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## Events on the Horizon in The Next Quarter

April 18 – Lincoln Tomb Cermonies, Springfield, IL - CANCELLED

May 25 – Memorial Day, Various Locations

June 6 – Department Encampment – Bass Pro Shop, Independence, MO

## Editor's Comments by Walt Busch, PDC

If you are sitting at home waiting for the self-quarantining to end, here are a few Civil War movies you may consider watching.

1926 – *The General* starring Buster Keaton, regarding the stolen Civil War locomotive by Union soldiers. An early classic.

1956 – *The Great Locomotive Chase* starring Fess Parker, about the same event. Can you watch Fess Parker without singing the *Ballad of Davy Crockett*?

1989 – *Glory* about the Union's 54<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Infantry, starring Denzel Washington. Excellent!

1962 – *How the West was Won* – American history in a nutshell with a plethora of stars & one of my favorite films.

1977 – *Roots* – if you ever had any doubt that the Civil War was fought over the issue of slavery – again a plethora of stars!

1993 – *Gettysburg* starring Jeff Daniels, but skip the sequel – *Gods & Generals*, unless its naptime!

1951 – *Red Badge of Courage* – Starring Audie Murphy directed by John Huston. A classic.

2016 – *Free State of Jones* – We had the Kingdom in Missouri (wrong side) and Mississippi had the Free State (right side).

1959 – *The Horse Soldiers* – Gotta have the Duke in this list! (he had a small part in *How the West was Won* as an oversized General Sherman! – But that can't be considered a John Wayne film).

2012 – *Lincoln* – Starring Daniel Day Lewis (wonderful performance) – passing the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment and a political lesson.

2010 – *The Conspirators* – Starring James McAvoy. Having studied the Lincoln Conspiracy-Murder Trials, I can see the errors of the film, but they are generally trivial compared to the overall theme. McAvoy's performance carries the film.

1965 – *Shenandoah* – Starring Brig. Gen. Jimmy Stewart – a can't miss film!

2018 – TV SHOW: *The Librarians and a Town Called Feud*. Campy fun about reenacting, Civil War Brothers, Ghosts and More.

I always liked the series and thought it was a shame they cancelled it because young people didn't care for it, while the ratings were still relatively good for cable channels.

### Films to avoid:

*Gone with the Wind* - lost cause propaganda with a lot of whining about rebel suffering ; *Birth of a Nation* – while considered a great film, having watched it once, I just don't want to watch the lost cause racism again ; *Ride with the Devil* – ok, most (my wife included) will say it a very good film, I need a pillow and blanket ; *Cold Mountain* – D\*\*N BORING! ; *Abraham Lincoln – Vampire Hunter* doesn't the name just say it all? ; *The Littlest Rebel* – Lost Cause Tripe, but go on youtube and watch Bill “Bojangles” Robinson dance with Shirley ; and finally, if you could find them, *Song of the South* – a Disney failure, but remembered for *Zippety-Do-Dab!*, and *General Spanky*. You ask how the Little Rascals could fail to be funny, well you obviously haven't seen this! I'm sure there are a lot more, so take your picks or read a book and enjoy being stuck at home!

# Collector's Corner

by  
*Douglas Roussin*

## By the Sea Shells—March 2020

(From my upcoming Collectors Book)

Some of the most unusual souvenirs to come out of any Grand Army Encampments were sea shells. These were carved and fashioned with information about the G.A.R. encampment.

This sea shell boat was a souvenir of the 31<sup>st</sup> National Encampment held in Buffalo, New York, 1897. The boat measures about 4 inches long and 5 inches tall. The hull and sails of the boat are made from common sea shells. These have been wired together and the boat sits on a metal base. An anchor hangs from the side. The main sail is painted with a flower design and letters G.A.R., 1897. The fore sail reads, "Put me off in Buffalo". "Put Me Off in Buffalo" was a popular song of the period and reached its height of popularity about the time of the 1897 National Encampment. The ship is a very delicate piece. It is amazing that it has survived after 120 years.

The bottom sea shells are from encampments ten years apart. The first has Souvenir from Old Orchard G.A.R. Encampment, 1885. The 1885, National Encampment was held at Portland, Maine. A popular resort area, just south of Portland is Old Orchard Beach.



This sea shell is inscribed, Souvenir G.A.R. Encampment, Louisville, Ky. 1895.



The carved sea shell on the left contains much information. It is inscribed, Souvenir of the G.A.R. Encampment, Boston, Mass.- August, 1890-Amasa P. Johnson-Post35.

The sea shell design was incorporated into several badges, but only once was it used as a drop for a national encampment. This was in 1910. The badge on the bottom left is that national encampment representative's badge. This badge contains five parts. The top pin consists of the membership badge eagle which is sitting on cannon with cannon balls. A single link holds a gilt drop. On this section are the words Representative-G.A.R. Atlantic City, N. J. Another link holds the second drop. It is a yellow and black enameled lighthouse in a sea shell. The Atlantic City boardwalk is in the background The final drop is a portrait of General Kearney. Around his portrait is inscribed, 44<sup>th</sup> National Encampment, September 19-24, 1910. A gold ribbon accents this badge. The Encampment at Atlantic City, was the only time that the National Encampment was held at this location. The manufacturer of this badge is J. K. Davison & Sons, Phila. Over 1,500 representatives and their families attended.

The smaller badge on the right also used the sea shell design. On the pin bar at top appears, G.A.R. letters over crossed flags with the membership star. Below this is a faded gold ribbon which is stamped, State Encampment-G.A.R.- Department of New Jersey. A date appears below this. At the bottom is a stamped brass, silver plated seashell with a lighthouse and the boardwalk. Below this is Atlantic City.

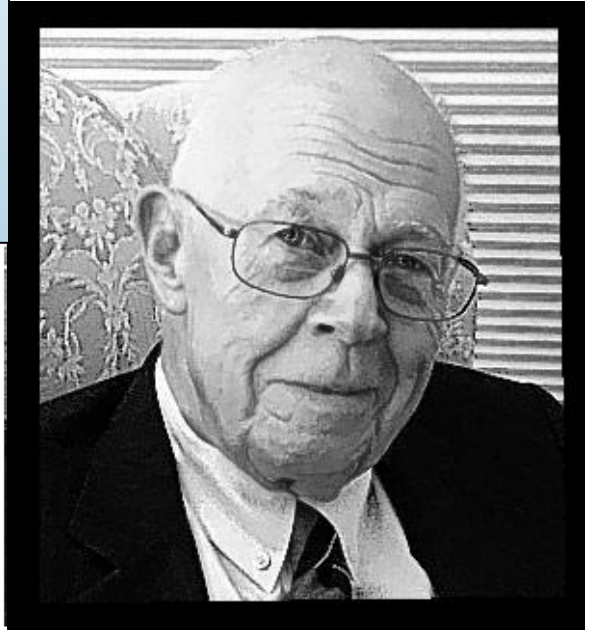


Lest We Forget!

Author of our continuing series: PCC Doug Roussin of Gen. Thomas Fletcher Camp 47



*In Memory of  
Carl A. Wattenberg, Jr.  
(1938-2019)  
US Grant Camp 68*



Wattenberg, Carl A. Jr. On Wednesday, March 27, 2019. Carl A. Wattenberg, Jr., loving husband and father, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, at age 80.

Carl was born in St. Louis, Missouri on June 13, 1938 to the late Carl Wattenberg Sr. and Rowena (nee Longshore) Wattenberg. Survived by his loving wife and best friend, Elizabeth (Betty) Wattenberg (nee Stumpf). Beloved father of Carl Wattenberg III and Liz (Sam) Lightner (nee Wattenberg) from his first marriage to Joan Dillon. Dear stepfather of Keith (Peggy) Stumpf, Chris (Dawn) Stumpf and Jen (Chad) Warren. Loving grandfather to Alex, Ashlee, Rachel, Jake, Anna, Emily, Amelia, Lexi, Annie and Macey and his Goddaughter, Kim (Lane) Pietro. Devoted brother of Cindy Berg, Martha Adams, and Mary Weir.

Carl attended John Burroughs High School and received his undergraduate degree from Brown University in 1960 and his law degree from Washington University in 1968. He served in all five branches of the military, Carl enlisted in the Army after college, serving in Army Intelligence, attached to Nuclear Weapons in '61-'62, Direct Commission as an Army Intelligence Officer attached to the Green Berets in Asia, '63'64. He also served as Secondary Army Infantry Officer and in the Navy Reserve for 7 years as a JAG Officer.

Carl proudly served as Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary at Mark Twain Bancshares, Inc. for 24 years. He was the director of several national and state chartered banks; served as President of Mark Twain Trust Company, Vice President of Mark Twain Brokerage Company, and was a member of the executive committee of the billiondollar Savings and Loan Association. He also served as a Director and General Counsel for the St. Louis Jr. Chamber of Commerce, the Jaycees, and Treasurer of Laumeier Sculpture Park, Director of the Arc House and Director on the University Heights Subdivision I. After retiring from banking, Carl served as Senior Counsel with the law firm of Kodner Watkins, LC, as well as advisory director for Citadel Trust Services, LLC.

Carl will be fondly remembered by family and friends as a loving husband, father, grandfather and caretaker of those he loved. He was a distinguished attorney, astute investor, avid gardener, world traveler, caring mentor, and collector of many things large and small. Carl was known for his quick wit, infectious smile, and his kind, generous and compassionate spirit. He will be dearly missed by those who knew and loved him.

Carl's Civil War ancestor was William H. Longshore (18 February 1841-20 December 1909), Company D, 30th Ohio Infantry. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his participation in what is known as the Forlorn Hope. 150 men were to lead the assault on Vicksburg to avoid a siege and draw the enemy fire. As it was considered a suicide mission, the commanders asked for volunteers. William Longshore was one of those chosen out of the 300 who had immediately stepped up to the challenge. Over 85 percent of them were either killed or wounded. 53 survivors, including Longshore, received the Medal of Honor.

# DEPARTMENT TELEGRAPH

## Commander's Message

Much of the SUVCW's rich history and heritage is based on traditions, which have been interrupted by the current coronavirus pandemic. Events ranging from local Camp meetings to the national Lincoln Tomb Ceremony were cancelled; Departments are authorized to hold virtual Encampments; and many members fall under stay-at-home orders. I am proud to read that our camps are cooperative with instructions from local health officials.

While the reported number of CORVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths ticks up each day, it pales relative to the numbers and odds faced by an American Civil War soldier where two-out-of-three deaths were from disease. This correlates exactly for my ancestors. Private Mathew Leonard with the 32nd Missouri Infantry and Private Josiah Beezley with the 10th Missouri Cavalry died from pneumonia and meningitis while training at Benton Barracks –neither made it to single battlefield. My only non-disease fatality was Private James Adkins with the 5th Kansas Cavalry who died from injuries at the Battle of Pine Bluff. Yes, the coronavirus pandemic brings significant risks that are disrupting our health care system and impacting our economy, but even at its forecasted worst, our Civil War ancestors faced greater health and economic challenges.

