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**Cover:** 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the GAR Encampment in Kansas City. Also, the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in April and Memorial Day at Jefferson Barracks are two of the big events this past quarter. Picture top right is of members of the Department of Missouri (minus Jim Pahl who was also there) in attendance at the Lincoln Tomb. Bottom Right – US Grant Camp members conducting the Civil War ceremonies at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

**Fare Thee Well!** – Brother John Soucy, Jr. MD. Hello – Future Allied Orders Member

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## Events on the Horizon

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| July 4         | 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first Missouri GAR post founding (2 <sup>nd</sup> in the nation) – Cape Girardeau |
| July 23        | Grant Remembrance Day – 9 am - Grant National Historic Site – White Haven – Affton, MO                                 |
| July 23-24     | Missouri Civil War Heritage Foundation – US Grant Symposium – St. Louis Area   |
| Aug 11-14      | National Encampment – Springfield, Illinois  |
| Aug 28         | 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the G.A.R. Encampment in Kansas City  |
| Sep 28         | St Louis Civil War Roundtable Meeting –  |
| Sep 30 – Oct 1 | Central Region – Allied Orders meet in Franklin TN   |
| Oct 15         | Dept of Mo SUVCW Meeting in Jefferson City   |
| Mar 11, 2017   | Dept of Mo SUVCW Meeting in Jefferson City   |
| May 28? 2017   | Memorial Day – Missouri Monument Rededication Planned at Vicksburg   |

## Editor's Comments

I'm just as much at fault as the next Brother about this. We have some really good programs in this state that honor our Civil War ancestors and others, yet we do not commonly attend other camp's events. This is a shame. In St. Louis in particular we have Sherman Day in February sponsored by Sherman Camp and we have Grant Remembrance Day in July sponsored by Grant Camp. Each event has one or two members from other camps showing up, but there ought to be more. Phelps, Fletcher, St. James, and McCormick camps all put on great events as well and many are well received by the public and in their local newspapers. Yet the camps do not make a general call for brothers to attend and most do not inform the *Unionist* editor so that he can include them in the events calendar.

There are members of the department and department officers who will show up for events that are not their camp's. I've seen Dale Grandell at several. The Aubuchon brothers also go to events sponsored by other camps. Some of the rest of us could too, if we knew about them.

So, if you know about an event that is regarding the Civil War (not just a reenactment), please e-mail me and let me know so we can put it in the calendar above. You don't have to be a camp officer to e-mail [wbusch@suvchwmo.org](mailto:wbusch@suvchwmo.org)

PS: Thanks to everyone who responded to the call with photos and articles this month. Please keep it up.

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## WILSON'S CREEK SENDS FLAGS TO CONSERVATOR

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield recently sent three flags to a professional conservator in New York, who will clean, mount and frame them for display in the new Visitor Center exhibits. The three flags include the national colors of the 29th Missouri Infantry, a unit that saw considerable action, including Arkansas Post, Vicksburg, Chattanooga, and the Atlanta Campaign.

The other two flags are the so-called "Lyon Flag," a large, 34-star national flag, and the Grand Army of the Republic flag of Greene County's "Captain Mack" Post.



## MISSOURI'S TWO MISSING GAR POSTS

According to the 1917 *History of Holt County*, a GAR post was formed in 1883 at Maitland. The record states that the Thornton Post was mustered in by the department senior vice commander and lists the new commander. But that is the only information we have on it. It doesn't show up in the next department encampment records and no post number is known. It's just gone.

Another missing post is one for Hermitage, MO., page 6 of the Feb. 25, 1886, *National Tribune*, the GAR's newspaper, records the list of officers for the new Maj. James Wilson Post. Again there is no post number and no reference to it in the next year's encampment info. It is possible that this one became Post 261 – Sgt. Maj. McIntosh Post as there was already a Wilson Post 20 at Louisiana, MO, but currently there are no records showing this name change.

# Collector's Corner


## By Douglas Roussin

### We Drank from the Same Canteen (Part 2, Parlor Art Canteens)

Some of the most beautiful items made for the Civil War veteran were "Parlor Art Canteens". These were made to the specifications of the individual and are found today with all sorts of inscriptions. These range from canteens with individual names to regimental information to a listing of battle the veteran had participated. They can be found with battle scenes, all sorts of bright colors and decorative designs, as vines, trees and wagon wheels. Many canteens were made by the firm of John K. Johnson. This company was located in Cleveland, Ohio. He advertised his product as "White Porcelain Decorated Soldier's Canteen--A Beautiful Parlor Ornament". His ad states the canteen would have the raised badge of the G.A.R. or any other Union Veteran League badges. He ended the ad with part of the popular poem, We Drank from the Same Canteen. He further states: "It makes a handsome gift to give to retiring officers of any military organization as a testimonial of faithfulness. Agents wanted".

**WHITE PORCELAIN**  
**Decorated Soldier's Canteen.**  
A BEAUTIFUL PARLOR ORNAMENT

With Grand Army or U. V. Legion Badges.

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| Raised in Colors                      |  | Regulation Size.              |
| Home of Soldier and Rank.             |  | Letter of Company or          |
| Number of Regiment and Name of State. |  | Number of Post or Encampment. |

"There are leads of all sorts in this world of ours,  
Letters of friendship and ties of thowen,  
And from lover's knots I repeat,  
The boy and the girl are bound by a kiss,  
But there's never a bond till friends by this gift,  
We have drunk from the same canteen!"

It makes a handsome present to give to retiring officers of any military organization as a testimonial of faithfulness. Agents wanted. Address,  
**John K. Johnson, 23 Livingston Street, Cleveland, Ohio.**



These are simple generic white, unpainted canteens. They measure about 7 inches in diameter and have the membership badge in the center. Because they have no specific information, they were sold at many annual and national encampments. The canteen on the left is quite rare because of its unusual design. The membership badge is surrounded by forty one stars in two rows. The spout has two rings giving the impression that it would have a screw top. These rings are decorative and the canteen had a cork.







“We have drank from the same canteen”, was used many times by the veteran and is inscribed on this canteen. The canteen is gilt with a red, white, and blue ribbon. The second canteen has a camp/battle scene which is encircled by a broken wagon wheel and dogwood flowers. Both canteens have a painted G.A.R. membership badge. The last canteen was made for the Union Veterans Legion. This group’s membership was made up of veterans who had served in the union army for three years. They had to have enlisted before July 1, 1863. The letters have faded but, Co. C, 90<sup>th</sup> Reg’t Pa. Vol. can still be read. The name Phil Conn??? Appears at the top.



**National Encampment Canteens:** These canteens represent some of the various types of canteens sold at National Encampments. At the 1895, Louisville Encampment two variations are known to have been sold to veterans. Both were trimmed in a light blue color and have some gilt. These canteens show no breakage and are in pristine condition. The chain was probably added by the veteran so it could be hung on the wall. The 1892, Washington, D.C. Encampment was attended by more that a thousand delegates and their families. Notice the addition of cross swords. This would have attracted the attention of cavalry veterans. The Pittsburg, Sept., 1894, canteen has a gilt membership badge on a red field. Surrounding this is a circle with the words, Grand Army Encampment--Pittsburg--Sept. 11, 94. The outer circle is a light blue. The belt loops are gilt. And the canteen retains it original stopper.

If you would like more information on Parlor Art Canteens, contact me at, [2roussins@att.net](mailto:2roussins@att.net) or 636-586-4263.

## GAR's Kansas City National Encampment Centennial



The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was a fraternal organization composed of veterans of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Revenue Cutter Service who served the Union during the American Civil War, 1861-1865. They were the parent organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Founded on April 6, 1866 in Decatur, Illinois with twelve members, the GAR reached its peak in 1890 with over 400,000 members and 7,000 posts. They met regularly as local posts, held state-level conventions, and an annual National Encampment. Twice, the GAR met in Missouri at its 21<sup>st</sup> National Encampment in St. Louis on September 28-30, 1887; and 50<sup>th</sup> National Encampment in Kansas City on August 28-September 3, 1916.

