deadline to July 1st. This competition is open to high school JROTC cadets in Missouri and Arkansas. Under the program, the Outstanding Cadet is selected by a committee appointed by the Department Commander and receives a \$200 prize.

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

1. The JROTC cadet must be a 2018 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 write-up or email.
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 the Department's ROTC coordinator dcrandell@suvchwmo.org. Deadline to receive Camp nominations: July 1, 2018.

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@suvchwmo.org.



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**Department Order No. 7,
Series 2017-2018**

5 Oct 2017

Inventory of Department Property

Chapter II, Article VII, Section 1a of the National Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War charges the Department Commander with the duty of administering the affairs of the Department. Article III, Section 5 of the Department of Missouri Bylaws dictates that “all officers (elected and appointed) shall upon their retirement from office, turn over to their successor all property of the Department within ten (10) days after leaving office. All property shall be confirmed with a written inventory list.”

So, it stands to reason that the Department should maintain a master list of Department of Missouri property to check against these lists and track items as they get passed from one officer or camp to another. It is my observation and understanding that the Department of Missouri does not currently maintain a complete master list of owned property.

Therefore, I am ordering a full and complete accounting of the property of the Department of Missouri.

- 1.) All Department officers and camps will submit to commander@suvchwmo.org a complete list of items in their possession which are owned by the Department of Missouri. These lists should be submitted by March 3, 2018, in time for review at the March 10, 2018, Department Business Meeting.
- 2.) All Department officers and camps need to submit either the aforementioned list or a written affirmation that there is no Department of Missouri property in their possession. Camps should inquire among their members (especially past department officers) if they currently possess any Department of Missouri property and include these items in their list.
- 3.) A master list will be compiled from these lists, which will be maintained by the Department Quartermaster and a copy kept on file with the Department Secretary.

Ordered this 5th Day of October, 2017

Attest:

Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC
Commander
Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Edward Krieser, PCinC
Secretary
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**Department Order No. 8,
Series 2017-2018**

16 Nov 2017

Passing of Brother John M. Tillotson, PCC

The Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has been informed today of the 11 Aug 2017 passing of Brother John M. Tillotson, Past Camp Commander of John H. McNeil Camp #62 in Unionville, Missouri.

John was born on February 9, 1944, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Martin Luther and Ruth (McRae) Tillotson. He graduated from Ritenour High School in Overland, Missouri. He also graduated from Northeast Missouri State University with a bachelor of science in mathematics and physics and the University of Missouri-Rolla with a bachelor of science in electrical engineering. On August 15, 1965, John married Linda Morelock in Kirksville, Missouri. They lived in Iowa and New York before moving to Rochester in 1975. John worked for IBM for over 30 years before his retirement. His biggest passion was music. John sang in the Rochester Male Chorus, the Summer Music Project, and Rochester Civic Music. He also sang in church choirs since he was 11 years old. John enjoyed model railroading and was a member of the Rochester and La Plata, Missouri, Model Railroad clubs, and was a lifetime member of the IEEE Profession Engineering Association. He was also an active member of First Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder and served on many committees over the years. John was very proud of his heritage and his Mayflower descendants.

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In observance of the passing of Past Camp Commander John M. Tillotson:

- 1.) The Department of Missouri Charter, all Camp Charters, Department and Camp Flags, Department and Camp Websites, and all membership badges will be draped in black from 16 Nov 2017 – 29 Nov 2017 in memory of Brother John M. Tillotson, PCC.
- 2.) The Department and National Chaplain have been notified of the passing of Brother John M. Tillotson, PCC.

Ordered this 16th day of November, 2017

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Commander
Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

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Secretary
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**Department Order No. 9,
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29 Dec 2017

Appropriate Display of SUVCW Insignia, Etc.

The Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has been informed of an impending ethics committee hearing involving a state representative who is also a member of this organization. The hearing is on January 4, 2018, and will include no public testimony.

The issue involves comments made by the representative after vandalism of a Civil War monument in Springfield National Cemetery. As citizens of the state of Missouri, you are free and encouraged to submit letters to the members of this committee stating your personal position as well as to attend the hearing if you so desire.

Article IV of our Order's Constitution states "The Order being strictly non-sectarian and non-partisan, the introduction or discussion of sectarian or partisan topics is strictly prohibited."

Commander-in-Chief Mark Day's General Order #2 forbids members from "making statements written or oral using the organizations name, symbols, letterhead, or while in the branded attire of the organization to include SVR uniforms and symbols," in regards to the veterans' monument issue.

It is very easy to get "tricked" by the media into making statements for our organization on the monuments issue, and it is not hard to imagine how these statements can be twisted in the most negative manner possible to suit the political ends of others.

In regards to the House Ethics Committee Meeting of January 4, 2018, and any similar future event, it is imperative that brothers of this department refrain from indicating in any manner that their personal positions on the issue are those of the Department of Missouri or the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Specifically, members will not mention membership in this organization in letters of support or wear the SUVCW insignia should one decide to attend the hearing.

Ordered this 29th day of December, 2017

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Commander
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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

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Department Communiqué No.2,
Series 2017-2018
4 Oct 2017

Brothers of the Department of Missouri,

I have a couple odds and ends to share with you before the next business meeting on Saturday, October 14, 2017.

1.) The Department of Illinois is building a Memorial Plaza in Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, Illinois, around the grave of Dr. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson, creator of the Grand Army of the Republic. Donations are still needed for the completion of this project, and the Commander-in-Chief has encouraged all camps to contribute at least \$100.00 to the project. CinC Day has further incentivized the project by providing certificates to camps who contribute at least \$100.00 and a streamer to departments who have at least 75% of its camps participate. This would be a great opportunity to further the mission of the Order. I urge each camp to pledge and raise at least \$100.00 for this endeavor. For \$150.00, you can have a 4 x 8 brick engraved with four lines of text. I believe we can meet the proposed goal of 75% participation of camps in the Department. More information can be found at <http://www.suvcwil.com>.

2.) When I was installing officers this past holiday season, I noticed the brothers in St. James Camp #326 all had professional looking nametags with the SUVCW logo and their camp name. It occurred to me that these nametags are not only sharp-looking, but must be handy when attending events of the Order and interacting with the community. You can find these nametags in the Ads / Swap section of the Missouri Unionist. They are \$10 each, and orders of up to 3 can be combined for a shipping price of \$2.50. I have purchased and received mine and encourage you to do the same.

3.) Finally, this is a good opportunity to remind you that Department Officer and Committee Chair reports for the Fall Business Meeting are due October 7, 2017 (3 days from now!). We will be holding our Fall Business Meeting on Saturday, October 14, 2017, at 10am in House Hearing Room #7 of the State Capitol Building.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
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Department Communiqué No.3, Series 2017-2018 28 Oct 2017

Brothers of the Department of Missouri,

Here are a few updates which may be of interest to you.

- 1.) On Sunday, November 5, 2017, at 1:30pm, I will be swearing in the new members of Camp Lilly #6 at the National Cemetery (2024 East McCarty St.) in Jefferson City, Missouri. The new camp has requested those who own uniforms wear them to the ceremony. There will be a toast and short business meeting following the swearing in at Prison Brews Restaurant Sidebar Lounge (303 Ash St.).
- 2.) The Department of Missouri was informed on October 20, 2017, of the passing of Junior Vice Commander Sumner Hunnewell's mother-in-law, Ingeborg Richardson. Condolences to Sumner & Silvia Hunnewell can be sent to 2030 San Pedro Dr., Arnold, Missouri 63010.



- 3.) Three camps have pledged at least \$100 to the Memorial Plaza in Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, Illinois, around the grave of Dr. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson, creator of the Grand Army of the Republic. Donations of \$150 receive an engraved paving stone, and this can be ordered directly using the form on the Department of Illinois website. Please make a copy of the filled out form for Department records. If a camp does not have the money, it could be raised through a local fundraising event. If two camps want to donate \$100 each and have a stone engraved with the names of both camps, we can also arrange this. I have included a picture of the stones already placed which was taken by the CinC. More information can be found at <http://www.suvcwil.com>.

- 4.) It appears that 2020 is off the table as a possible year for hosting the National Encampment, so sights are set on 2021. If you are interested in assisting with this effort, contact Bob Petrovic.

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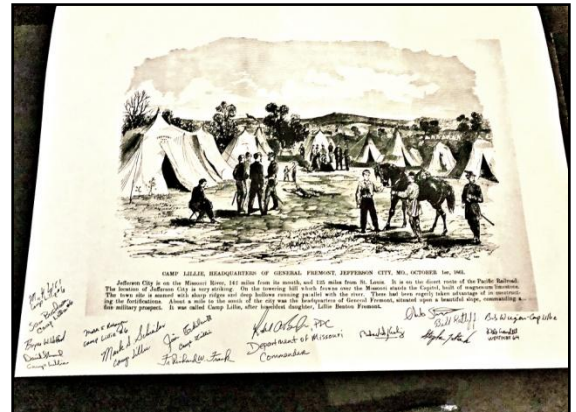
1.) Today is Veterans Day, and as we take this opportunity to honor and celebrate the service of all veterans, it would be fitting to remember those World War I veterans for whom Armistice Day 99 years ago marked the end of their battle for freedom's cause. Thank you also for the work being done to honor those brothers in our Order who have fought and served to preserve the Union for which our ancestors in blue sacrificed so much. To our brothers who have served, we sincerely thank you for your service and your sacrifices.

