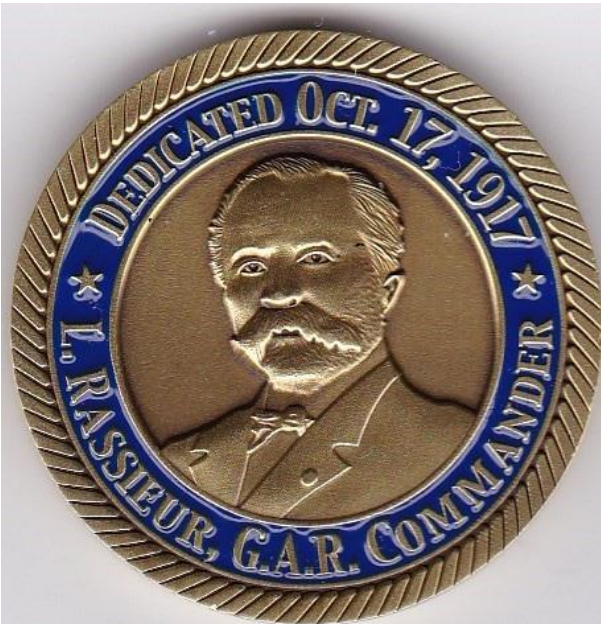


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**1917-2017 Missouri Monument at
Vicksburg Rededication – Challenge
Coin issued**



**DUES ARE NOW DUE TO YOUR
CAMPS!**
**2017 Department Encampment
in Branson Info**

ARTICLES:
***Was a GAR Post named
after a Coward???***
AND...

***Shadowy Guerrilla
Mastermind Revealed!***

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Events on the Horizon

Feb 12, 2017	Lincoln's Birthday
Feb 15, 2016	Camp Form 22 to be into Dept Secretary
Feb 26, 2017	Sherman's Birthday Ceremony at Cavalry Cemetery
Mar 11, 2017	Dept of Mo SUVCW Meeting in Jefferson City
Apr 15, 2017	Lincoln Tomb Remembrance
April 15, 2017	Camp Form 27 due to Dept Secretary & Deadline for ROTC & MO SUV Awards Programs
May 27, 2017	Memorial Day- Saturday – Missouri Monument Rededication Planned at Vicksburg
May 29, 2017	Memorial Day – Jefferson Barracks and other locations
June 3, 2017	Department Encampment – Branson, MO

Editor's Comments

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! Recently I went through a bunch of old files for the Grant Camp to store them away. In the process, I found then Dept. Commander Don Palmer's first 2 orders for 2001 & 2002. These are part of our history, but also might serve the purpose that orders issued by him may require updating of our department's procedures manual. I also thought I found a copy of the 2001 Department Encampment, but I was wrong.

What we need is anyone, especially if you are a previous Department Commander or officer, to look through your computer and older documents. If you have old department orders or encampment information, we need to scan those items for our files and/or to put on our website. Any old photos can be useful also. So please take just a minute and email copies to me at wbusch@suvchwmo.org or if they are hard copies, I would gladly accept them by mail and make copies of them. If you want them returned, I would be glad to do that.

DUES! YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! Every year as secretary, I have to chase around a camp commander or secretary from one or two camps to get them to process dues. As members you have had from January to the end of March to pay theses. That is more than most organizations allow. So please submit them now! Last year one camp had to be suspended because they did not get this in on time. The dues structure is printed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Thanks for your continuing efforts to memorialize our Civil War vets.

Soldiering On the Border 1862-1863

By: Michael E. Banasik

Recreation on the Frontier

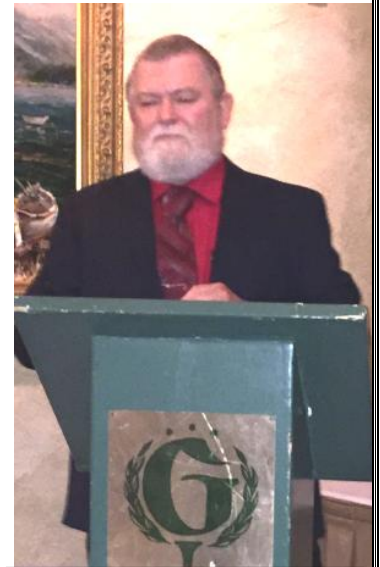
A short time after a soldier entered the army in 1862 he was introduced to a regular schedule of activities. Reveille was between 4:30 and 5:30 A.M. followed by roll call. Breakfast was at 6:30 succeeded by sick call and guard mount. Companies and squads drilled for two hours between 7:00 and 12:30. Dinner was around 12:00 noon followed by battalion drill from 2-4:00 P.M. Supper was between 5:30-6:00, parade at 6:30 and taps at 9:45. As the season turned to the fall and winter, reveille would be later and drill times reduced or canceled. Most of a soldier free time occurred after supper giving a soldier three to four free hours per day. Sundays were also generally free of military activities.

To lessen the boredom of camp life soldiers found ways to amuse themselves. This normally broke down into three areas— individual pursuits, small groups, and large gatherings. Letter writing topped the list pursued by most individual soldiers followed by reading, washing clothes, hunting or fishing, whiskey drinking, having your picture taken for your family, practical joking, or visiting a prostitute. Small group activities included mostly games and sporting activities requiring interaction with another soldier. Activities included card play, checkers or chess, gambling, fist fights or boxing, dice, foot races by horse or men, and political discussions. Social gatherings normally involved a large assembly of soldiers and encompassed singing or dancing around the camp fire, instrumental music (small bands), theater groups, balls, temperance meetings, ball games, snowball fights, and assorted religious pursuits. Voting was also a social event for the soldier and practiced with relish in every Union Army whenever the opportunity offered itself.

Letter writing, by far, was the most important leisure activity for the soldier. Those who couldn't write would ask a comrade to write for them or have the friend enclose a comment or two about themselves in a letter home.

Letters served many purposes; including a chronicle of the soldier travels, instructions on running the family business or farm, collecting debts, or just to maintain contact with loved ones at home. Soldiers simply did not want to be forgotten. William Gulick, an Iowa cavalryman, summed up the importance of a letter:

You can imagine the joy with which letters are received by the soldiers from home and friends. Away in this wilderness of a country we get no news whatever. I know. nothing of the war outside of our division, [have not seen a paper in weeks.



History Author Michael Banasik speaking to the Grant Camp 2016



Soldiers worried constantly about their loved ones, fearing that they were destitute, ill cared for, or lacking in some necessity. One Kansan worried about his wife outdoors chopping wood, having no money to pay for help. Another pleaded with his girlfriend to write, swearing that she was the only women for him. One from Wisconsin simply wanted to hear his father's voice one more time.



Union soldier with banjo, 1861
(Library of Congress)

When receiving letters from home the frontier soldier wanted only encouraging news as their lives were hard enough without complaints from home. One newspaper correspondent even urged his readers not to write if they had "nothing pleasant or cheerful to say." Discouraging letters caused soldiers to desert or despair in doing their duty. George Williams from Missouri wrote that his heart ached when he didn't receive a letter from his wife at each mail call. Robert LeMarinel of the Twentieth Iowa simply wanted his wife to write more often. Major William Thompson had to convince his wife that he would be a coward if he resigned to return home, without being in even one battle. William Black of Illinois wrote numerous letters but rarely got answers.

Letters from home presented mostly family news, health of the children or aging parents. Sometimes letters cautioned the soldier on his health, to stay away from drink, to send money, or told of the local crops or selling price of stock. Girlfriends reminded their intendeds to remain faithful or asked for permission to come and see them in Missouri or Arkansas. Letters of a serious

tone told of a potential rebellion in the remaining Northern states or predicted the fall of the Lincoln Government because of the 1862 elections.

Despite the best efforts by the soldier on the border or their families to write regularly, the mails were frequently interrupted, delayed, lost, or stolen. The mail was secure to Rolla by train, but occasionally taken while en route to Springfield from Rolla. Southward the mail was erratic, the region being infested with guerrilla bands who constantly robbed the couriers. Even a soldier in the Thirty-seventh Illinois robbed his unites mail in the search for money; he was caught but no charges leveled. This in turn led to constant complaints from the border soldier. Corporal William Gulick complained that the mails had been robbed two out the last three deliveries. If a soldier was lucky he would receive correspondence about every ten days, whether on the march or in camp.

Next to letter writing the soldier of the frontier enjoyed a variety of activities. Luman Tenney enjoyed a game of chess with his lieutenant. Albert Greene visited a troupe of travelling of players. William Black laughed into the middle of the night at a group of blacks who performed around the campfire. A. L. Tyler played cards to occupy his time. The Twentieth Wisconsin organized a glee club and string band. Many got drunk when they could.

Whiskey was strictly controlled on the frontier and illegal stores, normally from sutlers, were confiscated. Occasionally when the troops were close to a town they frequented saloons, leading one trooper to comment that "whiskey was a sad thing in the army." At other times whiskey was limited to special events like the Fourth of July or the winning a battle like Prairie Grove. On New Year's Day 1863 the men of the Nineteenth Iowa assembled around General Herron's tent and gave him three cheers. The general in turn gave the officers a touch of spirits and apologized to the troops for not having enough to give them all a glass.

Reading also occupied the time of the frontier soldier, who concentrated on the novels of the time or the ever popular bible. An Ohio trooper read *Woman in White* by Wilkie Collins, Longfellow's *Hyperion*, and Shakespeare's *Othello*, One

Confederate Veteran

NASHVILLE, TENN., OCTOBER, 1980

PUBLISHED MONTHLY IN THE INTEREST OF CONFEDERATE ASSOCIATIONS AND KINDRED TOPICS.