The 1916 National Encampment in Kansas City was special, being the GAR's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and declared their golden jubilee. It was also the era when an aging GAR was losing thousands of members each year. The *Kansas City Journal* reported during the GAR Encampment that "ninety older soldiers hear taps each day" referring to the 33,000 Civil War veterans that died in 1915. Even with members in their 70s and 80s, they wore their best GAR uniforms and paraded through 12 blocks in downtown Kansas City. A reported 4,000 attended, which included the GAR's auxiliaries: Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Woman's Relief Corps, and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Among outgoing Department Commander's Marty Aubuchon's orders was a challenge for each SUVCW member and camp to celebrate the sesquicentennial of the 1865 founding of GAR. A resolution calling on all camps and members to support the department's declaration that August 2016 is a Jubilee month in remembrance of this GAR Encampment was passed by the 2016 Department Encampment [text found under department resolutions later in this edition]. One opportunity is to a visit to Kansas City on Sunday, August 28, 2016 for the centennial commemoration of the GAR's 50<sup>th</sup> National Encampment.





# Missouri Lands Preserved by the Civil War Preservation Trust

Missouri ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> for the number of battles or skirmishes fought during the Civil War. So, one would think that lands preserved by the Civil War Preservation Trust would reflect somewhat similar numbers. That, however, is far from the truth. Why does Colorado have almost double the lands that Missouri has preserved by them? It seems that despite the number of battles fought, Missouri is a donor state when it comes to the Civil War Preservation Trust. 360 acres of battlefield at Wilson's Creek, Newtonia, Carthage, Byram's Ford and Pilot Knob have been preserved by the CWPT. That isn't a bad thing as a whole, but it is disappointing for Missouri Civil War buffs.



Virginia leads, of course, with 22,107 acres preserved by the CWPT. This is followed by Mississippi with 3,459 acres. The list continues:

|                      |               |                    |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Tennessee 3,307      | Arkansas 778  | Alabama 119        |
| North Carolina 2,401 | Louisiana 750 | South Carolina 118 |
| Kentucky 2,314       | Colorado 640  | Florida 110        |
| Georgia 1,900        | Missouri 360  | New Mexico 19      |
| Maryland 1,290       | Kansas 326    | Texas 3            |
| West Virginia 1,219  | Minnesota 240 |                    |
| Pennsylvania 956     | Oklahoma 167  |                    |

Looked at another way, of the 42,583 acres the CWPT website reports they have saved, 3,283 acres or just 7.7% of the total west of the Mississippi have been saved. In percentages, Missouri has 0.84% of the 42,583 acres. The Department of Missouri's other state, Arkansas, fared better at 778 acres of land or 1.82% of the total. Arkansas preserved battlefields include: Devil's Backbone, Elkin's Ferry, Helena, and Prairie Grove.

So why does Colorado have more land than Missouri preserved by the CWPT? We don't know. We only know that the CWPT preserved 640 acres of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site. This battlefield protects land relevant to the November 29, 1864, battle when a 700 man unit of the Colorado Militia destroyed village of Cheyenne and Arapaho killing and mutilating an estimated 70-163 Native Americans.

There are other states that you often don't think about when looking for Civil War battlefields. One is Minnesota. In that state, 240 acres are preserved at Wood Lake, the site of an 1862 battle between troops led by Col. Henry Sibley against the Sioux. New Mexico's 19 acres is at Glorietta Pass, a battle in which many of Missouri's freed African Americans fought as the 62<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Colored Troops (a lot of Missouri men). With only three acres saved at Palmito Ranch, Texas, is at the bottom of this list. There are, of course, several states that have no land preserved and yet had Civil War battles fought in them. Indiana, for example, had a battle fought at Croydon in 1863. St. Albans, Vermont, had the great Civil War bank robbery. However, these and others may not qualify for land purchases if nothing of consequence exists at those locations anymore.

This article is not intended as a slam against the CWPT. It is perhaps a slam at Missouri preservationists who have not tried hard enough to get these funds. With Price's Raid, Belmont, Island No. 10, Newtonia and other battle areas needing preservation, Missouri still has a lot it could preserve and a lot that the CWPT could help us preserve.

# DEPARTMENT TELEGRAPH

## SCENES FROM THE ENCAMPMENT



Cadet Anthony Krantz ,Missouri ROTC Cadet of the Year, from Independence Van Horn High School Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps receiving his award from Commander Martin Aubuchon. Family and PCC Dale Crandell from Westport Camp in picture above.



Above – the customary picture of posteriors of new officers being sworn in.

Right – National Council of Administration Member Don Shaw pins new Commander Randal Burd, Jr, with the department commander's medal.





## Department Names First JROTC Outstanding Cadet

By Dale Crandell

The Department selected Cadet Anthony Krantz as its first JROTC Outstanding Cadet during its 21<sup>st</sup> Department Encampment in St. Louis, Missouri. Anthony will be a senior at Independence's Van Horn High School with the rank of Cadet First Sergeant at the school's Army JROTC unit. Lt. Colonel Michael Byrd's nomination letter describes Cadet Krantz' "excellent balance in his personal life and school life; he is a scholar, athlete, leader." This is exemplified by his ranking in the top third of his class and being on the varsity football, wrestling, and track teams. Anthony is also active in the community volunteering in the Let Me Run program at a local elementary school as an assistant running coach, and mentor in the LMR program for young men transitioning to middle school.



For his selection as the JROTC Outstanding Cadet, Cadet Krantz was presented the SUVCW's ROTC medal with bronze leaf and a \$200 prize.

The JROTC Outstanding Cadet competition is pilot program for the Department to expand its popular ROTC awards program and build stronger connections to the 106 Missouri and Arkansas high schools. Under the pilot

program, each JROTC unit could submit their unit's ROTC medal awardee for the completion. Each camp

was allotted one nominate from among the JROTC units they sponsor, with a Department selection committee making the final decision. The 2016 selection committee, appointed by DC Martin Aubuchon consisted of PDC Larry Dietzel, Tiger Camp #432; PCC Jack Grothe, Sherman Camp #65; and PCC Dale Crandell, ROTC Coordinator (non-voting). Cadet Krantz was nominated by Westport Camp #64 from among three Kansas City area cadets

submitted by their local JROTC unit senior instructors. The Missouri Department Encampment authorized a second year of the pilot program for the JROTC Outstanding Cadet competition.



*Pictured Above: Missouri SUVCW's JROTC Cadet of the Year Anthony Krantz.*

*Below: Krantz receives his award from Commander Martin Aubuchon at the 2016 Dept Encampment in Fenton.*

# MEET YOUR COMMANDER

## Randal A. Burd, Jr.



A member of the Department of Missouri since 2010, Randal joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War based on the service of his great-great-grandfather, Evan Leland Short, a private in Co. H, Osage County Home Guards and Co. K, 48<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry. Randal organized Sigel Camp #614, a short-lived (2011-2016) but active camp in Rolla, Missouri, which received the national Joseph S. Rippey Award (2012) for most outstanding new camp and the Department of Missouri's James B. Eads Award (2014) for distinguished service. Before being elected Department Commander in 2016, Randal served as Sigel Camp's commander for all but one year of the camp's existence and has served in various elected capacities at the department level, including two years as Department Secretary (2012-2014) and two years as Senior Vice Commander (2014-2016).

An educator for 10 years, Randal has taught English at every level from 7<sup>th</sup> grade to college freshmen. For the last four years, he has taught English at a residential facility for juveniles at risk. His past adventures include four years as an Army bandsman, two years as Editor-in-Chief of his college newspaper, and earning a black belt in taekwondo. Randal is also a successful freelance writer and genealogist, having accumulated many satisfied clients in both capacities.

He is married and together with his wife, Ashley, and two children lives in Southeast Missouri.

### HELENA, ARKANSAS CIVIL WAR

The nickname the 33rd Iowa Infantry gave Helena was hardly flattering. It came not from a hard fought battle but from miserable conditions in an overcrowded city made worse by the climate. Soldiers Battled Malaria, Typhoid and other sicknesses. The nickname? .... HELL-IN, ARKANSAS.

In August 1862 the Union forces occupying Helena erected on this site a redoubt of earth and timbers to serve as the key to the city's defenses. Fort Curtis, named for the Union general in command at the time of construction, was one of five fortified positions which enabled Union soldiers to repulse a Confederate attack on July 4, 1863, designed to recapture the city and relieve the siege at Vicksburg. On the day of the attack 4,129 Union officers and men, under General Prentiss, were positioned in and around the fort against 7,646 Confederate troops under General Holmes.