2.) The spelling of our newest camp is "Lillie." While multiple spelling variations can be found of the camp named after the daughter of General John C. Fremont, "Lillie" is the spelling typed on the lithograph depiction obtained by the organizer. This is also the spelling used on the proclamation received by the mayor and the spelling being used by the press. This will be the spelling on the charter.

3.) Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day has accepted my invitation to our 23rd Department Encampment, being held at Bennett Springs State Park in Lebanon, Missouri, on June 2, 2018.

4.) At the request of Westport Camp, PDC Brian Smarker and PDC John Martin have been appointed as installing officers for Westport Camp. Pursuant to Chapter I, Article V, Section 3 of the National Regulations of this Order, any PDC or currently serving elected Department officer is authorized to install camp officers in my absence for the 2017-2018 year. Here is a link to the required [Form 22](#).

5.) I have set up a Google Calendar for Department of Missouri events. I would ask that camps post their meetings and events on this calendar, so others in this Order may attend when desired. The link for this calendar is [here](#). If your camp does not have access to post events to this calendar, email me at commander@suvcwmo.org and I will ensure the email address of your Camp Secretary/Commander is added.



In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC
Commander

Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Commander's Letter

19 Dec 2017

Brothers of the Department of Missouri,

It is nearing time to close out another calendar year, and as we reflect on the activities of this department since our June encampment in Branson, I hope each camp finds itself proud of its accomplishments and determined to continue the mission of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War into the New Year. It is the time of year for officer installations among other things, and I have kept myself busy installing the officers of Fletcher, St. James, Tiger, and Wilhemi camps, along with the ladies of the Volker auxiliary. As before, I appreciate the invitations and have enjoyed the opportunity to visit with brothers across the Department of Missouri in their home camps. I trust the other camps will have officer installations completed in January as required by the C&R.

In addition to the routine of annual officer installations, we are experiencing transformational changes as well. Our own William Tecumseh Sherman / Billy Yank Camp #65 is folding after an impressive tenure of service in the Order. I should remind you that its longest serving member, Col. Jack Grothe, was presented with his 50-year membership insignia at our most recent encampment. I would hope that while this camp as a whole has decided to end its existence, the individual members of Sherman Camp #65 will find new home camps in the Order to continue sharing in the Fraternity of our organization. Along with this ending comes a new beginning. I installed the new members of Lillie Camp #6 in Jefferson City, Missouri, in November. At my last count, there were over 15 new members to be welcomed into our department with this new camp. And thus, as time marches on, our commitment to our purposes is renewed.



Finally, this is the season to remember the importance with which Charity is regarded in our Order. I speak of the Charity which has manifested from those Spring days in 1865 when General Grant offered Robert E. Lee genuine respect along with his generous terms of surrender. There are many examples of individuals of a victorious Union Army exhibiting charity and respect towards its vanquished foe (Chamberlain among others), but Grant's leadership in regards to his portrayal of his enemies offers an example sorely needed in these revisionist times. Those with certain agendas have often attributed recognition of the bravery and personal valor of Confederate soldiers as mechanisms of Lost Cause ideology, but these recognitions have been compatible from the beginning with abhorrence for the Southern cause. Grant in his memoirs offers a perfect example of such contemporary thought:

"I felt like anything rather than rejoicing at the downfall of a foe who had fought so long and valiantly, and had suffered so much for a cause, though that cause was, I believe, one of the worst for which a people ever fought, and one for which there was the least excuse. I do not question, however, the sincerity of the great mass of those who were opposed to us."

It is in the adoption of comprehensive understandings over politically expedient ones, and in an honest embrace of the unique complexity of individual human character where we can serve our lately embattled Confederate cousins and our devotion to unfettered truth the best.

May this letter find you safe and warm and having shared a joyous holiday season in the presence of those you love.

God bless this Union, our ancestors who fought for it, and those with whom reconciliation made it whole again.

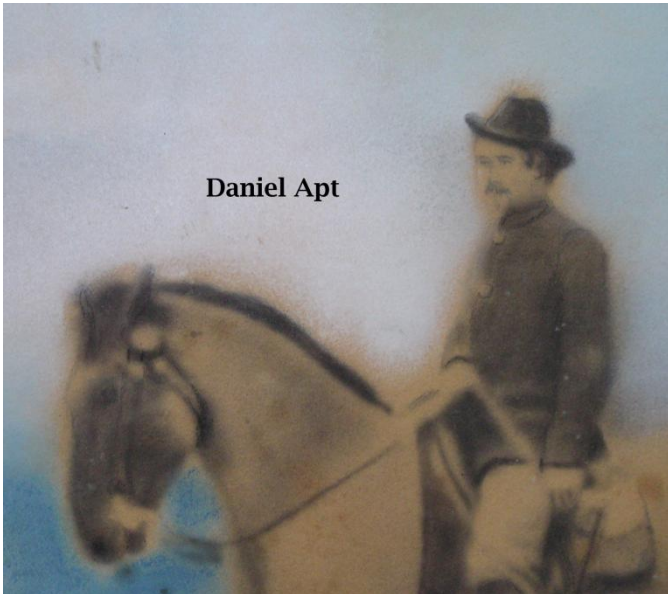
In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,
Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC
Commander, Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ANCESTORS OF SUVCW MEMBERS

Missouri JVC Sumner Hunnewell's Ancestor

Daniel Apt, Jr., 6th Maine Volunteer Infantry

Read before the Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47, SUVCW, February 16, 2017



Daniel Apt

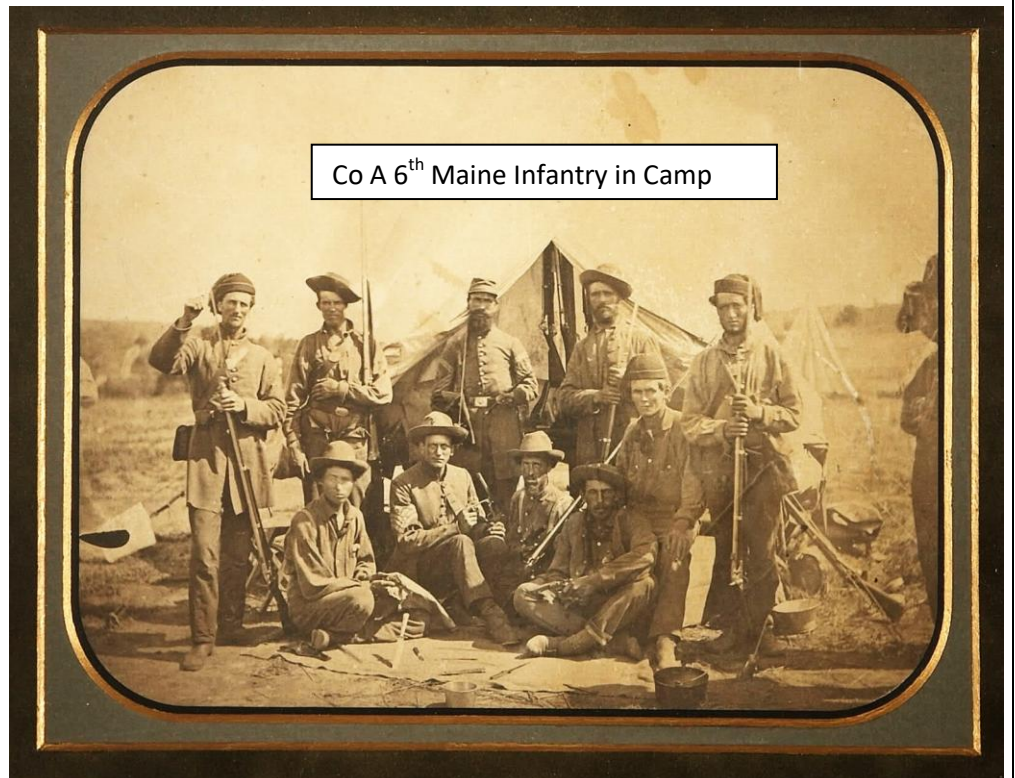
Daniel (Daniel³, Johann George², Johann George¹) was born in Eastport, Maine, in 1842 (more on this later). If I can trust what some people have posted, the patriarch of the family was Johann George **Abt**, a Hessian soldier, who came over to put down the Rebellion of the American Colonies. After the war, he moved to Nova Scotia, and married the daughter of a United Empire Loyalist (what we could call a Tory). Johann George begat Johann George, Jr., who begat Daniel, Sr. Daniel Sr., emigrated from New Brunswick in 1832 to Eastport, Maine. Daniel Sr. was a farmer and his son followed suit.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, volunteers were requested and Maine's men jumped. On May 1st, 1861, Daniel Jr., age 18, joined Company K, 6th Maine Volunteer Infantry, made up of mostly farmers, lumbermen and seamen from the coastal town of Eastport. Amid great hoopla, the men were transported to Portland, then to Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D. C.

They arrived there on the 19th of July and took up a position at the Chain Bridge.

A comrade wrote, "At Chain Bridge, on Sunday, July 21st, we listened to the thunder of cannon at Bull Run [Virginia], and at the first rumors of success we assembled for religious exercises. Devout thanks were returned by the chaplain in his prayer, and a large amount of ecstatic information was volunteered to [the] Deity as to how the cause of truth and right had on that day triumphed over the wrong, as it always had done in the past, and always would do in the future. That night and the next morning quite a different state of affairs had become [sic] painfully evident."

I assume that my ancestor was there as his service record shows him on active duty and (off and on) extra duty with the Quartermaster with the 6th Maine for as long as it existed. Two interesting facts that I find are that first, he served through the entire war as a private. The casualty rate of the 6th Maine yet to be covered makes this surprising. The second is that the only wounds he had received or were bad enough to request a pension later in life were grapeshot in the knees at Rappahannock Station, Virginia. But I am getting ahead of myself.