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RECREATION IN ARMY LIFE

BY JAMES E. PAYNE, DALLAS, TEX.

The man or woman who imagines that "Johnnie Reb" had a hard time from start to finish, that his sky was always obscured by clouds and his hours spent among the doldrums, is very much off his or her imagining.

Despite the stories by politicians of how we suffered the pangs of hunger, etc., etc., every veteran who actually soldiered can recall many blue spots on the sky of his memory; many days and nights when pleasure led the march and love burnished life with gold. One fortunate thing for us was that we had our games. Marbles, played with all the zest and avidity of school-boy days; cards, running the gamut through smut, loo, euchre, three-card monte, poker, cribbage and whist; checks, and the royal game of chess. Then, we had men with voices—voices of intriguing tenor of loftiest tone; bass, deep with pathos, sweet with harmony; and thrilling baritone rich with melody. Almost indescribable was the power of those voices to please and enthrall the soul when assembled and mingled. It was not exactly grand opera, nor, thank the Lord, was it either "ragtime" or "jazz." The songs were the old familiars, the rich melodies of the Southland, mingled with the popular Scotch and Irish ballads. The very woods would ring with "Swanee River," "Annie Laurie," "Massa's in de Cole, Cole Ground," "Lorena," "Mary of Argyle," "Kathleen Mavourneen," etc., etc. Our "Truthful James" used to declare that when one of these concerts was running at full speed the song birds of the forest would come and perch overhead and take notes.

OldMagazineArticles.com

from Illinois complained that an intelligent person could find nothing but trashy books on the frontier. When the Army of the Frontier occupied Cane Hill they looted the library of the local college, which provided a large volume of reading material for some time to come.

In the fall of 1862 voting was widespread in the Army of the Frontier. Election officials arrived from Iowa in October 1862, but only had ballots for candidates the Republican Party in the Nineteenth Iowa, In the other Iowa regiments Republican candidates received seventy-five percent of the vote. The Twentieth Wisconsin voted on November 4, 1862, giving the Republican candidates 334 votes to 93 for the Democrat. The governor of Wisconsin even visited the Wisconsin boys in May 1863 in an attempt to maintain his popularity with the troops. In Kansas units the voting was even more lopsided, ten to one in favor of the Republicans.

Within the Army of the Frontier there were some unusual leisure activities pursued by the men of the army. Robert McMahan from Ohio was an amateur geologist, who spent his time exploring creek beds and rock formations. Many, like William Thompson from Iowa, enjoyed hunting for wild turkey, duck or deer, which served the dual purpose of relieving boredom and supplementing the diet. Others like Frank Bykritt explored the many caves of northwest Arkansas. The Eleventh Kansas operated a printing press they found "abandoned" in Cane Hill, Arkansas.

When the normal camp pursuits did not lessen the boredom of camp life commanders on the frontier employed the normal duties of picket, guard, escort, parades, drills, or digging trenches to keep the soldiers busy. This led one soldier in the Thirteenth Kansas to record that he had no idle time. He was sure the commanders of the frontier supported General Grant's premise of working on useless projects, "believing that employments was better than idleness for the men."

Leisure time and recreation were important aspects of the soldier's life on the frontier. There was little unique about

this aspect of border service, except for the few unusual activities practiced by a few in the army. In the final analysis recreational activities helped relieve the boredom of camp life and keep the soldier focused on completing his duty so he could return home to a normal life.

Collector's Corner

By

Douglas Roussin

Part 1 Pre-Civil War Belt Plates

I have been thinking about the Collector's Corner for weeks trying to decide what would be a good topic for the coming year. I thought back to the number of discussions with brothers to see what their interests might be. I factored in the number of times I have been asked to authenticate items related to the Civil War, especially belt plates. As it has become harder to identify originals from the many reproductions and fakes that were being offered, especially Confederate buckles, I felt it would be a good idea to study some of these belt plates. The result will be a four part series on pre-Civil War, Civil War, post Civil War and Confederate buckles. These articles are meant to inform readers of some of the things to look for in originals that they might encounter. We are only scratching the surface.

Pre Civil War Belt Plates



Some of the earliest belt plates of the 1800's are called panel plates. These plates were made by stamping a thin piece of brass into a die. Many of these plates had an eagle motif. A flat tongue and belt loop bar was soldered to the back. The imprint of the design can be seen on the back. The following are a few of these panel plates.

Militia Officers Plate



A close examination of this plate reveals silver on copper. This plate is die struck. A look along the edge, shows that the silver plate was crimped over the copper plate leaving a seam. The tongue and belt loop bar have been attached by solder. This plate was dug in Boston and dates between 1818-1835.



L – Artillery buckle 1818-1835 R- Militia Eagle 1825-1835 The back of these buckles are very similar to the one above.



1845-1860



1832-1845



1850-1865

Many of these belt plates were made for militia units which were very popular before the Civil War. They were more like clubs and marching societies. Every large city had at least one and many cities had several. All these plates are die struck and have the imprint on the reverse. All tongues and belt loop bars are soldered to the back.

1839-1837

Circa 1845



Two Piece Belt Plates

Two piece buckles have always been popular and in the 1840-1850's were quite common with military and militia units. Here are two examples using the eagle design. Note the number of stars around each eagle. The

first buckle is easy to identify as original. It is actually a three piece buckle. The wreath portion is one piece while the tongue is two pieces. Companies had what was called stock pieces. This means that the disc in the middle could be applied separately and would allow the company to keep a ready stock of buckles without a center disk. When an order was made that required a specific design, it would be stamped and soldered to the tongue portion. These buckles are heavy. The second buckle also has an applied tongue but is much thinner. This buckle was very popular during the gold rush period. Many have been found in California and other states where mining occurred.



1845-1860

1839-1851

1855-1870

The first two buckles (previous page) are one of the hardest to identify as original. Reproductions of these have been seen. They are aged and are being passed for originals. A dead giveaway to these buckles is the touch along the belt loops. Originals will be smooth from wear and reproductions will sometimes have a rough edge. These buckles, from left to right are Independent Militia Company, U. S Artillery and Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia.



In the 20 years approaching the Civil War, the military saw a need to have a more standardized and heavy duty belt plate. The Seminole War had shown that the accoutrements used during that war had not been sufficient. A new design for enlisted men was adopted in 1839. This was the oval U. S. belt plate (left). The early plates (1839-1844) had a simple bent wire for a hooking device. It soon became apparent that this was not sturdy enough, and in 1847, a new hooking device was adopted. Today, these belt plates are referred to as 'Puppy Paws'. Some of these buckles were contracted out to private companies. Sometimes they are found with the manufacturer's name imprinted in the lead. These names include, J. I. Pittman, E.

Gaylord, W. H. Smith, Brooklyn, and Boyd and Sons, Boston. While these names are most often seen, other names and marks are also found. The 1839 buckle had a matching U.S. cartridge box plate. These belt plates have several sizes and variations in the letters as a number of different dies were made. While the larger belt plates used the puppy paw back, a smaller U. S. plate was the first to use the arrowhead hook on the back. We refer to the smaller buckles as "baby U. S.". The ordnance Department ordered at least 30,000 sets of baby U. S. buckles and box plates.



This is an early U.S. buckle with puppy paws and a large hook on the back. The back is stamped, W. H. Smith.



In 1851, another buckle was designed for enlisted men as well as officers. This plate is the 1851 rectangular eagle belt plate. In the 10 years before the Civil War, these plates went through a number of design changes. At first the eagle, wreath and tongue were applied separately with the wreath placed beneath the eagle. The cost of producing these was expensive. Therefore the ordnance department changed the pattern allowing the eagle to be cast integral into the plate. The wreath is still applied, but, in three parts. Most of the wreath was below the eagle. The tips of the wreath were above the eagle's wings. Later changes would put the entire wreath below the eagle.

The eagle buckle is an early pattern with the three piece wreath. The tips of the wreath appear above the eagle's wings.

1914 Springfield: 6th Missouri Cavalry Reunion

The Springfield Library is looking for help identifying men in the picture. If you know call 417-616-0534



IT PAYS TO PAY YOUR DUES: MISSOURI DUES STRUCTURE

Jan 1 - Mar 31	\$23.00 nat'l	\$6.00 state	\$5.00 application fee = \$34.00
Apr 1 - Jun 30	\$17.25 nat'l	\$4.50 state	\$5.00 application fee = \$26.75
July 1 - Sep 30	\$ 11.50 nat'l	\$3.00 state	\$5.00 application fee = \$19.50
Oct 1 - Dec 31	\$5.75 nat'l	\$1.50 state	\$5.00 application fee = \$12.25

Any member who has a break in membership, INCLUDING, being a member say in 2016, but not paying until April 1, 2017, MUST pay an additional \$10.00 to national to reinstate their status. Also, when that member lapsed, if he was a past camp commander or department commander, he lost those honors within the organization. They can only be reinstated by a two step process. It's worth keeping your dues up to date or going with a life membership.

If you have received this newsletter and have not paid your dues for this year, they are a day away from expiring. So contact your camp secretary immediately or secretary@suvcwmo.org and we can still work on correcting it. We have a little time until the department secretary's report is due and can make some adjustments.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
2017 MISSOURI DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT
JUNE 3, 2017 at 9:00am



CAMDEN HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER

275 Tanger Blvd.
Branson, MO 65616
Reservations call (417) 334-8404 or 800-335-2555
Tell them you are with
The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Rooms are \$70.00/Nt. for 2 Queens or \$75.00/Nt. for a King
Cut-off reservation date is May 1, 2017

Come a few days early or stay a few days after and take in some shows and see the sights we have to offer.

