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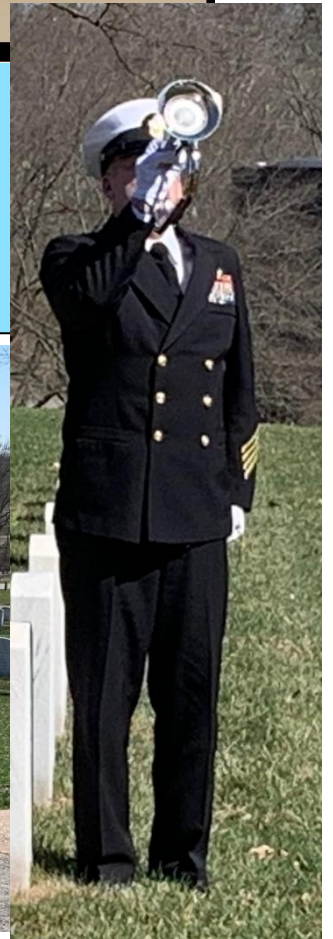
**In Memory of PCC Perry “Bud” Marks, Jr. & SVR Lt. Col. Jack Grothe, ret.**

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**Capturing the Flag: Medal of Honor Stories**

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**Still Time to Sign up for Central Region Meeting and Lincoln Tomb  
Ceremonies in Springfield, IL, April 12-13**



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## **Events on the Horizon**

- Apr 9 7:00 PM in the Orris Theatre. Scott House, a Civil War author, will discuss "Things You Never Knew About the Battle of Pilot Knob".
- Apr 12 & 13 - Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony & The 78th Conference of the Central Region, Allied Orders held in Springfield IL
- May 27 - Memorial Day at Jefferson Barracks - Civil War Ceremonies in the Civil War Section immediately after the Inter-Vets program.
- June 1 - Missouri SUVCW Department Encampment at St. Clair, MO
- June 8 - Cape Girardeau USCT Monument Dedication
- Jul 20 - Grant Remembrance Day - Held at US Grant National Historic Site (White Haven). 10 am.
- Sep 14 - 56th USCT Remembrance Day - Jefferson Barracks 10 am.
- Nov 9 - St Louis Veterans' Day Parade - Downtown
- Nov 16 - Sherman Remembrance Day - Graveside in Calvary Cemetery. We will conduct ceremonies starting at 10 am.

## **Editor's Comments by Walt Busch, PDC**

I got just three things:

1. Do your duty to keep the memory of the Union veterans fresh in the memory of the country.
2. The Central Region Allied Orders Conference is for everyone and so is the ceremony at the Lincoln Tomb, please consider signing up for both events. Sign up pages are late on in this newsletter.
3. I'm working on a contract that will allow members to post their books, Civil War and GAR related items on our webpages and if agreed to, this newsletter. The plan is that if we allow this a percentage of the proceeds must be given to the Department of Missouri (if sold through those venues). This will probably be voted on at the department encampment. So bring your thoughts there.



# IN MEMORY OF PERRY “BUD” MARKS, JR.



Perry “Bud” Dean Marks Jr., 65, of Holt, Mo., died January 24, 2019 after a long battle with fronto-temporal dementia. He is at peace now.

He was born in Fort Richardson, Alaska on December 9, 1953 to Perry Dean Marks Sr.

After graduating from Shawnee Mission South in 1972 Bud enlisted in the Navy Sea-Bees. He was stationed in San Diego, Calif.

Bud married Martha, the love of his life, in 1973. His first born son, Timothy Robert Marks was born in 1975.

After completing his Navy service, Bud moved his family to Lawrence, Kans., to attend Kansas University. While at KU he joined Kansas National Guard as a 1st Lieutenant. He served with the Kansas National Guard for 22 years and retired as a Major.

His daughter Emily Christine Marks was born in 1981. That same year he earned his BA from the KU School of Design.

Job opportunities moved the family to Kansas City, Mo. He earned his Masters of Public Administration at UMKC Block School of Business in 1994. He started working for the US Army Corps of Engineers and later with Dept. of Veteran Affairs.

He is survived by his father, Perry Dean Marks Sr.; siblings, Lynn, Bruce, John, Susan and Jim; wife, Martha Marks; children, Tim and Emily; and grandchildren, Sophie, Audrey, Nathan, and River.

Bud was known for his entertaining story telling and quirky sense of humor. Hobbies and interests included researching family genealogy, music, and singing. Bud was known to carry his mandolin along with him for impromptu performances for his friends and family. He sang Barber Shop Quartet with his father and grandfather in his younger years.

Bud loved American history. He especially enjoyed and took great pride in participating in Civil War reenactment. He was a Commander and a founding member of the Westport Camp for the Sons of the Union Veterans, and Color Guard for the Sons of the American Revolution.

Loving husband, family man and dog owner. He was incredibly proud of his grandchildren. He will be missed by all who were blessed to know him.

Burial Service and Military Honors were held at Leavenworth National Cemetery at 1:30 p.m. on Friday March 1, 2019. A Memorial Celebration of Bud’s life was held following.

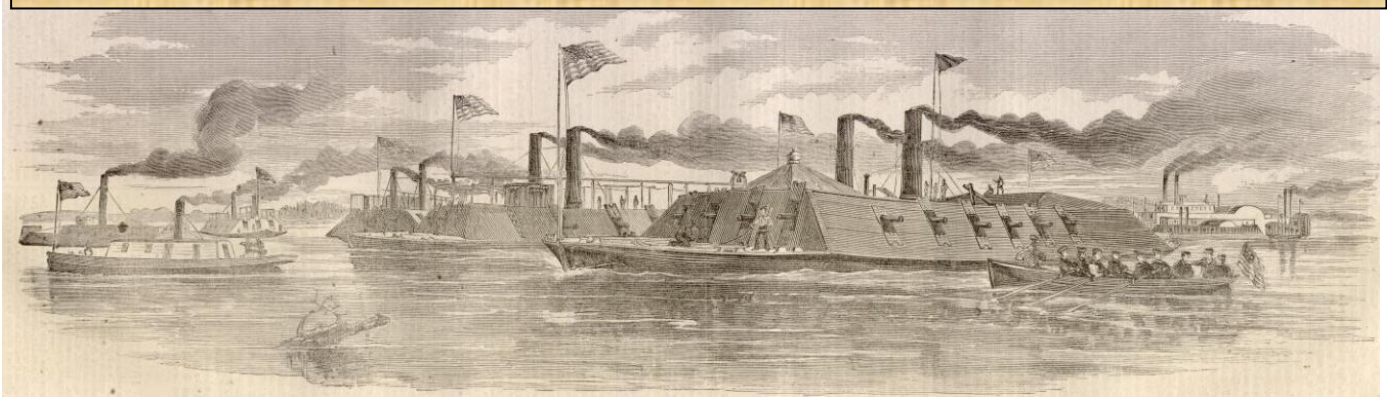
Arrangements were in care of Bross & Spidle Funeral Home, Excelsior Springs.





### Commodore Foote's Gun-Boat Flotilla on the Mississippi

Mound City   Essex   Cairo   St Louis   Louisville   Flagship Benton   Pittsburg   Lexington



### A Page Dedicated to our Navy

Below, two pictures of the same Gent. Left: Lt. John Vincent Johnston, USN, probably as a member of Ransom Post 131, St. Louis. Right: Brevet Captain John Vincent Johnston, USN

. He served as First Master on the gunboat St. Louis (pictured above with Brown Water Fleet). He assisted in the Union gunboat attacks that captured strategic Fort Henry on the Tennessee River February 6, 1862. The night of April 1/2, 1862 he was the Naval commander of a combined Army-Navy boat expedition which landed and spiked the guns of the Upper Battery a.k.a. Battery No. 1 at Madrid Bend (Tennessee shore) across the river from the Confederate stronghold, Island No. 10. He was promoted to Acting Volunteer Lieutenant for gallantry in this expedition. After joining in the bombardments of Vicksburg, Mississippi, he took command of USS Forest Rose (pictured below) to patrol the Mississippi River and its tributaries. On February 15, 1864 his gunboat repelled the attack of confederate raiders, saving the town of Waterproof, Louisiana, and its federal garrison. Lt. Johnston resigned from the naval service on June 23, 1864 and died on April 22, 1912 at St. Louis, Missouri. During World War II, two destroyers were named USS Johnston in his honor.



Lieut. John Vincent Johnston U. S. N.  
*Scholten* 1314 OLIVE ST. ST. LOUIS, Mo.



Photo # NH 61566 USS Forest Rose (1862-1865)



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## In Memory of Jack Gordon Grothe, retired Lt. Colonel 4<sup>th</sup> Military District



Jack Gordon Grothe, age 79 of St. Louis, died March 13, 2019. He is the husband of Margaret (nee Meek) Grothe, who survives. Jack is also survived by a son Mike (Susan) Kizer, grandsons Lucas Noah and Paul Kizer; a great-granddaughter Mikayla Kizer; and siblings Edwin (Barbara) Eller, Mary (Daniel) McNamee and William (Norma) Eller. Jack was born in Sterling, Ill., a son of Clarence and Catherine (nee Clifton) Grothe.

He graduated from Dixon (Ill.) High School. Jack received an Associate of Arts degree at Coffeyville Junior College in Coffeyville, Kansas. He also graduated from Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas with Bachelors Degrees in Psychology and Sociology and History. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Corps School at Great Lakes Illinois and is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Merchant Marine.

Jack retired in 1999 from the St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation after 22 years as a Park Ranger and Museum Educator at Jefferson Barracks Historic Park. During his retirement years Jack remained very active in various local, state and national military historical groups and societies. Among them are the Scottish American Military Society, St. Louis Civil War Roundtable and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite, Shriners and Masons, Arnold Lodge 673.

Jack's funeral service was attended by several SUVCW members including: PCinC Steve Michaels and his wife, Past National A-SUVCW President Danielle Michaels (pictured left); PCinC Donald Palmer, Jr.; PCC Gary Scheel; Greg Zelinske of Hecker Camp in Belleville, IL; PDC Walt Busch; PDC John Avery (below); PCC Randy Baehr; Jim Morrison (below if you can find him); Bob Aubuchon; his brother Ed Eller; and Dept SVC, PCC Sumner Hunnewell (also hidden below). Some were probably missed in this list.