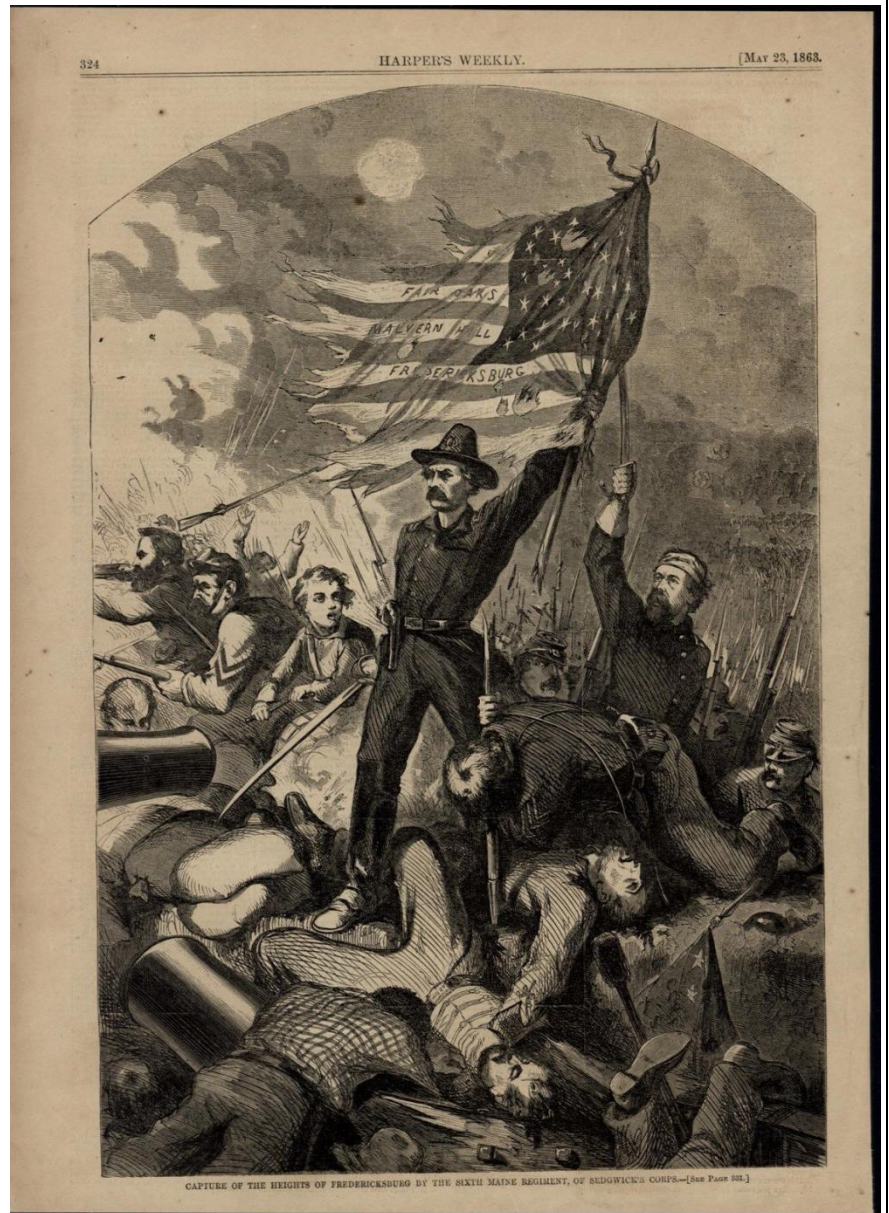
Co A 6th Maine Infantry in Camp

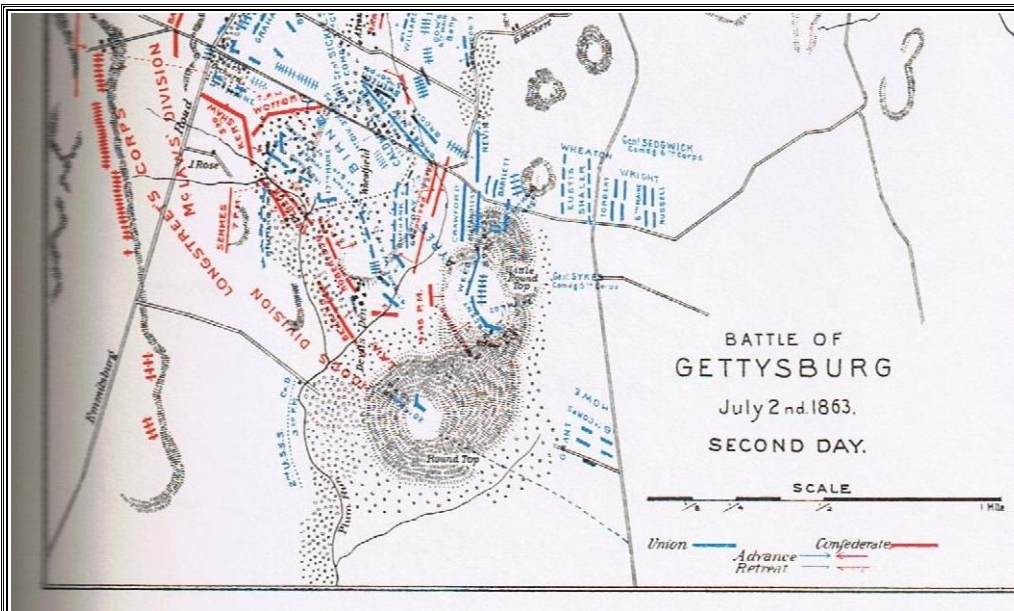
Between the time of Bull Run and Rappahannock, the 6th Maine had the moniker of “The Fighting Sixth” and they paid dearly for it. They are in Fox’s *300 Regiments*. They also had a reputation early on of being scavengers. General Baldy Smith was asked how far his troops had advanced into Virginia, he said, “That’s uncertain; but if you want to know, go out and pass the picket line and go as much farther to front as you think it safe to do; then climb the tallest tree you can find, and off in the distance you will see men from the Sixth Maine in the corn fields stealing corn.”

During the Peninsular Campaign, the Regiment fought in the Battle of Williamsburg, Virginia, in April of 1862. They participated in the Seven Days before Richmond. During this, on the 27th of June at the battle of Gold-Inn’s (Goldings) Farm, the 6th Maine was on the skirmish line as the Confederates made an assault. One man of Company I ran for it. “A lieutenant who was exceedingly diminutive of stature, attempted to stop this giant lumberman, but was knocked over a log and had his ribs broken. As some of the men drew up their rifles and were about to shoot at the fleeing coward, General Hancock rode up and taking in the situation at a glance, he shouted, ‘Shoot the other way! Shoot the other way! that coward is running so fast no bullet will ever catch *him!*’ It was here along the Chickahominy River that my ancestor, Daniel, later said he developed rheumatism.

The 6th Maine arrived to cover the retreat of forces at the Second Battle of Bull Run and in September was active at Antietam, Maryland. From a diary of one of the officers, “The carnage yesterday was awful on both sides, but the advantage was with us. I slept last night beside a pile of forty-six dead Confederates, who lay just as they fell. All around the ground was black with the dead and dying.”

In May of 1863, the regiment of the 6th Maine found themselves facing Fredericksburg and Marye’s Heights, Virginia. The December before the Union had over 14,000 casualties trying to take the heights and was unsuccessful. The 6th Maine, now a part of the Light Division, along with the 5th Wisconsin, 23rd Pennsylvania, and 31st New York, had orders to fix bayonets and take the hill without firing a shot. They uncapped their Springfields. As a colonel of the 5th Wisconsin told his men, “...you will not fire a gun; you will not stop until you get the order to halt! *You will never get that order!*” Before the action, six men in Daniel’s company, “...shook hands and vowed to reach the top or die trying...Then one of their tent mates, Madison B. Hayman, a farmer from Robbinston, kissed each of them on their cheek for their mothers.” Only one of the six would make the heights held by the 18th and 21st Mississippi. You can imagine the carnage. The Federal forces carried the day but at a tremendous price. They had a prize of half of the 18th Mississippi killed or captured and six guns of the Washington Artillery of New Orleans but of the 400 men of the 6th Maine 169 were casualties. The scene was immortalized in *Harper’s Weekly*. A day later, with no support from Union forces, they drew off and the Confederates held the Heights once more.





In June while they were resting and along the turnpike, two 9-month regiments the 25th and 27th Maine came along. They were on their way home, having lost 20 men during their service time - but to disease only. Of the men walking by was Sumner Freeland Hunnewell, whose son would marry Daniel Apt's daughter, Laura Mary Cornelia Apt, 40-plus years after. Sumner Freeland Hunnewell, Jr., and Laura Mary Cornelia Apt were my great-grandparents.

On the evening of the 1st of July, orders came that the 6th Maine along with the rest of the Sedgwick's VI Corps to march some 30 miles from Manchester, Maryland, to Gettysburg. Sedgwick promised to be there by four in the afternoon the day following. Quickly gathered, 15000 troops made their way to Gettysburg, where they arrived with little rest, beating the promise by two hours. Daniel Apt was assigned to the regimental quartermaster and although the 6th Maine did not participate in battle they were positioned to the northeast of and on Little Round Top that day and the next. After the battle, on the 4th, they spent the day burying the dead.