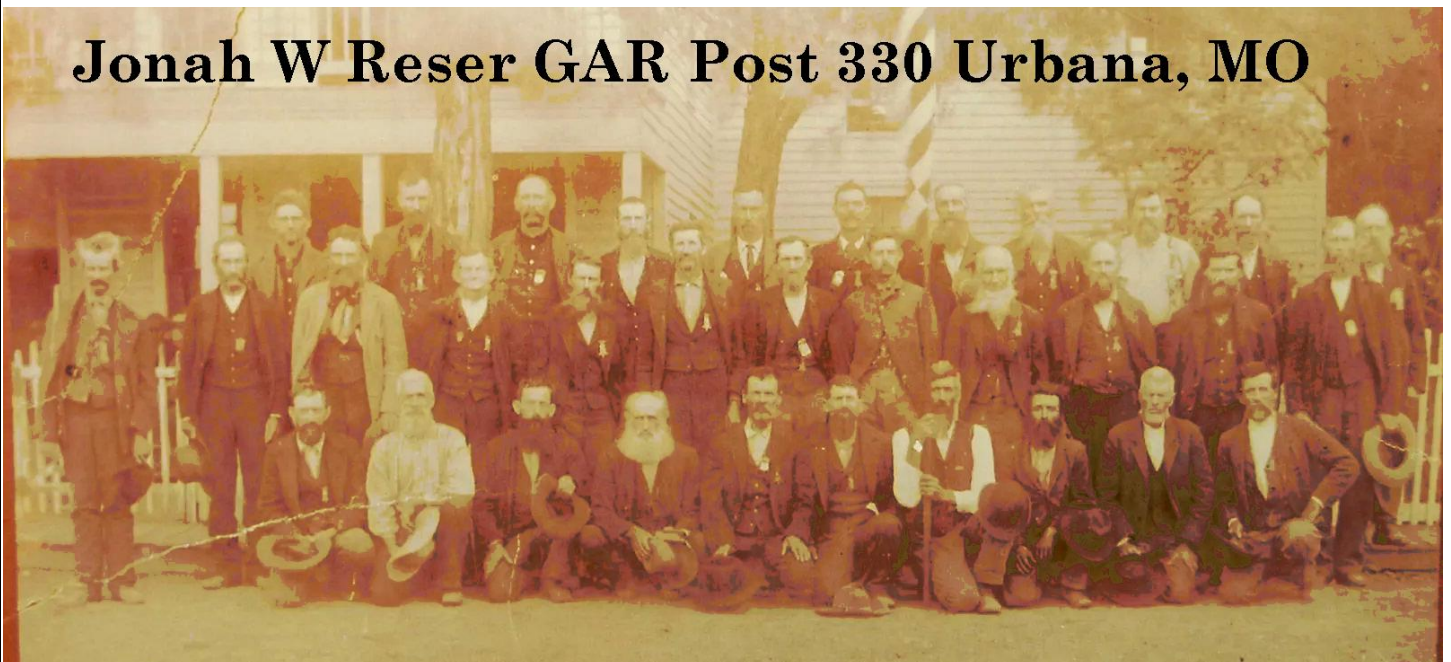
We often brag that the SUVCW is the lawful heir of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) but I don't know that we always live up to their fraternity, charity, and loyalties principles. A GAR post had a different mission from an SUVCW camp where part of their leadership was dedicated to the welfare of the Civil War veteran. While our regular SUVCW activities are on-hold, I'm asking our camp leaders to transition into a traditional GAR welfare committee.

- Regularly check on each camp brother via email and phone
- Include checking on their emotional health particularly from camps under stay-at-home orders
- Organize buddies to assist brothers restricted to their homes

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
Dale Crandell, PDC



## Jonah W Reser GAR Post 330 Urbana, MO



# THE 2021 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT NEWS!

## MEDAL SET NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!

We still need people to buy loyalty bonds, but for those who want something tangible for their money right now, here is the new challenge coin/medal set we are selling for the 2021 Encampment. **You can get yours now!**

### *2021 National Encampment Medal & Coin set*



This is the official encampment medallion. A souvenir one is also going to be made and is available only to those attending. However, one more medallion is planned. If we get the permission from the other groups joining us at the encampment (Daughters, Auxiliary, etc.) we plan on producing a special edition GAR- Allied Orders Medal in limited edition.

The pictured set can be ordered by sending a check written out to "Department of Missouri SUVCW and mailing it to:

Walt Busch  
1240 Konert Valley Dr  
Fenton, MO 63026

If you have any ideas for inexpensive products we can make for the encampment, please contact Bob Petrovic, chairman of the committee, at [rpetro7776@aol.com](mailto:rpetro7776@aol.com) or Walt Busch, sec-treasurer of the committee at [wbusch@suvchwmo.org](mailto:wbusch@suvchwmo.org).

**\$35.00 + s/h**  
**1 - \$5.00**  
**2 - 4 -\$8.00**



**FIFTY-FIFTH ENCAMPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, G.A.R. JOPLIN - MAY 12-15 1936**

Seated: Left to Right - Perry Martin, St. Louis; E. E. Latta, St. Louis; J. H. McEven, Kansas City; W. S. Shepherd, Kansas City; John L. Pierson, St. Louis; Isaac Harry, Licking, Mo.; John N. Munsell, Excelsior Springs; August Moreau, Creve Coeur; and S. D. Cassell, Kansas City.

Standing: Left to Right - D. H. Baldridge, Joplin; W. H. Osborne, Joplin; Dr. N. Patterson, St. Louis; J. A. Best, Kansas City; Stephen Thomas, Braymer; John Ferguson, Iberia; A. J. P. Barnes, Joplin; Dr. R. B. Tyler, Joplin; and John Hollingsworth, Kansas City, Mo.

William Kowazek, of Hawk Point, Illinois, attended but was ill and unable to appear in the picture.

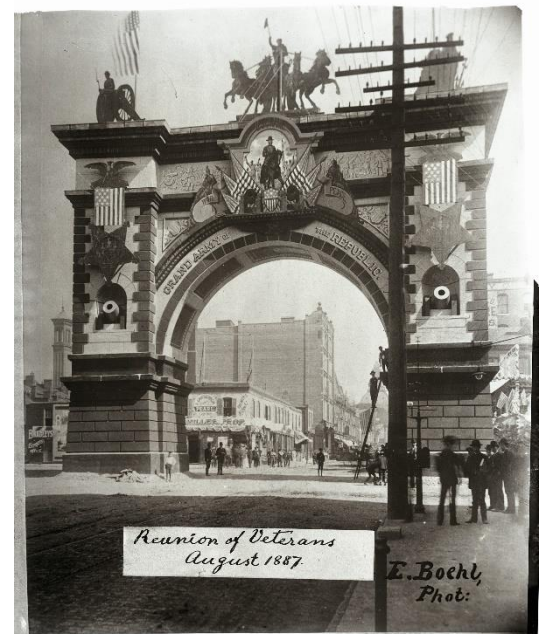
Photograph by Thomas Korn, Joplin, Mo.

*Encampments* are your opportunity to guide the department or national organizations to achieve goals important to you. We have a department encampment coming up and will be discussing some important issues including the 2021 National Encampment being held in St. Louis. It is time to sign up for the event (an application is on the following pages).

Only 2 GAR National Encampments were ever held in Missouri. And only 3 modern SUVCW encampments have been held in the state, Springfield in 2001 and St. Louis in 2007. There was also one held in 1969 in St. Louis, but at the time there was only a camp in Kansas City, MO. There were no other Missouri camps!

So it is a big deal when we talk about it coming to Missouri again. It is important because your camps can show just how good you really are and it provides tourism for the state. It is important that you participate in these meetings otherwise the watchwords *Lest We Forget* are forgotten.

To the right is the arch created in St Louis for the 1887 National Encampment. Wouldn't it be great if such things were once again possible?







# 2020 Department Encampment Registration



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CAMP: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Ranking In Org: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL or Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration for Meeting (number paying for) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$7.00= \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Registration at the door costs \$10.00

FORM 2a "SUCVW ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT CREDENTIAL CARD" as found on the [sucv.org](http://sucv.org) website is required for members representing their camps and must be signed by their camp secretary. Exceptions to this are all PCCs, PDCs, and department elected and appointed officers. While they may not be entitled to vote, all members of the department of Missouri may attend and participate in the meetings.

**Location: Bass Pro Shop Conservation Room, 18001 Bass Pro Dr, Independence, MO 64055**

**The lunch** is from their restaurant and we can order off the menu. Orders will be submitted about 2 hours before lunch. Each member will be responsible for his own bill. Costs are as little as under \$5 for a small salad, to \$12 for a burger plate to \$21 for a salmon dinner. Beverages must be purchased from the facility. The department will supply some refreshments during breaks.

For those that don't want the catered lunch, there are a couple restaurants nearby. Chinese, Mexican and Pizza as well as a few others without having to get on the highway. See Map on next page.

## Lodging

Independence has several hotels. The Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center is next to Bass Pro. There phone number is 816-908-9600. INFORMATION ABOUT SPECIAL PRICING IS NOT YET COMPLETED. YOU WILL RECEIVE AN UPDATED FORM WHEN WE GET THE INFO!

## Camping

Trailside RV Park, 1000 R D Mize Rd, Grain Valley, MO 64029 816-229-2267 -- rates under \$40 for full hookup.

The Campus RV Park, 500 West Pacific St, Independence, MO 64050 816-254-1815 --rates under \$35

**Preregistration must be completed by May 20, 2019.** Mail check written to “Department of Missouri SUVCW” to: Walter Busch, 1240 Konert Valley Dr, Fenton, MO 63026. Registration at the after May 20 or at the door is \$10/member.