We will have a catered lunch available in a private room next to our meeting room which will cost \$15.00/person tax incl. due at time of Encampment registration with menu as follows.

Ham, turkey and cheese croissants
Chicken salad Croissants
Pasta salad
Smoked BBQ meatballs
Chicken wings
Buffalo sauce and ranch dressing
Veggie tray with dip
Iced Tea and Ice water

If you have questions contact Ed Krieser, PCinC at edjk77@gmail.com or (417)239-7275

Send Encampment registration to:
Walt Busch, 1240 Konert Valley Dr., Fenton MO 63026-7173
Make payable to: Missouri Department, SUVCW

Name: _____ # of lunch meals _____ @\$15.00 ea. Total \$ _____

Number of registrants _____ @7.00 ea. Total \$ _____

List registrants on the back

Total enclosed \$ _____

General Order Issued Related to a Department Camp



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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General Order #15

SERIES 2016-2017

15 February 2017

The Charter of General James B. McPherson Camp No. 1 of the Department of Missouri has been lost. In accordance with National Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 2, and Footnote 11 to the same section, and Chapter II, Article VI, Section 2, a request for a replacement Charter has been made to the Commander-in-Chief and a replacement fee paid.

I hereby authorize the issuance of a replacement Charter with the date of rank April 12, 2010.

Ordered this 15th Day of February, 2017.

Donald L. Martin
Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald L. Martin".

Attested:
Jonathan Davis
Secretary, National Order,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Did You Know – March 8, 1864 – President Lincoln formally presented U.S. Grant his commission as a Lieutenant General, giving him command of the armies.

April 20, 1861 – The arsenal at Liberty, MO, seized by state forces and arms distributed.

DEPARTMENT TELEGRAPH

VICKSBURG MISSOURI MONUMENT EVENT – May 27

From the MO-SUVCW Vicksburg Missouri Monument Committee---

Brothers of the Department of Missouri - The Department will be holding a rededication ceremony for the Missouri Monument at Vicksburg on Saturday May 27th at 1 PM. The committee that I am a part of is planning events and trying to line up speakers. We could benefit from your camps support and participation in attending this event. We need members to attend both in uniform and in SUVCW attire.

There are plenty of hotels, bed and breakfasts, and campgrounds to choose from. Some members of the department are planning on traveling to Vicksburg on Friday May 26th. We hope for a large turnout of our brothers from Missouri. Following the rededication the Ste. Genevieve camp will be holding a ceremony for a soldier from that town who is buried at the cemetery there.



Grant Camp may also perform a reenactment of a GAR/SUV burial service.

Awards Nominations Deadline: April 15th

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, 2017**. 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.

Eads Award Application Deadline: May 16th

The Department's **James B. Eads Award** is presented annually to honor Camps who demonstrate exceptional service to the order's ideals through their work at the local, department, and national levels. Since its revision in 2013, the Eads award is not a competition for a single outstanding camp but a distinguished service citation for all camp meeting the checklist criteria.

To encourage greater participation, the Department's March Business meeting waived the requirement to complete quarterly report from the Eads Award competition (item #3 on the application form). Every camp is encouraged to apply using the application form posted at: <http://www.suvcwmo.org/awards.html>. Deadline to submit a nomination is May 16, 2017. Completed application forms are sent to the Department's Secretary at secretary@suvcwmo.org.

Military Veterans Recognition



Members of the SUVCW who were also veterans of the United States Armed Forces are eligible to wear either the War Service Medal or Military Service Medal to recognize their service.

The **Military Service Medal** (left) is authorized for all honorably discharged veterans. A member must submit a Form 8 when purchasing this medal from the SUVCW National Quartermaster website: <http://suvcw.org/ftp/form8fi.pdf>.

The **War Medal** (right) is authorized for veterans whose service qualified for a campaign medal or ribbon, documented on their DD214. Submission of a Form 5 signed by the applicant and camp secretary is required to purchase this medal from the SUVCW National Quartermaster website: <http://suvcw.org/ftp/form5fi.pdf>. A



member eligible for the War Medal is also eligible for the Military Service Medal, but our national regulations states that a member only wears one medal at a time.

If you served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard contact Dale Crandell at dcrandell@suvwmo.org or any other SUVCW veteran member for guidance on which medal is appropriate for your military service.

JROTC Outstanding Cadet Competition Deadline: April 15th

Department's 2nd annual competition for the Outstanding JROTC Cadet is underway. This competition is open high school JROTC cadets. Under the program, the Outstanding Cadet will be selected by an ROTC Selection Committee from nominations received from Camps and will receive a \$200 prize along with the ROTC medal with bronze leaf/star.

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

1. The JROTC cadet must be a 2017 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@suvwmo.org. Deadline to receive Camp nominations: April 15, 2017.

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 at dcrandell@suvwmo.org.

ROTC Medals Now Free

The 2015 National Encampment approved the National Patriotic Instructor's recommendation to provide the ROTC medal free to any Camp or ROTC/JROTC unit making an award presentation. Camps may order ROTC medals from the National Quartermaster using the revised Form 7 ROTC Award Application: <http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Form-7-ROTC-Award-FI-JAN17-1.pdf>.

The steps are much simpler under the new process:

1. Confirm with your college ROTC or high school JROTC unit your Camp's sponsorship of the ROTC medal award.
2. Complete the revised Form 7 including the date of the awards ceremony (if known).
3. Submit the revised Form 7 to the National Quartermaster.
4. After the award is presented, notify the Department's ROTC coordinator dcrandell@suvwmo.org of the cadet's name and school.

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



From the Commander's Desk

25 Mar 2017

Brothers of the Department of Missouri,

This is my fourth letter and final quarterly letter to you in the Missouri Unionist as your Department Commander. It is hard to believe the administrative year has flown by so quickly, and while there is still a little over two months left in my term, it doesn't seem too early to be somewhat reflective. This has been an incredible experience, and I appreciate the opportunity you have provided me to serve in this position.

For those who have not yet been involved in our Order at the Department level, I encourage you to start representing your camp at the two annual Department business meetings and the Department Encampment. Local camp involvement and activities remain at the heart of our "bottom-up" organization, but there is additional benefit to be gained in fraternal relations as we meet and form friendships with individuals from other camps across the state (and occasionally across the nation) who share our devotion to the purposes entrusted to us by those who came before. I hope to see many of you at the Vicksburg Monument rededication in May and the Department Encampment in June.

While discussing the James B. Eads "outstanding camp" award at the Department level, I noticed that camps were having trouble meeting some of the requirements, including having at least 25% of members involved in the SVR. The Sons of Veterans Reserve offers the opportunity to wear the Union blue and participate in a variety of ceremonial functions. There are several SVR units in the Department where your members can join for about \$5 per year. Even if you don't yet own a uniform, your membership is welcome and requested!

Another Eads award requirement of having at least one representative at the Department business meetings should be manageable, as the Department only meets three times per year, and your members can take turns representing your camp at the meetings. Those camps having trouble providing at least a single representative to Department meetings should look towards recruiting new members to fulfill that need. Recruitment of new members should always be a central goal of each and every camp.

Always discuss and reflect on how your camp can provide a valuable experience to new members. Even as we serve to further the mission of the Order we must realize we are competing with a plethora of volunteer opportunities which vie for the attention of our current and potential members. Do not let your camp stagnate, but rather continue to provide experiences of value even as you lead your members in the service of the Order. Fresh faces are the key to sharing leadership responsibilities and avoiding burnout! Recruit! Recruit! Recruit!

As I reflect on the American Civil War and how I would articulate its continued relevance, many of the same things probably come to my mind as they do yours. I think of course on the importance of preserving history and learning from it, the necessary preservation of this Union, representative democracy and the continued threats upon it, the emancipation of the enslaved, and the evil of human enslavement. I also think of the mercy bestowed on a conquered foe, the respect shown by the victor for the valor, cunning, and character of men caught up by convictions or circumstances in an opposing force, and the gentle ironies which derive from descendants who increasingly find their ancestors served on both sides of the picket line.

A couple of quotes from President Abraham Lincoln come to mind again and again, both applicable within the context of this Order and outside of it. The first is: "If you look for the bad in people expecting to find it, you surely will." The second quote is "I have always found that mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice." These sentiments are acted out repeatedly by Union players: the team of rivals transformed into some of Lincoln's greatest friends and admirers, the lenient surrender terms and respect paid to Robert E. Lee and his defeated force at