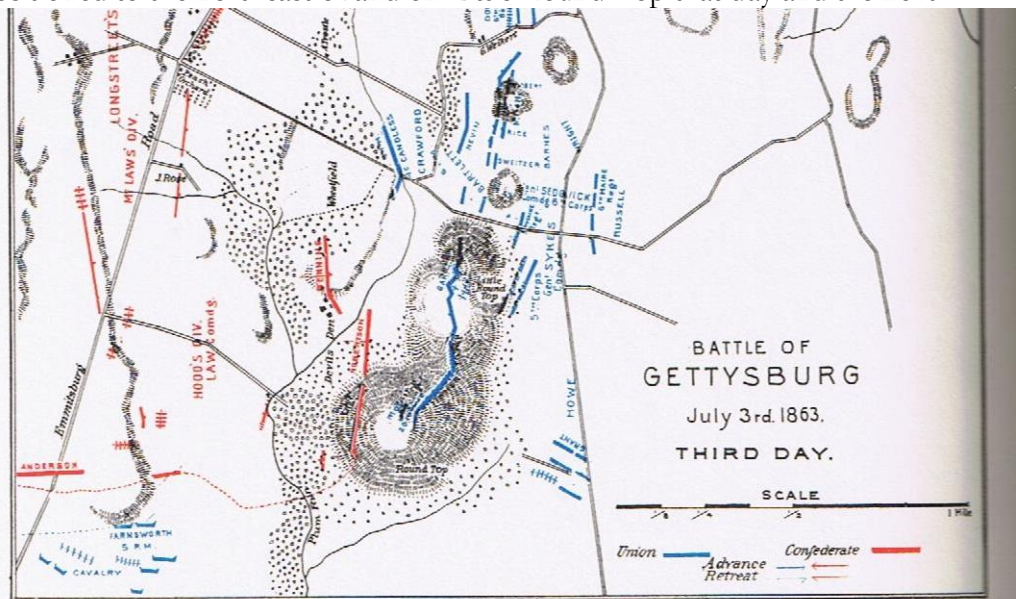
The event of which I am assured of that Daniel Apt took part was the November 1863 attack at Rappahannock Station, Virginia. This was the description given:

The affair commenced at forty-five minutes past two o'clock yesterday afternoon, when the skirmishers of the Second and Third brigades of the First division forced the rebel pickets back to their defences (sic). From that time till nearly dark our troops were getting in position as near to the enemy's works as they could approach and be

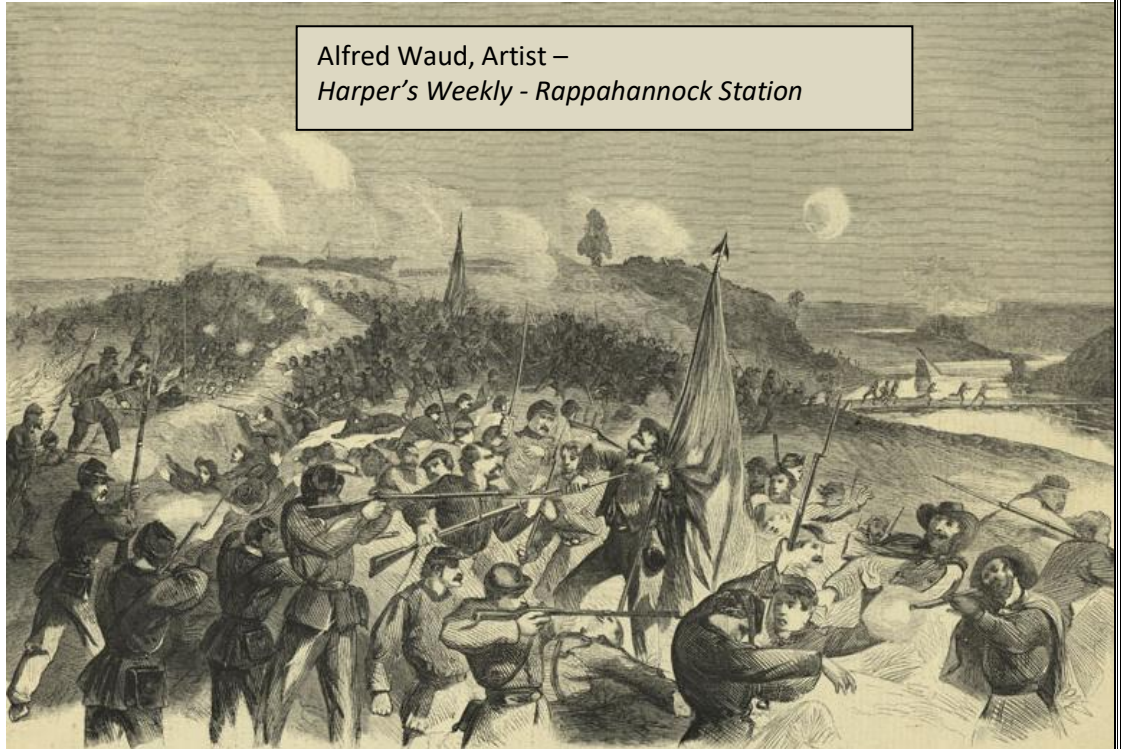
sheltered by the crest of the hill which intervened. At dusk the sixth Maine was deployed as a double skirmish line the fifth Wisconsin being drawn up in line of battle on their left. Perhaps for the first time during the war the skirmishers charged upon the enemy's works, and the two regiments mentioned both belonging to the Third brigade, carried the left of the fortifications by storm, dashing forward gallantly and impetuously in the face of a murderous fire, and capturing seven pieces of artillery.

'The right of the line of fortifications was still held by the enemy, and the glorious duty of assailing that point was assigned to the 121st New York and 5th Maine, of the 2d brigade, and faithfully did they perform that duty. The 49th and 119th Pennsylvania came up in the meantime, and supported the already victorious boys of the 3d brigade, while the 2d brigade was burbling the enemy from what he deemed his impregnable position.

The enemy made several unsuccessful attempts to retake the works, during which the right of the 6th Maine lost heavily. There was no chance for the rebels to escape by crossing the river, as we held the range of their single bridge, though a few mounted men managed to dash over through a galling fire, among them Gen. Early it is said.



No one knows why the men of the 6th Maine charged the fortification on their own, but it was clear that ever since the 5th Wisconsin had been made a member of the Light Division, there was a tremendous comradery between the two regiments. Seeing the men on the 6th Maine in dire straits, they jumped after them. “For God’s sake boys, don’t let the 6th Maine get whipped.” An officer in the 6th Maine described the scene. “The entrenchments in front of us contained more than two thousand infantry, and four field pieces, under the command of our old adversary, General Jubal A. Early. The fire which was open up on us as we swept forward was simply terrific. It is impossible to describe it. The sensation with me was, that the air was so filled with bullets that it was heated to a high degree of temperature, and scalded my throat and lungs when inhaled. Men were seized with the wildest transports of rage and frenzy. We seemed to me to be marching against a force, which defied all of our efforts to reach it or grapple with it. The only relief seemed our continuous yell, which every man kept up until the fortifications in front of us were reached. As at Marye’s Heights, the guns were uncapped, and not a shot was fired while the men were rushing to the assault.”



Alfred Waud, Artist –
Harper’s Weekly - Rappahannock Station

Three battle flags were captured in hand to hand fighting.

In William F. Fox’s “300,” he wrote “There was no more brilliant action in the war than the affair at Rappahannock Station, Virginia, November 7, 1863. The 6th Maine was the most prominent in that successful fight, although gallantly assisted by other regiments of the brigade.” The casualty rate of the 6th Maine in this action was 43% for all ranks and 76% for officers.

Companies E, H, and K took 70 casualties between them. Here Daniel Apt received buckshot at his knees. Otherwise, he seems to have come out of the war physically unscathed.

Little else is known of Daniel’s career. He took advantage of General Order 191 (1863), which allowed him additional money for re-enlisting, which he did on January 1st, 1864, near Brandy Station, Virginia. He was transferred to the 7th Maine on July 14th, 1864, while the rest of the 6th Maine was mustered out in Portland, Maine, the following month. Eventually what remained of the 5th, 6th, and 7th Maine regiments were folded into the 1st Maine Veteran Volunteers that August. Among other engagements, the 1st Maine Veteran Vols were at the siege and assault of Petersburg and Appomattox Court House. He was honorably discharged on July 5th, 1865, in Portland, Maine.

Daniel moved back to Eastport after his discharge. In 1869 married Sarah Elizabeth Beatty, a native of Canada, and together they had 12 children. In 1888, he moved with some of his family to Portland, Maine. There he became a first mate on a steamer.