### For the Family ---

Bass Pro Shop

Harry S Truman Home and Presidential Library

Rheinland German Restaurant

Casinos (Harrah’s, Ameristar & Isle of Capri)

Waterfall Park

Gates BBQ

Negro League Baseball Museum

Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

Worlds of Fun/Oceans of Fun Park

American Jazz Museum

Civil War Trail in Independence

Independence Jail

KC Royals Games

The Arabia Steamboat Museum

Battle of Westport Museum (if open)

KC Area Civil War Roundtable Battle Trail

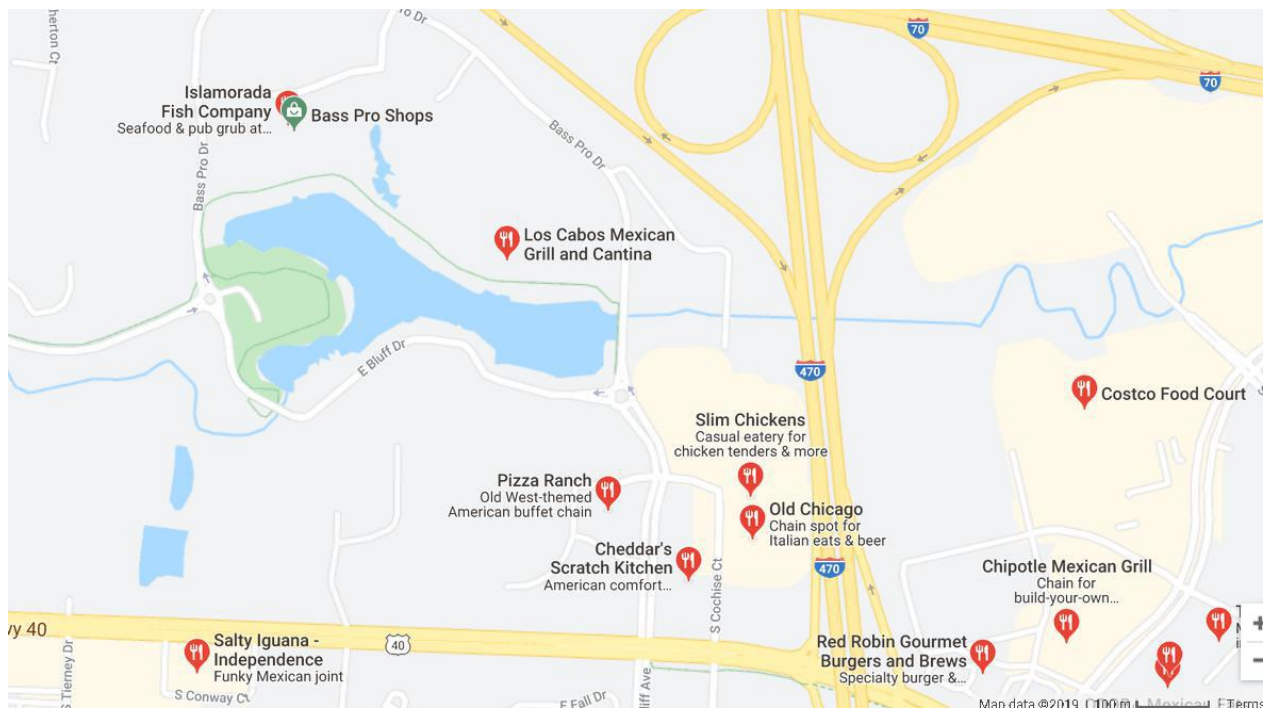
National World War I Museum

National Museum of Toys and Miniatures

Thomas Hart Benton Home and Studio

KC Royals Hall of Fame

## BASS PRO SHOP, 18001 Bass Pro Dr, Independence, MO 64055



**N39.040500,W-94.370510**

**If Coronavirus is still on-going, we may end up meeting in a state park or someone’s house. A department order will be sent out regarding this, should that happen. Stay tuned.**

## *Department and some National Orders*



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

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### **DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 5 Series 2019-2020 16 March 2020**

#### **Abe Lincoln Camp #2**

Abe Lincoln Camp #2 has voluntarily closed their camp and surrendered their charter with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. All membership transfers have been processed in accordance with the Constitution and Regulation (C&R) (Article I, Section 4). All camp property has been inventoried and is currently held in trust by the Department for the National Commander-in-Chief in accordance with the C&R (Chapter I, Article I, Section 5). The Department Council has audited camp funds and confirmed \$109 is currently held in trust by the Department for the National Commander-in-Chief in accordance with the C&R (Chapter I, Article I, Section 5).

I wish to thank the officers and members for their faithful work to ensure an orderly closure and transfer of memberships, property, and funds. In accordance with the Camp's wishes, I am asking the Commander-in-Chief to revoke the charter of Abe Lincoln Camp #2.

Ordered this 16th Day of March, 2020,

Dale Crandell, PDC  
Commander  
Department of Missouri  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Edward Krieser, PCinC  
Secretary  
Department of Missouri  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Appleton, MO Post 365



**Edward J. Norris**  
**Commander in Chief**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**



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**[CinC@SUVCW.org](mailto:CinC@SUVCW.org)**

**General Order #15**  
**Series 2019-2020**  
**13 March 2020**

1. The following is in effect until the COVID-19 pandemic has ended, according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (cdc.gov), in the United States of America. Similarly for our Ensign John Davis Camp #10 in London.
2. The health of our Brothers is of utmost importance. Camps and Departments must monitor the local pandemic conditions so that informed decisions can be made.
3. A Camp or Department may cancel or postpone their meeting. This applies even if the Camp or Department by-laws state that a meeting must take place at a certain time or location.
4. The Department must obtain written permission from the Council of Administration to postpone and reschedule their Department Encampment. (Regulations, Chapter II, Article III, Section 1b) The request can be submitted even if the Department by-laws state that its Encampment must take place at a certain time or location. The rescheduled Department Encampment must take place before July 1, 2020. (Regulations, Chapter II, Article III, Section 1).
5. Please inform National Secretary Jonathan C. Davis, PDC (secretary@suvchw.org) as soon as possible if your Department Encampment is planning on postponing and the new date. If approved, every effort will be made to have a National representative at the rescheduled Encampment.
6. If meeting with other Allied Orders organizations, please coordinate with them so no group is surprised by a cancellation or postponement decision.
7. The National organization is monitoring the pandemic conditions for the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and National Encampment. There is no change to the current schedule. Any change in schedule will be sent as soon as possible.
8. As each Brother's situation is unique, each must make attendance decisions based upon their own circumstances and situation.

Ordered this 13<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2020.

Edward J. Norris  
Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attested:

Jonathan C. Davis  
National Secretary  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



**Edward J. Norris  
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**General Order #18  
Series 2019-2020  
16 March 2020**

1. The Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, scheduled for April 18, has been cancelled. We were notified by site officials that the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois will be closed for a minimum of 30 days.
2. If you paid for our annual luncheon, please be patient while our National Treasurer processes the refund checks.
3. If you booked a hotel for the ceremony, we suggest you contact the hotel and cancel your reservation.
4. We hope to see our Brothers and Sisters at the next Lincoln Tomb Ceremony on April 17, 2021.

Ordered this 16<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2020.

Edward J. Norris  
Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attested:

Jonathan C. Davis  
National Secretary  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### ON-LINE CIVIL WAR RESOURCES

Need some studies for your children during the Coronavirus dilemma? Or perhaps you home school, well here is a website that has numerous articles and resources on Civil War topics including: the Grand Army, Sand Creek Massacre, Ladies' Organizations, book suggestions and more.

The website is the product of the Virginia Center for Civil War Studies, a part of Virginia Tech.

While the site has a lot of articles and some pictures, there are no Powerpoints or videos. The website is <https://www.essentialcivilwarcurriculum.com/>

The search engine on this page is easy to operate and 'Missouri' or 'Grand Army' return several articles.



**Edward J. Norris  
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**General Order #20  
Series 2019-2020  
25 March 2020**

1. Department Commander Dale Crandell of the Department of Missouri has requested that the Charter of Abe Lincoln Camp #2 be revoked. (Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 13)
2. Abe Lincoln Camp #2 has voluntarily closed their camp and surrendered their charter to the Department of Missouri.
3. The Department Commander Dale Crandell's request is therefore approved and the Charter of the Abe Lincoln Camp #2, Department of Missouri, is hereby revoked. (Constitution, Article VI, Section 2)
4. Brothers of the Abe Lincoln Camp #2 who are in good standing may have transfer cards issued so that they may join another Camp of their choice. (Constitution, Article VII, Section 4)
5. All Abe Lincoln Camp #2 property and assets shall be turned over to the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War via the Department Commander of the affected Camp acting as his duly authorized representative, to collect and hold all such property in trust for the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization exempt from taxes under section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code. (Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 5).

Ordered this 25<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2020.

Edward J. Norris  
Commander-in-Chief  
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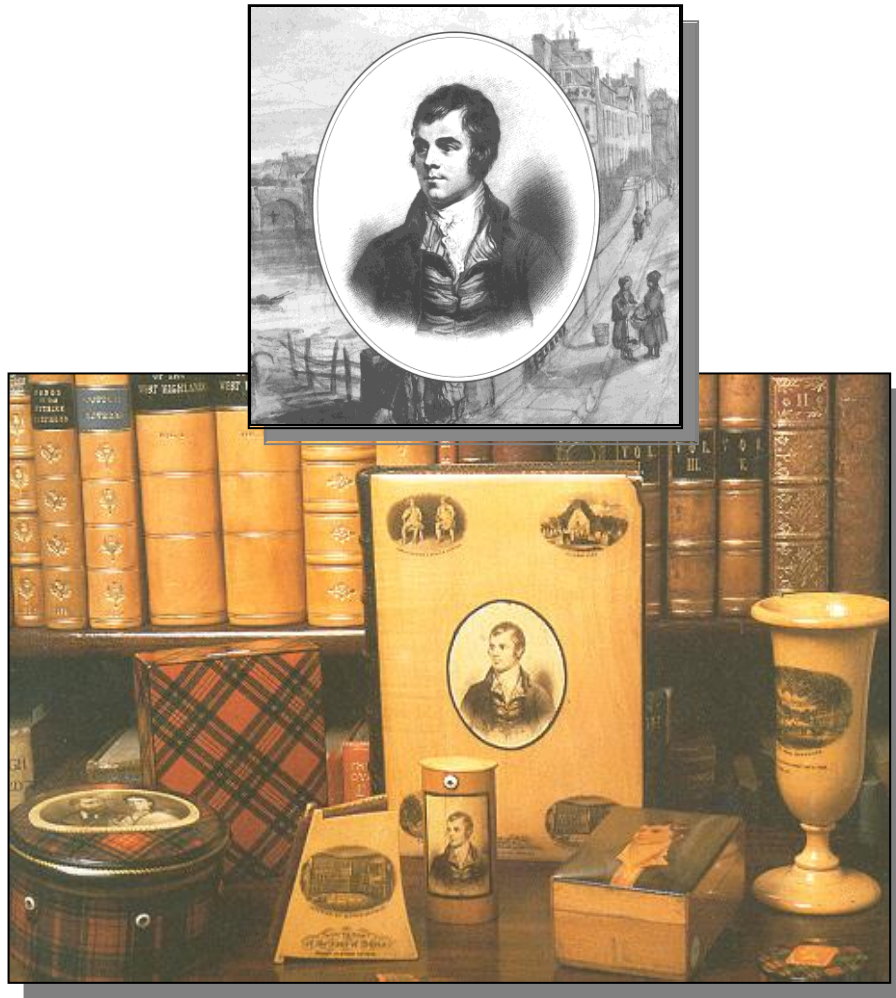
Attested:

Jonathan C. Davis  
National Secretary  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



# The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020



**By Dr. J.S. McLaren**

(used with permission)

At the Frontenac Hilton, St. Louis.

**St. Andrew Society of Greater St. Louis**

On a dark and stormy night... the room was warmed by a large fireplace and cigar smoke wafted towards the chimney... the assembled group were attentive as his words generated a commanding presence...he was reciting from “To a Mouse”....