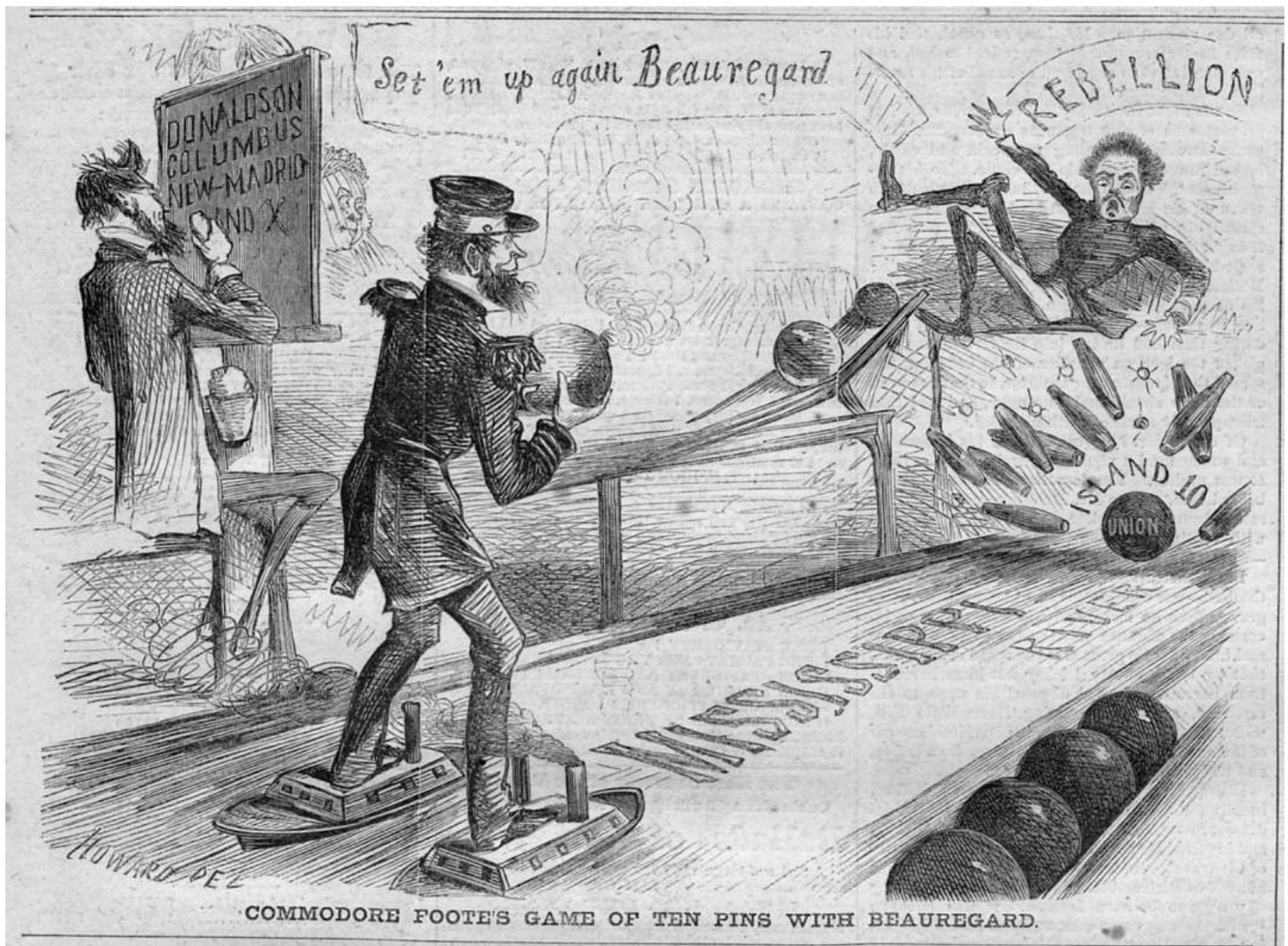
Appomattox, the joint reunions of Union and Confederate veterans, and the purposeful last words of Secretary of State William H. Seward compelling people to “love one another.” I believe the American Civil War endures in our collective thoughts in part because it is a moving story with compelling characters that speaks to many aspects of the human condition. And one of its surprising motifs is kindness.

God bless this Union, our ancestors and their comrades who fought for it, and those who understand the enduring value of their sacrifices.

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

Randal A. Burd, Jr., DC

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



Andrew Hull Foote (September 12, 1806 – June 26, 1863) commanded of the Western Gunboat Flotilla, predecessor of the Mississippi River Squadron. His flagship was the USS St. Louis ironclad. He led the gunboats in the Battle of Fort Henry and later directed Commander Henry Walke to slip past Island No. 10 near New Madrid, MO. This, followed by a land attack, forced a Confederate surrender opening a large section of the Mississippi. For his services with the Western Gunboat Flotilla, Foote was among the first naval officers to be promoted to the then-new rank of rear admiral. He died enroute to his next command, the South Atlantic fleet.

Department Orders



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

Office of the Commander, Department of Missouri (includes Arkansas)

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Department Communiqué No.2, Series 2016-2017

31 Jan 2017

Brothers of the Department of Missouri,

I have a couple bits of time-sensitive information to share with you before the next business meeting on Saturday, March 11, 2017.

1.) Chapter II, Article VII, Section 1c, of the National Regulations states that as Department Commander, one of my duties is to provide camp secretaries and treasurers with report blanks in the month of January. Let me fulfill this obligation by directing these camp officers to the Governance Page of our National Order's website: http://www.suvcw.org/?page_id=262. On this page, camp secretaries and treasurers will find the following forms necessary for the discharge of their duties:

Form 22 - Certification of Election and Installation of Camp Officers (due Feb. 15th each year)

Form 27 – Camp Annual Report (due April 30th each year)

In addition to these forms, other forms including membership, transfer, camp status report, etc., are all available on the Governance Page of our National Order's website as shown above. If you have any questions about these forms, I would be happy to assist you. If for some reason your camp cannot access these forms, I can print them and snail-mail them to you; however, if you have computer access, it would be much more cost and time efficient if you can download and print what you need from the National Website.

2.) If you have not yet paid your annual dues, JVC Sumner Hunnewell has recently become a Life Member of the Order and has information on the SUVCW's Life Membership program. The SUVCW allows you to pay your life membership fee in three installments; JVC Hunnewell would be happy to provide more information. Form 9 is the Life Membership Application for the Order.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Randal A. Burd, Jr., DC Commander

Department of Missouri Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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**Department Order No. 11,
Series 2016-2017
11 Mar 2017
JROTC Selection Committee**

Article VIII, Section 2 of the Department of Missouri Bylaws states that Special Committees may be created by action of the Commander and shall exist for the period of time designated in the creation thereof. Duties and responsibilities shall be defined at the time of Committee creation. Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2, I hereby create/amend the following Special Committees of the Department of Missouri as follows:

1.) **JROTC Selection Committee** – This is the second year of a pilot program entitled the “Outstanding JROTC Cadet Program.” The program provides a competition among high-school level JROTC units to annually select an outstanding JROTC cadet. The program calls for the Department Commander to appoint a JROTC Selection Committee, with a preference for SUVCW members that are military veterans, ROTC/JROTC alumni, or past or present school educators. The Department ROTC Coordinator is a non-voting member of this committee.

The members of this committee shall be:

Dale Crandell, Westport Camp #64 (Department ROTC Coordinator)
Jim Martin, Westport Camp #64
Bill Groth, Sherman Camp #65
John Avery, Grant Camp #68

This committee will carry out their duties as described in the pilot program and have a sunset date of 31 December 2017.

Ordered this 11th Day of March, 2017

Attest:

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

Walter E. Busch, PDC
Secretary
Department of Missouri
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**Department Order No. 12,
Series 2016-2017
11 Mar 2017
Excess Payment Policy**

Chapter II, Article VII, Section 1a of the National Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War states that “the Department Commander shall be the executive officer of the Department, charged with the duty of administering the affairs of the Department.”

As the executive officer of the Department of Missouri, I hereby instate the following policy to be effective immediately and included in the Department’s Policies and Procedures manual:

Effective 11 March 2017, when any payment of per capita dues or any other payment due from a camp to the Department of Missouri includes an excess of less than \$5.00, that excess will be considered a donation to the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Such excess funds will be deposited by the Department Treasurer in the Department’s primary operating account.

This policy relieves the Department of Missouri of any obligation to spend time or postage processing unnecessary refunds due to minor camp accounting errors.

Ordered this 11th Day of March, 2017

Randal A. Burd, Jr., DC
Commander

Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

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Department Order No. 13, Series 2016-2017

23 Mar 2017

Department Representation at Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

The 61st annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, commemorating the 152nd anniversary of President Lincoln's death, will take place at Lincoln's Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, IL, on Saturday, 15 Apr 2017 @ 10am. It is customary for departments of the SUVCW to present wreaths at the tomb during this SUVCW / MOLLUS sponsored event.

In accordance with Chapter II, Article VII, Section 3e of the National Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I hereby appoint Junior Vice Commander Sumner Hunnewell, CC as the official representative of the Department of Missouri at the 2017 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and task him with presenting a wreath on behalf of the Department at this event.

Ordered this 23rd Day of March, 2017

Randal A. Burd, Jr., DC
Commander

Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Walter E. Busch, PDC
Secretary

Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Recently discovered picture of William
Quantrill with his adjutant, the heretofore
mysterious guerrilla mastermind, A.E.
Newman, who was possibly the source for
John Newman Edward's book *Noted
Guerrillas*.

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Department Order No. 14,

Series 2016-2017

23 Mar 2017

James B. Eads Award Criteria

At the 2013 Department Encampment in Mehlville, Missouri, the encampment approved the current criteria of the James B. Eads award, changing the award from an annual “best all-around camp” award to an annual commendation award available to all camps which successfully meet the award criteria. The goal of these changes was to see more Department-level participation among camps and to recognize such participation in multiple camps when applicable.

It was the consensus of the majority of voting members at the March 2017 business meeting that the mandatory requirement to submit all quarterly reports by the dates specified is the main criterion keeping camps from receiving this award. Failure to meet this criterion can cause a camp which had otherwise contributed much to the Department in every other way to be disqualified due to a failure to file these reports on time or at all. A majority of those present at the March 2017 Department business meeting voted in favor of removing this criterion.

Policy 710 in the policies and procedures manual of this department states “any changes to the eligibility criteria or application form must be approved by a Department Encampment or Business Meeting.” In many circumstances, it would be unfair to change the criteria for an award so close to the Department Encampment where the award would be issued. In this particular case, the removal of the aforementioned criterion at this time does not penalize any camp.