Afterwards, the funeral guests met at the Jefferson Barracks Visitor Center for a continued remembrance of Jack.

Currently, Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery is averaging 25 burials of veterans per day.



# Collector's Corner

by

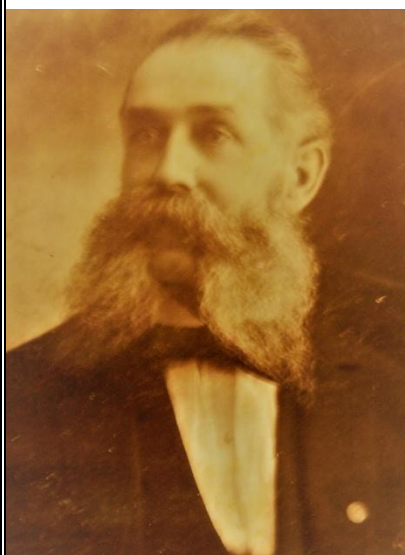
**Douglas Roussin**

**2019**

This past year, the General Thomas C. Fletcher camp #47, has been working with the Jefferson County Historical Society. It is the bicentennial of Jefferson County. Throughout the year, the Thomas C. Fletcher Camp has participated in numerous events. One of the activities the Historical Society is working on is a county museum.. They are collecting all sorts of items from the county. On touring the museum, located in Festus, I ran across a beautiful chair that once was in the Festus Grand Army of the Republic hall.

This ornate tall back chair came from Missouri G.A.R. Post 543 located in Festus. The Post was known as the Bell Post. Upon the break-up of the post, its furnishings were dispersed with three chairs ending up on a Masonic Hall in a nearby town. They were kept in storage for many years until they recently emerged. One chair is now on display at the society museum. The chair has a black leather cover. At top are G.A.R. letters which overlay a laurel design and cross swords. Both the letters and swords are painted gold. At some point casters were added. This allowed the chair to move more easily. Below, is Allison W. Nees, a member of the Bell Post and the ribbon he wore. During the Civil War, Mr. Nees served in Company B of the 12<sup>th</sup> Missouri Cavalry.

Here are some additional pieces of furniture that have come out of other G.A.R. post. One piece should look very familiar to you.



This high back officer's chair is oak. It has a crest with intertwined G.A.R. letters. This chair can be found in the G.A.R. museum in Springfield, Illinois. Note the handmade picture on the wall next to the chair. It is a membership badge of the Grand Army made in Crewel. (a loosely twisted woolen yarn used in embroidery)



This beautiful hand crafted altar was originally in a G.A.R. Post in Illinois. It is now the property of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, US Grant Camp 68, loaned to the dept of Missouri. It is used to hold the Bible at meetings. The table shows a great deal of workmanship. It is not known if it was originally made by a

member of an Illinois Post or was a commercial item. The table top is supported by a wooden cannon surrounded by stacks of 4 cannon balls on all sides. Eight Civil War rifles, with bayonet hold the table top. Between the bayonets are golden eagles holding a ribbon. This table has been restored.



The table on the left is another example of the used of cannon. The upright barrels holds the top. The barrels are painted gray. They are held in place by the trunions and sit on a flat board. This table was found in a flea market in Massachusetts. It was purchased and now resides in a restored G.A.R. Post.



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



# **The Hero from Jefferson County, Missouri: Thomas Clement Fletcher**

Part 1

by **Oliver R. Pechmann**

## **Dedication**

In acknowledgement of the men and women of the SUVCW (Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War) and ASUVCW (Auxiliary to the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War), whose preservation for the memory of our Union soldier ancestors is an extraordinary combination of hard work and dedication.

## **Introduction**

It seems as though we eagerly place the title of “hero” on many men and women down through our past. Many are very worthy of this appointment, have worn this badge honorably, and entered into history with all the proper distinction and fame they deserve. Others, although serving their fellow man with dignity, or exemplary performance of their duties, may not be so entitled of this lofty addition to their moniker. Many talented athletes, entertainers, and political leaders have been bestowed this title, yet in actuality their contribution to society may not have reached the level of “heroism.”

Historians have reserved this title for those that perform over and above what is expected of them. Men and women that, through their heroic actions, made a significant difference in the betterment of mankind. Thomas Clement Fletcher was that type of person, a true hero. Through his efforts and personal sacrifices, he affectively improved the lives of thousands.

Thomas Fletcher was a pioneer in the railroad business, partly responsible for the introduction of rail lien extention into rural Missouri, providing good paying jobs for hundreds. His vision and dedication proved tital in the formation of an entire town. His influence in antebellum politics helped elect Abraham Lincoln into office. During the Civil War, he served as an infantry officer in command of hundreds of Union troops, exemplifying himself in battle, where he was wounded and imprisoned by the enemy. Later he was promoted to general. Fletcher was elected the first governor of Missouri following the Civil War and the first native born governor of the state. He skillfully brought Missouri through the reconstruction years, successfully carried out the emancipation of slaves, and aggressively pursued the remnants of criminal guerilla bands still rampaging across the state. All this while reconstructing the entire public school system and stabling education for the new freed Black Americans.

There are few men in Missouri history that can claim the amount of accomplishments made by Thomas Fletcher. His leadership during our country’s worst period continues to influence our lives today. All Missourians owe a debt of gratitude to this great man. He was the type of leader this country needs today during our time of divisiveness. He was truly “the hero from Jefferson County, Missouri.”



## **The Hero from Jefferson County, Missouri**

Thomas Clement Fletcher was born in Herculaneum, Jefferson County, Missouri, on January 22, 1827, the son of Clement Bell “Judge” Fletcher, a merchant, and Margaret S. Byrd. Thomas the fourth of 10 children. His siblings were Margaret E. (b. 1818), John William (b. 1819), Cecilia Adeline (b. 1823), Percy (b. 1827), Clementine (b. 1830), Charles Carroll (b. 1830), Josephine (b. 1833), Perry (b. 1834), and Ann M. (b. ?).

His parents had immigrated to Missouri from Somerset, Maryland, in 1818. As there were no public schools in Jefferson County at the time, young Fletcher attended the subscription school of Willard Frissell, who had come there from Massachusetts. At age seventeen Fletcher secured employment in the Jefferson County circuit clerk’s office, advancing to the position of deputy two years later, and was elected to that office in 1849. He married Mary



Clarissa Honey, his childhood sweetheart in 1851 and had his home built at 401 Elm Street, Hillsboro, Missouri, that same year. They had two children, Edward Louis (b. 1852—d. 1908) and Francis Ella (Barthlow) (b. 1854).

In 1856 he was appointed land agent for the southwest branch of the Pacific Railroad and moved with his family to St. Louis. Although he came from a slaveholding family, Fletcher followed the lead of Senator Thomas Hart Benton in opposing slavery's extension. He campaigned actively for Benton in the gubernatorial race in

Iron Mountain and Southern Railway Depot, DeSoto, Mo.



1856. Following Benton's defeat, Fletcher was admitted to the bar in 1857 and joined Frank Blair, B. Gratz Brown, and other former Benton Democrats in organizing the Republic Party.

The St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railway announced plans in 1851 to build a railroad from St. Louis to Iron County. Fletcher formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Louis Rankin, and purchased land in southern Jefferson County where the railroad would be constructed. The town was platted in 1857. Fletcher named the town in honor

of the explorer Hernando de Soto, who claimed for Spain the area that became the Louisiana Territory. The two founders built a station house for the railroad and planned for homes to be built on large lots on the east side of town, with smaller lots for railroad workers' houses on the west. De Soto's post office was established and an auction of town lots took place.

Fletcher built a home there and moved his family to the new town in 1860. That same year he served as a delegate to the Republican National Convention in Chicago, which nominated Abraham Lincoln for the presidency, and he took an active role in the ensuing campaign.

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### From the *Missouri Republican*. 25 September 1864, Page 2 Column 3

[The *Missouri Republican* was the Democratic newspaper of Missouri and the *Missouri Democrat* was the Republican one. Go Figure. Here is what the Democratic raglan newspaper thought days before the Battle of Pilot Knob, a battle that helped propel Fletcher into the Governorship. – transcribed by Walt Busch.]

#### Fletcher Sold to the Democrat.

It would appear that Gen. Fremont's withdrawal has been a God-send to Col. Fletcher, the Radical candidate for Governor of this State. He has been represented as for some time anxious for an opening that might allow him to take sides in the Presidential contest, and as desirous to have Fremont abandon the race, that he (Fletcher) could make a half-way decent pretext for espousing the cause of "Honest Old Abe." We do not say nor believe that Col. Fletcher likes Lincoln any more than thousands of other Republicans do; but we think it no less true than natural that he has never been a sincere admirer of Fremont either. At the time of the quarrel of the Pathfinder with Frank Blair, resulting in the arrest of the latter, Fletcher sympathized with Frank, believing that the latter would eventually get the better of the affair and come out in the lead as he had generally done. The case was altered somewhat when the *Missouri Democrat*, quite unexpectedly forsook Blair, and when Henry T. Blow, Esq., divorced himself in the same direction. Fletcher now recognizes the *Democrat* as the ruling influence in this State so