**I'm truly sorry man's dominion,  
Has broken nature's social union,  
An' justifies that ill opinion,  
Which makes thee startle,  
At me, thy poor earth-born companion,  
An' fellow mortal.**

A young sergeant at the back leant over to the General next to him, and quietly asked, “What is he talking about?” “Well”, replied the General, “it's a poem written by a young farm boy called Robert Burns who lived in Ayshire, Scotland. He recites a Burns' poem almost every day”.

The 16<sup>th</sup> President, Abraham Lincoln, continued...

**Still, thou art blest, compar'd wi' me!  
The present only toucheth thee:  
But Och! I backward cast my e'e,  
On prospects drear!  
An' forward tho' I canna see,  
I guess an' fear!**

The year was 1865 and the Civil War had just ended. Was the President reciting "To a Mouse" as a token of recognition for the strife and suffering that had just been endured by so many? He would have been well-aware that Burns had written "To a Mouse" exactly 40 years after the massacre of the Scottish Clans at Culloden... and that some believe the poem is also a recognition of the suffering of the Scottish Nation during the last British civil war.

It is now the year 2020.... and we are here tonight .... to celebrate the birth and immense works of Robert Burns, The Bard. A legend in his own time... that young man accomplished more with simple words than most Kings, Queens, and Emperors had ever done... with all their resources!

Frequently, Immortal Memory presentations start with mention of the auld clay cottage and the birth of Burns in 1759. Tonight, I started with a story in America, 69 years after the death of Robert Burns. I did this in recognition of the close connection that President Lincoln felt for Robert Burns, even although the two men had never met.

As young boys, both had endured the hardships of farm work ... and the adversity of being poor, at least in a financial sense. Both came from families that had a strong work ethic but gave priority to education and extensive reading. These early experiences helped shape men that later gave hope to the fallen, courage to the weak, fear to tyrants, inspiration to their respective nations, supported freedom over oppression... and left passionate visions for all humanity.

Burns had an incredible sense of what it means to be human and his work often has embedded various wisdoms... some being subtle and many being more direct. For example, he wrote a poem called "To a Louse", for those who think too much of themselves...

**O, wad some Power the giftie gie us  
To see oursels as ithers see us!  
It wad frae monie a blunder free us,  
An' foolish notion  
What airs in dress an' gait wad lea'e us,  
An' ev'n devotion!**

Lincoln loved the satire and especially when Burns used it to highlight the qualities of the common folk... as in "A Man's a Man for a' That":

**Ye see yon birkie ca'd a lord,  
Wha struts an' stares, an' a' that;  
Tho' hundreds worship at his word,  
He's but a coof for a' that.  
For a' that, an' a' that,  
His ribband, star, an' a' that,  
The man o' independent mind  
He looks an' laughs at a' that.**

Although the sentiment in those words seems appropriate enough today, things were quite different back then. Burns was born only 13 years after the end of the failed Jacobite rebellion.... and those were still dark days in Scotland.... The Burns family itself had already suffered for their allegiance to the House of Stuart.

Due to concerns over being arrested for sedition, A Man's a Man for a' That and several other poems were published... but only publicly recognized as being the work of Rabbie Burns after his death.

According to his own words, Lincoln was also greatly inspired by Burns' work concerning freedom and the natural rights of man. In those days, the "natural rights" was not an environmental term but referred to the basic tenant of equal opportunity for all... and "man" meant mankind as in all humanity. Freedom was always a



centerpiece of his patriotic works... the Burns song “Scots Wha Hae” became the unofficial anthem of Scotland for two centuries...

**By oppression’s woes and pains!  
By your sons in servile chains  
We will drain our dearest veins,  
But, they shall be free!**

Powerful stuff but there’s more to it. Based on private letters written by Burns, he was clearly an active figure in the Scottish Enlightenment and supported reformist ideas. Another of the verses in Scots Wha Hae...

**Now's the day, and now's the hour;  
See the front o' battle lour;  
See approach proud Edward's power—  
Chains and slavery!**

While framed as a speech by Bruce at the 1314 battle of Bannockburn, “now’s the day and now’s the hour” was written in 1793 on the very day and hour when a judge sentenced the five Edinburgh martyrs to penal servitude in Australia. Yes, chains and slavery! The Edinburgh martyrs were found guilty of sedition because they had publicly proposed term limits and that everyone over the age of 21 should have an equal vote. Again, we find Burns being the outspoken voice of the people by hiding the covert messages in plain sight. The American Colonies were not alone in thinking that George III was a tyrant. Lincoln loved it!

Talking about having a way with words. Burns also applied his creative genius to the romantic side of his short life. From “Tam O’ Shanter”...

**The pleasures are like poppies spread,  
You seize the flower its bloom is shed.  
Or like the snow falls in the river  
A moment white then melts forever.**

Or from “My Love is Like a Red Red Rose”...

**Till a’ the seas gang dry, my dear,  
And the rocks melt wi’ the sun!  
And I will love thee still, my dear,  
While the sands o’ life shall run.**

Who talks like that? The answer is a young man with many girlfriends!

Burns never stood in America, but he surely came here.... He arrived in the minds and hearts of countless pioneers and immigrants ....as part of an eternal heritage. In St Louis, at the corner of Skinker and Forsyth, just west of Forest Park you will find a full-sized bronze statue of Robert Burns. It is one of 13 in the United States. The statue was first erected in 1928 and the bronze was restored in 2007 with the help of the St Andrews Society, the Scottish Games, and several people here in this room.

A peculiar fact, and perhaps a unique situation that speaks to the mutual respect for these great men, is that both Lincoln and Burns have statues in the native country of the other yet had never visited each other’s country.

From an early age, Abraham Lincoln carried the work of Burns with him, and it went all the way into the White House... In fact, Lincoln stated that the works of Burns helped him change from “prairie lawyer” into a President.

It may be self-evident but .... From the towering Rocky mountains to the smokey Blue Ridge mountains... From the high plains of Texas, to the head-waters of the mighty Mississippi... America embodies the spirit of humanity that Burns put into words those many years ago.

Returning to 1865 again... just two days after the American Civil War had ended.... President Lincoln had booked passage on a ship to Scotland for him and his wife to visit Burns Country. That evening he was assassinated.

Four years later, Mary Todd Lincoln fulfilled her late husband’s desire as she travelled to Scotland and stood outside the auld clay cottage where Burns had been born.

Our humble ploughboy, turned Scotland’s Bard ... has inspired many great people, and influenced many generations of human progress... His powerful, passionate words.... changed the very fabric of Scotland itself... and left us a heritage that has survived the sands of time.

Tomorrow, as we watch the sun rise over the Land of Lincoln and travel across our great country called America... there will again be hope, love, sadness, joy ... inspiration, bravery, and freedom. Rabbie Burns would have loved being here.

It has been my humble honor to present a brief recognition of the life of...a true hero of Scotland, and great champion of humanity..... Robert Burns of Alloway.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please charge your glasses and be upstanding.

I give you a toast in the immortal words of the Bard himself.....

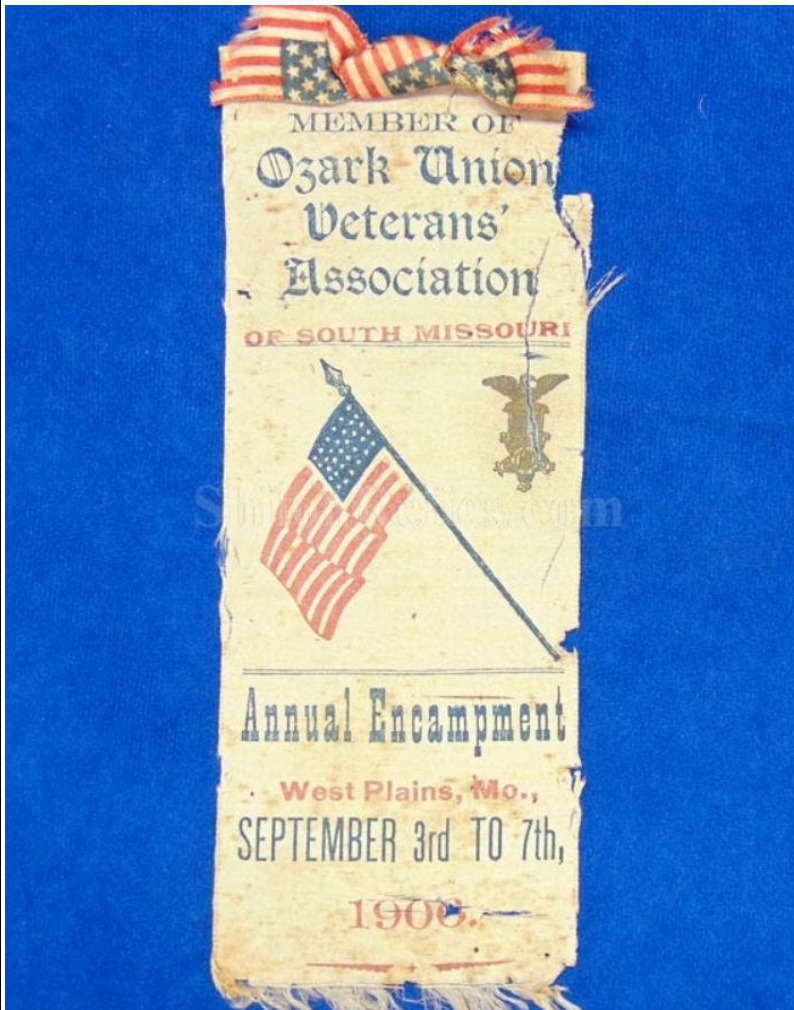
**Should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
And never brought to mind.  
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,  
For auld lang syne...**

**To the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns.**

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## *Yet Another Regional GAR Association.*

We know of the Southwest Veterans Association, the Dallas County Association and the Ozark Battalion. Now this Ozark Union Veterans Association of the GAR was found on the web. Apparently, Howell County was part of this group since they held their meeting in West Plains, but we don't know anything else about it.



### **Faces from the Past:**

Samuel Kleiner, Co K, 2nd Mo Infantry – taken at the National Soldier's Home, Room 45, Milwaukee, WI. Kleiner died 26 Feb 1892 and is buried in Wood National Cemetery Milwaukee, WI .

He enrolled at Highland, IL on 12 Jun 1861 and mustered out 27 Sep 1864. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Mo chased rebels at the Boonville Races, fought at Wilson's Creek and served in numerous battles in Tennessee.

Findagrave accessed on 28 Mar 2020 alleged his service to be Confederate.



## Lt. Col. Reuben Loomis 6<sup>th</sup> Illinois Cavalry

Submitted by Glen Alsop, PDC

Some people think that doing grave registrations is a bore. But sometimes you come across an interesting story. Take for example the story of Lt. Colonel Reuben Loomis, 6<sup>th</sup> Illinois Cavalry. Loomis was born in Massachusetts and by 1860 was a married farmer in Illinois and thought to be an abolitionist. He enlisted on September 17, 1861 as a Captain in Company I at Camp Butler (near Springfield).