A Civil War Era picture of what appears to be a rare Woodruff gun on a raft at Helena Arkansas. Such a gun was present in Helena as the 4<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry considered them a nuisance that never did any damage.



## MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

22 Jun 2016

Brothers of the Department of Missouri,

I am honored and privileged to be entrusted with the office of Commander of our Department. Your commitment to perpetuating the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union 1861 to 1865 is great and on display with every issue of the Missouri Unionist which chronicles those activities on a quarterly basis. Along with perpetuating the memory of the boys in blue, our resolve in furthering the other purposes and objects set forth in Article II of our National Constitution is also evident in the activities of camps and officers within our Department: locating and preserving records pertaining to the GAR and its members, honoring our veterans of every war, teaching patriotism, citizenship, and honor—and all while operating in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

We have a lot going for us as a department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Special Committees are in place, planning: monument and marker restorations and a rededication, joint activities with the Allied Orders, and a National Encampment in 2019 here in our own Branson, Missouri. The website is being updated with the historical records so diligently gathered and researched over the years. Our thirteen camps in Missouri and Arkansas have and will continue to perform the community outreach so essential to accomplishing our stated purposes. We are a brotherhood, united in our love of country, in our understanding of history, and in our belief of a people united under a just and representative government.

We have passed the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Civil War, and thus can expect to experience the lull following the excitement of any great endeavor. We commemorated this anniversary well, and as PDC Martin Aubuchon said, we have the creativity and ingenuity to continue our work, opportunities limited only by our imaginations and our devotion to the cause. We also have a couple new anniversaries to consider. This calendar year (2016) includes the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of our predecessor, the Grand Army of the Republic. This year also marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the reorganization of the Department of Missouri. And as these occasions pass, we will continue to find opportunities for remembrance and for action. We must keep the fire burning, and keep recruiting youthful descendants who will pick up the torch as those of previous generations finish their watch.

Every member of every camp is important; every living history, public lecture, and grave dedication furthers our mission. Those presentations of ROTC and Eagle Scout Awards remind others of the sacrifices of the past and promise of the future. We are not still fighting the War; we are ensuring it will never be fought again.

God bless this Union and those who strive to keep it.

In F, C, &L,

Randal A. Burd, Jr., PCC  
Commander, Department of Missouri

Before 1866 it was illegal to educate blacks (even free ones) in the state of Missouri. The Reverend John Berry Meachum found a way around the law by taking his students out on a boat in the middle of the Mississippi River and holding class.

South of Kirkwood and east of the junction of Lindbergh and Big Bend Road is an area that was/is an African-American community named Meachum Park in the Reverend's honor.



## **Resolution to Commemorate the Centennial of the Grand Army of the Republic's 50<sup>th</sup> National Encampment in Kansas City, Missouri**

**W**hereas, the Grand Army of the Republic, founded in 1866, was a fraternal organization of over 400,000 veteran soldiers, sailors, and marines who served with honor to defend the Union during the American Civil War; and,

**W**hereas the Grand Army of the Republic met annually at national encampments from 1866 until 1949, with its last member passing in 1956; and,

**W**hereas the Grand Army of the Republic held its 50<sup>th</sup> National Encampment in Kansas City, Missouri from August 28 through September 2, 1916; this being one of two National Encampment held in Missouri and the only one held in Kansas City; and,

**W**hereas the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are the descendants and lawful heirs of the Grand Army of the Republic, entrusted through the generations with their legacy; and,

**W**hereas, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's 1954 and 1998 Federal Charters state the purpose of the Order is "to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865"; and,

**W**hereas, this year, 2016, is the sesquicentennial of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic and the centennial of the National Encampment in Kansas City; now,

**T**herefore, be it resolved, that the Department of Missouri of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War declares August 2016 a jubilee month and asks all camps and members to commemorate the centennial of the Grand Army of the Republic's National Encampment in Missouri.

**A**s duly passed by the Missouri Department of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Encampment meeting June 4, 2016 in St. Louis, Mo.

**Attested by:**

Walt Busch, PDC

Secretary



# Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Resolution

Whereas, at the 2015 National Encampment, a motion was passed to donate residual Memorial Grant funds each year to battlefield preservation efforts within the National Park Service, state parks and local sites; and,

Whereas, the protectors of our Civil War battlefields and historic sites require significant financial resources to cover historic preservation and do not have the financial resources to cover all of these needs; and,

Whereas, the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has applied for 501c3 status and has a need to increase the amount of charitable contributions above and beyond current levels in order to satisfy the Internal Revenue Service; and,

Whereas, "Preservation" is a key element of the SUVCW brand, and specifically, preservation concerning Civil War battlefields and historic sites is a key preservation initiative under the Vision 2020 strategic plan;

Be it resolved, that the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, be directed to expand approved preservation efforts concerning Civil War battlefields and historic sites and establish a formal historic preservation program, including its own fund, with the purpose of providing annual contributions to national, state, and local governments to (1) support battlefields and Civil War and Grand Army of the Republic historic sites; (2) increase the percentage of financial resources considered charitable by the IRS; and, (3) address a key initiative under the Vision 2020 plan.

As duly passed by the Missouri Department of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Encampment meeting June 4, 2016 in St. Louis, Mo.

## THE DRINK OF CHAMPIONS!

The October 4, 1864 St. Louis's German newspaper, the *Westliche Post*, is very interesting in its reporting of the battle of Pilot Knob. As it was being translated this past week, it was found to give figures of 200 Confederates killed and 600 to 800 wounded. Below the 1200 figure usually claimed. But also reports that to get the men to bravely charge the fort, Cabell's men were given whiskey mixed with gunpowder which made them howl like the devil during their attack.

Attested by:

Walt Busch, PDC

Secretary

## *Department Orders*



**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Department of Missouri  
Department Commander  
Martin R. Aubuchon, PDC**

**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 8  
SERIES 2015-2016  
May 13, 2016**

1. US Grant Camp No. 68 reported the passing of a camp brother John C Soucy, Jr. MD.
2. Brother Soucy would spend his winters in Utah and warmer weather in Wentzville, MO. He attended camp meetings and would also attend camp activities or Memorials as a member of the 2nd MO Infantry SVR. He enjoyed Civil War Activities. It seem like it was only yesterday, when we first met and he expressed his interest in joining the US Grant Camp.
3. Brother Soucy was a Son of both the SUVCW and the Sons of Confederate Veterans.
4. It is only right and our duty as members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to honor and pay a tribute of respect to a fellow brother of the SUVCW.
5. In remembrance of Brother John C. Soucy, Jr, the Department of Missouri Charter, all Camp Charters, Department and Camp flags, Department and Camp websites, and all membership badges will be draped in black from May 13, 2016 to May 20, 2016.

Ordered this 13th day of May 2016.

Attest:

Martin R. Aubuchon, PDC  
Commander  
Department of Missouri  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Walter E. Busch  
Secretary  
Department of Missouri  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



**A Job Well Done For Many Years---** The Department of Missouri's own Bob Hammack [our Eagle Scouts Awards, ROTC Awards Officer and Graves Registration Officer] was recently selected by the Greater St. Louis Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America to receive the Silver Beaver Award. The Silver Beaver is the highest award an adult Scouting volunteer can receive at the Council level. It is presented to recognize registered Scouters of exceptional character who have provided distinguished service to youth within a council. Only one Silver Beaver is awarded for every 60 units (or fraction thereof).

Bob received his award at the annual Council meeting/dinner on June 16. Way to go Bob!