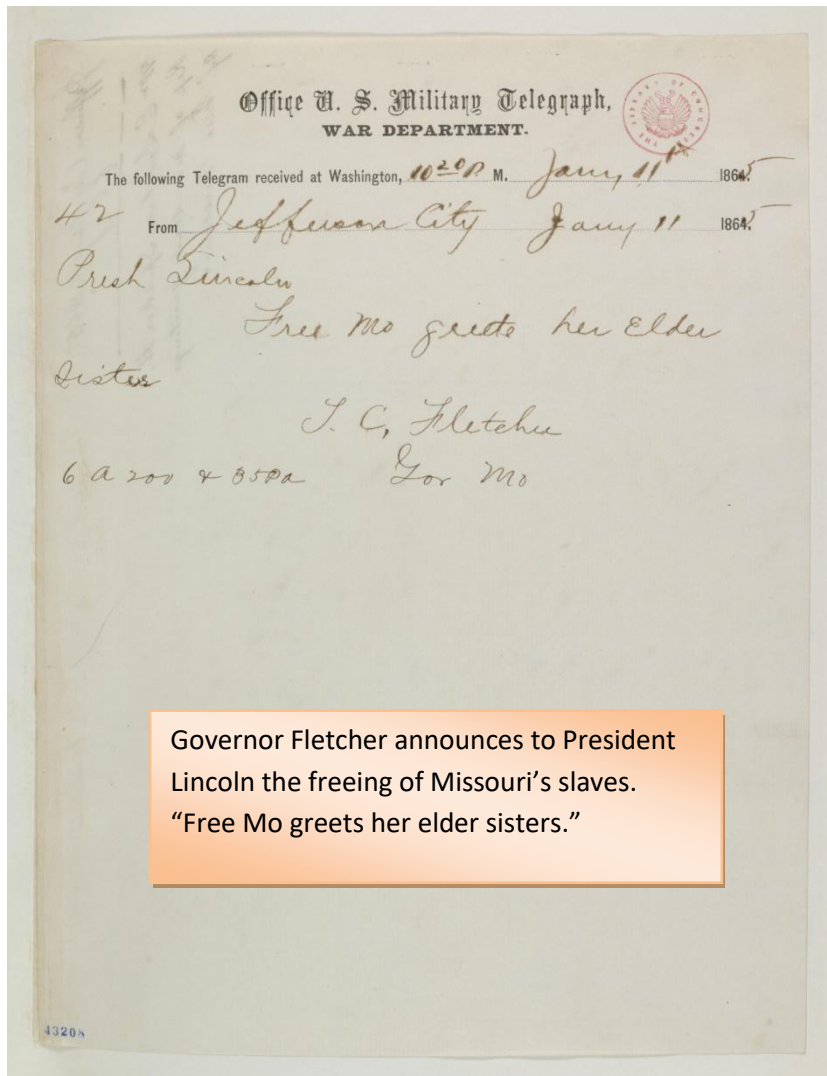
far as the Radical party is concerned; and knowing he is not to be elected Governor, he keeps an eye to the future. People say his health is not of a character to justify him in forming ambitious plans for many years ahead, but we have observed that when the love of office once takes possession of a man sanitary conditions are not apt to interfere. The *Democrat* has been tinkering with Fletcher on the Lincoln question, and no doubt promising him its support for an office under Lincoln's Administration. It was, therefore, without surprise that we read the following in a special St. Louis dispatch to the *Chicago Tribune*, written by an attaché of the *Democrat*:

"The withdrawal of Fremont has created general satisfaction among moderate Germans who were anxious for an appropriate opportunity to come out for Lincoln. A few crazy Fremonters like Moss, late editor of the *Radical Democrat* will go for McClellan. A happy riddance. Henry T. Blow, M.G., Gratz Brown, and others, will support Lincoln heartily.

"The Radical candidate for Governor will shortly publish a letter in favor of Lincoln. He has been suspected of Fremontism. The leading Claybank friends of Blair, who are announced for McClellan are going where they belong. Most of them were for Bell and Douglas in 1860."

We can afford to do entire justice to our contemporary, the *Democrat*, and do not hesitate to say that it has managed its political course with consummate adroitness. It is perfectly justified in crowing, as it does, over Fremont's withdrawal as a vindication of the *Democrat's* "sagacity." The *Democrat* had more to do in making the Cleveland movement abortive than any combination of causes that could be named. The sending of a Radical

delegation from this State to the Baltimore Convention was our neighbor's work, and when, after it had been admitted, the editor of the *Democrat* moved to make the nomination of Lincoln unanimous, he smote the Fremont business full in the head. Radical politicians and people throughout the country who had been dissatisfied and disgusted with the Administration, concluded that if the Missouri Radicals, who had made the most fuss in reference thereto, could stand a perpetuation of its power, they certainly ought to do so likewise, and hence Fremont was allowed to slide, while the leaders generally took up Lincoln with the best grace they could muster. If, by possibility, "Old Abe" should be re-elected, a just sense of his obligations will not leave the *Democrat* office unremembered. This reflection has not escaped Col. Fletcher. Pride alone would urge the Radical newspaper organ to enlist as many as practicable in behalf of the Lincoln ticket, to still further indicate its course. Events seem to show that, if Col. Fletcher has been dumb, he has not also been deaf or blind.



Governor Fletcher announces to President Lincoln the freeing of Missouri's slaves. "Free Mo greets her elder sisters."

**Trivia from the Missouri Republican.** 10 November 1864, - **Bloody Bill Anderson.** Bill Anderson had on his person, when killed, \$300 in gold, \$130 in Treasury notes and six revolving pistols.



## Capture the Flag: High-Stakes, Conspicuous Gallantry in the American Civil War

By Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC



What do the Worrill Grays, Chalmers' Division, and the 50<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry all have in common? All three Confederate units had their colors captured by Medal of Honor recipients who are buried in Missouri. Of the 35 Medal of Honor recipients honored for acts of valor during the Civil War who are buried in Missouri, 12 of these individuals received their award for either capturing the flag of the enemy or defending the colors of their regiment from imminent capture. So, what is the significance of capturing a flag in battle?

In a time before radio communication, flags were vital points of reference to direct soldiers on the battlefield. The colors carried by regiments led soldiers into battle and directed their movements, often serving as rallying points in the noise and smoke of mid-battle chaos. The fact that the flags were so vital to the successful function of military regiments made them prime targets of enemy soldiers, sharpshooters, and cannon. This in turn also ensured these flags were extremely well protected—the fighting was often the thickest around the regimental colors and thus any soldier who could penetrate the defenses around an enemy's flag and return with it to their own lines showed tremendous bravery in the face of mortal peril.

The exploits of Cpl. Harrison Collins near Richmond Creek on December 24, 1864, were recounted in a letter from Brigadier General John T. Croxton to Lt. Colonel A. J. Alexander, Chief of Staff of the Cavalry Corps. General Croxton writes:

*"I have the honor to forward herewith a rebel battle-flag captured from Chalmers' division yesterday evening. The capture was made by Corpl. Harrison Collins, Company A, First Tennessee Cavalry. The corporal saw the rebel standard bearer, under the direction of a rebel major, trying to rally his men. He determined to have the flag; led a charge, killed the major, routed his men, and secured the flag."*

Capturing an enemy flag was almost always an impressive feat, but one must assume that some instances made better stories than others. Such was likely the case for Captain Patrick H. Pentzer, who was among the first Union soldiers to reach Confederate entrenchments during the Battle of Fort Blakeley, Alabama, and thus was positioned to personally receive the surrender of a Confederate general officer and his headquarters flag. While the circumstances of this event surely made for a good story, Pentzer was just one of 10 Union soldiers awarded the Medal of Honor for capturing a flag during this assault on April 9, 1865.

In addition to the nine Union soldiers buried in Missouri who were awarded the Medal of Honor for capturing a flag of the enemy, three such soldiers received the Medal of Honor for risking their lives to defend their regiment's colors.

Although he had already been granted a medical furlough due to his wounds from Antietam, German-born Pvt. (later 1<sup>st</sup> Lt.) Martin Schubert picked up the colors after several color bearers had been killed or wounded during the Battle of Fredericksburg and carried them until he was wounded again. Paul Taylor's 2005 book, *Glory was Not Their Companion: The Twenty-Sixth New York Volunteer Infantry*, published Schubert's own recollection of the event:

**Medal of Honor Recipients Buried in Missouri  
Who Captured or Recovered Flags**

Soldier's Name	Flag(s) Captured
Cpl. Harrison Collins	"Chalmers' Division," C.S.A.
Cpl. Daniel I. Holcomb	"Confederate Guidon"
Pvt. William T. Holmes	27th Virginia Infantry, C.S.A.
Pvt. Aaron Hudson	"Worrill Grays," C.S.A.
Cpl. Oliver Hughes	11th South Carolina, C.S.A.
Cpl. James K. Merrifield	"2 battle flags from the enemy"
Pvt. John N. Opel	50th Virginia Infantry, C.S.A.
Cpt. Patrick H. Pentzer	general officer's "headquarters flag"
Pvt. John H. Ricksecker	16th Alabama Artillery, C.S.A.

*"My old wound, not yet healed, gave me considerable trouble. I went into the battle [Fredericksburg] with the regiment, however, against the protests of my colonel and captain, who insisted that I should use the furlough. I thought the Government needed me on the battlefield rather than at home."*

Soldier's Name	Flag(s) Recovered
Cpt. Freeman Davis	80th Ohio Infantry, U.S.A.
Cpl. Henry D. O'Brien	1st Minnesota Infantry, U.S.A.
1Lt. Martin Schubert	26th New York Infantry, U.S.A.