On April 30, 1862, he was promoted to Major and after Grierson's Raid, in which he led his regiment, he was made a Lt. Colonel. Apparently, this planted a seed of resentment within Major Thomas G.S. Herrod of the regiment who did not take part in the raid. Major Herrod was from Tennessee and thought to be a staunch Democrat. While the brigade was stationed at Germantown, TN, in October, 1863, Loomis led the regiment on the operation. Major Herrod was left in command of the camp and the sick. He also began issuing orders as "Major Commanding Regiment." When Loomis returned from the operation in November, he called Major Herrod to the carpet

for his "unwarranted assumption of power".



It seems that Major Herrod festered about the dressing down and went looking for the Lt. Colonel at headquarters that evening. Told that Loomis was at the Ducken House where he boarded and took meals, Major Herrod accosted him in the hallway with a revolver. He demanded Loomis retract his earlier statements "or I will kill you!" Loomis replied "Major Herrod, you have a pistol in your hand, and I am unarmed. If you want to kill me, kill me." Major Herrod then shot at Colonel Loomis 5 times striking him twice, killing him instantly. Major Herrod was arrested, tried and sentenced to death. It seems that Major Herrod had some influential friends that convinced President Lincoln to commute the sentence to 10 years. While he was serving the sentence at a prison in New York, President Johnson pardoned him after just one year.

Major Herrod went back to Shawneetown and resumed his medical practice until his death in 1887. Colonel Loomis' remains were brought back to Du Quoin where he was buried in the old town cemetery.

Information was found on [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com), and an article by Michael Jones of The Southern newspaper.



# *Money Stolen by Confederates – Stolen Again*

*A letter unpublished in the Official Records*

Mr Orson Davis Clerk for Maj H W Tracy C.S.

Was duly sworn and testified as follows

On the 26th of October 1864, whilst the army under Maj Gen'l Sterling Price, P.A.C.S. was on the retreat from Missouri near the Kansas and Missouri line, not far from Carthage Mo. Public funds for which Major H W Tracy C.S. is responsible to the amount of about two hundred and sixty seven thousand two hundred and eighty dollars was put in my possession for transportation, as it was thought the wagons were about to be abandoned and burnt, as the enemy were in close pursuit of Gen'l Price's Army, and Major Tracy thought the money might be saved by carrying it out on horseback. It was put in two sacks and one of them tied on my saddle in front. I carried it all day until about dusk. There was a great deal of confusion about the train where I was, and the stragglers were ungovernable. I was trying to get to the front of the train and came to a narrow place where I could not get out of the road. The stragglers were crowding me in the road, my shawl came off me when I laid it over the sack of money on my saddle, and as I got through the stragglers I raised my shawl to put it on when I discovered that the sack of money was gone. The money was not gone to exceed fifteen minutes when I missed it. I went back searched everywhere along the road & then went to camp, got a candle and searched fully for it. And again went back the next morning but the sack could not be found. The sacks which contained the money were both bulky, and could not be carried by one person. One sack of the money was brought through safely. Maj Tracy had about six hundred thousand dollars public funds and he had no other way to carry it except by means of a wagon. The box which contained the money and the money itself weighed about one hundred and fifty pounds. Every effort was made by Major H.W. Tracy C.S. to save the money from capture by the enemy or its destruction, and also to recover it after it was lost. Two wagons in charge of Maj H. W. Tracy C. S. had been burned the night before, on account of the proximity of the enemy. Major Tracy had always been particular to direct me to ride with the wagon with the funds and particularly see that no one interfered with the wagon which contained the funds. I did not sleep a wink the night before on-account of attending to my duties, repacking and destroying the wagons & reducing our transportation, in accordance with orders from Gen Price, and on the day the money was lost by me we marched about sixty miles. I was very much fatigued but made every effort to preserve and recover the funds.

Major L A Maclean- A.A.G. & Chief of Staff Gen Price

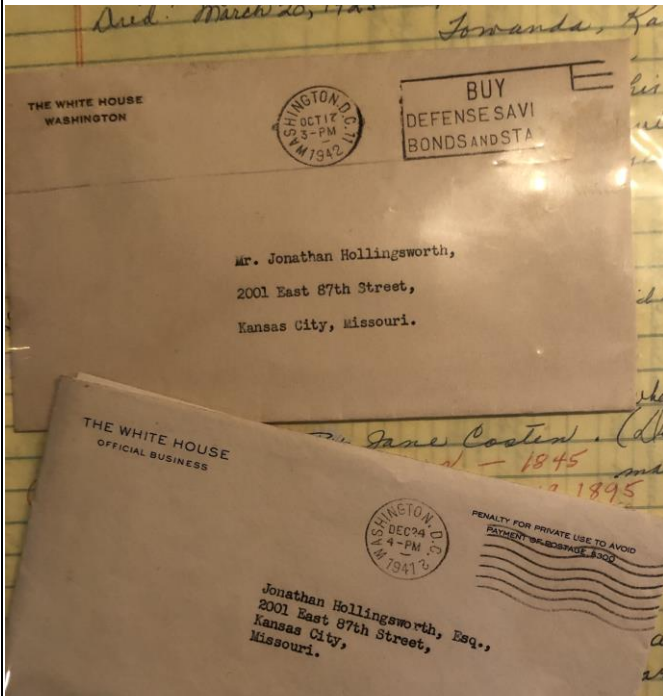
## Archive of McPherson Post #4, Kansas City Located

A woman from Kansas recently contacted the editor about having a scrapbook of items from the Gen'l McPherson Post, Kansas City, MO. A lot of the items involve its past commander, Jonathan Hollingsworth. Hollingsworth was Missouri Department Commander in 1936 and in 1941.

Jonathan mustered into Co. C 33rd Illinois Infantry on Aug 15, 1861 (claiming to be eighteen) at Bloomington, Il. He served 3 years and reenlisted as a veteran on Jan 1, 1864. He mustered out at Vicksburg, MS, on Nov 24, 1865. He served his entire time as a private. Jonathan died on August 3, 1943. He is buried in Mt. Moriah Cemetery, metro Kansas City, MO area.

Plans are in the works to meet the woman and take pictures of the artifacts. Two of the original artifacts are reported to be letters sent to Hollingsworth by President Franklin Roosevelt and his wife, Eleanor.

The following pictures are some examples from the archive.



1930 - 50th Anniversary of the McPherson Post



## Civil War Veterans Get Together For Chicken Dinner



Surviving members of McPherson Post No. 4, G. A. R., of Kansas City, Mo., were guests of the post commander. Left to right are shown: Jas. R. Normach, 93; W. A. Hill, 93; Jonathan Hollingsworth, post commander, 93; D. W. Burrill, 94; Wm. A. Reed, 91, and Geo. W. Johnson, 92.

Editor National

# KANSAS CITY MAN ELECTED AS HEAD OF STATE G. A. R.

John Hollingsworth Succeeds  
Perry Martin of St. Louis  
—Dr. Tyler Named Med-  
ical Advisor.

## BARNES TO COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Springfield Gets 1937 En-  
campment—Parade Will Be  
Held This Afternoon,  
Campfire Tonight.

John Hollingsworth of Kansas City, senior vice commander of the department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, was advanced to the office of commander by unanimous vote at a meeting of the civil war veterans in Parlor A of the Connor hotel yesterday afternoon. He succeeds Perry Martin of St. Louis.

Other officers chosen by acclamation were William Kowazek of Hawk Point, senior vice commander; E. E. Latta of St. Louis, junior vice commander. Dr. R. B. Tyler of Joplin, medical director, and J. H. McEwen of Kansas City, chaplain. Mr. Hollingsworth announced the appointment of John L. Pierson, assistant adjutant general, to serve another term in that office.

### Barnes to Council

Five members were named to the council of administration. They are John Ferguson of Iberia, A. J. P. Barnes of Joplin, S. D. Cassell of Kansas City, Perry Martin and Isaac Harry of Licking.

Springfield's invitation as the host city for the 1937 encampment was accepted by unanimous vote.

Perry Martin of St. Louis, retiring department commander; John Hollingsworth of Kansas City, commander-elect, and heads of allied organizations were presented. A banner made of veterans' badges was presented by Mrs. Jessie Bates of Kansas City, president of the Ladies of the G. A. R., to Mr. Barnes as an unannounced feature of the program. He, in turn, called upon Mrs. Jeanette Dunford of Jefferson City to safeguard the trophy until it is ready to be presented to the national encampment in Washington. Mr. Hollingsworth and Mrs. Marian Kornbleet of Kansas City, retiring department commander and assistant adjutant general, respectively, were also present.

*Barnes made by Marian Kornbleet*



## G. A. R. POST TO DISBAND.

Thinning Ranks Brings Decision  
to Disband Lawrence Group.

(By The Star's Own Service)

LAWRENCE, KAS., Sept. 9.—Washington post No. 12, G. A. R., active here for more than fifty years, is to disband, according to its commander, S. J. Churchill. The post since its organization has had 900 members and now has but seventeen, and only five have been able to attend post meetings in recent months.

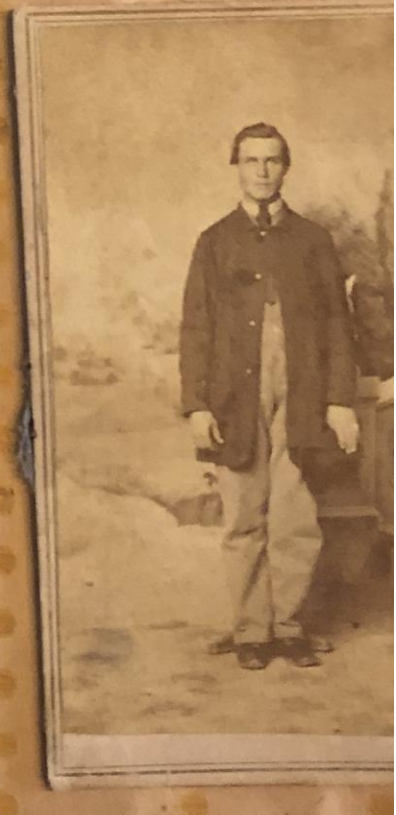
Sharr of St. Louis, color guards.

### Mrs. Kornbleet Reappointed.

Mrs. Marian Kornbleet of Kansas City, who for the last two years has served as secretary to the assistant adjutant general of the G. A. R., yesterday was reappointed to that position with the title of "acting secretary of the Missouri department."

She will continue to direct the activities of secretaries of posts throughout the state, who organized yesterday to form a club.

Officers elected were Sue Agnes Lutz of Kansas City, president; Beulah Abram of St. Joseph, vice president; Dorothy Pierson of St. Louis, secretary, and Berta Cox of Kansas City, treasurer.



## Private Nathaniel McLean Gwyne: Too Young for Enlistment, Yet Served with Distinction

By Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC

National Medal of Honor Day, a federal holiday observed on March 25<sup>th</sup> each year, passed without much fanfare this past week as citizens hunkered down in their homes, warding off an unseen enemy contagion with social distancing. Social gatherings are suddenly not only ill-advised, but taboo as the world faces its worst pandemic in living memory. Disease has ever been an enemy of mankind, working tirelessly to devastate the ranks of armies in wartime, but equally willing to sew death and destruction in times of peace.