Now there was an ongoing battle with the government and Daniel over his age. The Government said that he was born in 1843. He said he was born in 1840. In 1910, if he was 70, he was due a pension increase. The Government had, well, the Government on their side and they could do math. Daniel had his word. Although his friends and acquaintances would submit affidavits attesting to know him as a child in support of his being over 70, no government documentation *signed by his own hand* or in census records ever gave his date of birth as 1840. Even

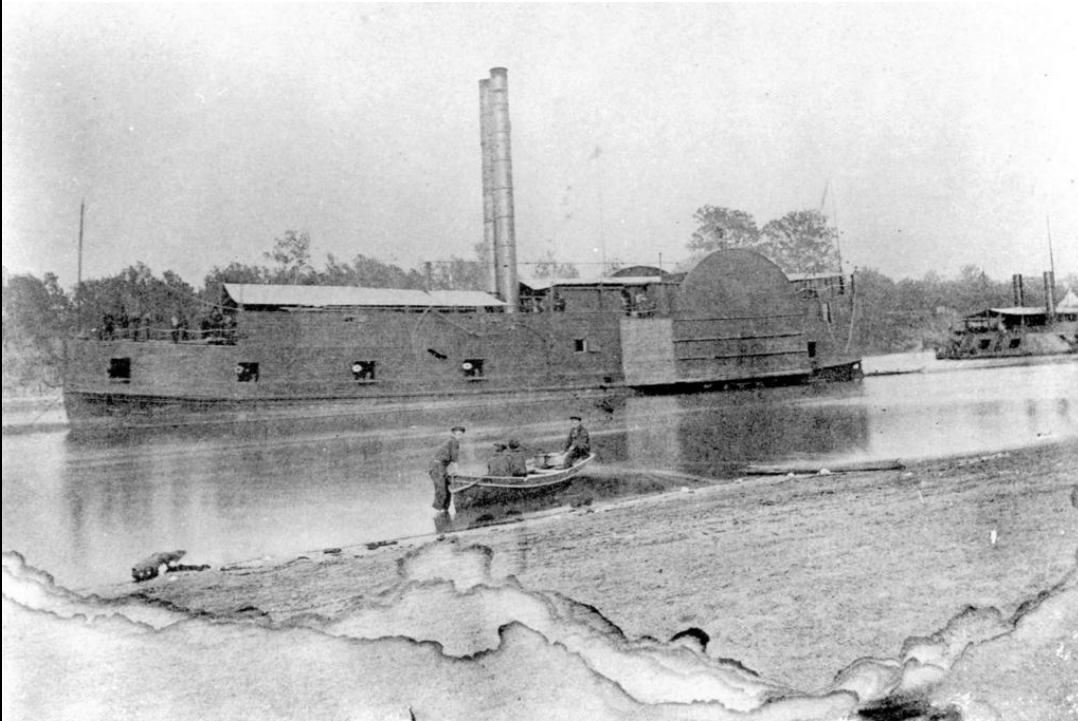
his own pension applications varied ... sometimes his stated or calculated age put his birth year at 1841, or 1842, or 1843 (never 1840). He stated that he had never been baptized, so there was no church record. He said there was a fire in Eastport where the records were destroyed. By the time the wrangling was over, it was 1916 with the Government stating essentially, *If you look back to 1913, you'll see that you have been getting the increased pension from then on.* Case closed.

One strange fact about all of this is that the 1840 census does show one boy under five living with his father. Whether that was a brother or actually Daniel has to be determined.

Daniel passed away on 20 Dec 1917 and is buried in Forest City Cemetery, South Portland, Maine.

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USS Tyler: Ironclad Service in Arkansas

A commercial, twin stack, packet ship with covered paddle wheel was named after a merchant, A.O. Tyler, and built in 1857 at Cincinnati, OH.

Purchased by the US government early in the war it was refitted in the style of a James Eads gunboat. The vessel was in actions at Belmont, MO; Columbus, KY; Pittsburg Landing, and battling against the CSS Arkansas.

In January 1863, Union forces attacked and captured Fort

Hindman at Arkansas Post, and the USS Tyler participated in that success as an escort vessel for the troop transports. During the Battle of Helena in July, the USS Tyler was a deciding factor in the Union victory, enfilading the attacking Confederates with 413 explosive shells. Later in the war, at Clarendon (Monroe County) on the White River, the USS Tyler assisted in the repulse of General Joseph Shelby's cavalry brigade. On 27 April, 1865, she served in the rescue operations involved in the Sultana disaster.

In June, Tyler moved to Mound City, Illinois where she remained until sold at auction there on 17 August 1865.

General characteristics

Type: Sidewheel gunboat
Tonnage: 575
Length: 180 ft (55 m)
Beam: 45 ft 4 in (13.82 m)
Draft: 6 ft (1.8 m)
Depth of hold: 7 ft 8 in (2.34 m)
Propulsion: Steam engine
Speed: 8 knots (15 km/h; 9.2 mph)
Complement: 61 officers and men
Armament:
1 × 32-pounder gun
6 × 8 in (200 mm) guns

CAMP DISPATCHES

McPherson Camp

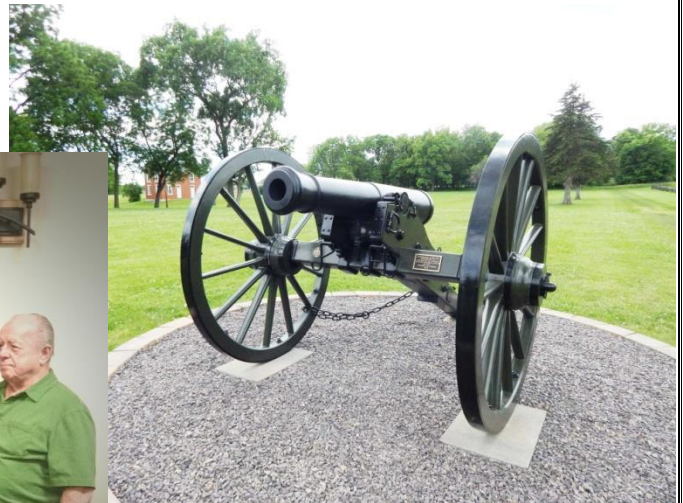


In October, the McPherson Camp #1 presented a 34 Star Flag that flew over Prairie Grove Battlefield Park to the Elm Springs Historical Association. (Joe Rainey left Anita Burney right) Our camp replaces the US Flag out at the Park every Labor Day weekend.

McNeil Camp

The camp, back on August 4th, participated in ceremonies surrounding a replica cannon becoming an exhibit at Battle of Athens State Historic Site, Revere, MO, site of the northern most battle fought in Missouri. The cannon was produced by Steen Cannon & Ordnance Works of Ashland, KY, and replicates a Napoleon M-1841 six

pounder, but is made of cast aluminum and is non-firing. Several camp members attended the ceremonies and McNeil Camp participated by manning the gun crew and shooting a camp member's mountain howitzer several times.



Tiger Camp



Commander Randal Burd, Jr, installed the officers of the Tiger Camp this month.. The people in the picture are from left: Randal Burd, DC; Mark Ballard, CC; Debra Hensley Fain, President of Ann Hawkins Gentry Tent #21 DUVCW; Paul Hobbs, Sec-Treas; Alan Heidbreder, PCC; Dick Coder, member.

Why are the University of Missouri's sports teams named the Tigers?

During the Civil War, residents of some Missouri towns worried that pro-Confederate guerrillas planned to attack local Union forces. As a result, a few towns formed "home guards" to repel Confederates. Among the towns was Columbia, where on Aug. 1, 1864, residents formed a militia--named the Tigers--to protect the town and the state's young university. No rebels attacked but residents built a blockhouse for defense at Broadway and Eighth Street downtown. When university officials decided to field a football team, in 1890, they named it after the town's Civil War militia. Thus, the origin of the Tiger Camp.

Phelps Camp



Members of the Phelps Camp accompanied by some Arkansas SUV members took a fall trip on 17 Sep to Pea Ridge National Battlefield. Here, they are on the site of Little Sugar Creek fortifications built by the army of General Samuel Curtis before the Battle of Pea Ridge.

Mary Whitney Phelps – Claimed the body of Union General Nathaniel Lyon after the battle at Wilson’s Creek, protecting it until it could be properly cared for. She was the wife of Brig.-Gen. John S. Phelps & mother of Colonel John Elisha Phelps.



Lillie Camp

Lillie Camp is sworn in (below left). Below right is Dept Commander Burd speaking to Fr. Richard Frank, former Camp Commander of the defunct Col. David Moore Camp of Canton, MO and new member of Lillie Camp. Camp Lily (or Lilly or Lillie) was the 1861 HQ of General John Frémont in Jefferson City. His camp was named after his daughter, Elizabeth Benton ‘Lily’ Frémont. The artist’s rendition below is Frémont’s “Camp Lily”.



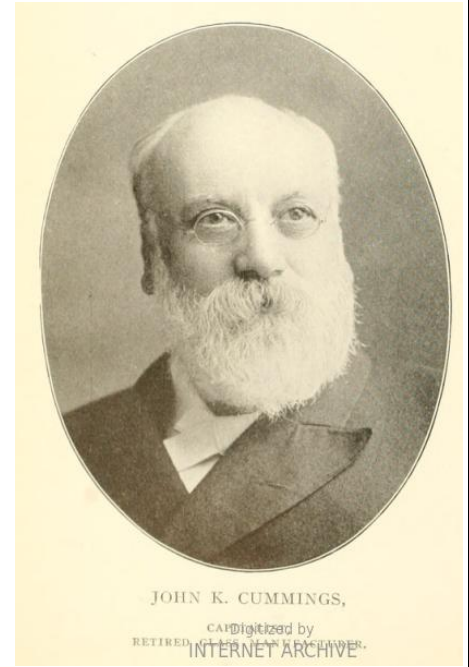


Grant Camp

Past Dept Commander Walt Busch pictured with Krista Kennon, the new administrator of Battle of Pilot Knob State Historic Site as Walt presents about 200 documents from the Col Frederick Hecker Post Post 290 of Pacific, Mo. He was told about these being on E-Bay and purchased them to donate to a museum. One document from the Col. Hassenduebbel Post 13, the Turnerverein Post, was also presented. Keeping such documents in the public domain is a responsibility of all Sons. Prior to donating them to the site, Walt made digital copies of all the documents, which include a lot of Missouri G.A.R. Department Orders. After sorting them, they will be available on line as well.