**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Department of Missouri  
Department Commander  
Martin R. Aubuchon, PDC**

**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 9  
SERIES 2015-2016  
May 25, 2016**

**Suspension of Captain G. N. Spradling Camp No. 72**

1. Captain G. N. Spradling Camp No. 72 has failed to submit a properly completed and signed Form 27 (Camp Annual Report) to the Department Secretary, and has not sent the required payment for per capita dues, both of which were due on or before April 30, 2016.
2. Correspondence from the Department Secretary and the Department Commander was sent to the camp members requesting information on the status of the completion of the Form 27. A reply was received from the Camp Chaplain stating he was only the Chaplain. No other information has been received from their other officers or other camp members regarding the status of the Form 27.
3. Chapter I, Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War states: A Camp failing to pay per capita dues or neglecting to forward reports within the time specified by law may be suspended by the Department Commander. Suspended Camps may be reinstated by forwarding reports and paying all arrearages of per capita dues.
4. Chapter I, Article I, Section 9 of the Constitution and Regulations 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.
5. Therefore, the Captain G. N. Spradling Camp No. 72 is hereby suspended for failure to pay per capita dues and failure to submit the properly completed Form 27.
6. The Camp is forbidden from conducting any business of the Order, other than that which will bring them back into good order. The Camp may be reinstated after properly submitting all delinquent forms and payment for per capita dues and any other required fees.

Ordered this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 2016.

Attest:

Martin R. Aubuchon, PDC  
Commander  
Department of Missouri  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Walter E. Busch  
Secretary  
Department of Missouri  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**Congratulations to Brother Bradford** – Brother Bryan Bradford, Council Member of the Department of Missouri has been honored by being elected the first commander of the newly formed Sons of the American Legion Squadron 152 in Ashland, MO. He is a past commander of the squadron in Columbia, MO.

Dues are not much in this organization [I pay \$5 a year to the Creve Coeur Squadron – ed.] and there are several SAL squadrons in the state. This is a nice way to honor our fathers, uncles, grandfathers, still living, who fought in WWII, Korea and Vietnam.



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

Commander, Department of Missouri *(includes Arkansas)*

Randal A. Burd, Jr., P.C.C.  
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**Department Order No. 1,  
 Series 2016-2017**

**5 Jun 2016**

At the Department Encampment at Fenton, Missouri, held on 4 Jun 2016, delegates to the 21<sup>st</sup> Department Encampment elected new officers. The Treasurer and one Council member continue to serve unexpired terms. The officers of the Department of Missouri for the 2016-2017 administrative year are as follows:

| OFFICER                       | NAME                     | CAMP                            |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Commander                     | Randal A. Burd, Jr., PCC | Gen. McCormick Camp No. 215     |
| Senior Vice Commander         | Dale Crandell, PCC       | Westport Camp No. 64            |
| Junior Vice Commander         | Sumner Hunnewell         | Thomas C. Fletcher Camp No. 47  |
| Secretary (Term expires 2018) | Walter E. Busch, PDC     | US Grant Camp No. 68            |
| Treasurer (Term expires 2017) | Gary L. Scheel, PCC      | Felix St. James Camp No. 326    |
| Council (Term Expires 2018)   | Glen Alsop, PDC          | Francis J. Wilhelmi Camp No. 17 |
| Council (Term Expires 2018)   | Brian Bradford, PCC      | Columbia Tiger Camp No. 432     |
| Council (Term Expires 2017)   | James R. Dixon, PCC      | Columbia Tiger Camp No. 432     |

Also elected at the Department Encampment were the delegates to the 2016 National Encampment. All remaining Department of Missouri members in good standing are designated as alternates. The 2016 National Encampment will be held in Springfield, Illinois, on 11-14 Aug 2016. Remember that all Past Department Commanders are eligible to vote at National Encampment and do not count against the Department's delegate limit. All brothers interested in attending the National Encampment will contact Department Secretary Walt Busch so he can ensure the necessary credentials cards are provided.

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In accordance with the Department of Missouri Bylaws, the Commander, after his election, shall appoint other officers for the term of one (1) year. Pursuant to Article III Section 2, the list of appointed officers, as announced at the Department Encampment, is as follows:

|                                |                            |                                |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Chaplain                       | Robert D. Hammack          | Felix St. James Camp No. 326   |
| Camp Organizer                 | Robert M. Petrovic, PDC    | US Grant Camp No. 68           |
| Counselor                      | Robert J. Amsler, Jr., PCC | US Grant Camp No. 68           |
| Eagle Scout Coordinator        | Robert D. Hammack          | Felix St. James Camp No. 326   |
| Graves Registration Officer    | Robert D. Hammack          | Felix St. James Camp No. 326   |
| Historian                      | Walter E. Busch, PDC       | US Grant Camp No. 68           |
| Historical Records Coordinator | Walter E. Busch, PDC       | US Grant Camp No. 68           |
| Civil War Memorials Officer    | Walter E. Busch, PDC       | US Grant Camp No. 68           |
| GAR Records Officer            | Walter E. Busch, PDC       | US Grant Camp No. 68           |
| Marketing & Promotions Officer | James R. Dixon, PCC        | Columbia Tiger Camp No. 432    |
| Missouri Unionist Editor       | Walter E. Busch, PDC       | US Grant Camp No. 68           |
| Medal of Honor Officer         | William L. Groth, Jr., PCC | William T. Sherman Camp No. 65 |
| Patriotic Instructor           | Ed Krieser, PCinC          | Abe Lincoln Camp No. 2         |
| Quartermaster                  | Douglas W. Roussin, PCC    | Thomas C. Fletcher Camp No. 47 |
| JROTC/ROTC Coordinator         | Dale Crandell, PCC         | Westport Camp No. 64           |
| Signals Officer                | James R. Dixon, PCC        | Columbia Tiger Camp No. 432    |

These officers will fulfill the responsibilities of their office and conduct the business of the Department of Missouri for the 2016-2017 administrative year. All brothers are to follow the SUVCW principles of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

Ordered this 5<sup>th</sup> Day of June, 2016

Attest:

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

Walter E. Busch, PDC  
 Secretary  
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**Department Order No. 2,  
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9 Jun 2016

In accordance to the Department of Missouri Bylaws, at least two regular business meetings will be scheduled each year. Pursuant to Article II Section 4, this order gives notice that the dates, times, and locations of the two business meetings are as follows:

**Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**House Hearing Room #3**  
**State Capitol Building**  
**Jefferson City, Missouri**

**Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**House Hearing Room #7**  
**State Capitol Building**  
**Jefferson City, Missouri**

All camps are encouraged to send representatives to the meetings. All elected and appointed officers should attend. All officers need to submit written reports to the Commander and to the Department Secretary Walter Busch at least one week prior to the date of the business meeting. (October 8, 2016 and March 4, 2017).

In accordance to Article II, Section 5, members need to have their SUVCW membership card at the meetings and present it when requested. Each member is encouraged to wear their membership badge. All elected officers must wear their membership badge or be subject to a \$10.00 fine payable to the Department of Missouri.

Ordered this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of June, 2016

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

Attest:

Walter E. Busch, PDC  
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**Department Order No. 3,  
Series 2016-2017**

16 Jun 2016

In accordance to Article VIII, Section 14 of the Department of Missouri Bylaws, The Encampment Site Committee, consisting of at least two (2) members appointed by the Department Commander, shall find potential meeting locations for the Department Encampment, investigate costs, make arrangements, and report their actions at a regular business meeting. Pursuant to the Bylaws, I appoint the following brothers in good standing to the Encampment Site Committee for the 2016-2017 administrative year as follows:

**Summer Hunnewell**  
**Walter Busch, PDC**  
**Ed Krieser, PCinC**

As the location for the 2017 Department Encampment has been set for Branson, Missouri, Brother Ed Krieser will make the arrangements for the 2017 Department Encampment and he and/or Abraham Lincoln Camp #2 will serve as host(s).

The remaining members of the Encampment Site Committee are hereby tasked with making preparations for the 2018 Department Encampment. Preliminary discussion has leaned towards a 2018 Department Encampment at Bennett Spring State Park in Lebanon, Missouri. Proposals will be accepted for other locations with a deadline of 1 Oct 2016. The Encampment Site Committee will provide their initial report on the tasks put before them at the October 2016 business meeting.