Despite the added danger of fatal sickness, young men have ever been set on “seeing the elephant,” a 19<sup>th</sup> century American expression meaning to gain worldly experience at great cost, on the battlefield or elsewhere at every opportunity since the beginning of time. James Albert McMillian, my first cousin 3x removed, joined the American Expeditionary Force and was shipped overseas only to die of the Spanish Influenza in France in October of 1918. Buried with full military honors in France, his body was returned home two and ½ years later to a second funeral the likes of which Pulaski County, Missouri, has probably not seen since. Another young man from Missouri, Nathaniel McLean Gwyne, fought for the Union Army during the American Civil War and ended up receiving the Medal of Honor for his decisive actions in harm’s way.

Nathaniel McLean Gwyne was born in Urbana, Ohio, to David Gwyne and Sarah McLean on July 5, 1849. Seeking enlistment in the Union Army near his home at Fairmont, Missouri, Gwyne soon experienced the defining moment of his life with Company H of the 13<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry at the Battle of the Crater in Petersburg, Virginia, on July 30, 1864. His Medal of Honor citation recounts the experience: *“When about entering upon the charge, this soldier, then but 15-years-old, was cautioned not to go in, as he had not been mustered. He indignantly protected and participated in the charge, his left arm being crushed by a shell and amputated soon afterward.”*

A 1903 book edited by Walter F. Beyer entitled *Deeds of Valor: How America’s Heroes Won the Medal of Honor* contains a more detailed accounting of Gwyne’s heroics. Having been allowed to accompany the 13<sup>th</sup> Ohio Cavalry but refused enlistment due to his age, Nathaniel Gwyne was instructed to stay behind during a charge in Petersburg. The boy emphatically and determinedly refused. The charge commenced and was repulsed, at which point Gwyne performed the gallantry which would establish his place in history.

*“Half the distance over which the charge had been made was covered in the retreat when a horse wheeled out of line, his head toward the enemy, and charged directly toward the battery. It was young Gwynne’s horse. Those who saw the dash at first wondered whether he had lost control of his horse; then, whether his reason had deserted him, for he was guiding his horse with a firm hand. On he went, heedless of the shower of bullets from the infantry, supporting the battery, riding into the midst of it, and directly to the point where his regimental colors were held, all the time urging his horse to its utmost speed.*

*Reaching the colors, he seized them from their captor, and, turning his horse’s head, started back to his regiment. Immediately every gun of the enemy was trained on him. He had not gone far, however, before the arm supporting the flag was shot away, almost tearing it from its socket, and the flag went down. He stopped his horse, took the reins in his teeth, picked up the flag and dashed away toward his regiment. Again, he was shot, this time in the leg, but pluckily he rode on until he reached his comrades, whereupon he turned the flag over to them, and fell unconscious to the ground.”*





This anthologized story, entitled “Too Young for Enlistment, But Served,” goes on to report that Gwyne’s reward for this act of bravery was to be placed on the muster roll of his regiment with his muster-in date backdated to the time of his initial application.

In 1870, Nathaniel Gwyne is listed in the U.S. Federal Census as living with his parents and siblings in Harrison Township, Scotland County, Missouri, which is immediately west of his listed Fairmont, Missouri, enlistment site. The 21-year-old’s occupation is listed as “lawyer.” By 1880, the 30-year-old attorney-at-law is living at 214 Wyandotte Street in Kansas City, Missouri, with his wife, Nira Carter, and five-year-old son, Nathaniel David Gwyne. Nathaniel McLean Gwyne died on January 6, 1883, and is buried next to his son in Union Cemetery, Kansas City, Missouri. Nira applied for a widow’s pension based on Nathaniel’s service after the death of her second husband, Julius Bachmann, in 1921.



“IMMEDIATELY EVERY GUN WAS TRAINED UPON HIM.”

Nathaniel’s pursuit of enlistment at the age of 15 resonates with this author especially considering the similarities to my paternal grandfather’s “seeing the elephant” military enlistment story. Hershel Covart Burd (1929-2001) was the youngest of five brothers split up among family members after his mother died of tuberculosis. After the elder four boys joined the various branches of the U.S. military to fight in World War II, 14-year-old Hershel naturally wanted to follow in their footsteps. After being turned away due to his age, he returned at age 16 with a falsified birth certificate and went on to serve honorably in both the U.S. Army and later the U.S. Marine Corps. His military experience, written in his own words, is anthologized in the book *America’s Youngest Warriors: Stories About Men and Women Who Served in the Armed Forces of America Before Attaining Legal Age*.

Nathaniel’s story stands out not only for his willingness and ability to fight for his country at such a young age, but for displaying gallantry in the face of adversity which truly set him apart from his comrades in arms. For reference, Jacklyn Lucas was the youngest Medal of Honor recipient in World War II when he received the honor for saving the lives of three men six days after his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday. Eleven-year-old drummer boy Willie Johnston is the youngest ever recipient of the honor, serving with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vermont Infantry during the Civil War and being personally recommended for the award by President Abraham Lincoln. It is the memory of these young men, men like Nathaniel McLean Gwynn who faced down mortal fear and death at an age when many of their peers were still afraid of the dark, that we must strive to keep fresh even in the darkest of times.

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# Camp Dispatches

## Phelps Camp

### **PHELPS CAMP MEMBERS HAVE A BUSY FALL**

Phelps Camp members participated in several events last fall.

On October 5, members attended the Catt-Crawford Cemetery commemorative ceremony. The Catts-Crawford Cemetery outside Mount Vernon contains the graves of early settlers, Union and Confederate veterans.

On October 25, the anniversary of General John Fremont's recapture of Springfield, members helped re-dedicate the Zagonyi's Charge monument, which was recently relocated to Zagonyi Park.

On November 3, members formed the color guard for the dedication of the Warden's Station marker near Conway. The Mary Whitney Phelps Tent of the Daughters of Union Veterans raised funds for the impressive roadside marker highlighting the location of a Union Army post during the Civil War.



## ANNUAL PHELPS CAMP “HISTORIC RANGE DAY”

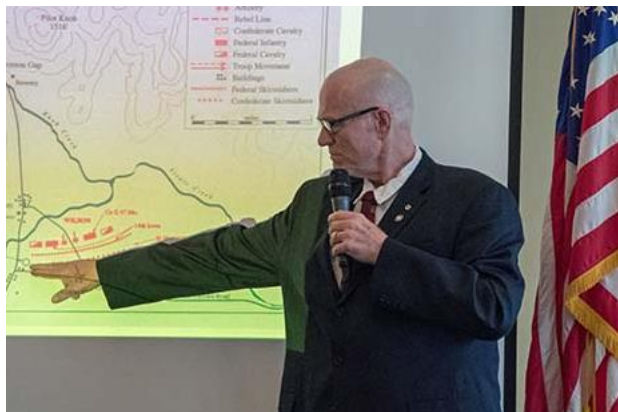
Once again, thanks to the generosity of camp members Kirk Singleton and John Sutton, members of the camp enjoyed handling and live firing a number of reproduction and original U.S. military weapons—and proved that they’re pretty good shots!



## Grant Camp

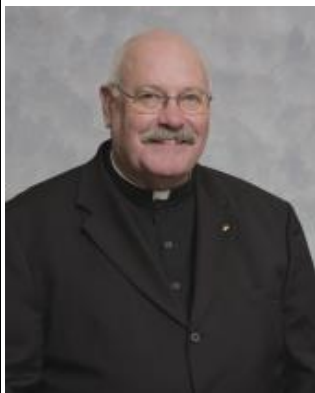
Walt Busch gave talks to the Military Officer's Association of America at the Missouri Athletic Club – West in January about the *Battle of Pilot Knob* and at the Missouri Civil War Museum in February on *Lost Tales of Price's Raid*. Both were well attended (the museum had to create a waiting list after they maxed out their room capacity) and he promoted the SUVCW and our websites during his slide presentations.

Members of the camp met with the Julia Dent Grant Tent, DUVCW in March, and agreed to hold at least four joint events in the coming year. These include Sherman and Grant Remembrance Days, Memorial Day, and a 56<sup>th</sup> USCT Remembrance.



Grant Camp is planning the following unique events with the Julia Dent Grant Tent, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865

- ✚ May 25 -Memorial Day - - May 25 Our Program Starts around 11 AM – Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery (SUVCW/DUVCW Event)
- ✚ July 18 - Grant Remembrance Day – July 18 10am Grant National Historic Site (White Haven) (SUVCW/DUVCW Event)
- ✚ July 23 - US Grant Symposium Kick Off - Evening - Grant National Historic Site (White Haven)
- ✚ August 30 - 56th USCT Ceremony - 1 PM - Missouri Civil War Museum, with wreath laying later at Jefferson Barracks. (SUVCW/DUVCW Event)
- ✚ October 2 & 3 - Allied Orders Conference – Murphysboro – Logan Museum. Grant Camp Member is setting this up.
- ✚ October 25 Sherman Remembrance Day – Oct 25 1PM – Calvary Cemetery and maybe luncheon with speech at some other restaurant in St Louis (SUVCW/DUVCW Event)
- ✚ Dec 9 (Date Tentative)- Christmas Dinner - Date, Time, Location TBD



Monsignor Michael John Witt became a member of our camp in January. His ancestor was Private Joseph Zumsteg, Co. F, 4<sup>th</sup> Missouri Cavalry. Msgr. Witt was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Saint Louis in 1990 and was elevated to the rank of monsignor in a Papal Honor accorded by Pope Benedict XVI in 2011.

Msgr. Witt holds a Ph.D. in Modern European History from Saint Louis University and a Masters in Divinity from Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. Witt is finishing a four-volume history of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis and has assembled a 169-part series on church history at [michaeljohnwitt.com](http://michaeljohnwitt.com) as well as over one hundred half-hour programs on local church history.

Our next new member this January is Frank Mathews, brother of our Junior Vice Commander Craig Mathews. Frank works as a Records Retention Supervisor for US Title Co. Frank's ancestor was Private Michael Hartnagel, Jr., Co. H, 117<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry. Frank joins his brother, Craig Mathews – our camp's Junior Vice Commander, in the organization.

But let's not stop at two new members. We also have Michael McKeever of Cape Girardeau. Our new under 40-year-old member had a great-great-great grand uncle (co-lateral full membership is allowed) named Milton S. Summers. Summers had a rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant with Co. B, 5<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry. He died during the attack on the Cumberland Iron Works and his father brought his body home after the war. Milton Summer Post #204 in Malvern, Iowa was named in his honor.

Finally, Matthew Zahradka of Ballwin joined us at the start of the year. Matt is the Air Force JROTC instructor in a west St Louis County High School. His great-grandfather was John M. Burnett, who mustered in on 5 Sep 1864 at Pilot Knob, MO, by Captain St. Gemme (who our SUVCW Camp – St. James is named after in Ste. Genevieve). Burnett was most likely in the Ste. Genevieve area at the time of the battle of Pilot Knob.