Therefore, in accordance with the vote taken at the March 2017 business meeting, the criterion No. 3 under “Reporting” which requires the submittal of quarterly reports to qualify for the James B. Eads award is hereby immediately removed for the 2016-2017 award year. I encourage all camp secretaries to review their camp’s eligibility for the award in light of this change and submit applications if applicable by the appropriate deadline. I also hereby task the Awards Committee with rewording Policy 710 to help prevent this award’s criteria from being unfairly changed between encampments in the future.

Note that the removal of quarterly reporting from the Eads award criteria does not remove the obligation of camps to submit quarterly reports. Quarterly reports are vital to keeping the Department aware of the many positive activities at the camp level which further the mission of the Order.

Ordered this 23rd Day of March, 2017

Randal A. Burd, Jr., DC
Commander

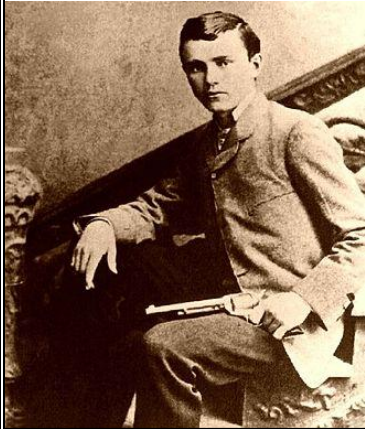
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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Walter E. Busch, PDC
Secretary

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Was a Missouri G.A.R. Post Named after ‘that Dirty Little Coward’?



Robert Newton Ford

31 Jan 1862 Ray Co, MO –
8 Jun 1892 Creed, CO

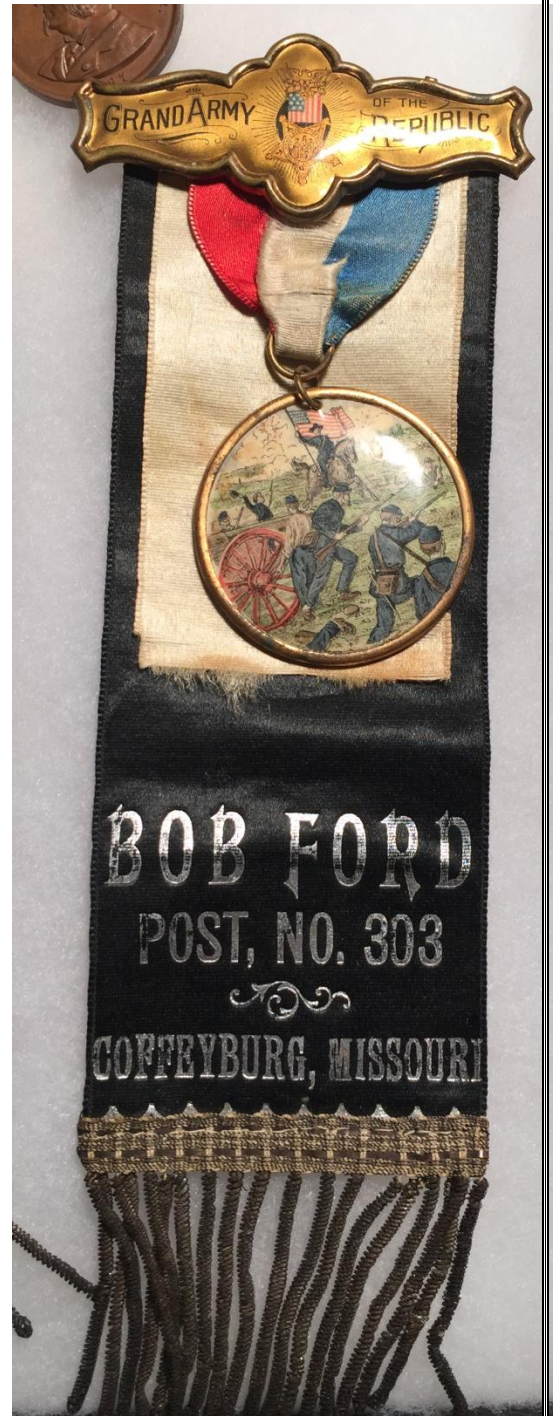
Jesse James, infamous guerilla, bank robber and star of many legends died in April 1882, when he was shot in the back by one of his gang members, Robert Ford. Most Missourians and history buffs know that story. They may even know that the song ‘Jesse James’ that calls Robert Ford, ‘that dirty little coward’ was first recorded by Bascom Lamar Lunsford in 1924. Since then, it has been sung by many a folk singer and Rockers including Bob Seger and Bruce Springsteen. The song, which is on the list of the top 100 Western songs of all time, memorializes both Jesse and the man who shot him. In it, Robert Ford is remembered as a dirty coward and the song lauds Jesse as

“...a friend to the poor, he'd never rob a mother or a child, there never was a man with the law in his hand, that could take Jesse James alive.”

But in rural northwestern Missouri near both the boyhood homes of the James and the Fords, some Union men may have memorialized the man who became known as Jesse James’ Assassin. In Davies County, in a town once known as Coffeyburg (now Coffey), the Grand Army of the Republic established Post 303 and named it the “Bob Ford” Post.

Created in 1887, the Ford Post’s first commander was Cornelius Yost. Many of the G.A.R. posts in that county were gone by 1895, but the Ford Post was still going strong into the next century. Given the fame or infamy, depending on your point of view, connected to the name Bob Ford, one might think that this Post would have wanted to avoid mistakes. They could have easily put the soldier’s rank or middle initial in the Post’s name to avoid the suggestion it was named for *the coward*.

Yes, the post could have been named after Robert Ford. Most likely it was. Apparently many Union-hearted men in that county took offense to the fact that 4 years earlier, a Davies county jury was picked by the state to try Frank James, the rebel guerilla turned criminal, of all his crimes. The jury returned a not guilty verdict and Frank was absolved of any crimes he may have committed. Are we sure that the post is named after him? Did some members of the G.A.R. consider him a hero? The origins of the post have yet to be found...



Ribbon owned by Doug Roussin, PCC,
Gen. Thomas Fletcher Camp No. 47

Governor Thomas Crittenden, formerly the Colonel of the 7th Missouri State Militia, wanted to suppress the robberies and violence committed by the James Gang. He authorized a reward of \$5,000 (which was paid for by railroad corporations) for the capture of Jesse James and also for his brother Frank, dead or alive, which resulted in Robert Ford killing Jesse in 1882. Following Ford's conviction for the murder, Crittenden pardoned him. On October 5, 1882, Frank James surrendered in Jefferson City. His trial was moved to Davies County, as the only two crimes he ended up being tried for were a robbery in Gallatin, MO and murders in Winston, MO. Both are towns in Davies, County.

Stories of SUVCW Members:

William H Longshore – Medal of Honor Recipient

Our subject, William H. Longshore, was born on 18 February 1841 in Muskingum County, Ohio. When the war broke out, he joined Company D, 30th Ohio Infantry. And what follows is what happened during his service.

Along with 150 other men, Longshore participated in what is known as the *Forlorn Hope*. By May 22, 1863, General Grant had encircled Vicksburg on three sides with the fourth side controlled by Admiral Porter's brown water navy. Underestimating the strength of the defenders of the city, Grant decided to try to storm it to prevent a long siege. 150 men were to lead the assault 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.

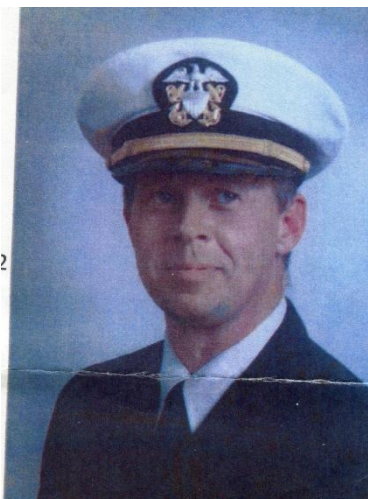
The task of the *Forlorn Hope* was to build a bridge over a ditch that protected the enemy's fort and then use ladders to scale the embankment. By the time the embankment was scaled, other troops would be in the area. On the morning of the attack as they approached the location they were to build the bridge, the enemy opened up on them. Smoke began to cloud the fort due to the rebel firing, hiding the strike force and allowing the remnants of the 150 men to run to the ditch.

When they reached the ditch it was discovered they had lost too much of their bridge building material, so all they could do is seek shelter. One of their group made it to the parapets and planted a flag before falling back. By this time other units were being driven back by rebel fire. Only 30 men of the 11th Missouri Infantry made it to the ditch. Confederate artillery began to do its work as 12 pound shells were lobbed into the ditch, leaving the bottom of the pit covered with mangled body parts. The firing continued all day even though the assault had failed within the first hour. The survivors managed to slip out of the ditch at night fall. Over 85 percent of them were either killed or wounded. 53 survivors, including Longshore, received the Medal of Honor.

That is the story of William Longshore, who passed away 20 December 1909. A story of bravery that as his descendent says "has nothing to do with Missouri history," when he was asked if an article could be done. So why is it being

included in this edition of the *Unionist*?" In this particular case, it is not just the story of one man's bravery, it is a family story. You see, William Longshore is the great-grandfather of one of U.S. Grant Camp #68's very own...Carl H. Wattenberg, Jr. (pictured left).

Like many SUVCW members, Carl's family has served the nation for generations. His grandfather recruited rough riders in Oklahoma for Teddy Roosevelt during the Spanish-American War. His mother was an honorary ROTC Colonel at Kansas University. And then, there is Carl. One might be inclined to say his youth was adventurous.