Corporal (later Major) Henry D. O'Brien took up the fallen colors of his 1<sup>st</sup> Minnesota Infantry during the infamously tragic "Pickett's Charge" at the Battle of Gettysburg and fearlessly rushed the enemy. Caleb Jackson of Company G apparently witnessed the event and provided this account (the primary source document is unknown):

*"When General Pickett made his famous charge his men succeeded in striking our line near a battery and close to our right flank and for a moment it seemed that we would be*

*overwhelmed. At this critical time the last of our color guards was shot and the flag fell to the ground. Corporal Henry D. O'Brien, of Company E, though not a member of the color guard instantly seized it and waving it over his head rushed ahead of the Regiment and close up to the muzzles of the Confederate muskets. His example was quickly followed by the rest of the men and the Confederates were beaten back leaving the colors of the 28th Virginia with our command.*

*"Corporal O'Brien's action at that time was fearless and as daring as anything I saw during the war, and there is no doubt in my mind that it was one of the principal causes that led to the defeat of the Confederates at that point. I looked at his face and smiled as he broke off a piece of the shattered staff and threw it to the ground and marched on. He was struck in the head by a musket ball and although stunned by the force of the blow he held to the colors until he was again struck in the left hand. This occurred at the moment of victory."*



The Battle of Missionary Ridge was part of the Chattanooga Campaign fought between Union General Ulysses S. Grant and Confederate General Braxton Bragg. Captain Freeman Davis recovered two flags of his 80<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry after both color bearers were shot down during the successful assault on the ridge on November 25, 1863. *The Ohio Illustrated Magazine* for January 1907 contains an article mentioning Davis's courageous feats, "Eight Buckeyes at Missionary Ridge," by Joseph Olds Gregg, who was Past Department Commander of the Department of Montana, G.A.R.:





*“When Freeman Davis, of Company B, saw the two flags go down with their bearers and exposed to capture by the enemy, who were pushing the regiment back, he ran back in the face of the deadly fire directed at him, caught up a flag with each hand and successfully bore them to a place of safety. In view of these heroic deeds, here described in detail from the official records and the testimony of eye-witnesses, it seems no wonder that a clean majority of all the medals awarded by Congress for conspicuous gallantry at Missionary Ridge, were given to sons of Ohio.”*

The capture and recovery of regimental colors provided opportunities for soldiers to demonstrate conspicuous gallantry in the face of danger, and these events strongly influenced the outcome of battles and maybe the war. While, unfortunately, some of those credited with bravery for capturing colors in the American Civil War obtained flags abandoned on the field or confiscated from their subordinates, many more of these tales—such as those related here—recount genuine acts of inspiring courage and sacrifice.

Brother Randal Burd Jr, a member of Fletcher Camp in DeSoto, is a two time Past Department Commander of this Department and current Medal of Honor Coordinator for the Department.



*Battle of Westport from the Missouri State Capitol. Wake Up Call: Battle of the Big Blue by Samuel Raeder, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mo Militia*



# DEPARTMENT TELEGRAPH

## CALLING ALL LOYAL BROTHERS –

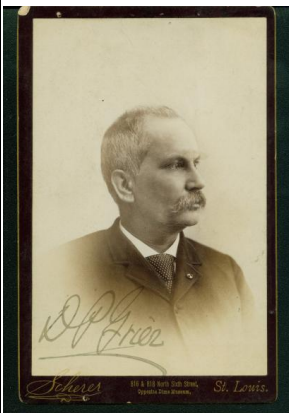
### THE 2021 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT IS COMING TO ST. LOUIS!!



The following brothers have answered the call and purchased Loyalty Bonds, so far:

William Stuart English – Tiger Camp; Walt Busch – Grant Camp (2); Randel Baehr – Wilhelmi Camp; St James Camp 326; Alan Trodus – Fletcher Camp; Bob Petrovic – Grant Camp; Mark Coplin – Grant Camp (3); Robert Aubuchon – Grant Camp (2); Martin Aubuchon – Grant Camp; US Grant Camp 68 (5), Donald Palmer, Jr., John Palmer, General Thomas C Fletcher Camp 46 (5), Sumner Hunnewell (5), Westport Camp (5), and Robert Amsler Jr.

Individual members and camps can support the encampment by sending in \$20 for a loyalty bond. The issued bond entitles the named bond holder to claim twenty dollars back in 2022. In the meantime, the money has allowed the encampment committee to quickly buy items and enter contracts and hopefully collect more money so that we can continue to complete our task.



If you have any ideas, contacts to share with us, etc. 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). We will be having another major organizational meeting in the next few months and will be sending out an invite to all camps to send one member to the meeting. We hope all can participate and make this a truly department function.

**General David P Grier**, 77<sup>th</sup> Illinois Volunteers, – member of Missouri GAR's Ransom Post – was the Grand Marshal of the 21<sup>st</sup> National Encampment held in St. Louis in 1887. *Picture is part of the photographic collection of the Ransom Post- Missouri History Museum*



## Commander Dale Crandell's Department Message

An advantage of being Department Commander is attending national and local Civil War related events. Each week brings at least one invitation from an Allied Order, Civil War Roundtable, historical society, or community group. I've attempting to make a monthly pilgrimage to at least one Camp sponsored activity. What I've observed is how each Camp has their own perspective on how to honor our Civil War ancestors and interact with their community. Collectively, we touch on all four areas outlined in our national campaign.

**Preservation.** The SUVCW is actively engaged in Civil War preservation to ensure that the history and the memories of those that fought it, never fades. Our Camps routinely identify, preserve, and commemorate local battlefields and gravesites of Union soldiers, sailors, and marines.

**Education.** The SUVCW is dedicated to educating the public about this defining period in American history, to honor those that fought, and to ensure that history is not repeated. Our Camps conduct research on the Civil War in Missouri and Arkansas, feeding information and documents to a host of websites and archives. Often, our local member is the local expert and first contact for historians and the press-media.

**Patriotism and Citizenship.** As defined by our federal charter, the SUVCW is dedicated to teaching patriotism and the duties of citizenship to ensure that this great nation, as set forth by our Founding Fathers, remains strong. Our Camps are present in schools and community events. When a history program or color guard is needed, our SUVCW Camps are called.

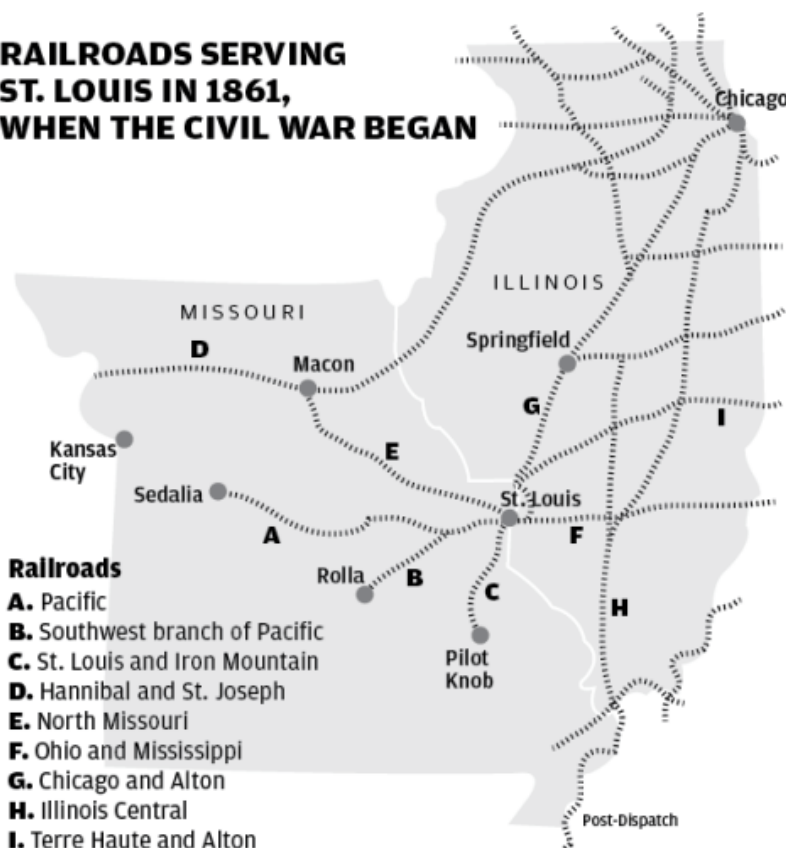
**Honor.** As legal heirs to the GAR, we carry on the traditions of honoring the flag, those that served this nation, and those that made the supreme sacrifice in defending this nation. Our Camps, SVR units, and members are genuine patriots. When we attend commemorations, dedications, parades, and memorials –particularly when in Union uniform –we bring respect and authenticity. Our GAR predecessors would be proud for their sons.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Dale Crandell



### RAILROADS SERVING ST. LOUIS IN 1861, WHEN THE CIVIL WAR BEGAN



Map of railroad lines in Missouri during the Civil War. The Pacific Railroad is shown as "B." Image courtesy of the St. Louis Post Dispatch.



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**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 7**  
**Series 2018-2019**  
**29 January 2019**

**Passing of Brother Perry “Bud” Dean Marks, Jr.**

With sorrow, the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War reports the passing of Brother Perry “Bud” Dean Marks, Jr. on 24 January 2019. Brother Marks was a charter member of Westport Camp #64 where he served three terms as Camp Commander. He was the camp’s first ROTC coordinator responsible for establishing the camp’s connection with the local JROTC units. Private Marks was also a member of the 1st Missouri State Militia Guard with the Sons of Veteran Reserve. To honor his contributions to the SUVCW, he received the Department’s Meritorious Service Award in 2015.

Bud Marks was a person of public service. He first served in the U.S. Navy as a Seabee and later with the Kansas National Guard where he retired at the rank of Major. As a civilian, he worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.

In memory of Brother Marks, the Department’s Charter and website shall be draped, all Camp Charters and websites shall be draped, and all brothers shall attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge. Following the Department’s mourning policy, this Order shall remain in effect for fourteen days from this date.

Ordered this 29th Day of January, 2019,

Dale Crandell, PCC  
Commander  
Department of Missouri

Attest:

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



The second charge of the Frémont Body Guard, under Major Charles Zágonyi, at Springfield, Mo., October 25, 1861.

**From the *Missouri Republican*. 10 November 1864 – A  
Battlefield Relic.**

The Kansas City Reporter says:

A citizen has shown us a relic of the battlefield—a Springfield musket, found lying by the side of a dead rebel. The gun was half cocked when found, and loaded with two bullets. The fatal shot had passed through under the hammer, grazing the stock of the gun, and striking the rebel in the breast. Carved on the butt of the musket is the name of the owner—John Murdock, Co. “B,” 13th Arkansas, C.S.A.