## Westport Camp

### Lincoln's Birthday Commemoration



LIEUTENANT MILTON S. SUMMERS.  
5th Iowa Cavalry.  
Born in Illinois Nov. 20, 1828.  
Settled in Mills County 1855.  
Died Aug. 27, 1862.

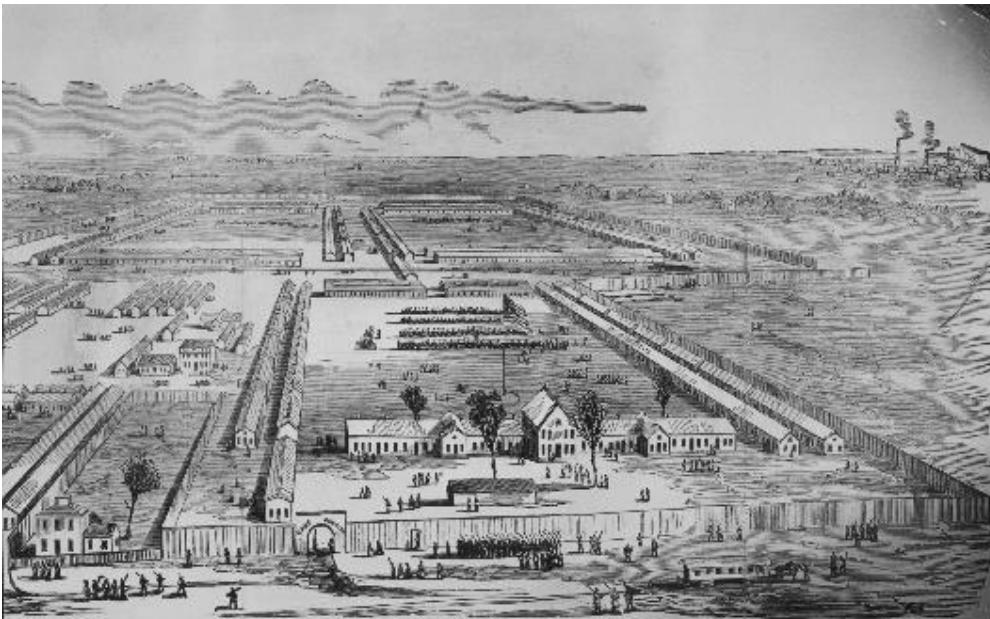


Westport Camp #64 and DUVCW Macklind Tent #24 held a joint-commemoration for President Abraham

Lincoln's birthday on Sunday, 9 February 2020. A new tradition for Kansas City, the commemoration was held at the *Abraham Lincoln & His Son Tad* memorial statue that sits at Kansas City's south entrance to City Hall. This year included reading a proclamation from Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas declaring February 12th as Lincoln Day.

A well-known downtown Kansas City landmark, the *Abraham Lincoln & His Son Tad* statue was provided from a community-wide campaign that raised \$140,000. Artist Lorenzo Ghiglieri was commissioned in 1983 to create the 10' tall, 2,500 bronze statue that was installed and dedicated in 1986.

*Pictured: SUVCW Westport Camp Commander Kenneth Bailey with his wife DUVCW Missouri President Dee Wolfe, flanked by SVR color guard members Sergeant Michael Lundeen and Corporal Dale Crandell.*



### Welcome New Members and Supplementals

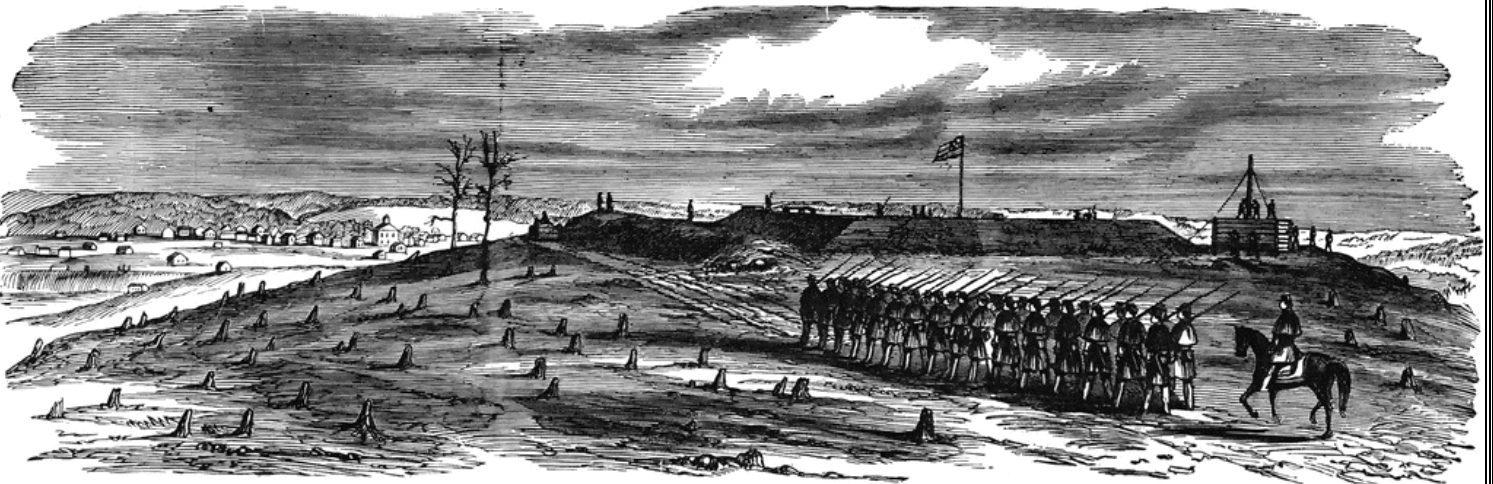
Brother Zachary Karim was mustered into Westport Camp #64 at our camp meeting on 5 February 2020. He joins to honor of his ancestor Private Walter Brewster who served in Company D, 127th Illinois Infantry Regiment.

While mustered with the 127th Illinois, Private Brewster was part of the Atlanta Campaign,

Sherman's March to the Sea, Carolina Campaign, and North Carolina's Battle of Bentonville. The 127th Illinois participated in the Grand Review of Armies in Washington in May 1865, mustered out in June 1865, and discharged when it returned to Chicago in June 1865.

*Pictured: Chicago's Camp Douglas used as prison for Confederate soldiers and training Union soldiers including the 127<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry Regiment. Source: Chicago Sun Times (<https://suntimesmedia.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/campdouglasaerialview2.jpg>)*  
Brother Pemberton Dominique was mustered into Westport Camp #64 at our camp meeting 4 March 2020. He joins to honor his ancestor Corporal George Gan who served in Company A, 48th Missouri Infantry Regiment.

The 48th Missouri was recruited from St. Louis, Jefferson City, and Rolla in August–November 1864 and used for railroad guard duty in Missouri, Tennessee, and Alabama, and later to guard prisoners at Chicago's Camp Douglas.



*Pictured: Rolla's Fort Wyman [where today's University of Missouri – Rolla is] used for guarding railway between Rolla and St. Louis, and as recruiting station including recruitment of 48th Missouri Infantry Regiment. Source: Florida Center for Instructional Technology ([https://etc.usf.edu/clipart/11200/11283/rolla\\_11283.htm](https://etc.usf.edu/clipart/11200/11283/rolla_11283.htm)).*

Brother Kevin Miller's supplemental membership was approved by Westport Camp #64 on 4 March 2020. His supplemental honors his ancestor Private Charles McCoy who served in Company A, 1st Mississippi Mounted Rifles.

**RECRUITS WANTED.**  
**FOR THE FIRST MISSISSIPPI MOUNTED RIFLES,** made up of loyal Mississippians—principally Union refugees. A few more recruits will be received. A bounty of \$100 paid on muster. A rare chance offered to enlist in a fine regiment now over 800 strong. Apply to Lieut. THOS. WHITE, 3d floor Masonic Building, Vicksburg; or to Captain THOS. H. YANCEY, Natchez, Miss.  
jy2-8w Recruiting Officers.

The Battalion was organized in Memphis, Tennessee in March 1864 and served in several skirmishes in Tennessee and Mississippi until mustered out at the end of war in June 1865. While there were several Union Mississippi regiments organized from ex-slaves and Native Americans, the 1st Mississippi Battalion was organized from pro-Union Mississippi residents fleeing to western Tennessee (Johnson, 15-26).

Source: Johnson, Beau (2012). 1st Mississippi Mounted Rifles: Mississippi's Union Battalion in the Civil War [Honors Thesis]. University of Southern Mississippi.

*Pictured: Recruiting for 1<sup>st</sup> Mississippi published in the Vicksburg Daily on 7 July 1864. Source: Civil War Talk (<https://civilwartalk.com/threads/mississippis-only-white-union-regiment-the-1st-mississippi-mounted-rifles.91307/>).*

## Fletcher Camp



**Camp Commander Don Lillicrap**

Depending on Coronavirus issues, hopefully we will be able to have events again by May. If so, the following are being planned.

Doug explained that we would like to have a Memorial Day weekend event for Ted Howell's great-great-uncle. Harrison Murdy (aka Murdock) was in the 6th Missouri Cavalry, Company L. He died of measles in Louisiana in 1865 and is buried there. The government had provided Murdy a tombstone with his name misspelled "Murdock," so they are under no obligation to provide a new one. Ted would like to have a memorial at the Horine Cemetery in Richwoods. He will have a cenotaph placed there. This event would take place on Saturday, May 24, 2 p.m. Sumner said he would contact the Grant, St. James, and Wilhelmi Camps.

Registration is open for Battle of Pilot Knob Reenactment (Sept 26 & 27), so we need to get that taken care of soon. Doug will do this. Jim Flynt-Smith wants a table there with Susan. She should be able to man our table if it is close by. Kelly said that she should be able to fill in. We plan to make our wooden guns for children to sell again as fundraisers. Also, we have opportunities at Pilot Knob this year to have us do our own living history / encampment event on site.