Starting out at 18, Carl was employed by a steamship line, then a railroad, then the Coast Guard. He was discharged from the Coast Guard to join the Merchant Marines. He enlisted in the army after college and was attached to army intelligence and became an army intelligence officer. He was attached to the Green Berets in 1963-64 and also spent time on Okinawa training marines in escape and evasion techniques. He ended his military career with 7 years in the naval reserve as a JAG officer. He later settled down to a law practice in St. Louis.

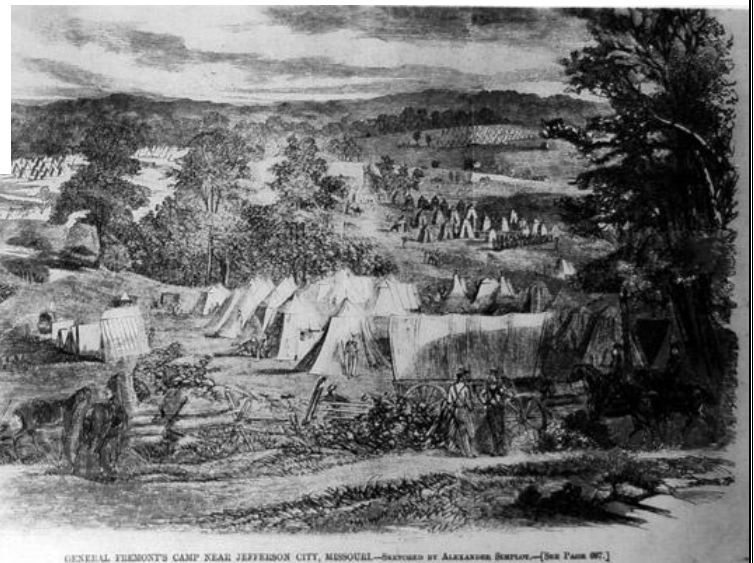
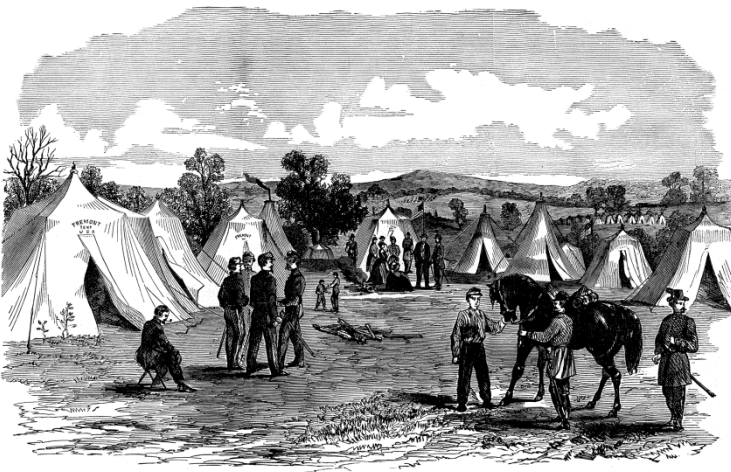
Other SUVCW members have stories that should be told. We are, after all, to remember our Civil War ancestors. Mine is simple, my great-great-grandfather joined the Cape Girardeau Home Guard and nothing happened. But there are other stories out there. Serious stories, like that above, and funny stories about riding a hot cannon out of battle to escape the rebels. Please tell us your ancestor's story.

SUVCW Camp Coming to Jefferson City?

PDC Larry Dietzel is assisting in organizing a new camp in Jefferson City. Plans now call for the camp to be named Camp Lillie, in acknowledgment of the 1861 occupation of Jefferson City by Union troops. Gen. John Frémont established Camp Lillie in 1861 and headquartered at the Dulle home on St. Mary's Boulevard. Camp Lillie was named after the daughter of Frémont and his wife, Jesse Benton. Soldiers found the deep hollows and ridges surrounding Jefferson City along with the Mighty Mo flowing behind it as great natural barriers and constructed several forts in around the city. These heavy fortifications were apparently enough to intimidate General Sterling Price in his 1864 raid through Missouri into bypassing the capitol.

The person wanting to organize this camp is Pete Oetting, who plans on claiming his Cpl. Henry Wehrs, a German-born hemp merchant from Lafayette County who served with the Boonville Home Guard as his ancestor. Assisting him is Mark Schreiber, whose ancestor was Sgt. James Marion Sullenger, 6th Mo Cavalry, of Taneyville. Another person interested in becoming a charter member of the camp is Father Richard Frank, PCC of the now defunct Col. David Moore Camp. Fr. Frank is retiring to the Jefferson City area and is very active in 2 Civil War Roundtables, and is currently a member of US Grant Camp #68 in St. Louis. His great grandfather and great grand uncle both served in the 5th Missouri Cavalry. Metal detector enthusiast Brian Wolford of Tiger Camp #432 – Columbia is planning to transfer his membership as well.

With these four people interested, only one more is needed for the camp to charter. For more information, call 573-659-7232 or email 63relic@gmail.com.



Two period engravings of Camp Lillie

CAMP DISPATCHES

Tiger Camp 432

by Alan Heidbreder, PCC



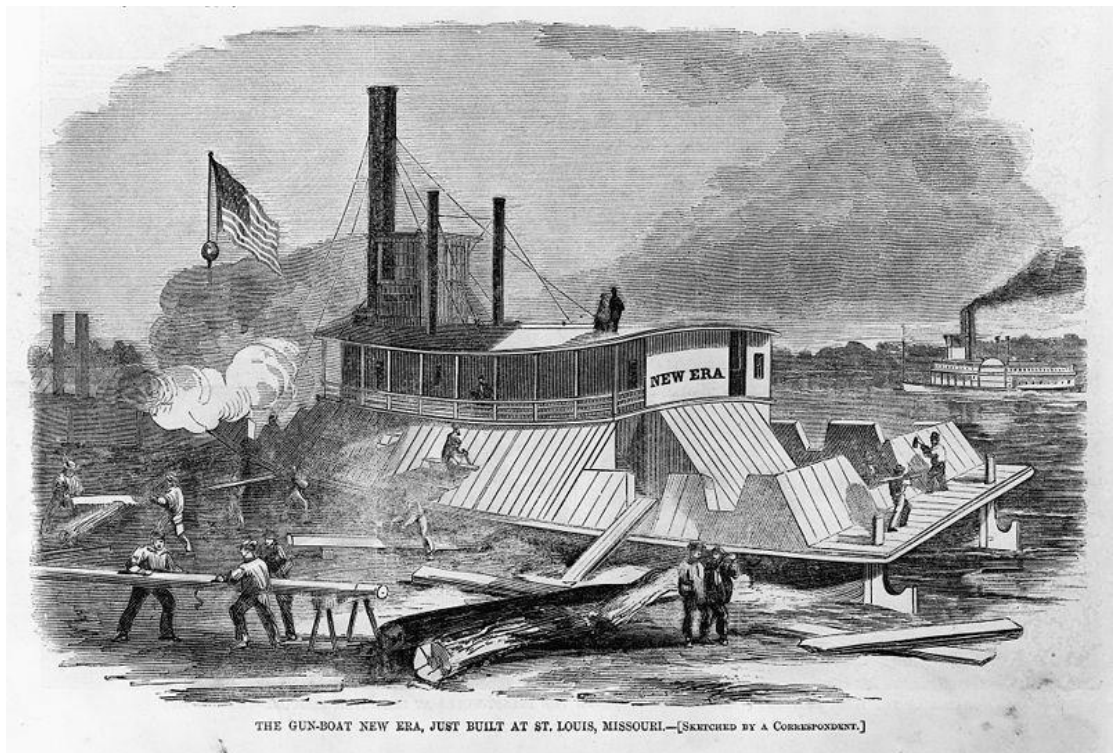
Our slate of officers for 2017 were installed by PDC Larry Dietzel. We wish to extend congratulation to PCC James Dixon and his wife on the birth of their first child on February 1, 2017, Mason J. Dixon. We look forward to the time when Mason can become an active member of our Camp.

On a personal note: On a trip to the Seattle, Washington area, in the summer of 2016, we found the unmarked grave site of my wife's Great-great grandfather James Duvall. During the planning of our trip we spoke with the caretakers of the Buckley City Cemetery. We ask about the physical location of the grave so we could visit it. We were told the grave was not marked. The cemetery staff placed flags on the grave so we could find it.

Upon our return my wife expressed sadness that the site was unmarked. We had been working on our respective genealogy and discovered James, her great-great grandfather, had served three terms in the EMM from Moniteau County, Missouri. She applied to the Veterans Administration (VA) for a marker. With the assistance of Weeks Funeral Home of Buckley, Washington an application was completed and submitted to the VA. It was returned a few weeks later for proof that he had been

buried! Again with the assistance of the funeral home this information was found and sent to the VA. Shortly after the first of January, 2017 we received notice and a photo from the cemetery that the stone had been received and installed. It is a very good feeling that we could honor a veteran of the Civil War over 93 years after his death.

Later known as the USS Essex, from *Wikipedia Commons*



St. James Camp 326



On Sunday March 5, 2017 Tom Greminger attended the Eagle Scout of Honor for Benjamin Naeger at the American Legion Hall. Tom presented the new Eagle Scout with the SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate and Challenge Coin.



Ste. Genevieve Museum Find.

Our camp historian, Bob Mueller, has been diligently searching for the J. Felix St. James G.A.R. Post 326 Flag and Sword and painting of Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James. He has been working with Stephanie Gadell at the museum in his quest. Until now the only information we had was the photos that we purchased from Bill Naeger and the information that we have gleaned from different sources and added to our list of Ste. Genevieve Civil War Veterans.

Stephanie sent Bob an e-mail with a photo of the items she found.