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**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 8**  
**Series 2018-2019**  
**6 March 2019**

**Suspension of John H. McNeil Camp #62 and Lillie Camp #6**

Our Constitution and Regulations (C&R), Chapter 1, Article VII, Section 4 assigns the Camp Secretary with the duty to annually file a Form 22 Certification of Election and Installation of Camp Officers with the Department Secretary by February 15th. Our C&R, Chapter I, Article I, Section 16 states:

*Any camp which fails to file the Form 22, Form 27, or EIN report by the dates specified herein shall have its charter automatically suspended. The Department Commander shall issue a Department Order noting the automatic suspension.*

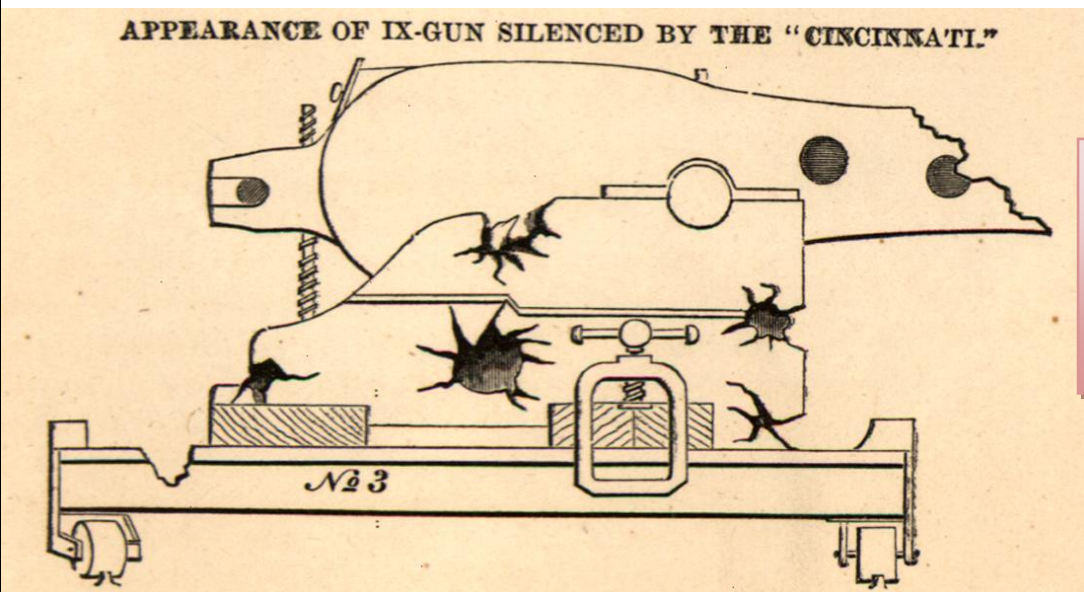
This Department Order reports the automatic suspension of John H. McNeil Camp #62 and Lillie Camp #6 for not filing their Form 22 by 15 February 2019. Once their Form 22 is reported filed by the Department Secretary, their suspension will be lifted.

Ordered this 6th Day of March, 2019,

Attest:

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

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



Disabled during the capture by Union forces of Fort Hindman, Arkansas Post, on the Arkansas River, Jan 11 1863.



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### DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 9 Series 2018-2019 14 March 2019

#### Reinstatement of Lillie Camp #6

Lillie Camp #6 is reinstated effective 9 March 2019. They are in compliance with our Constitution and Regulations.

Ordered this 14th Day of March, 2019,

Dale Crandell, PCC  
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



Imaged by Heritage Auctions, HA.com

From the Department Junior Vice Commander, Joseph Rainey – McPherson Camp –

The American Battlefield Trust has set April 6th a battlefield clean up day. This is for your state battlefields. This is an opportunity for you to get your name in the paper and make contact with your local state battlefield. This is a great way to recruit!

National public radio is also a place where you can get the SUVCW name out there. They make public announcements about events like the battlefield clean up day.

Let the local TV stations know about your cleaning up the Battlefields.

We need to do all we can to get the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War name out there.





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**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 10**  
**Series 2018-2019**  
**15 March 2019**

**Passing of Brother Jack Gordon Grothe**

With sorrow, the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War reports the passing of Brother Jack Gordon Grothe on 13 March 2019. Brother Grothe was a life member of the SUVCW. He was a charter member and Past Camp Commander of the William T. Sherman Camp #65 and later a member of the Lt. Colonel J. Felix St. James Camp #326. Lt. Colonel Grothe was a member of the Sons of Veteran Reserve and Past Commander of the 4<sup>th</sup> Military District. To honor his contributions to the SUVCW, he received the Department's first Meritorious Service Award in 2004.

Jack Grothe was a person of public service. He served in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Merchant Marine. As a civilian, he worked for the St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation as a Park Ranger and Museum Educator. His interest in history include memberships in the St. Louis Civil War Roundtable, Scottish American Military Society, and Company of Military Historian.

In memory of Brother Grothe, the Department's Charter and website shall be draped, all Camp Charters and websites shall be draped, and all brothers shall attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge. Following the Department's mourning policy, this Order shall remain in effect for fourteen days from this date.

Ordered this 15th Day of March, 2019,

Attest:

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

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



OLD MEMORIAL DAY BUTTON LEFT AND  
A GAR SLOUCH HAT ON RIGHT





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**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 11**  
**Series 2018-2019**  
**25 March 2019**

**Reinstatement of John H. McNeil Camp #62**

John H. McNeil Camp #62 is reinstated effective 20 March 2019. They are in compliance with our Constitution and Regulations.

Ordered this 25th Day of March, 2019,

Dale Crandell, PCC  
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



Staff Medal from the 50<sup>th</sup> National GAR  
Encampment held in Kansas City. GAR  
Shaving Mug from 9<sup>th</sup> USCT Officer



## Columbia Post #432 – Grand Army of the Republic

Compiled by: James R Dixon, PCC

The earliest record that I have been found so far in regards to the G.A.R. Post in Columbia, Missouri is a newspaper clipping from January 16, 1903, in “The Professional World”. It has an article about local African-Americans holding an Emancipation Anniversary at the Second Baptist Church on Broadway. The lively event celebrated the 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 1903. The event started with a song by the church congregation together with scripture readings. They sang songs like, “John Brown”, and heard guest speakers consisting of local soldiers who served in the late war. Two members of the church who planned and engaged the social event were Sergeants Wallace Lilly, and Commander Tarlton (Talton) Woods, who was then the Commander of Columbia G.A.R. Post (432).

Newspaper mentions of any Post are very scarce in the press until 1910. If mentioned, no name was given. There is an article in the local paper during Memorial Day explaining that there is no G.A.R. post in Columbia like there are in other cities around the state. The writer explains that there has never been a Decoration Day observed for the old veterans graves in the Columbia Cemetery where there are many buried. It also states that there was a Post in the latter years of the 1800s but has since ceased.

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1916, “The Kansas City Sun”, published an obituary for the death of Talton Woods. He died at his home in Columbia, Mo at the age of 72. It mentions his membership in the G.A.R. and Masonic Lodge in Columbia.

This is when we believe Sgt. Wallace Lilly took over as Post Commander for the African-American Columbia G.A.R. Post. Wallace was a Sgt in the USCT, the same as Talton. Wallace was also a native of Boone County and had his own blacksmith shop in town. Wallace was very influential in the marking of the graves in Columbia Cemetery of USCT. Many of the soldiers he served with had their bodies sent back to Columbia to be buried.



There are few articles about the activities that the Post sponsored, one of which was on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 1920. Wallace was given a uniform by his friends like the one he wore in the Army. It mentions both Black and White gave money to get him the uniform, this shows how much he was revered in the community. The article reports that many of the USCT graves were unmarked or marked with wooden crosses and were decorated each Memorial Day by the

Post.

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1922 is the last known article that refers to the Columbia Post. It reads that, “There is not a post for Whites in Columbia, but there is a Negro Post.” It talks about the State Encampment that was being held in Sedalia at the Fairgrounds. It states that Lilly is the Commander but was too sick to attend, and being 81 years old. The Post sent Matthew Douglass, a veteran, and Secretary to the Columbia Post.

The Columbia G.A.R. Post 432’s history is still in the process of being researched and recovered. We, as members of the Columbia Tiger Camp #432, SUVCW, strive to discover the history of our past brothers who lived and served in the community here in Columbia. We hope to honor and remember those who should never be forgotten.

Wallace Lilly Grave –

Photo taken by James R Dixon, PCC during the Grave dedication to Wallace Lilly. (Nov. 8, 2015)

# CAMP DISPATCHES

## Grant Camp

Grant Camp welcomes the following new members:

1. Brent Canterbury who is overseas working for our county.
2. Craig Mathews of Ballwin, MO
3. Jim Morrison of St. Louis, MO, who is heavily involved in the local German community. Prosit!
4. Thomas N. Taylor of Chesterfield whose ancestor served with the USCT.
5. Larry Von Behren of Webster Groves, whose wife also recently joined the local DUVCW
6. Greg Wolk, dual member with St. James Camp

All new members of the US Grant Camp receive a name tag (although it may take a few months to get one) .

Other tidbits:

1. Grant Camp purchased a solar flag pole light to be installed on the pole by General Sherman's grave in Calvary Cemetery.
2. We are the host camp for the Central Region Association Meeting to be held in Springfield, IL on Apr 12 & 13. Still time to sign up for this and Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies. Sign-ups on following pages.
3. Several members showed up at Jefferson Barracks to honor Lt. Col. Jack Grothe as he was laid to rest. John Avery showed up in the uniform of our new GAR Ceremonial Unit (Membership app also in following pages). Other members who came included PCC Bob Aubuchon, PDC Walt Busch, PCC Sumner Hunnewell, and new member Jim Morrison, who came as a member of Jack's church.
4. Upcoming events have been planned for the year so check out the calendar of events on page 2 of the *Unionist* for that information.

### German Initiation?? *Brüderlichkeit, Nächstenliebe und Loyalität!*

Brother PCC Sumner Hunnewell's wife, Sylvia, has some relatives coming over this spring from Germany. Sylvia grew up in a German speaking family. The husband is an American Civil War fanatic and an artillery reenactor in Germany. Sumner asked us to have a special meeting and initiation of the man and since he can't speak English, Walt Busch has been working on a translation (with the help of a friend) so that we can conduct the entire initiation in German.

National SUVCW recognized an English SUVCW Camp recently. Can a German Camp be far behind?