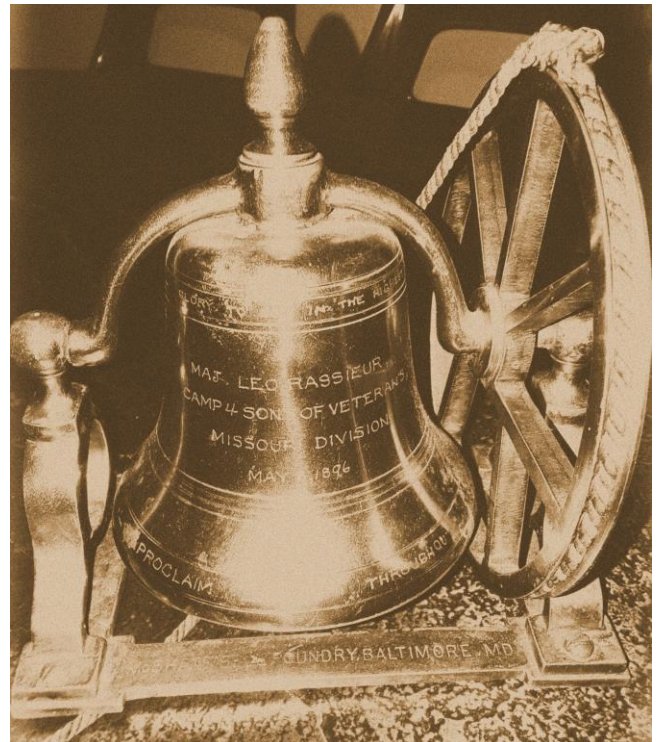
The rest of our scheduled events are:

- ✚ 24 May - Memorial Day event at Horine Cemetery (Richwoods)
- ✚ 25 May - Memorial Day (Jefferson Barracks)
- ✚ 26-27 September - Battle of Pilot Knob
- ✚ 5 December - De Soto Christmas Parade

## Major Leo Rassieur Camp 4 Bell Returns to St. Louis

Among a Maryland woman's artifacts left by her mother was a box with a bell inside it. Her mother was a former member of the Women's Relief Corps and the woman, herself, had played piano at a WRC reception in the 1950s.

She contacted Past Commander-in-Chief Andrew Johnson and he got in touch with us. She was wanting to sell the bell and this information was relayed to officers of the department. The bell was of a type that camp commanders would use to call a meeting to order in lieu of a hammer. This side is inscribed: "A new commandment I give unto you that you love on another A.D.1893." Around edge. "Unto all the inhabitants therefore I proclaim liberty throughout the land." [Albumen colored photo]



PDC Dale Crandell, department commander, recommended that the bell should be purchased it after first allowing US Grant Camp the option to buy it and keep it in St. Louis. PDC Walt Busch, Grant Camp member, thought that the bell should be purchased, if desired, by the department as the department had the Rassieur Camp Charter. When asked his opinion, Walt believed artifacts from a similar source, such as one SV camp, should be kept together. It would make no sense for say, the Battle of Pilot Knob State Historic Site to bid on and maintain a collection of artifacts that came from Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. He believed the same should be done here. If the department doesn't buy the bell to keep the artifacts together, then the charter owned by the department ought to be kept with the bell by Grant Camp. He didn't want that either as they would end up being stored at his house. He also felt the bell would be shared more if owned by the department. The charter was originally gifted to the Sherman Camp and upon their demise it went to the department.

At the March Grant Camp meeting, the camp voted to negotiate to buy the bell with Walt Busch dissenting in the vote. Walt entered negotiations and the bell was purchased for the camp.



Captain John Harnois, of St. Joseph, Mo., mustered in a camp of the Sons of Veterans on Wednesday night. It will be known as U. S. Grant Camp, No. 4.— After the mustering ceremonies were over the following officers were elected and installed:

Captain, Ernest L. Glaze.  
 First Lieutenant, Harry E. Moore.  
 Second Lieutenant, A. W. Brock.  
 Chaplain, Chas. Oxley.  
 Quartermaster Sergeant, Harry B. Wilson.  
 Sergeant of the Guard, Sidney L. Brock.  
 Corporal of the guard Will. F. McMurphy

Trustees, Grant Turk, Chas. E. McMurphy, Chas. E. Caswell.

Captain Glaze made the following appointments on his staff:

Orderly Sergeant, Fred H. Wilson.  
 Color Sergeant, Will. E. Bennett.  
 Ordnance Sergeant, Homer E. Moore.  
 Camp Guard, Chas. E. Caswell.  
 Picket Guard, Grant Turk.

The meetings of the camp will be held semi-monthly, on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

## New Information Always Being Discovered

– It is worthwhile to every few months or so to check for new information you may be looking for. It seems more always pops up at some point. I found this information (above insert) about an as yet unknown Sons of Veterans Camp at Macon, MO, while looking for clippings for this edition.

The only known camp at Macon prior to this was the Gen. W.T. Sherman Camp #19. This also suggests that the camp didn't last long as there the numbers were reused after camps failed to thrive. There once was a camp 4 in Independence, MO and the longest lasting camp 4 was the Major Leo Rassieur Camp.

Clipping From *The Macon Republican* (Macon, Missouri) 28 Jan 1886.





# *Allied Orders & Coming Events*

## **The 79<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Central Region, Allied Orders**

**Gen'l Logan Home & Museum, Murphysboro, IL**

**Mark your calendars for October 2-3, 2020**

*The Central Region – Allied Orders of the Grand Army meets once a year. At the meetings, the group usually has a historical presentation (and tour) along with a presentation designed to improve a member's skills within the Allied Orders, of which the 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!*

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

*All SUVCW, DUVCW, WRC, LGAR & A-SUVCW members are entitled to show up at these meetings, learn and make friends in the other organizations. Members of any of these organizations within our recognized boundaries (see map on website) are entitled to vote at meetings. For more information, contact Walt Busch [wbusch@suvcwmo.org](mailto:wbusch@suvcwmo.org)*

*As of October 2019, Missouri SUVCW SVC Sumner Hunnewell assumed the mantle of Commander of the Central Region – Allied Orders. The meeting this year will be at the General John Logan Home & Museum in Murphysboro IL area.*

### **THE APPLICATION IS ON THE NEXT PAGE**

**The Central Regional Association of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic (the CRA)** invites you to Murphysboro, IL, home of Major General John A. Logan. This is a time of fellowship and programs to enhance the mission our Allied Orders.

October 2 is an opportunity to get settled in, go out to dinner, and get to know each other.

Saturday, October 3, plans are to travel to and tour the [Gen. John A. Logan Museum](#). There will be an opportunity at the museum to inspect dozens of Civil War weapons, participate in a talk on vintage 1860s baseball, as well other topics. For our afternoon program, we hope to have a local reporter or two to talk about the best way of approaching the local press to cover our Allied Order events. Our business meeting will follow. We plan to have Saturday dinner at the award-winning [17th Street BBQ](#).

*Everyone who pre-registers will receive a goody bag and souvenir ribbon.*

If you plan on attending, it's recommended that you make your hotel reservations early since it will be Parents Weekend at SUI-Carbondale. Hotel information can be found here: [craalliedorders.org/crameeting.html](http://craalliedorders.org/crameeting.html)

The CRA was formed from efforts started in 1940 to enhance membership within the Allied Orders. The CRA encompasses 14 states, stretching from Ohio to Wyoming.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty  
Sumner G. Hunnewell, PCC  
Commander, Central Region – Allied Orders



**CENTRAL REGION OF THE ALLIED ORDERS 81<sup>ST</sup> CONFERENCE  
REGISTRATION FORM**

**October 2-3, 2020, in Murphysboro, Illinois**

Please, return no later than September 15, 2020

NAME:

Address:

City:  State:  ZIP:

SUVCW    DUVCW    WRC    LGAR    A-SUVCW

Highest Rank in your Organization:

I plan to attend  Friday Night Dinner    CRA Meeting    Saturday Night Dinner

SPOUSE (if attending)

SUVCW    DUVCW    WRC    LGAR    A-SUVCW    Not Affiliated

Highest Rank in his/her Organization:

He/she plans to attend  Friday Night Dinner    CRA Meeting    Saturday Night Dinner

If you are attending any of the dinners and the meeting, the registration cost is \$10.00 prior to September 15 and \$15.00 at the door. \*

\$10.00 per attendee X  attendees = \$

Mail check payable to "Central Region Allied Orders". Send to Walter Busch (CRA), 1240 Konert Valley Dr Fenton, MO 63026

*Each pre-registered attendee will be guaranteed a "goody bag" and meeting ribbon.*

<http://craalliedorders.org/crameeting.html>

\* \$3 each registration fee goes to the museum as a thank-you for a free room and after Sep 15, the additional \$5 goes toward a gift to their local project to honor multiple Civil War dead with a monument.

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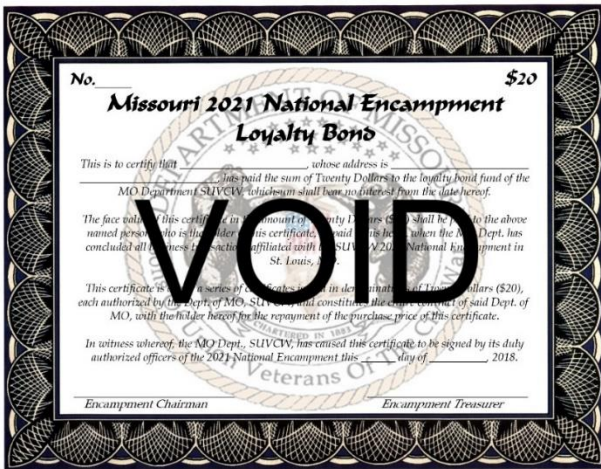
FROM THE DEPT. OF MISSOURI

## LOYALTY BONDS CALLING ALL LOYAL SUVCW MEMBERS!

### We need funds run the 2021 National Encampment.

For every twenty dollars (\$20) you loan us through 2022. You will receive one of these Loyalty Bonds. In 2022, you will receive \$20 for each loyalty bond turned in for cancellation. We unfortunately cannot give interest on these for legal reasons. To receive your loyalty bond(s), send \$20 in check form made out to "Department of Missouri SUVCW" and mail it to [Walt Busch](#) (address on next page).

ALSO – Check these pages out for new items we will be pre-selling for the 2021 National Encampment. We plan on developing them as quickly as possible.



## VICKSBURG MONUMENT REDEDICATION

Beautiful challenge coin to add to any collection, or gift for any enthusiast. Hurry while supplies last! Only 200 made and the mold is broken! Also a few attendee ribbons are still available and we haven't raised our postage rates!

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

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

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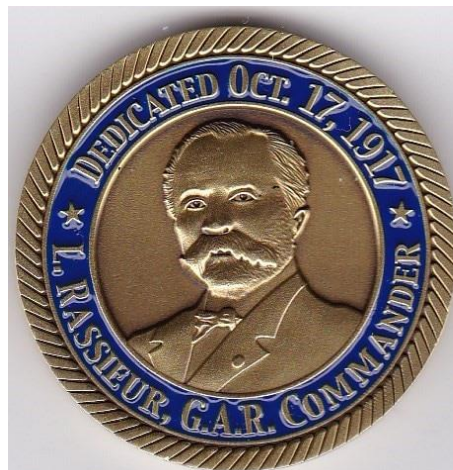
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- 90 Count \$4.00  
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Battles shown: 1861 Battle of Belmont, 1862 Shiloh, 1863 Vicksburg, 1864 The Wilderness, 1865 Surrender at Appomattox Courthouse.

We've reduced the price to only \$45.00 per set. Plus \$5.00 shipping.  
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ORDERS: [Mark Coplinmacnac4856@gmail.com](mailto:Mark Coplinmacnac4856@gmail.com)

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