1. Hat Cord
2. G.A.R. Hat Badge
3. G.A.R. Membership Badge
NOTE: Membership Ribbon replaced by a portion of an US Flag that was used by people to wave during a parade or maybe placed at a grave marker.
4. 2 G.A.R. buttons that would be used on the cuffs of a G.A.R. Coat
5. No idea why the image of President Teddy Roosevelt
Stephanie called Bob later and told him to get to the museum to see a flag that she had found. Bob checked it out but it was not the Post flag but he said it could very well be a flag that dates back to that time frame.

Keep Up The Good Work, Bob

Westport Camp 64

Lincoln's Birthday Commemoration



Westport Camp #64 and DUVCW Macklind Tent #24 held a joint-commemoration for President Abraham Lincoln's birthday on Sunday, February 12, 2017. This first-time event was appropriately held at the *Abraham Lincoln and His Son Tad* memorial statue that sits at Kansas City's south entrance to City Hall. A well-known downtown Kansas City landmark, the Abraham and 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. Of interest, local DUVCW President Dee Wolfe, then a city employee was present for the dedication.

Medal of Honor Commemoration

For the seventh year, Westport Camp #64 joined with the Sons of the American Revolution and Society of the War of 1812 for National Medal of Honor Day. This year's event honored Charles Denver Barger (1892-1936) with a gravesite service on March 19, 2017. He was a veteran of World War I and received the Medal of Honor for heroism at the Meuse-Argonne Offensive on October 31, 1918.

Charles Denver (pictured right) was born June 3, 1892 in Mount Vernon, Missouri, and later adopted by Sidney and Phebe (Owens) Barger who were farmers in Vineyard, Missouri. Like others of his age, Charles was drafted and entered military service on April 1, 1918. He trained at Camp Funston, Kansas and was assigned along with others from southeastern Missouri to Company L, 354 Regiment, 89th Infantry, U.S. Army. While stationed in France, he was promoted to Private First Class and awarded the Expert Rifle Badge.



PVC Barger saw combat duty at the St. Mihiel Offensive and at the Meuse-Argonne Offensives. It was while stationed at Bois-de-Bantheville, France on October 31, 1918 that PVC Barger and PVC Jesse Funk were hero's when they ran through German machinegun fire as stretcher-bearers to rescue 2nd Lieutenant John Millis and 1st Lieutenant Ernest Rowell, both injured and stranded in no-man's land between the enemy lines. Among PVC Barger's many awards: the United States Medal of Honor, World War I Victory Medal, and 10 Purple Hearts; the War Cross from France, Belgium, and Italy; and the Military Medal from France and Great Britain. He was discharged at war's end on June 3, 1919. Charles Denver Barger died November 25, 1936 at Oak Grove, Missouri and is buried here at Blue Springs Cemetery.

New Member

Jeffrey Smith was enrolled in Westport Camp #64 during its regular meeting on March 1, 2017. Brother Smith transfers from the Lincoln-Cursing Camp #2, Department of Chesapeake and joined the SUVCW to honor his ancestor Private Jacob Smith who served in Company F, 43rd Indiana Infantry Regiment.

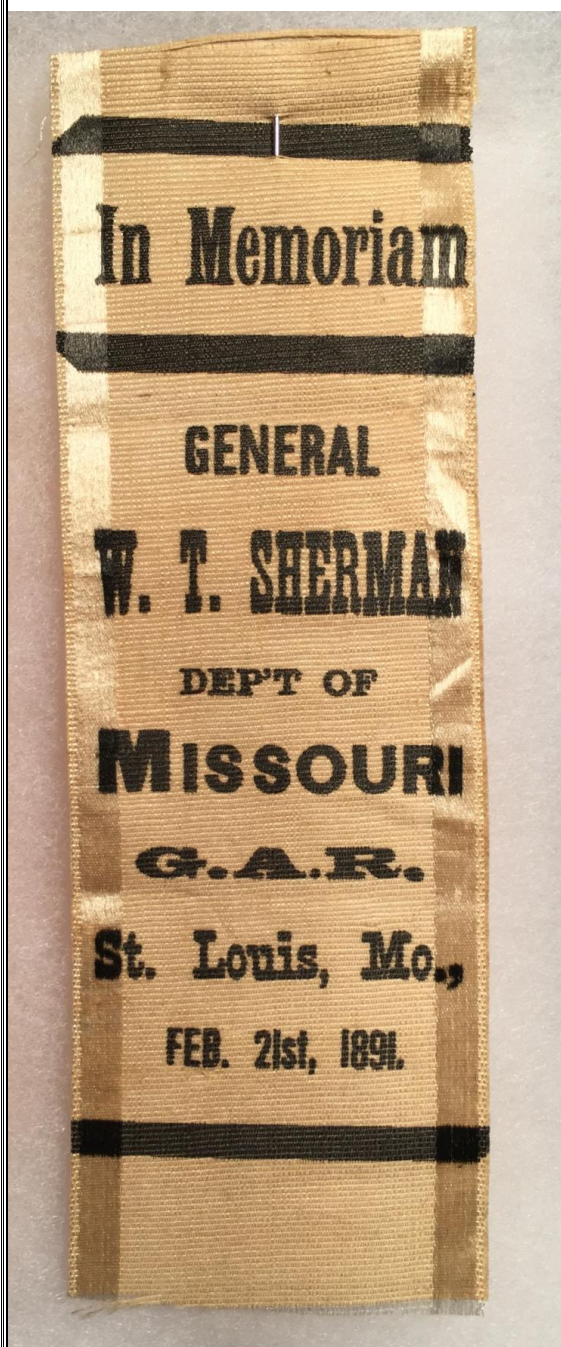
Grant Camp #68

Our camp continues to meet every month at Frailey's South Town for food and wonderful conversation about various camp activities. We are in the process of working out details for a GAR type ceremony to be presented at Jefferson Barracks on Memorial Day. We are also working with White Haven staff to put together a presentation for Grant Remembrance Day. ROTC award nights are coming up quickly and Past Department Commander Avery is working on getting names and information out to our membership. Brother Petrovic has been busy putting together the program for the Lincoln Ceremony in Springfield, MO this April. Past Commander-in-Chief Don Palmer is the committee chair for the Vicksburg Monument Ceremony in Vicksburg over Memorial Day weekend. We hope all the camps within the Department of Missouri have a successful year.

Mark Coplin Camp Commander

Commentary by Walt Busch: **General William Tecumseh Sherman** died 14 Feb 1891 in New York City and was buried 7 days later in Calvary Cemetery, St. Louis, MO. Sherman throughout his life was a member of the Ransom Post, G.A.R., in St. Louis and attended as many meetings as his busy schedule would allow. A ribbon, owned by Doug Roussin PCC of Fletcher Camp, is at the left. The ribbon was worn by Dept of Missouri G.A.R. members during the ceremonies of his death.

Two years ago the annual ceremonies at his gravesite were cancelled due to snow. This past year they were just cancelled. We need to keep this ceremony alive. Sherman camp may need more camps helping in this effort. They have carried the ball on this for years. We have ceremonies for Lincoln and Grant and as the 3rd member of the team that led the Union to victory; it would be a shame not to commemorate this man's passing. If Sherman Camp needs help, maybe the St. Louis camps (Sherman, Grant, Fletcher, and Wilhelmi) can work as a team to keep this going? Is it time we have a Civil War coordinating committee in St. Louis that may involve not just us but Turner Brigade re-enactors and other like groups. We have several potentially large events each year (Sherman Day, Grant Day and Jefferson Barracks Memorial Day). If we met and organized these together could we get more public participation? Just a thought, and hopefully another year won't pass without honoring our adopted home town General.



Fletcher Camp #47

As outlined in Department Order No. 10, the McCormick Camp #215 and Fletcher Camp #47 consolidated; camp officers of both camps came together to make this a smooth transition. Soon after Fletcher Camp elections were held with the following results. Camp Commander: Sumner Hunnewell, Senior Vice Commander: Don Lillicrap, Junior Vice Commander: Steve Alexander, Treasurer: Alan Trodus, Secretary: Oliver Pechmann, Patriotic Instructor: Mark Arbuthnot, Chaplin: Chris Warren, and Historian: Colton Noack. The Council Members elected were Douglas Roussin, Chris Warren, and Mark Arbuthnot. Oliver Pechmann also took on the responsibilities of Eagle Scout Coordinator and JROTC Coordinator. All of these gentlemen were sworn in Dept. Commander Burd at an end of year banquet on 30 December. Doug Roussin was commended for his work at the Fletcher Camp as he was the sole Camp Commander since the camp's charter was approved in 2011.

The camp has started strong with two meetings so far this year. A camp flag is being refurbished and all six of the JROTC/ROTC schools assigned will have some representation from the camp. Each business meeting concludes with a program. The first talk was on Daniel Apt, Jr., 6th Maine Volunteer Infantry by Sumner Hunnewell, and the second was on the rascal Samuel S. Hildebrand and his ties with local families by John Griffith.



April will be a busy month for us. We will be traveling to Pilot Knob State Historic Site to volunteer with their Spring Cleaning. There will JROTC and ROTC ceremonies as well as participating in the combined SUVCW/MOLLUS Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois. Of course, there has to be at least one parade! We will participate in the De Soto Tractor Parade on the 22nd as the town opens their Farmers' Market.



A note of appreciation to the Volker Auxiliary, whose help is esteemed by all members of our camp.

Above: Fletcher Camp officers being sworn in by Commander Burd (far right).

Left: PCC Doug Roussin passing on the leadership to Sumner Hunnewell, current department JVC.

ALLIED ORDERS/SVR/Other Groups

Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

All are invited to participate in the 61th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 152nd 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 15, 2017.