Cummings “Neil” Cantwell of Sherman/Billy Yank Camp Transfers into Grant

At the November meeting of the Grant Camp we welcomed into our membership Cummings “Neil” Cantwell, who works for the city of Town & Country. Neil joined the organization based on his ancestor, John Kilby Cummings (1832-1908). Cummings was an Irishman who joined a basically German regiment in 1861. He enlisted in March 1861 and was elected 3rd Sergeant of the 5th Missouri Volunteer Infantry. That unit was a 3 month unit formed by Senator Blair and General Lyon early in the war and whose Colonel was C.E. Solomon. Cummings was apparently at Camp Jackson and was appointed 2nd Lieutenant and Regimental Adjutant on May 11, 1861, the day after that famous skirmish. He was mustered out on 3 Sep 1861. There is a J.K. Cummings listed as the Lieutenant Colonel of the 20th Enrolled Missouri Militia out of St. Louis. This is probably Neil’s ancestor also, but since the unit had no action, no real records exist to confirm this. Cummings is recorded in 1895 as being a member of Frank Blair Post No. 1, G.A.R., St. Louis, MO. After the war, Cummings owned the The St. Louis Glass Works and is pictured to the left.



Installation of Officers

On 6 Dec, at Trattoria Toscana in Sappington, about 20 members and guests dined and met to swear in the Grant Camp officers for 2018. PCinC Donald Palmer, Jr., swore in the officers and then charged PCC Bob Amsler, Jr, (both pictured) with command of the camp. The rest of the main officers are:
 SVC – Sumner Hunnewell
 JVC – Bob Aubuchon
 Sec/Treas – Walt Busch
 Council – Mike Hudson and Jim Stebbings, and John Palmer

James Gallen of Kirkwood and member of Sherman Camp transferred in December into Grant Camp. Perhaps he may also have an ancestor article appearing in the future?

James Camp

Installation of officers took place on 12/12/2017. The camp officers were sworn in by Department Commander R. Burd, Jr.

Left to right- D.C. Burd, Camp Commander Tom Farlow, Sr. Vice Commander Micheal Polete, Council Jerry Kasten, Council Tom Greminger, Treasurer Gary Scheel, Jr. Vice Commander Clarence Warfield and Secretary Bob Mueller.

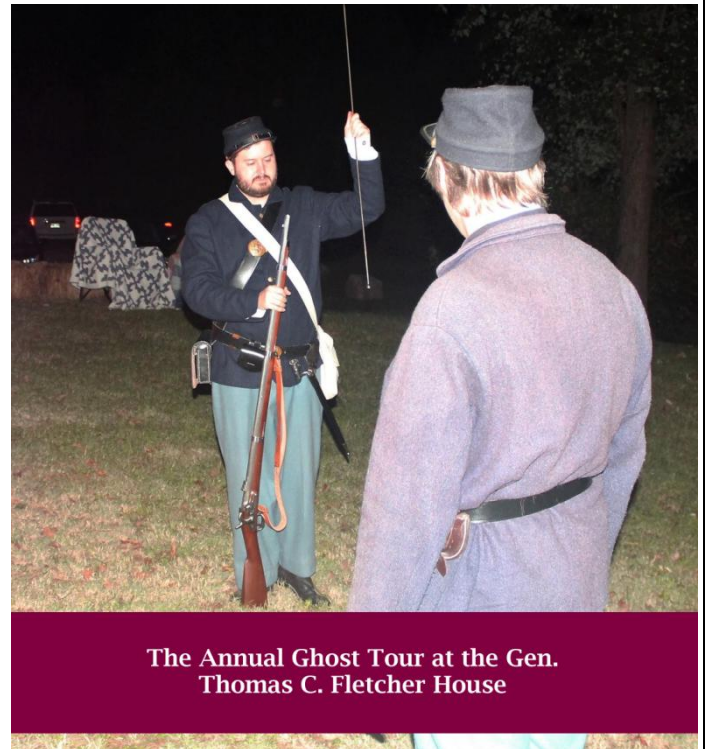


Fletcher Camp

The Fletcher Camp and Volker Auxiliary continue to be involved in De Soto and surrounding communities through the fall and winter months.

The annual Ghost Tour at the Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher house in Hillsboro was the site of a campfire encampment on October 13th. John Griffith, Sumner Hunnewell, Don Lillicrap, and Kathie and Doug Roussin attended. Brother Lillicrap gave a demonstration of rifle fire to some of the public going through the tour. No one was pulled out of the crowd and shot as a spy as in earlier years.

Brothers Mark Arbuthnot, Colton and Duncan Noack, Doug Roussin, Alan Trodus, and Chris Warren as well as Sisters Susan Breland, Kelly Noack, and Twyla Warren participated in the encampment and living history exhibit during Caledonia's



The Annual Ghost Tour at the Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher House

Pumpkin Festival during the second weekend in October.

Later that month, Richard "Dick" Dunham became a member of the Fletcher Camp. He is one of our two "long distance" brothers (Don Roussin being the other) as he hails from Greensboro, Georgia, but was a long time resident of St. Louis.

On the 27th of October, the Griffiths opened up their workshop for a potluck dinner and hayride. The Alexanders, Burds, Hunnewells, Roussins, and Warrens shared a meal and the cold starlight as John Griffith gave us a turn or two, pulling us by his vintage tractor and trailer.



PCC Doug Roussin

The next month, the camp and auxiliary participated in two Veterans Day parades. On the 4th, Sisters Susan Breland, Kelly Noack, and Twyla Warren, and Brothers Steve Alexander, Randal Burd, John Griffith, Sumner Hunnewell, Don Lillicrap, Ollie Pechmann, Doug Roussin, Alan Trodus, and Chris Warren, traveled to Farmington to march. The now traditional post-pizza bacchanalia at Cici's was only marred by the screeching of a little boy, which broke three wine glasses and caused paint to peel from the walls. The next day our plans to march in the Herculaneum parade were dashed when it was called off due to possible bad weather. We marched in De Soto's Veterans Day Parade on the 11th, the Roussin cannon in tow. Brothers Ed Millinger (St. James Camp),



**4 Nov Veterans Day Parade - Farmington MO
Fletcher Camp Marches On!**

Colton Noack, Duncan Noack, Alexander, Griffith, Hunnewell, and Trodus joined as did Sisters Colissa Alexander, Breland, Noack, and Kathie Roussin. The Auxiliary tossed the candy of champions (Tootsie Rolls) to the families that lined the streets. Brother Millinger pulled the camp's winning raffle ticket for a replica CSA officer's sword – and the winner was none other than the camp secretary, Ollie Pechmann!

Starting in November, the camp presented the following members Military Service Medals: Steve Alexander, Dick Dunham, and John Griffith. Dwain Asberry's has yet to be delivered. Our camp has veterans Randal Burd, Ollie Pechmann, and Alan Trodus, who had received their medals before this time.



Fletcher Camp & Volker Aux. March

The following brothers were elected in November for the coming year: CC: Don Lillicrap; SVC: Steve Alexander; JVC/Chaplain/Eagle Scout coordinator: Chris Warren; Secretary/Historian/ROTC Officer: Ollie Pechmann; Treasurer/Quartermaster: Alan Trodus; Patriotic Instructor: Mark Arbuthnot; and Grave Registration Officer/Civil War Monuments Officer: Sumner Hunnewell. The camp council is Mark Arbuthnot, John Griffith, and Doug Roussin.

"I marched in three parades in one week and lived to tell the tale." The camp and auxiliary participated in three Christmas parades in December. During the morning of the 2nd, Sisters Noack and Breland, and Brothers C. Noack, D. Noack, Hunnewell, Lillicrap, Trodus, and Warren aided St. James Camp in their Ste. Genevieve parade. Milice de Sainte Genevieve provided a fine post-parade repast or roast pork, side dishes and desserts! That night, Brothers Alexander, Arbuthnot, Hunnewell, C. Noack, D. Noack, Trodus, and Warren, and Sisters Alexander and Noack, marched in the De Soto parade. Members of the camp carried white, wooden rifles with lanterns hanging, created by Brother Roussin. Later that week on the 7th, another night time parade in Park Hills / Leadington was much colder and more members rode the float than marched. Brothers Griffith, Hunnewell, Roussin, and Warren, and Sisters Breland, Noack, Colleen Warren, and T. Warren participated. The worst part was the float ride back to the drop-off point in sub-freezing temperatures, but there is nothing quite like the good cheer of the crowd while taking part in a home-town Christmas parade!



2018 Fletcher Camp 47 Officers not in order
- Don Lillicrap, Camp Commander — with Mark Arbuthnot, Sumner Hunnewell, Alan Trodus, Christopher Warren, Steven Alexander, Ollie Pechmann, Don Lillicrap and Randal Burd

Again this year, the camp helped with bell-ringing at the De Soto Wal-Mart for the De Soto food pantry. Sisters Alexander, Noack, and Roussin, and Brothers Hunnewell, C. Nowak, D. Nowak (with violin), Roussin, and Trodus, provided the “shoppers rushing home with their treasures” hearty Merry Christmas’s whether they donated or not. We expect that our five hour shift collected well over \$500 that afternoon.