## St. James Camp

### Brother Jack Grothe

It is with sadness and a feeling of great loss to not only to our camp but also we feel to the Department of Missouri and our National SUVCW Organization the passing of Brother Jack Grothe on March 13<sup>th</sup> at the age of 79 years.

This photo was taken last April 8th of members of our camp after our participation in paying respects to the



memory of Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James by standing guard at his grave site on the day of his death. We also participated in the ceremony to pay respects to all Scottish buried in the cemetery. This was the last time that we were privileged to have Brother Jack and Sister Maggie present in one of our camp activities.



## PAST ACTIVITIES OF THE CAMP

29 January 2019

A great bunch of home schoolers. Gary Scheel went to Bonne Terre and gave a Civil War presentation to this good bunch of kids. They listened to him for about an hour and forty-five minutes. He discussed the equipment of a Union soldier. He passed around shell fragments, grape shot and bullets that were from Shepherd Mountain given to him by Ron Warren.

3 pound cannon ball dug up at Farmington in the late 1960's

given to him by Bryan Williams. He showed them the three basic uniform coats and four basic head gear. And he told them a lot about the Civil War.

### Coming Event

Civil War Presentation April 9<sup>th</sup>

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp 326 will be having a presentation on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Orris Theatre. Scott House, a Civil War author from Cape Girardeau, will be discussing "Things You Never Knew About the Battle of Pilot Knob". The Battle of Pilot Knob, also known as the Battle of Fort Davidson, was the opening engagement of Price's Missouri Raid during the American Civil War. It was the largest engagement in our area of Missouri. This presentation is free and open to the public.

## Westport Camp

### New Members

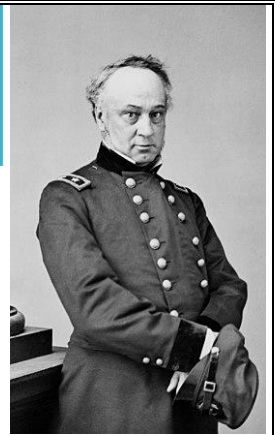


Brother Kris Marc Lancaster was mustered into Westport Camp #64 at our camp meeting on 5 March 2019. He joins to honor of his ancestor Private Jeremiah O'Day who served in the 1<sup>st</sup> Northeast Missouri Regiment and later consolidated into Company H, 21<sup>st</sup> Missouri Infantry Regiment. The 21<sup>st</sup> Missouri's was engaged at numerous battles throughout Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi including the Battle of Shiloh, Battle of Tupelo, and Battle of Nashville.

*21<sup>st</sup> Missouri Regiment flag. Credit: Missouri Digital Heritage*

Brother Thomas Raymond Neal was mustered into Westport Camp #64 at our camp meeting on 5 March 2019. He joins to honor of his ancestor 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Carl Charles Schaub who served in Company E, 54<sup>th</sup> Enrolled Missouri Militia Regiment. The Enrolled Missouri Militias were Union local militias established by General Henry Halleck's General Order #2 on 13 March 1862 to counter Confederate guerrilla forces. The 54<sup>th</sup> was organized in Washington County, with Lt. Schaub's Company E recruited from Franklin County.

*General Henry Halleck established  
Enrolled Missouri Militia  
Credit: Wikipedia*



### Medal of Honor Commemoration

DUVCW Macklind Tent #24 hosted a commemoration for Medal of Honor recipient Herbert Hoover Burr (1920-1990) for National Medal of Honor Day. SUVCW Westport Camp #64 along with the SAR Truman Chapter and 1812 Society's Captain Daniel Morgan Boone Chapter provided a timeline color guard for the commemoration. Brother Kenneth Bailey served as chaplain.

Herbert Burr was born in St. Joseph and raised in Kansas City. He joined the U.S. Army during World War II and served with Company C, 41<sup>st</sup> Tank Battalion. On 19 March 1945, Staff Sergeant Burr's tank was hit by enemy fire near Dorrmoschel, Germany forcing the crew to abandon the tank. Staff Sergeant Burr remained and completed their mission and later provided medical assistance. He was presented the Medal of Honor by President Harry S Truman on 30 August 1945 [pictured right]. The commemoration was held at Mount Washington Cemetery in Independence, Missouri.

For a complete account of Herbert Hoover Burr's service read "Hometown Hero: Alone in a Burning Tank in WWII" in the *Kansas City Star* (<https://www.kansascity.com/news/local/article107262982.html>)

### National Medal of Honor Day

Often called the Congressional Medal of Honor, the United States Congress designated March 25th of each year as National Medal of Honor Day, a day dedicated to honoring the over 3,400 men and women whose service and sacrifices were recognized with the nation's highest medal for valor, the Medal of Honor. Westport Camp #64 dressed each of the five Civil War Medal of Honor recipients buried in the Kansas City area for National Medal of Honor Day.

*Private Nathaniel McLean Gwynne's  
headstone at Union Cemetery*

Private Nathaniel McLean Gwynne (1849-1883) for action at the Battle of Crater while serving with Company H, 13th Ohio Cavalry.

Major M.R. William Grebe (1838-1916) for action at the Battle of Jonesboro and Atlanta Campaign, while serving with Company F, 4<sup>th</sup> Missouri Cavalry.

Sergeant Thomas Toohey (1835-1918) for action at the Battle of Franklin, while serving with Company F, 24th Wisconsin Infantry.

Private John Henry Ricksecker (1843-1929) for action at the Battle of Franklin, while serving with Company D, 104<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

Private Wilbur Moore (1840-1924) for action at the Battle of Nashville, while serving with Company C, 117<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry.





## Fletcher Camp

After a whirlwind tour of Jefferson County's 2018 bicentennial celebrations, the Camp is easing into 2019. For the second year running, we held our Christmas banquet at Pogolino's in De Soto on December 14 – with about 40 members and guests attending. Camp Commander Don Lillicrap presented Certificates of Commendation to brothers Bernard Laiben (for his work chairing the Jefferson County 200 celebrations) and Leonard Wright (for his work with the Camp). He also presented the same award to *The Leader* (Leader Publications) for their coverage of the Camp and Auxiliary's activities all year long. Department Commander Dale Crandell traveled from Kansas City to install officers (no changes other than Hunnewell elected Secretary to fill in Ollie Pechmann's



place). PDC Chris Warren installed the officers of the Auxiliary.

The Camp hosted a guest at the February meeting at our new HQ, First United Methodist Church in Festus. Author Dr. Stephen F. Huss discussed the military and civil life of our camp's namesake, Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher. Dr. Huss recently published *Rediscovering Thomas C. Fletcher: The Lost Missouri Governor*, which he dedicated to the Fletcher House Foundation, our Camp and Auxiliary, and his grandchildren. (Half of the profits of the book will be donated to the Foundation.) At this meeting Brother PCC Doug Roussin also donated to the Jefferson County Historical Society a display case of Civil War era bullets. Brother Bernard Laiben, who accepted the case, is the president of the Society (pictured above).

We have procured a 30" cement statue of a soldier from the wrong side of the Rebellion for a Camp raffle. (Any camp member can provide raffle details.) [Editor – Pictured right - It could always be painted the correct colors!]

We are gearing up JROTC/JROTC season with plans to provide certificates and medals to winners in four schools in the coming months. Other plans include: a school "encampment" program in May and (artillery) School of the Piece in June. Sometime soon, we will also have drills to make our SVR unit more effective.

The Camp has a monthly newsletter. Anyone wishing a copy need only write to the Camp Secretary at [hildifonstook@prodigy.net](mailto:hildifonstook@prodigy.net).



UPCOMING EVENTS:  
INFORMATION PACKET FOR THE  
Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

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**The 78<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Central Region, Allied Orders  
Springfield, IL. April 12 & 13, 2019.**

All are invited to participate in the 63<sup>th</sup> Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 154<sup>th</sup> 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 13, 2019.

**Headquarters Hotel:** President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701. The room rate is \$102.00 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 22, 2019.** 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 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Luncheon** will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12:30PM. The luncheon program will feature a talk by Mary Todd Lincoln on "My Side of the Story". Luncheon cost is \$35.00 per person.

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

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Braised Short Ribs \_\_\_\_\_ Roasted Turkey \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Include remittance of \$35.00 per person for each lunch reservation payable to **National Organization SUVCW.**

**Reservations must be made by April 1<sup>st</sup> 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:

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# *Allied Orders & Coming Events*

## *Section*

*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 members skills within the Allied Orders, of which the SUVCW is a part. A very short business meeting follows. This group has been in existence since 1940 and carries on the tradition of regional meetings of all the groups. The Central Region and the Northeast Region are the only two still in existence!*

***In 2019 the group is trying something different and holding their event along with the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies in April at Springfield, IL.***

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

*All SUVCW, 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@suvcmo.org](mailto:wbusch@suvcmo.org)*

### **Central Region, Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic Conference**

#### **Held in conjunction with the Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies**

All are invited to participate in the 78<sup>th</sup> Central Region, Allied Orders Conference and the 63<sup>th</sup> Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, commemorating the 154<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of President Lincoln's death. Events will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel and at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL at 10 AM on Saturday, April 13, 2019.

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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 13<sup>th</sup>. One florist used for many such orders is **5th Street Florist**.

Luncheon will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12:30PM, and is sponsored through the SUVCW Tomb Ceremonies Program. The luncheon program will feature a talk by Mary Todd Lincoln on "My Side of the Story". Luncheon cost is \$35.00 per person. For event info, go to the SUVCW web site ([suvchw.org](http://suvchw.org)) or contact Robert Petrovic at: [rpetro7776@aol.com](mailto:rpetro7776@aol.com) or 636-274-4567

**Allied Orders Agenda**

**Friday**

Arrive 3pm – 6pm Arrive at President Abraham Lincoln Hotel  
5:30 pm- Mario’s Dinner <http://www.eatatmarios.com/menus.html>  
Speaker: Jim Gallen – Abe the Eagle and the 8<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin  
Dinner is from menu and billed individually

**Saturday**

10 am - Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL  
12:30 PM – Luncheon - Mary Todd Lincoln on "My Side of the Story" or lunch on own  
**SEE LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY INFORMATION AND USE THAT FORM TO REGISTER FOR LUNCH**  
3:00 PM – Speaker: Walt Busch – Using Form 62 and Stupid Monuments  
3:30 PM - CRA Business Meeting – All registered attendee permitted to attend and vote  
6:30 PM – Those wishing to meet one more time for dinner, we will be collecting votes to see Who wants to do so, and we will arrange a pay your own meal at some locale.