Headquarters Hotel: President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701. The room rate is \$98.00 for single/quad. A 10% dining discount at Lindsay's Restaurant is included. Call 1-866-788-1860 for reservations and mention "**Sons of Union Veterans**". **Reserve your room by March 25, 2017.** After this, the remaining blocked rooms will be released.

Wreaths may be ordered from local Springfield florists. Instruct the florist to have the wreath delivered c/o the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, by 9 AM on Saturday, April 16th.

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

For event info, go to the SUVCW web site (suvchw.org) or contact Robert Petrovic at: rpetro7776@aol.com or 636-274-4567.

OBSERVANCE WREATH PRESENTATION
(please print clearly)

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

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

OBSERVANCE LUNCHEON

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

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

Abe's Ale Braised Short Rib _____ Signature Chicken Pizzalotte _____ Vegetarian _____

Include remittance of \$30.00 per person for each lunch reservation payable to **National Organization SUVCW.**

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

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

edjk@gmail.com

ADS / SWAP SECTION

All camps are entitled to up to one page of advertising per issue. No Raffles!

[NONE OF THE ITEMS ARE ACTUAL SIZE ON THIS PAGE]

FROM THE DEPT. OF MISSOURI

If interested e-mail treasurer@suvcwmo.org and he will forward to the Quartermaster.



Less than 25 Logan Medals left from the 2007 Nat'l Encampment
Each individually numbered. Only 400 originally made. Very similar to
the medal made for the 1887 G.A.R. Encampment in St. Louis.
\$7.50 each ---- shipping \$5 ea. Up to 10 ordered at one time? Shipping
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SUV or GAR Address Labels - 90 Count \$4.00 shipping \$1.00 (approx size below)



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Official SUV Name Badge - 2"x3" Plastic - Laser Engraved (Red -Dept, Blue-Camp, Gold-National) \$12.00
(shipping up to 3 badges \$3.00)

US Grant Sesquicentennial Challenge Coins

(set of 5/numbered)

Only 200 Numbered Sets Made REDUCED! Each coin has a unique picture of US Grant as he looked during the war years of 1861 to 1865 and a battle he was involved in during that time period. Each coin is shown below, but not quite to scale.

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.
An even \$50.00 total price.

ORDERS: Mark Coplin

macnac4856@gmail.com

4856 Hursley Dr., St. Louis, MO 63128

Rules about the ad/swap section:

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.



Grant Sesquicentennial Challenge Coin Series



At press time a complete minutes with reports attached could be located at http://www.suvcwmo.org/uploads/3/0/9/6/30960503/dept_of_missouri_meeting_3-11-17.pdf

These minutes are still 'Unapproved' until the Dept. Encampment

Dept of Missouri, SUVCW
General Business Meeting
11 March 2017
Hearing Room 4, Mo State Capitol

Present: Commander Randal Burd Jr.; SVC Dale Crandell, PCC; Secretary Walt Busch, PDC; Martin Aubuchon, PDC; Robert Petrovic, PDC; PCINC Ed Krieser; Council Bryan Bradford, PCC; Glennon Alsop, PDC; Thomas Ballard, CC – Tiger Camp 432, Alan Heidbreder, PCC – Tiger Camp 432; and Larry Dietzel, PDC.

Opening 1005 hrs

Prayer – led by Acting Chaplain Bryan Bradford

Pledge of Allegiance led by by Bob Petrovic

Treasurer Report – Motion by Robert Petrovic and 2nd by Bryan Bradford to approve subject to audit. Passes. Written copy attached.

Commander's Report – See attached

SVC Report –attached

JVC Report – attached

Council Report – Glenn's Report attached. Other Councils – no written report.

Secretary – Need Asst Sec in case Walt gone as he is retiring and going to start travelling. Decided to be appoint to take minutes on case by case basis. Secretary report attached.

Camp Organizer – None. No one contacted Bob Petrovic regarding the new camps working on organizing.

Chaplain – No report Submitted

Historical Records Conglomeration: -- includes: Civil War Memorials, GAR Records Coordinator, Historian, SV Records Officer. Walt's Reports as attached. If a section is not listed there were no actions on it.

Eagle Scout Coordinator: No report submitted

JROTC/ROTC Coordinator – Dale Crandell motions to continue metrics for 3 years on the plan. Bob Petrovic seconds, passes. Written reports and recommendations attached. Brief Discussion here about 2017 Department Encampment. Dale Crandell asked about Luncheon in hotel; can we add people to go to lunch on the day of the encampment. Ed

advised no. Dale said we may need to have plates for 3 more people if ROTC award recipient shows. Walt motions that we will add 3 more people to the total paying for lunch prior to the encampment to cover our ROTC recipient and guests. If they don't show, we can try to sell lunches to other attendees. 2nd by Bryan Bradford. Passes.

Asst Signal Officer – Walt submitted report attached. Bob Petrovic motions to give Walt, as assistant webmaster, full access to Weebly site. Bryan Bradford seconds. Passes. Only getting 2 bounce backs on e-mails went sent out. Checked officers on Form 22 against what we have and seems to be up to date.

Graves Registration Officer: No Report

Marketing & Promotions: No report.

Missouri Unionist Editor: Report attached. Next one out on March 31 and pictures and articles due Mar 25. Walt also once again pleaded for more articles from camps.

Patriotic Instructor: No report submitted.

Quartermaster: No report submitted.

Committee Reports:

Award committee report – held to new business

Department Activity Committee— Marty Aubuchon – No report

Department Encampment Committee – Ed Krieser– New books for encampment on table in room. Everything ready to go. [Walt's note- only two people signed up so far]

Vicksburg Monument Committee – Larry Dietzel – committee met twice, Don Palmer's report attached. Ribbon proposed (cost \$4.25/ea). Dale Crandell – Move to authorize \$1500 for medals, ribbons, brochures. Alan Heidbreder 2nd Passes. (Note: Some money can come from Past Commander's Fund, rest general revenue). Camps, Roundtables and other large groups may commit to buying block set of ribbons. Have until March 31 for them to give to Treasurer.

2019 Missouri National Encampment – EK can't deal with national committee chairman, Jim Crane. Springfield/Branson did not pan out. St. Louis may be option. Dissolve committee and restart committee with Bob Petrovic shooting for St. Louis. Grant camp has voted to front the effort if necessary.

Old Business:

HB53 Missouri Heritage Protection Act as written of this date – Rep. Love's bBill. Marty Aubuchon motions to support bill, despite some issues with some of the wording, Dale Crandell 2nd. Walt mentions that while supporting bill, there are issues as many Confederate monuments are not truly historical, but rather posit a one sided view. Mentioned marker in Arab, MO. Also mentioned that many older Confederate monuments present a Social Darwinist – Political View, and that those should not be considered historical. While the language protects them, we probably need to pass the bill and then work on refining it so a better definition of what is historical exists.

Minute approval: Commander Burd states will handle *ad seriatim* March 2016 meeting – passes; Dept Encampment – passes; October 2016 meeting- corrected by DC in two spots – Glen Alsop Oct 8 wedding date change. – passes.

New Business:

Walt called for people to look through **old computer and hard copies** for department orders, minutes, encampment reports so we can scan them and put on web. Website should serve as an archive of all our department activity.

Also Walt stressed that per capita is due and everyone needs to push their secretaries to get these in. Also if a PCC or PDC fails to get membership in on time, they lose their status and we have to go through a long procedure to get it back for them.

New Mo National Encampment Committee – Bob Petrovic - no new action as of yet

JRTOC Cadet of the Year Committee – Dale Crandell – covers what he has reported as attached

Awards Committee – Dale Crandell– do we want to do something with EADS award. Do away with Quarterly Report Requirement? Department Meeting Attendance? Someone from the camp attending department meetings was held to be important as this is a department award and recognizes working for department goals. Walt made motion to do away with Quarterly report criteria in the Eads Award so that camps are not penalized because their secretary isn't doing what is required, but to retain the report as a requirement for camps to submit. Dale Crandell 2nd Bob Petrovic abstains as his position is that the removal is supporting bad behavior.

Essay Competition Award –Dale Crandall as written. Walt suggests setting it up with Mo Humanities Council (he believes that is the right group that runs essay competitions) to choose history essay winner and we provide money to their winner. Walt to send Dale info on Humanities council – work sent back to committee.

By-Law Changes: Dale - Reduce amount of officers/committees actually listed in the by-laws and leave it to the commander to appoint the officers necessary. Dale and Marty speaking to the issue. General nods of head in agreement. This must be voted on in encampment.

Patriotic Instructor: Dale Crandell speaking as to what do we want PI to do. Report from-to national on yearly basis is a national requirement. Should he provide info of patriotic nature to camps? Unionist articles? Or are we treating it as a ceremonial position only?

Pilot year ROTC – Dale Crandell going to submit it to encampment as permanent award. Submittal deadline is too early. Can it be changed to May 15th and sent directly to department? Or a year late. Walt – what about camp giving out the dept. award? Could then have a June deadline for apps.

2018 Dept Encampment - Walt Busch mentioned that he and Sumner Hunnewell have come up with Lebanon - Bennett Spring State Park. The park charges \$100 for all day use of an enclosed shelter with kitchen. Restaurants in area. Can also rent condo/room or campsite at park. Plenty of hotels in area and park lodge is open for lunch. Needs to be decided by encampment. Commander to send out communiqué for other proposal.

Lincoln Memorial Day – JVC Sumner Hunnewell planning to attend. Commander assigning him to present wreath and have dept flag?

1256 **closes** on motion by Bob Petrovic and 2nd by Ed Krieser.

Closing prayer led by Acting Chaplain Bryan Bradford.