Ordered this 16<sup>th</sup> Day of June, 2016

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

Attest:

Walter E. Busch, PDC  
Secretary  
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**Department Order No. 4,  
Series 2016-2017**

**22 Jun 2016**

**Special Committees**

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.) **Vicksburg Monument Restoration Committee** – This committee was created to lobby for state funds to be used in the restoration of the Missouri Monument at Vicksburg. As a special committee with no sunset date, this committee technically ceased existence upon the close of the 2015-2016 administration. I hereby reinstate the Vicksburg Monument Restoration Committee—PCinC Donald Palmer, chair—with the responsibility to:

- A.) Coordinate and plan a rededication ceremony of the Missouri Monument at Vicksburg, currently scheduled (by vote of the 2016 Department Encampment) to take place on Memorial Day Weekend 2017.
- B.) Use momentum from previous efforts to obtain state funding for regimental marker restoration at Vicksburg, and/or coordinate a Department project involving funding from National to accomplish the needed restorations.

This committee shall have a sunset date of 3 Jun 2017 at the close of my administration.

2.) **Department Activity Committee** – This committee was created—PDC Martin Aubuchon, chair—following installation of new officers at the 2016 Department Encampment in response to a recommendation from PDC Martin Aubuchon's officer report, which called for such a committee to coordinate with Allied Orders in Missouri on a yet undefined joint project. The Officer Reports Committee concurred with this recommendation provided a sunset clause is attached. This committee shall have a sunset date of 3 Jun 2017 at the close of my administration. It will be up to the next Department Commander to reappoint the committee at that time.

3.) **2019 National Encampment Committee** – Originally the 2018 National Encampment Committee, this committee was set up to explore the possibility of hosting the 2018 National Encampment in Branson, Missouri. It was quickly learned that 2018 was already spoken for, and thus sights were set on 2019. The defined duties and sunset date on this committee were not set with the 2019 National Encampment in mind. Therefore, the 2019 National Encampment Committee—PCinC Ed Krieser, chair—shall have a new sunset date of 31 Oct 2019, and this committee's task shall be making arrangements for the Department of Missouri to host the 2019 National Encampment in Branson, Missouri, and planning said Encampment.

Ordered this 22nd Day of June, 2016

Randal A. Burd, Jr., PCC  
Commander

Attest:

Walter E. Busch, PDC  
Secretary



## IN MEMORIUM

# John C. Soucy, Jr., M.D.



John C. Soucy Jr. M.D., 81, of Wentzville, Mo., passed away Tuesday, May 10, 2016.



John was a graduate of Cathedral High School in Belleville, Ill., University of Notre Dame and St. Louis University Medical School.

Before practicing at the St. Charles County Clinic from 1972 to 1999, he practiced at Wind River Reservation in Wyoming and Cleburne, Texas. John was a member of St. George Catholic Church, St. George, Utah and St. Patrick Church, Wentzville, Mo. He was the faithful navigator for the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, a Civil War reenactor, a member of Sons of the American Revolution War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War – US Grant Camp #68, Sons of Confederate Veterans, St. Clair Genealogy Society, the ACTS program at St. Patrick Catholic Church, the St. Charles County Medical Society and the Apaches of St. Clair County. After retirement, John dedicated his life to his church, volunteer work at hospitals and prisons and as a cobbler.



He was preceded in death by his parents, John C. Soucy Sr. M.D. and Katherine Soucy. John was the devoted husband of Mary Kay Soucy; dear father of John Soucy, and Maureen Soucy; stepfather of Roric (Michelle) Griffith and Sara Hitchcock; cherished grandfather of Chasity Rickey, Joseph Soucy, Heather Stout, Cheyenne Pfaff, Star Drazba and Evelyn Griffith; beloved great-grandfather of Chloe, Cameron and Roaric; dear brother of Joan (Bob) Hormberg. John is also survived by his nieces and nephews Janet, John and Bob Hormberg and Karen Effinger.

### Missouri Monument Update by Bob Aubuchon

As of May 22, 2016, you might see from picture a piece is missing. It has been ordered. Bruce Wright, who is doing the work for the National Park, went to quarry to match the stone. He thinks this missing piece was blown out by lightning. The red granite steps, originally made with 'Missouri Red' from Iron County, will also be leveled and made stable. Expected to be done early May 2017, the Missouri monument is there to honor the Missourians who fought at Redan 45. Casualties were high. On the Union side the 6th and 11th Missouri companies were 2 of lead companies on the assault of the fort. The fort was mainly defended by the Confederate Missouri companies of the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th. Missourians against Missourians. I hope many of us can make it to the rededication next May 2017.



## The Really Tuff Trivia (answers on page 32)

There is a theme to this month's trivia. The last question asks what the theme is and is probably the only easy answer.

1. This April 1864 Arkansas battle occurred right before the battle at Camden and Confederates under Gen James Fagan routed Gen. Steele's forces. Name the battle.
2. Prior to the Civil War, this was THE LEADING American industry as measured by the value of its product. What industry was it?
3. On October 1, 1864, Confederate troops confronted Union forces with cannon fire and an attack on Vitt's Mill. The Union Army fled and the mill was used for several days to mill flour for the Confederate troops. Where in Missouri was Vitt's Mill?
4. The Erich Pape Post of the G.A.R. was at Bollinger Mill, MO. This is a different area than where Bollinger Mill State Historic Site is. What town did Bollinger Mill, Mo, become?
5. The 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Enrolled Missouri Militia was also known as the Millers Regiment, why?
6. What is the theme of this trivia.

### CAMPS ROLL CALL

## Phelps Camp

### ARTIFACTS PURCHASED FOR DONATION TO WILSON'S CREEK

The camp's "can money" (money from recycled aluminum cans) was put to good use recently when Phelps Camp purchased two unique artifacts for donation to the museum collection at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. The artifacts were officially unveiled at the June meeting.

The two artifacts presented to Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, are to be added to the park's museum collection. One is the embossing seal is from Wilson Creek Camp No. 30, SUV. Camp No. 30 was instrumental in organizing

the 1938 reunion at the battlefield. The document is a multi-page printed general order detailing several courts-martial held in Missouri in 1863, including charges, specifications and findings.



In the photo, Phelps Camp Commander Bob Clanton (right) presents the artifacts to Gary Sullivan, Chief of Resources Management at Wilson's Creek.



# McNeil Camp

Our last meeting was held March 26th at the Hardee's on the south side of Kirksville, those attending the meeting were: Brian Hudnall, Dennis Daniels, Greg Walter, Larry Mudd, and Vern Stottlemire.

We had one guest, Scott Meredith who told us about the efforts of the Boy Scouts who are marking the graves of all the veterans buried in the Forrest Llowlen Cemetery. The reason for this is to make the placement of Memorial Day flags more accurate. They have painted tie curb to mark the rows in which veterans are buried to make finding their location much easier.

We have at least 4 stones to set in the cemetery and have voted to do this Saturday April 16, we met in the cemetery around 9 that morning and with some Boy Scouts.

We were also been asked to do a memorial service there Sunday May 15th at 2PM. We gathered there in Civil War Dress with musket and leathers. The camp also brought their cannon for the event.

For Memorial Day, on May 28, we gathered near or in the shelter house at the Battle of Athens State Historic Site in the morning around 10:30-11:00. After lunch we moved to the cemetery to place flags and hold our memorial day service.

Brian Hudnall told us about the plans for the Eratsits (sic?) Gates Grave rededication and placement of a marker in his honor. Mr. Gates was the first Grand Master of the Masonic lodge in Kirksville he was also a member of the GAR post 22. Brian thought it would be a good thing for our camp to offer color guard during the rededication of his final resting place. We are not sure of the exact date but will get the word out when we know something.

# FLETCHER CAMP



Colissa Alexander, Louisa Volker Auxiliary plays the harp at the Spring Spectacular.

The General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp has been busy this spring. Members started with the swap meet at Jefferson Barracks on March 19. Our new members were able to obtain uniforms and other equipment while older members were able to find what was needed to finish their outfits. These items were quickly put to use at the Fletcher Home Spring Spectacular in Hillsboro, April 16. Fletcher Camp members and members of the Louisa Volker Aux. 215 demonstrated activities related to the Civil War



period. The ladies played music and had a “Tea” in an original log cabin while the men represented camp life outside. This is an annual event in which the Camp participates. This event helps the Fletcher Home Association raise monies for the preservation of General Fletcher’s home in Hillsboro.

The Camp marched in the DeSoto Tractor Parade which kicked off the grand opening of the new Farmer’s Market on Main Street. Following the Tractor Parade, Fletcher members marched in the Hillsboro Home Coming parade, May 21.