**CENTRAL REGION OF THE ALLIED ORDERS 78<sup>TH</sup> CONFERENCE**

**REGISTRATION FORM --- PLEASE USE THIS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FORM FOR THE LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONIES, SUBMIT NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2019**

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

( ) SUVCW ( ) DUCW ( ) WRC ( ) LGAR ( ) A-SUVCW ( ) MOLLUS

Highest Rank in your Organization \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE (IF ATTENDING) \_\_\_\_\_

( ) SUVCW ( ) DUCW ( ) WRC ( ) LGAR ( ) A-SUVCW ( ) MOLLUS ( ) NOT AFFILIATED

Highest Rank in their Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

I plan on attending \_\_\_\_\_ Friday Evening Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies

\_\_\_\_\_ Lincoln Tomb Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ CRA Meeting \_\_\_\_\_ Final Dinner

If you are attending the CRA Friday evening dinner, meeting and perhaps final dinner, the registration costs are \$7.00 prior to April 1 and \$10.00 at the door.

\$7.00 per attendee X \_\_\_\_\_ attendees = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check to:

Payable to: **Central Region Allied Orders**  
c/o Walter Busch  
1240 Konert Valley Dr  
Fenton, MO 63026

Be sure to put Walt’s name on the envelope. His Post Office doesn’t necessarily deliver without it



## Info from the Turner Brigade and US Grant Camp 68

By Randy Baehr, St. James Camp

Brigade members are invited to participate in the annual Memorial Day Service at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in south St. Louis County, Missouri, on Monday, May 27, presented by the Inter-Veterans Memorial Day Service Committee. Company G will join the honor guard, and Company M will provide one gun for the Civil War portion of the program.

Participants should park at the gravel parking lot in Sylvan Springs County Park across the street from the cemetery by at least 9:00 a.m to get a place to park. This lot is at the top of the hill near the end of the park property closest to the cemetery main entrance. The main ceremony starts at 10:00 a.m. with a parade a point about halfway from the administration building/chapel area to the reviewing stand and then to main flagpole, about quarter mile. Civil War units will march closer to the beginning of the parade. The organizers especially want uniformed men with muskets for an honor guard next to the symbolic caskets. Reenactors will rotate posts with members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. Since there is an increasing shortage of living veterans, the honor guard would like four reenactor guards for the first two rotations during the parade. The parade, speakers, and music program take about 2 hours. Participants then proceed to the Civil War cemetery area where a Union Civil War ceremony will be conducted by the U.S. Grant Camp #68 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, with a musket and artillery salute, followed by a Confederate ceremony. For more information, contact Steve Allen at (573)265-1930 or email [steveallen855@centurytel.net](mailto:steveallen855@centurytel.net) or Greg Zelinske at (618)624-5840 or [cwbluebelly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cwbluebelly@sbcglobal.net).



A P Barnes as a young soldier in the "National Rifles", an independent company of District of Columbia Militia, and as a member of Ransom Post 131, St. Louis, MO.

2 Photos from the Ransom Post Collection at the Missouri History Museum Library.

## Grand Army of the Republic Group Forming

Members of the U. S. Grant Camp #68 are inviting people interested in spreading the word about the history of the Grand Army of the Republic. Expectations would be that members would dress in G. A. R. garb and be available for various functions inside and outside of the S. U. V. C. W.

Interested parties should contact Marty Aubuchon or John Avery, who are spearheading the effort. Below are the forms passed out at a recent Grant Camp meeting.

### REGULATIONS & SUGGESTION

#### Grand Army of the Republic D.N. Keeler Post 152 Department of Missouri

#### Uniform:

1. Black Suit (Dbl Breasted, Single Breasted with Vest or Union Blue Sack Coat (no accruements)
2. Appropriate Black Shoes and socks
3. Slouch Hat, Hamburg, Union Kepi or Forager Cap with GAR Emblem affixed
4. Any Appropriate medals

#### Participation:

1. Each member is encouraged to participate in the following:
  - a. Monthly Camp meetings
  - b. Grave Marker and GAR Star Dedications
  - c. Educational and Membership opportunities
  - d. Military or Secular Parades apocopate to SUVCW
  - e. Any other activities as requested

## APPLICATION OF

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### MEMBERSHIP IN THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Recommended by Comrade

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### HEADQUARTERS

\_\_\_\_\_ Post No \_\_\_\_\_

Department of \_\_\_\_\_ 201

Received and referred to the  
Examining Committee.

The undersigned respectfully  
reports favorably upon the within  
application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Post Commander

\_\_\_\_\_ 201

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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# AD / SWAP SECTION

All camps are entitled to up to one page of advertising per issue. Raffles Permitted!

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**FROM THE DEPT. OF MISSOURI**

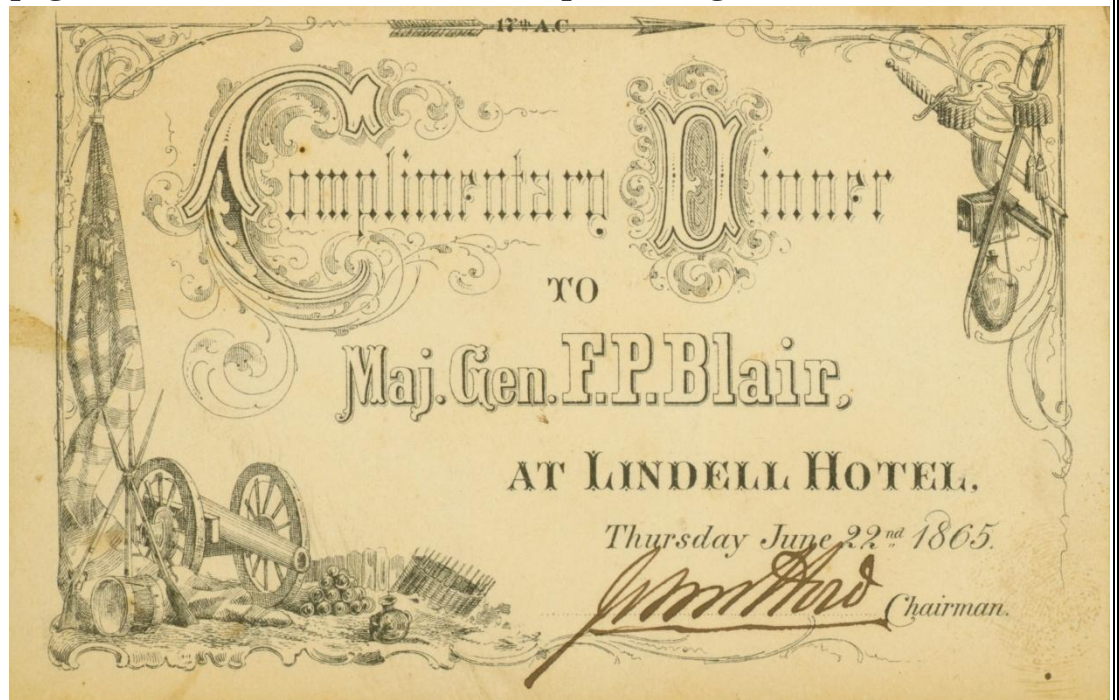
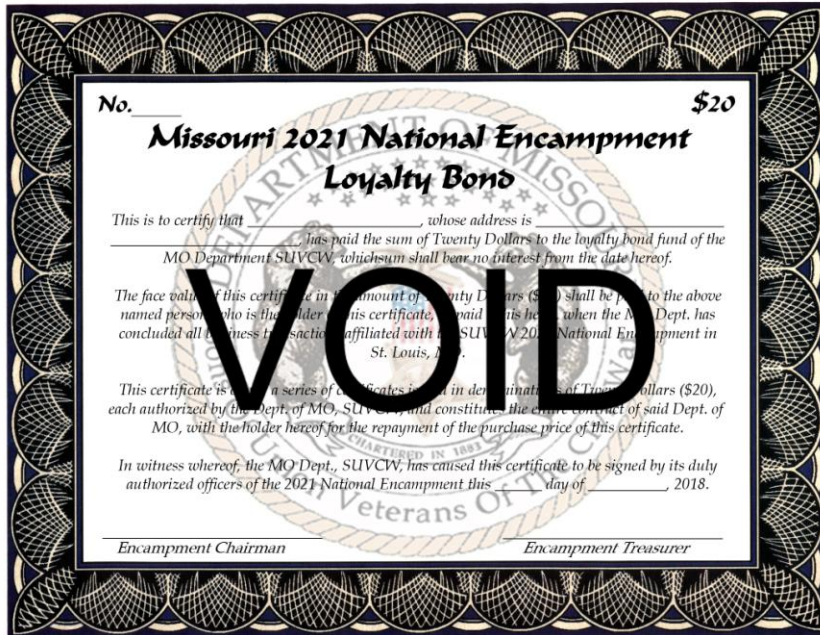
## LOYALTY BONDS

**We need funds to help support the upcoming 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)

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

Mail Orders to:  
Walt Busch, Ass't Sec.  
1240 Konert Valley Dr  
Fenton, MO 63026  
[wbusch@suvcwmo.org](mailto:wbusch@suvcwmo.org)





## Department of Missouri Raffle ★ = new

### Raffle Rules

- Sumner Hunnewell will run the raffle and he (or his proxy) will sell the tickets.
- All proceeds will go to and be at the discretion of the Department.
- Make checks out to "SUVCW Missouri" and send to Sumner Hunnewell, 2030 San Pedro Dr., Arnold, MO 63010.
- A list of available items will be provided.
- The last day of ticket sales and the drawing of the first ticket will be at the 2019 Department Encampment.
- For every \$25 of tickets purchased, one ticket will be drawn.
  - The owner of the first ticket drawn would get the choice of one item on the list and would have five days to decide. After the decision, the owner of the second ticket drawn would get a choice of the remaining items and would have five days to decide, and so on.
  - If the owner does not choose within five days, he will still have the opportunity to choose from any remaining items.
- Items will be added to the list and the list will be distributed to Camp Commanders and Secretaries.
- Other brothers are welcome to donate items.
- Items must be collected within one year at a Camp Meeting, Department Business Meeting or Department Encampment.
- If the item must be mailed, the cost of mailing will be borne by the winner.
- Any item not collected by the 2020 Department Encampment will be considered abandoned and the winner will have no further recourse to collect.
- To avoid any state law problems – Raffle tickets will only be sold to members of the Missouri SUVCW or Missouri residents if such sales were generated from the items being advertised on the internet.