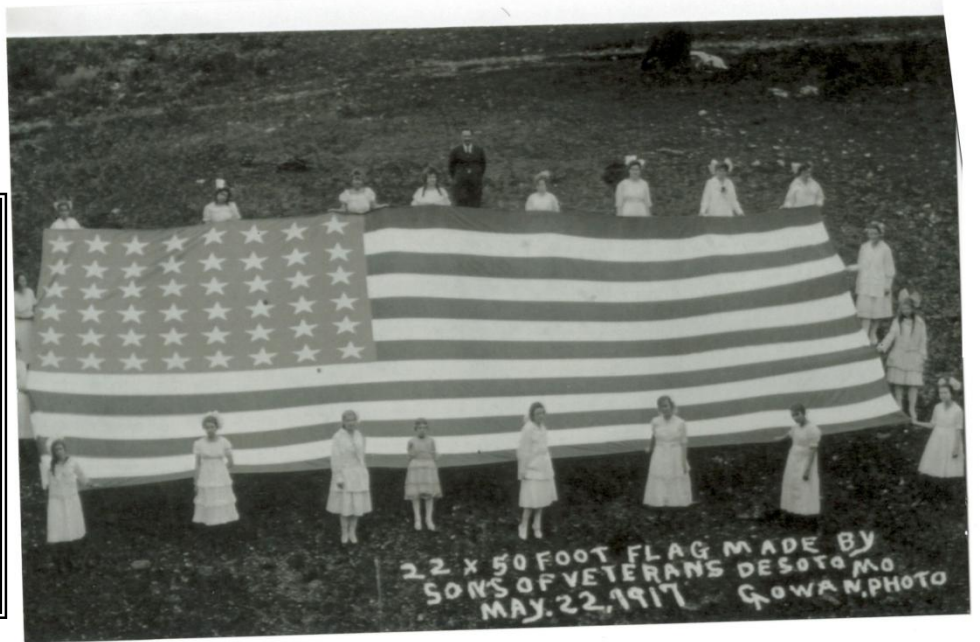
Brother John Griffith receives the Military Service Medal



The last event of the year was a packed Camp Banquet held at Pogolino’s in De Soto on the 15th. Camp Commander Hunnewell presented Brothers Griffith, Pechmann, and Trodus with Certificates of Commendation for their steadfast work within the camp during this and past years. Brother Pechmann presented hand-made calendars featuring pictures of camp and auxiliary members for those in attendance. Department Commander Burd swore in officers for the Auxiliary and then the Camp for the coming year.

Also during the month of December, Brother Hunnewell submitted eight grave registrations for those Civil War soldiers buried in Arnold’s Richardson Cemetery.

Picture owned by Doris Wilson of Crystal City, MO. A flag made for the SV Camp in DeSoto. There were 2 Camps in DeSoto. Sons of Veterans Camp 40 (General Harney) and Camp 46 (Perry Fletcher). Due to the late year of the picture, it is more probable that the Camp the flag belonged to was the Perry Fletcher.



Civil War Trivia from Len Eagleburger’s *Ozarks Civil War Weekly*

There is a tale that when a Felix von Salm-Salm informed Lincoln that he was a scion of one of the oldest and noblest families in Germany, the president replied, "Oh, never mind that, you will not find that to be an obstacle to your advancement."

Prince Felix Constantin Alexander Johann Nepomuk of Salm-Salm (25 December 1828 – 18 August 1870) was a Prussian military officer of princely birth and a soldier of fortune. Salm-Salm served in the Schleswig-Holstein Division of the Prussian Army, Austrian Army, the Union Army during the American Civil War as commander of the 8th New York Volunteers and later the 68th New York Volunteers, the army of Emperor Maximilian in Mexico and thereafter in the Prussian Army. He was killed in action during the 1870 Franco-Prussian War.

Pictured right as Brevet Brig-General.

Westport Camp

Christmas Dinner

Westport Camp closed 2017 with its traditional Christmas dinner with the DUVCW Macklin Tent #24, held at the Islamorada Fish Company Restaurant on Wednesday evening, December 6, 2017. 21 members, family, and guests attended the festivities. Guest speakers were Rodney Terry who spoke on a recent trip to Fort Smith, Arkansas; and Michael Lundeen who spoke on the rededication of the Missouri Monument at Vicksburg Military National Park. The camp also announced the first presentation of the camp's four flags: a 50-star United States, 34-star United States, Missouri, and SUVCW camp.

Past Department Commanders John Martin and Brian Smarker installed the camp officers for 2018. Elected camp officers are:

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



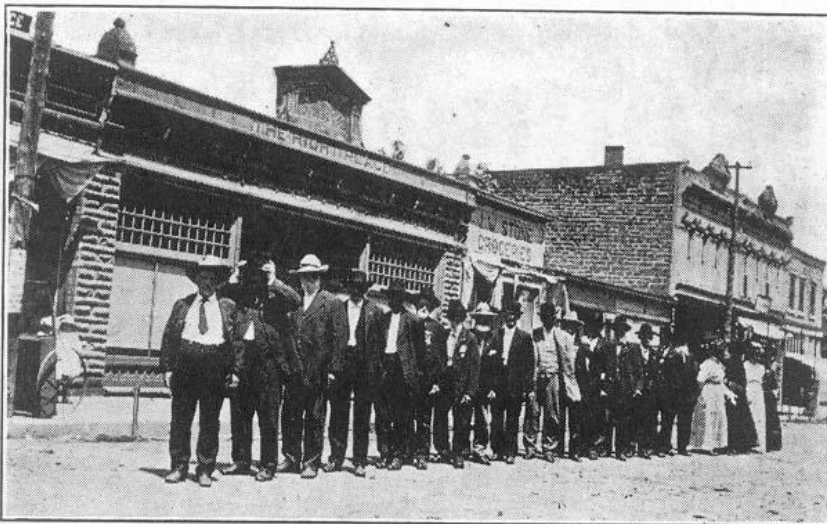
Our appointed camp officers are:

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

New Member

James Howell Clum, who is Paul Clum's son, was mustered into Westport Camp #64 during its Christmas dinner meeting on December 6, 2017. Brother James Clum is a teacher who lives in Glendora, California but is moving to Lexington, Missouri. He joined the SUVCW to honor his ancestor Private First Class Ezra Keene who served in Company M, 1st Michigan Mechanics & Engineers Regiment. The 1st Michigan was one of only 10 engineering regiments in the Union Army.

Flag: Regimental flag for 1st Michigan Mechanics & Engineers



CIVIL WAR VETERANS

This group was taken May 26, 1912, at the last public assembly of the Liberal G. A. R. Post. Reading from left to right, the men are J. M. Wilson, Abram Jones, G. C. Wilcox, W. B. Martin, C. Bulard, Geo. Hesford, Geo. McClarinon, T. O. Burson, M. S. Roach, J. A. Ramsey (Confederate veteran), H. J. Whitesell, G. O. Adams, Daniel Baker, J. G. Mayer, A. Decker and Samuel Baker. The ladies at the end were members of the W. R. C.

Genealogy Tip –

Check out the books available digitally at this website –

<https://www.hathitrust.org/>

more can be downloaded here than from Google Books.

Try running your ancestor names through here; for example “John Schildknecht” and see what you come up with. John, by the way, was listed at 6 feet 7 inches tall and in the Bavarian Cavalry in the 1760s.



Allied Orders & Coming Events

Section

The Central Region – Allied Orders of the Grand Army meets once a year and Missouri SUVCW traditionally has several members who have shown up at the meetings. At the meetings, the group usually has a historical presentation (and tour) along with a presentation designed to improve a members skills within the Allied Orders, of which the SUVCW 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!

In 2018 the group meets October 5 and 6 in Valparaiso, IN, and in 2019 the group is trying something different and holding their event along with the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies in April at Springfield, IL.

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

All SUVCW members in Missouri are entitled to show up at these meetings, learn and make friends in the other organizations. There is still time to attend. Contact Walt Busch wbusch@suvcwmo.org

What are the Allied Orders besides the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War?

The editor of the *Unionist* feels that our members are not very knowledgeable of the other Allied Orders and because of that may not even think of coming to an Allied Orders event. What is very unfortunate is that other than the DUVCW and one Auxiliary to the SUVCW, the women's organizations largely do not exist in Missouri. The editor believes some organizations like a WRC Corps would be easy for SUVCW member's wives, daughters and friends to form and maintain.

The organizations are varied. Some have strict ancestral requirements like the DUVCW, while others like the WRC only require a woman to be patriotic and was the official auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. The DUVCW and WRC operate museums in Springfield, IL. The ASUVCW regularly assists the Sons. Here is some general information and links to the various organizations. We, as Sons, need to work to support these organizations and encourage the women of Missouri to join such organizations in these less than patriotic times.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865



Founded in 1885, Our name was changed to Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 - 1865 at the 54th National Convention held in Des Moines, Iowa 1944. Federal Charter granted by Public Law 99-172 on December 9, 1985.

Membership requirement: We are daughters, granddaughters and great granddaughters of any generation of honorably discharged soldiers and sailors who served in the Union Army, Navy, or Marine Corps and Revenue Cutter Service during the Rebellion of 1861 – 1865, and those who died or were killed while serving in the armed services of the Union between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865.

<http://www.duvcw.org/>



The Women's Relief Corps

Much like the Auxiliary of the SUVCW assists the SUVCW, the WRC was the chief auxiliary of the G.A.R. The National Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc., is a patriotic organization whose express purposes are:

1. To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and its heroic dead (as we are their auxiliary organized at their request on July 25 and 26, 1883 in Denver, Colorado; and incorporated by Act of the 87th Congress, September 7, 1962); to assist in every practicable way in preserving, and making available for research, documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members;
2. To assist such Veterans of all wars of the United States of America as need our help and protection, to extend needful aid to their widows and orphans, and to assure them of sympathy and friends. To cherish and emulate the deeds of all loyal women who rendered loving service to our country in her hour of peril; and
3. To maintain true allegiance to the United States of America; inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country among our children and in the communities in which we live; and encourage the spread of universal liberty and equal rights of all.