Over the last few years, members of Fletcher Camp have participated in lots of activities and ceremonies. These have included several grave ceremonies for Civil War soldiers and veterans and others which have fought in the World Wars.

On May 21, the Camp was given a rare opportunity to salute a World War II hero who was coming home for burial after 75 years. Herbert John Hoard, a sailor aboard the U.S.S. Oklahoma, died December 7, 1941, in the attack on Pearl Harbor along with another 428 sailors and marine shipmates that day. Only 35 of



Members of the Fletcher Camp waiting for the funeral procession of Herbert John Hoard, returning home after 75 years. Herbert was killed on December 7, 1941, aboard the U.S.S. Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor. He was buried in Hawaii as one of the unknown until recently.



these sailors and marines were ever identified and the rest were buried “Unknown but to God”.

In 2015, the Navy Department announced that the remains of these Sailors and Marines would be exhumed for DNA analysis. Herbert John Hoard was finally identified and would be coming home. On Saturday afternoon, his funeral was held and his remains were buried in Victoria, Missouri. As the procession made its way to Victoria, members of the General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp and the Louisa Volker Auxiliary stood at attention along Highway P to show our deep respect to Herbert Hoard. It is very unlikely that the Camp will ever again be able to salute a Pearl Harbor victim. All those who participated were deeply moved by the experience.

## Wilhelmi Camp

On May 6<sup>th</sup> 2016, Glen Alsop PDC, Brother Ajay Alsop, and Patriotic Instructor Jack Laubinger attended the annual Serendipity Day at the Edgar Murray Elementary School in St. Clair. Serendipity Day is a program where the students choose 5 different sessions to attend. Some of the presenters were, A.R.C.H. Helicopter service, which flew in a Helicopter, Franklin County SWAT team, Civil Air Patrol, the local bank and Historical Museum. Each session is 40 minutes. Jack was impressed with the questions the students asked. Jack brought out his mountain howitzer and we demonstrated loading and firing Glen brought out his infantry items and demonstrated loading and firing the rifle. The students were also given a schedule of reenactments and a list of websites.



PI Jack Laubinger instructing



PDC Glen Alsop is in both pictures

## Grant Camp

Grüße von St Louis [did this just because I was told not to translate his article into German – ed.]. Members of the Grant camp are honored yet again to be an Eads Award winning camp. We congratulate the Westport Camp in also meeting the goals to achieve this award from the department. I hope in the future all 13 camps in the department can add the Eads award to their flag standard.

As you all know this year marks the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic. Our camp has included this theme in our activities at Memorial Day. A few of our members have put together GAR uniforms to represent our founding fathers. We plan on continuing this theme with our Grant Remembrance day event this coming July 23rd and at other various events we will be attending over the course of the year.

Just last weekend several of our camp members attended a Lineage Fair at the county library. Dept JVC Sumner Hunnewell; Mark Coplin, PCC; and John Avery, PDC are in the photo. One person that attended has seven family members interested in joining either the Sons or the Daughters.

I wanted to take time to send out a personal thank you to Past Department Commander Marty Aubuchon in honoring me with a Meritorious Service award for my 18 years of various positions and projects within the Department of Missouri. I continue to work on the Vicksburg Memorial project and look forward to traveling there next year for the rededication. I am trying to get figures together from Vicksburg to complete all the smaller monuments by the rededication date.

Again I am glad our department is a strong one and I hope that other departments around the nation look to us for leadership and as an example of how a department should be. I hope each of you in the Department of Missouri have a safe and successful summer. Hope to see you all at the National Encampment in Springfield, Illinois. God Bless -- Mark Coplin – PD Secretary, PCC, Camp Commander



-- Mark Coplin – PD Secretary, PCC, Camp Commander



## Decoration Day 2016: 1904 - In With the Fair Out With the War - 1918

Bellefontaine Cemetery was the site of the Decoration Day event on June 4, 2016. The 1904 World's Fair Committee, suffragists, a 1918 mock burial of Captain Alexander Skinker, among other groups participated in this unique event in a unique setting.

An important part of the event was the mock funeral and burial of Alexander Skinker. Captain Skinker died in action in France, 1918. As a result of his heroic action he was awarded the Medal of Honor by a grateful Nation.

Two members of the U.S. Grant Camp #68 of St. Louis, were participates in this event. Mark Coplin, CC, portrayed a Civil War Veteran and GAR member and John Avery, PDC, as an undertaker. We had WWI reenactors with us portraying the honor guard and pallbearers.

## St. James Camp

On April 8<sup>th</sup> we observed the 154<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James after being mortally wounded April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1862 at the Battle of Shiloh (Pittsburg Landing) We had one person show up to stand guard at



his grave site from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and that was Brother Ed Millinger. We did not get a photo. Thank you Ed for your dedication.

On April 22<sup>nd</sup> two members of our camp participated in the Junior R.O.T.C. Ceremony at the Poplar Bluff High School. Ed Millinger and Gary Scheel participated.



Cadet Captain Zachary H. Cambren received the SUVCW Jr. R.O.T.C. Certificate and Medal with ribbon. As you can see by the cadets in the background of both photos there were several present. We gave Cadet Captain a list of several residents of Ste. Genevieve and Perry Counties who had served in the Civil War. He seemed very interested and appreciative. He was waiting to find out if he had been accepted at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

On May 5<sup>th</sup> we gave a Civil War presentation to the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes at Ste. Genevieve High School. We were asked to do this by Michael McDaniel. There were supposed to be around 150 students present.

Corporal Tom Greminger → described the items and weapons that the soldiers of the Civil War used. Also on display was the list of names of men who served from Ste. Genevieve County during the Civil War. Ruth Kasten and Mary Scheel had a game area which included town ball and they seemed to enjoy that activity.



←Private Clarence Warfield described camp life and living conditions and also had some of the students try to stab a grapefruit with a bayonet.



Private Jerry Kasten → talked students from each group the proper loading and firing procedures for a cannon. Tom Farlow, Michael Polete and Ed Millinger gave instructions and demonstrated the firing of a rifle during the Civil War.



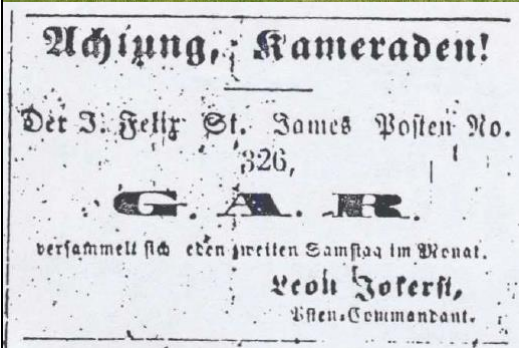


1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant Gary Scheel drilled the students using our camp wooden rifles.

Camp Guard members Private Michael Polete and Private Ed Millinger demonstrating firing of rifles under the command of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Tom Farlow. The firing of the cannon is always a favorite of the students. Private Jerry Kasten who is in command of the cannon kept asking would you like to see it again.

Of course the answer was always yes.

Photos of the students in a group. It was a good day at Ste. Genevieve High School for the 7<sup>th</sup> Graders.



Attention, Comrades! The J. Felix St. James Post No. 326, G.A.R. assembles on the second Saturday of the Month. – Leon Jokerst – Post Commander





On May 22<sup>nd</sup> in Bloomsdale at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Max Upchurch received his Eagle Scout Award. Gary Scheel presented Max with the SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate and a SUVCW Eagle Scout Challenge Coin. Five years earlier our camp attended Max's older brother, Jordon, as he received his Eagle Scout Award. Jordan was presented his SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate at the same place. Their father who is their Scout master had received his Eagle Scout in 1977.



Gary Scheel, Bob Mueller and Ed Millinger

On May 30<sup>th</sup> Bob Mueller attended the ceremony at the VFW Hall in Ste. Genevieve. We then met to honor the memory of the five Civil War veterans who are buried in Memorial Cemetery in Ste. Genevieve. . Also present were Mary Scheel, Linda Mueller and Becky Millinger. There were several members of the community present including a family from St. Louis who just happened by.