### TICKET PRICES

1 for \$1      6 for \$5      13 for \$10      30 for \$20      50 for \$25

### Raffle Prizes

#### Autographed books

Jay Johnstone – *Temporary Insanity* (no dust jacket, missing front free end paper)

Bill McCurdy – *A Kid from St. Louis: Jerry Witte's Life in Baseball* (St. Louis Browns)

Ronnie Joyner – *Flatbush Farewell: The 1957 Brooklyn Dodgers* (autographed baseball sticker, tipped in)

Col. Jeffery N. Williams (astronaut) – *The Work of His Hands: A View of God's Creation from Space* (autographed bookplate, tipped in)

★ Gregory Wolk – *Friend and Foe Alike: A Tour Guide to Missouri's Civil War*

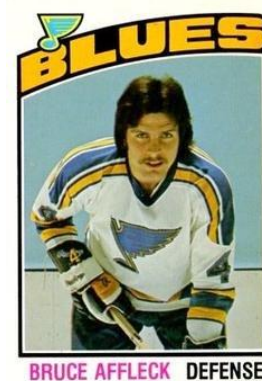
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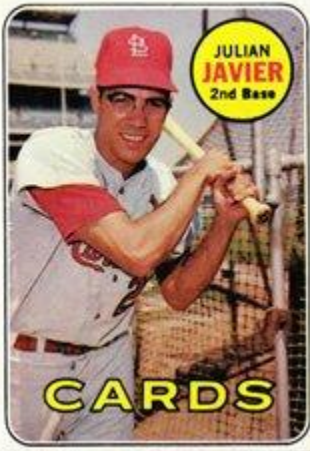
★ Phil Gottschalk – *In Deadly Earnest: The Missouri Brigade*

**Signed baseball:** Jack Clark

**Signed Hockey Pucks:** Bruce Affleck (Blues) ✕ Jim Campbell (Blues, insc. "Soup") ✕ Larry Patey (Blues) ✕ Rob Ramage (Blues) ✕ Tony Twist (Blues) ✕ Garry Ungar (Blues, insc. "Ironman 914")

**8x10 autographed photos (color unless noted otherwise)**





**Baseball:** Luis Alica (Cards) ꝫ John Candelaria (Yankees) ꝫ Dave Cash (Pirates, inc. "71 WSC") ꝫ Joe Charboneau (Indians, inc. "80 AL Roy") ꝫ Rob Dernier (Cubs, inc. "The Deer") ꝫ Elroy Face (Pirates, inc. "1959 - 18-1") ꝫ Brian Harper (Twins) ꝫ Marc Hill (Cards) ꝫ Charlie James (Cards) ꝫ Julian Javier (Cards) ꝫ Tito Landrum (Cards) ꝫ Tom Lawless (Cards, b&w, HR off of Viola) ꝫ T. J. Mathews (Cards) ꝫ Nellie Mathews (KC A's) ꝫ Dal Maxvill (Cards) ꝫ Kyle McClellan (Cards) ꝫ Aaron Miles (Cards, inc. "2006 WSC") ꝫ John Montefusco (Giants, inc. "The Count / 1975 N.L.R.O.Y / No-Hitter 9-29-76") ꝫ Tom Niedenfuer (Dodgers, Ozzie Smith HR) ꝫ Ken Oberkfell (Cards) ꝫ Jose Oquendo (Cards) ꝫ Amos Otis (Mets) ꝫ ★ Ken Rietz (Cards, inc. "75 Gold Glove / 80 All Star") ꝫ Ted Savage (Royals or ★ Cubs) ꝫ Dick Schofield (Angels) ꝫ Bob Sykes (Cards) ꝫ Kent Tekulve (Pirates, 1979 W. S. Game 7 win) ꝫ Bob Tewksbury (Yankees) ꝫ ★ Bob Tolan (Cards, inc. "67 WSC") ꝫ Mike Tyson (Cards, b&w) ꝫ Luke Voit (Cards) ꝫ Jerome Walton (Cubs, inc. "1989 NL ROY") ꝫ Carl Warwick (Orioles)

**Basketball:** Steve Stipanovich (Lakers), Harry Gallitan (Knicks)

**Football:** Pat Leary (Jets)

**Golf:** Bob Goalby (black & white, inc. "68")

**Hockey:** Jeff Brown (Blues) ꝫ Larry Patey (Blues) ꝫ Reed Low (Blues) ꝫ Rob Ramage (Canadians, inc. "'93 Stanley Cup Champs")

**Olympics:** Jackie Joyner-Kersey (javelin)

**Wrestling:** Gail Kim (inc. "HOF 2016"), Christy Hemme, Jeff Jarrett (inc. "HOF 2018")

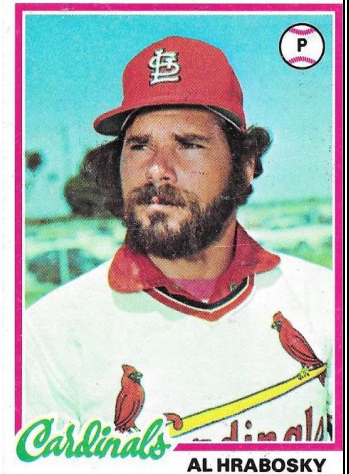
**Replica:** Joliet Slammers baseball's Joliet Prison

**Jersey:** Schaumburg Flyers (no number, OT Sports, size Large)

**Figurine:** Starting Lineup Brian Jordan (unopened, 1997) ꝫ Ozzie Smith "The Wizard" Hartland / McDonalds

**Choice of Five (5) Different Baseball Cards:**

Luis Alica (Cards) ꝫ Brian Boehringer (Giants or Pirates or White Sox) ꝫ Al Bumbry (Orioles) ꝫ Greg Caderet (A's or Yankees) ꝫ John Candelaria (Angels or Pirates or Yankees) ꝫ John Costello (Cards, index card) ꝫ ★ Ray Fosse (Indians or A's) ꝫ Jim Gosger (Expos or KC A's) ꝫ Dick Groat (Cards) ꝫ Dick Groat (Pirates) ꝫ Brian Harper (Cards or Twins) ꝫ Bob Horner (Braves) ꝫ Roy Howell (Blue Jays or Brewers or Rangers) ꝫ Al Hrabosky (Cards) ꝫ Ron Hunt (Expos) ꝫ Spook Jacobs (KC A's) ꝫ Larry Jaster (Expos) ꝫ Mike Jorgenson (Expos or Mets) ꝫ Lew Krause (A's) ꝫ Tito Landrum (Cards) ꝫ Dave LaPoint (Giants or Pirates or White Sox or Yankees) ꝫ Tom Lawless (Cards) ꝫ Mark Littell (Royals) ꝫ Jim Lonborg (Phillies or Red Sox) ꝫ Randy Martz (Cubs) ꝫ Greg Mathews (Cards) ꝫ T. J. Mathews (A's or Cards) ꝫ Dal Maxvill (A's or Pirates) ꝫ Linda McDaniels (Yankees, his homemade card) ꝫ Jeff Montgomery (Royals) ꝫ Tom Neidenfuer (Dodgers) ꝫ Ken Oberkfell (Astros or Braves or Cards or Giants or Pirates) ꝫ John O'Donoghue (Expos) ꝫ Jose Oquendo (Cards) ꝫ Fritz Peterson (Indians or Yankees) ꝫ Ken Rietz (Cards) ꝫ Jerry Reuss (Pirates) ꝫ Dick Schofield (Angels) ꝫ Barney Schultz (Cards) ꝫ Mike Shannon (Cards) ꝫ Jason Simontacchi (Cards, Busch Stadium card) ꝫ Lee Smith (Cubs) ꝫ Bob Sykes (Tigers) ꝫ Kent Tekulve (Phillies or Pirates) ꝫ Bobby Tolan (Padres or Phillies or Reds) ꝫ Mike Tyson (Cards) ꝫ Ray Washburn (Cards) ꝫ Mitch Williams (Phillies or Rangers) ꝫ

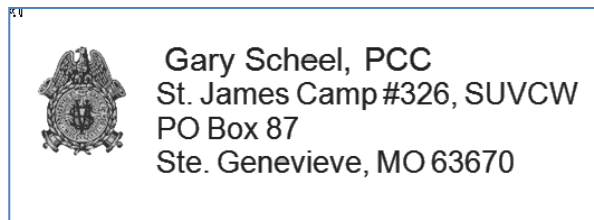
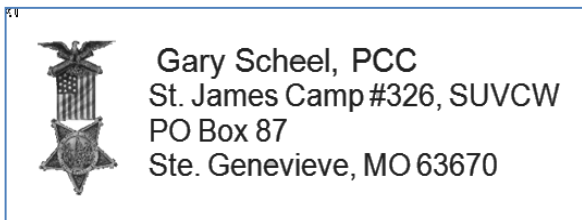


The Wizard of Oz



# FROM U.S. GRANT CAMP

SUV or GAR Address Labels - 90 Count \$4.00 shipping \$1.00 (approx size below)



## Official SUV

Name Badge - 2"x3" Plastic - Laser Engraved (Red -Dept, Blue-Camp, Gold-National) \$12.00 (shipping up to 3 badges \$4.00)

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(set of 5/numbered)

Only 200 Numbered Sets Made NOW 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](mailto:macnac4856@gmail.com)

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