Membership requirements:

- A woman of good moral character and correct deportment, who has not given aid and comfort to the enemies of the United States of America
- A citizen of the United States of America
- Willing to perpetuate the principles to which this association stands pledged
- Have attained the age of thirteen years

Note: It is not necessary for an applicant to be a descendent of a Civil War soldier or sailor for eligibility. That was the request of the Grand Army of the Republic when the W.R.C. was organized as their Auxiliary, in 1883. This means all loyal American women can be part of the honorable work of the Order, regardless of heredity.

<http://suvchw.org/WRC/index.htm>

Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



1. To assist the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in all their principles and objects.
2. To perpetuate the memory of the services and sacrifices of the Union Veterans of the Civil War for the maintenance of the Union, particularly through patriotic and historical observances, especially the proper observance of Memorial Day, Lincoln's Birthday and Appomattox Day.
3. To inculcate true patriotism and love of country, not only among our membership, but to all people of our land, and to spread and sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty and justice to all. To oppose to the limit of our power and influence, all movements, tendencies and efforts that make for the destruction or impairment of our constitutional Union, and to demand of all citizens undivided loyalty and the highest type of Americanism.
4. To oppose to the limit of our power and influence, all movements, tendencies and efforts that make for the destruction or impairment of our constitutional Union, and to demand of all citizens undivided loyalty and the highest type of Americanism.

Membership in the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War May be obtained through eligibility in the following ways:

As the wife, sister, daughter, legally adopted daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter and so forth, niece and grandniece and so forth, not less than twelve (12) years of age, of a deceased or honorably discharged Soldier, Sailor or Marine who served in the Union Army, Navy or Coast Guard (including Revenue Cutter Service) during the Civil War of 1861 to 1865.

As the wife, widow, mother or legally adopted daughter of a member of the SUVCW, with lineage, in good standing.

Associates: Those ladies who do not qualify for membership under #1 or #2 above, but who desire to affiliate with the ASUVCW.

Junior Members: Those young ladies between the ages of six (6) and eleven (11), who otherwise qualify for membership under #1 or #2 above.

<http://www.asuvcw.org/>

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic



The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc. is Congressionally Chartered, and is the oldest Women's hereditary organization in the United States. The original objectives of the organization included promotion of patriotism and loyalty to the Union, participation in community service, especially for the aid of our Veterans and their dependants. Today's objectives are still the same, with great emphasis on education and preservation of Civil War history. This is accomplished through local school and community programs, monument and battlefield preservation, fundraising for memorial and dedication ceremonies, and involvement in local activities including patriotic holiday observances and parades. The goal of The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic is to teach patriotism and preserve the history of our ancestry. This is our founding principle. Together with other organizations, we are making a difference in our Country, one community at a time.

Membership requirement: Any female blood kin relative 10 years of age or older, of an honorably discharged Union soldier, Sailor, or Marine of the Civil War 1861-1865, as well as ex-army Nurses, are eligible for membership. Most importantly, however, is the desire to honor the past through education and preservation.

<http://suvcw.org/LGAR/Home.html>



In Other Allied Orders News

Dept Commander Burd installed the officers of the Louisa Volker Auxiliary #215 A-SUVCW on 15 Dec. [ed.- Sorry but a listing of names was not provided.] The Auxiliary is named after Louisa Volker Macklind, Civil War telegraph operator in the area of Mineral Point, MO. She operated the only telegraph open between St. Louis and Pilot Knob while Confederate

General Sterling Price was attacking the fort located there.



Louisa Volker - Macklind

Sons of Veterans Reserve News, 4th Military District

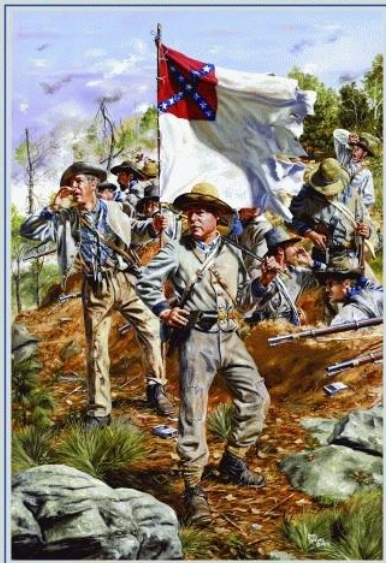
1st. Sgt. Randel O. Baehr, pictured at a recent re-enactment, was awarded the Sons of Veterans Reserve Meritorious Service Silver Star at the Awards Ceremony at the SVR Breakfast in Gettysburg November 18, 2017.

The citation states, " In addition to providing outstanding leadership and management to the 1st Missouri Light Artillery in your role as First Sergeant, you have also devoted a tremendous amount of time and effort in coordinating and administering the Sons of Veterans Reserve's contribution to the National Civil War Artillery Association School of the Piece held in Missouri and serving as Chief Instructor of Region XII."



Randel is also a past commander of the William Sherman/Billy Yank Camp 65 in St. Louis.

The FLAGS of CIVIL WAR MISSOURI



By Glenn Dedmond

News Release – January 21, 2020 – Jefferson City.

Today, the Governor of Missouri signed a bill that henceforth all state publications shall be rewritten so that Sterling Price and John S. Marmaduke, former Confederate generals, and others shall have their names removed from the list of Missouri Governors and replaced with the words "Bad Slave Owning Dude."

Concerning the name change of the capital from Jefferson City to something else because it honors Thomas Jefferson, a slave owner, the current leading names are:

3. No-Name City [gotta know your musicals]
2. Royal-Cardinal City
1. Bob

Editing History- This book use to be available at Missouri State Historic Sites operated by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Not anymore! They were removed this year not because of content but because it shows a Confederate Flag on the cover! Only a few things showing Confederate flags (on the cover) are permitted to be sold anymore. One still allowed is a poster that DNR produced itself of the flags the state museum has.

Imagine not selling William L. Shirer's classic *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich* at a World War II site because it has a swastika on the cover. Imagine interpreting the Civil War in a Civil War museum without any reference to Confederates or to slavery.

There are other plans also afoot that I am not privy to state at this time. Suffice it to say that if not having future reenactments, not having Confederate flags displayed in museums in context, if a general rewriting of history offends you, the Governor of Missouri and our legislators are the ones ultimately responsible and need to be informed of your opinion.

Note: Neither the flag nor the reenactment idea has been reported to the editor yet, but others have from reliable sources.

Missourians have a bill going through the legislature now to stop some of this, but it will not stop all of it. History can and should be rewritten when it is not presented in a fair, balanced, non-inflammatory manner. But it should never be covered up.

Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

All are invited to participate in the 62th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 153rd 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 14, 2018.

Headquarters Hotel: President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701. The room rate is \$100.00 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 23, 2018.** 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 14th.

Luncheon will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12:30PM. The luncheon program is to be determined. Luncheon cost is to be determined.

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: _____

Beef or Pork dinner _____ Chicken dinner _____ Vegetarian dinner _____

Include remittance of _____ 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:

SEND TO:

ROBERT M. PETROVIC
6519 CHEROKEE LANE
CEDAR HILL, MO 63016
P# 636-274-4567

For Military Parade Information, please contact:

EDWARD KRIESER, Commander 4th Military Dist. SVR
597 Round Mountain Rd.
Walnut Shade, MO 65771
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FROM THE DEPT. OF MISSOURI



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Each individually numbered. Only 400 originally made. Very similar to the medal made for the 1887 G.A.R. Encampment in St. Louis.
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WE WILL NOT SELL THIS BELOW THIS PRICE EVER!

VICKSBURG MONUMENT REDEDICATION

Beautiful challenge coin to add to any collection, or gift for any enthusiast. Hurry while supplies last! Only 200 made! Also a few attendee ribbons are still available!

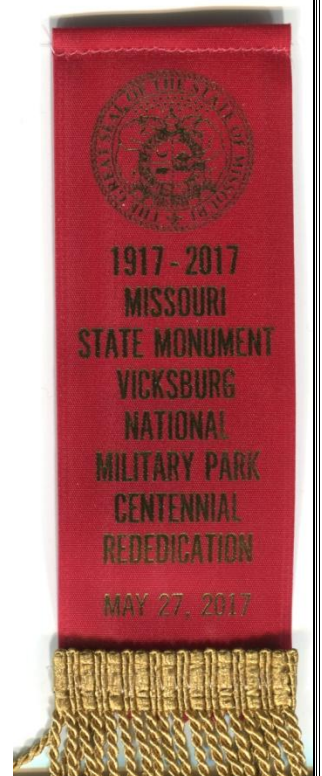


Coins Cost: \$10 ea. (& S/H: \$3.50 1 or 2 Coins)

Ribbon: \$5 ea (\$2 S/H or waived if purchased with coin)

Ordering: Make checks or money orders to - Dept. of Missouri

Mail Orders to:
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Fenton, MO 63026
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There are not many. If your camp wants to have a page, you make a mock-up of the page and send it via e-mail to the editor.

If the editor has a question regarding the items for sale, he will contact the camp. The reason it says "No Raffles!" above is because they are technically illegal in the state of Missouri.