On June 12<sup>th</sup>, there was an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Schuyler Ogden and Nathaniel Ogden, twin brothers at the American Legion Hall in Ste. Genevieve at 2 p.m. Present were Tom Greminger, Bob Hammack and Ed Millinger. It is a rare occasion when twin brothers receive their Eagle Scout award on the same day.



During our June meeting Bob Mueller gave a great presentation on the life, family and death of Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James, who we are named after and was killed at the Battle of Shiloh. It was a very well researched and really good. I was attended by several members of our community. Bob has located one of his descendants and has been communicating with him on facebook.

New member Paul C. Kist receiving his membership badge from Camp Commander Joe Williams at our meeting.



Our next activity is on July 4<sup>th</sup> in Ste. Genevieve at the town square.

We would like to invite you to participate with us at on September 24<sup>th</sup> in Ste. Genevieve. We are having a living history camp and a re-enactment of the Bank Raid that happened on 15 August 1861 in Ste. Genevieve. If you can help us let Gary L. Scheel know at [somewhere1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:somewhere1@sbcglobal.net) or call his cell 314-623-2062



# Sherman Camp



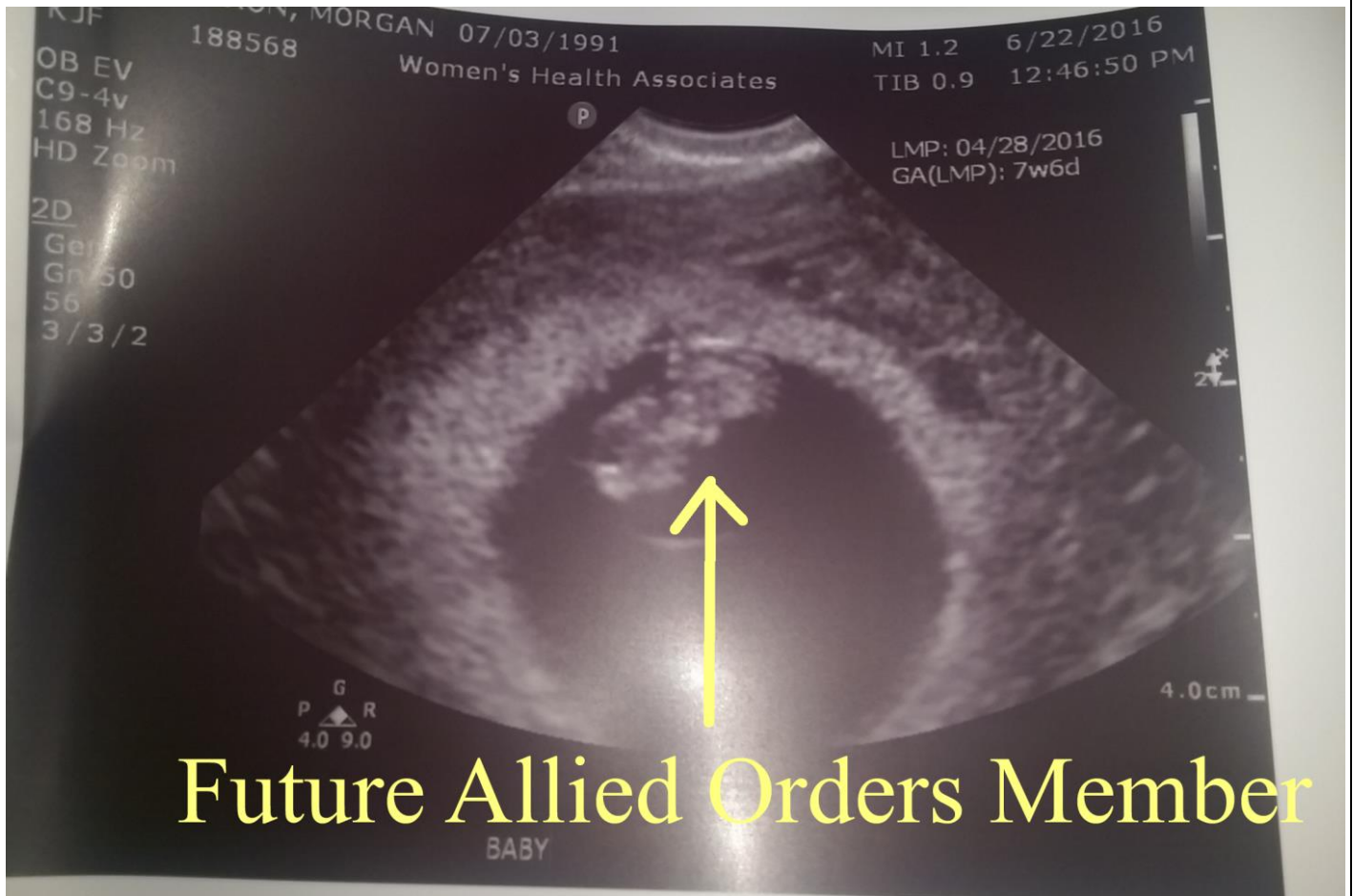
PCC Jack Grothe pulled off an assist to US Grant Camp in presenting ROTC awards. US Grant Camp normally gives out the awards to Washington University ROTC, but this time the camp had no one to present the award that was sent.

Jack, initially representing other groups, stepped in and presented the ROTC medal and certificate to Jason E Sumpter, cadet – Army ROTC Gateway Battalion on April 28, 2016.

# Tiger Camp

PCC James Dixon reports that the times are a'changin'. Or at least he'll be a'changing diapers in a few months. Congratulations James.

As Department Signals Officer, James also requests the following: Could members send in their GAR /Sons collection photos and info, especially Missouri items. I have a new page up on the site for items of such. Send to [signal.suvcwmo@hotmail.com](mailto:signal.suvcwmo@hotmail.com)



**Future Allied Orders Member**

# Westport Camp

## Memorial Day

Westport Camp #64 and SVR members continued the GAR's General Order #11 custom by participating in several Memorial Day activities, with this year having special meaning with the federal holiday falling on the traditional May 30<sup>th</sup> date.

Brooking Cemetery. Over 500 flags were placed at veteran gravesites at Raytown's historic Brooking Cemetery for Memorial Day weekend. Camp members and wives volunteering were: Jim Beckner, John and Sandra Martin, David and Shirley McCann, Dirk Stapleton, Bob Steiert, and Rodney Terry.

Union Cemetery. Kansas City's historic Union Cemetery held its memorial service on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. The annual observance was organized by the Union Cemetery Historical Society with participation from the local Boy Scouts of American and SUVCW's Westport Camp #64 and Sergeant Samuel Churchill Camp #4.



[ Picture – Right: *Civil War veteran Private Gwynne at Union Cemetery.*]

Kansas City. Westport Camp #64 was invited to participate in Kansas City's annual Memorial Day service and parade of colors at the city's Vietnam Veterans Memorial. SVR uniformed members Jim Beckner, Michael Lundeen, and Rodney Terry carried the Civil War era colors. KSHB 41 Action News' coverage of the event and interview with SUVCW members is available at:

<http://www.kshb.com/news/local-news/veterans-remember-fallen-soldiers-on-memorial-day-at-vietnam-memorial-in-kansas-city>

Medal of Honor. Each of the five Civil War Medal of Honor recipient's gravesite was dressed for Memorial Day weekend. The recipients are Private Nathaniel McLean Gwynne, Major M.R. William Grebe, Sergeant Thomas Toohey, Private John Henry

Ricksecker, and Private Wilbur Moore.

[Major Grebe's gravesite dressed for Memorial Day. – Picture Left]

## ROTC Awards

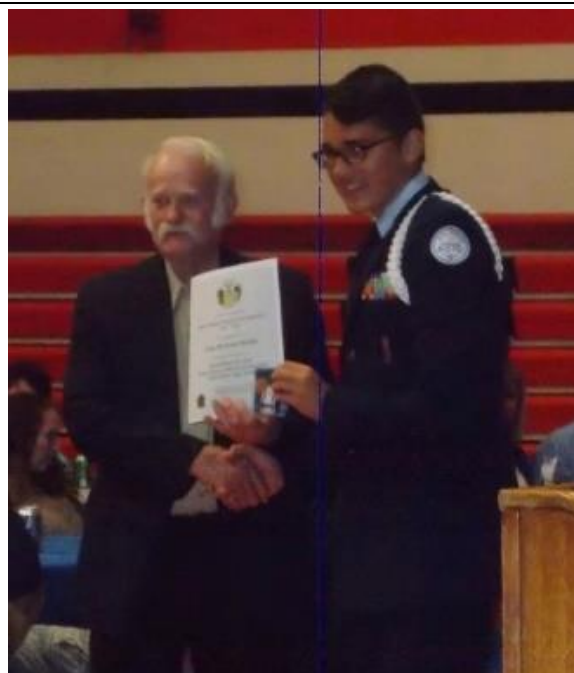
Westport Camp #64 continued its support for the ROTC awards program by sponsoring twenty presentations: two college ROTC and eighteen high school JROTC units. Camp members Kenneth Bailey, James Beckner, Thomas Corum, Dale Crandell, Michael Lundeen, and Rodney Terry presented the awards:

- Evan Goade, Blue Springs High School
- Errol Barbee, Blue Springs South High School
- Anthony Krantz, Independence Van Horn High School
- Kenneth Ward, Independence Truman High School





Kaitlyn Waage, Independence Christman High School  
 Davionne Cannon, Kansas City Central Academy of Excellence  
 Alysha Reital, Kansas City East High School  
 Chelsea Hopson-Rimpson, Kansas City Lincoln College Prep Academy  
 Thomas Manzo, Kansas City Northeast High School  
 Wasiba Hamad, Kansas City Southwest Early College Campus  
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 Konner Bryant, Lee's Summit West High School  
 Benjamin Murphy, Knob Noster High School  
 Noel Alcantara, Ruskin High School  
 Brennan Howe, St. Joseph Benton High School  
 Dominic Fewins, St. Joseph Central High School  
 Alec Langston, St. Joseph Lafayette High School  
 Sydney Wolf, Missouri Western State University  
 Jacob Angevine, University of Central Missouri



[ Picture – Above Left - JVC Kenneth Bailey presenting ROTC certificate and medal to JROTC Cadet Benjamin Murphey from Knob Noster High School. ]

### Trivia Answers from page 22:

1. The battle of Marks Mill.
2. Milling of Flour - (Storck and Teague 1952, pp. 151–52, 158–74; Sharrer 1976; and Berry 1970, pp. 387–408).
3. Union, Franklin County, Missouri.
4. Zalma, the hometown of the Lt. Erich Pape GAR Post. One of the few posts that left extensive copies of their documents (housed now at Western Historical Manuscripts in Rolla).
5. Most of the soldiers were workers at local flour mills in St. Louis County. Empire Mills, Atlantic, Pacific, United States, O'Fallen, Phoenix & LaClede Flouring Mills, Franklin & Eagle Flour Mills employees to name a few. The unit was disbanded in April, 1864.
6. Flour mills are the theme. Feeding the soldiers was a base need during the Civil War and processing wheat and corn into flour fed the troops. In Missouri at one time there were over 500 mills. Many produced flour or grist, but some were also saw mills or weaving mills. It was common in the Missouri and Arkansas Ozarks for a saw mill to become a flour mill. It can be speculated that the saw mill produced the wood product necessary to build a mill and once that was done, the mill changed over to flour. It is possible for a mill to serve multi-functions. A saw mill could also be a flour mill and a weaving mill, but it is not common. Besides, do you want sawdust in your flour? One old mill I recently visited in Topaz, Mo, had a barber shop in it. Get a fresh shave while your flour is ground. M-m-m. Hairy flour, tasty...

TRIVIAL TRIVIA: The word “flour” derived from the French “fleur” was known but not used in regular English language until the 1830s. Prior to that, a flour miller produced “flower” and “meal,” the latter being courser than the refined flower. Doctor Samuel Johnson’s original English dictionary did not even list the word “flour. Both flour and flower were most likely still in use by the time of the Civil War.



# Houses of Past Department Commanders of the G.A.R.



At least two houses owned by past department commanders of the Grand Army of the Republic in Missouri are on the National Register of Historic Homes.

Major William Warner, who also was the 17th Commander-in-Chief of the GAR, owned the house pictured on the left. It is located at 1021 Pennsylvania Ave., Kansas City, MO.

Warner served during the Civil War as captain of Co. B, 33<sup>rd</sup> Wisconsin Infantry. Later he became a Major with the 44<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry.

On Elm St. between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets in Hillsboro is the home of the 1<sup>st</sup> Commander of the Missouri GAR, Governor Thomas C. Fletcher.

Fletcher was a colonel of the 31<sup>st</sup> Missouri Infantry, was captured and sent to Libby Prison. After release, he began forming the 47<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry, which immediately saw battle at Pilot Knob, MO. He was running for governor at the time and his bravery at Pilot Knob helped propel him into the office of Governor. One of his first acts was freeing Missouri's slaves in January 1865. Our Fletcher Post #47 is named in his honor.



## Missouri G.A.R. News from the Past - From the *National Tribune*, 28 Feb 1889 -

Daniel Miles Post No. 360, Iantha [Barton County], has adopted resolutions condemning the actions of the German authorities at the Island of Samoa in firing on the American flag, and calls on the State Department to demand an apology for the insult.

Phillip Sheets, Quartermaster, Wakefield Standley Post, No. 282, Carrollton: I desire to warn all comrades against a man giving his name as Geo. E. Bowers, and claiming to be Officer of the Day of Gen. Geo. H. Thomas Post, No. 5, Chicago, and Chairman of its Relief Committee. He called upon our Post, and claimed that he had spent all his money in taking a comrade who had his legs and one arm cut off by the cars to his relatives in Kansas City. He collected \$2 from the Post. The Commander of Thomas Post, when written to in regard to the matter, answered that there was no man in the Post by the name of Bowers, and never has been. This impostor is about five feet nine inches in height [sic], has black hair and eyes, and was well dressed. He wore a cap and pretended to be a little deaf.

# ALLIED ORDERS/SVR/Other Groups

From US Grant Camp's *Hardscrabble*, John Palmer, ed.



## News from the Auxiliary

Julia Dent Grant Auxiliary #68, St. Louis, MO



PAP Cher Petrovic attended the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Lincoln Tomb Observance in Springfield, IL on April 16. But she was not there to participate in the program as she was on official business as a photographer for the SUVCW. The SUVCW enlisted Sister Petrovic's photographic services as the designated photographer was unable to attend the event.

Auxiliary President Deb Aubuchon and PAP Cher Petrovic attended the 21<sup>st</sup> Missouri Department Encampment at the Drury Inn in Fenton, MO on June 4 and presented greetings on behalf of the Julia Dent Grant Auxiliary. They also welcomed National Council Member

Don Shaw, the National representative attending the Encampment, to the St. Louis area. In addition, President Aubuchon, Vice President Sandy Walther and Chaplain Sarah Palmer attended the fellowship dinner at Bandana's on Friday night before the Encampment.



President Deb Aubuchon (L) and PAP Cher Petrovic (R) Presenting Greetings at Department Encampment

## Central Region – Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic Meet Next at Franklin, TN.

The 2016 Central Regions Association conference will be held on September 30th and October 1st, 2016 in the Franklin and Nashville, Tennessee area. We will be staying at the Comfort Inn, 4202 Franklin Common Court, Franklin, TN, 37067.

Please call the hotel direct at 615-591-6660 and mention that you will be attending the Allied Orders program and you will receive the rate of \$91.00 dollars a night. This includes a free breakfast. We will be traveling to Fort Negley in Nashville for our Saturday morning field trip and returning to the hotel for other programming.

If you have any questions please call - 865-200-8243. New web site: <http://alliedorderscra.org/>

## US Grant Symposium

While planning is still in progress, Missouri's Civil War Heritage Foundation will be hosting its third annual U.S. Grant Symposium on July 23-24, 2016. The event will be headquartered out of the Missouri Civil War Museum at Jefferson Barracks and will have at least one event at U.S. Grant National Historic Site (White Haven) in Affton, MO. The main speaker for the event will be Frank Williams, President of the Ulysses S. Grant Association. Other activities are still being planned.



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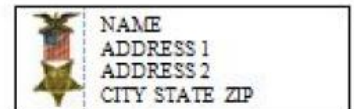


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