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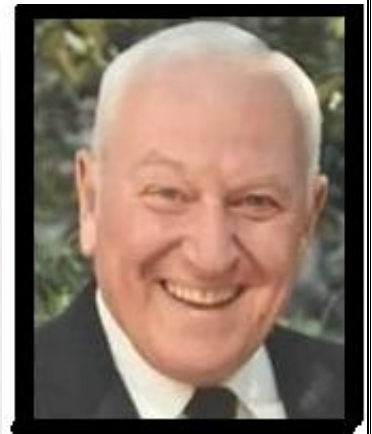
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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

– *Missouri's Monument Rededicated*



In Memory of
Dennis Ohman, Sherman Camp



& Robert E Lee,
Wilhelmi Camp



Missouri Representative Warren Love, member of Westport Camp, along with US Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler and MO State Senator Wayne Wallingford at the ceremonies rededicating the Missouri Monument in Vicksburg.

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Memorial Day – MO SUVCW ever present & 2017 Department Encampment – Commander Randal Burd Jr joins the ranks of those holding the office for more than one term. Also – Part 2 of Collecting Belt Buckles and another episode of Soldiering in the West.

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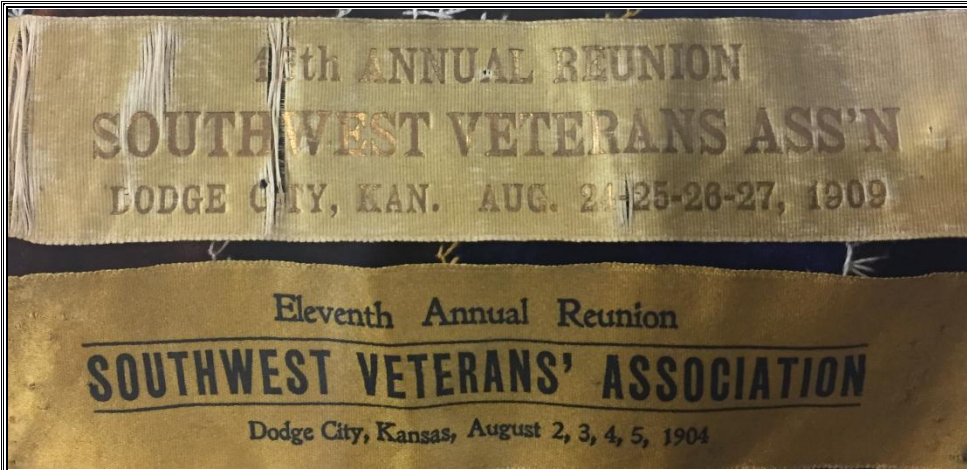
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Events on the Horizon

July 22 – White Have (US Grant National Historic Site), Affton, MO – Grant Remembrance Day
Aug 10-12 – Lansing, MI. – National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans
Sep 19 – Cape Girardeau – US Grant Symposium – Missouri Civil War Heritage Foundation
Sep 23-24 – 153rd Anniversary & Reenactment – Battle of Pilot Knob, Pilot Knob, MO
Sep 28 - Deadline for Next *Unionist*
Oct 7 – Central Region Allied Orders of the G.A.R. Meeting, Cleveland, OH
Oct 14 – Dept Business Meeting – State Capitol, Room 7
Dec 28 – Deadline for December 31st *Unionist*
Mar 10 – Dept Business Meeting – State Capitol, Room 7
Mar 28 – Deadline for March 31st *Unionist*

Editor's Comments

Rather than take time to beg for articles and pictures, or to lament the lack of patriotism in the nation, I decided that this issue's *Editor's Comments* might show some of the stuff that I found as I traveled across the high plain states. I learned that almost every town in the West feels it has to identify itself as the most baddest town there was. After seeing hokey Dodge City, my vote is cast for Sidney, Nebraska. They did the research on their Boot Hill and list all the deaths and their causes, such as Jimmie Brown shot by Jake Smoot. Dodge City's Boot Hill has a bunch of fake info attached to it. I know that in the movie, *The Man who Shot Liberty Valance*, the sage advice was that when the legend becomes fact print the legend, but that is what got us the great *Lost Cause* history early in the past century and for which many Confederate monuments are now paying their price. So, Sidney, Neb., where people were warned not to get off the train unless they absolutely had to do so, gets my vote. Anyway, this extended edition of the *Comments* has some pictures I took on my recent travel.



Recently in the *Unionist*, we mentioned that it appeared that the G.A.R. divided up the state into subdivisions between the camps and the department. In Missouri, we know of the Southwest Veterans Assn and the Ozark Battalion. Here is some evidence of the same occurring in Kansas.

Below – L- Kinsley G.A.R. 1914; R -Lincoln Anniversary Ribbon

- From the collection at the Kinsley Sod Museum, Kinsley, KS



Mount Rushmore as seen from the Highway



GAR Post Banner in the Fort Meade Museum, Sturgis, SD

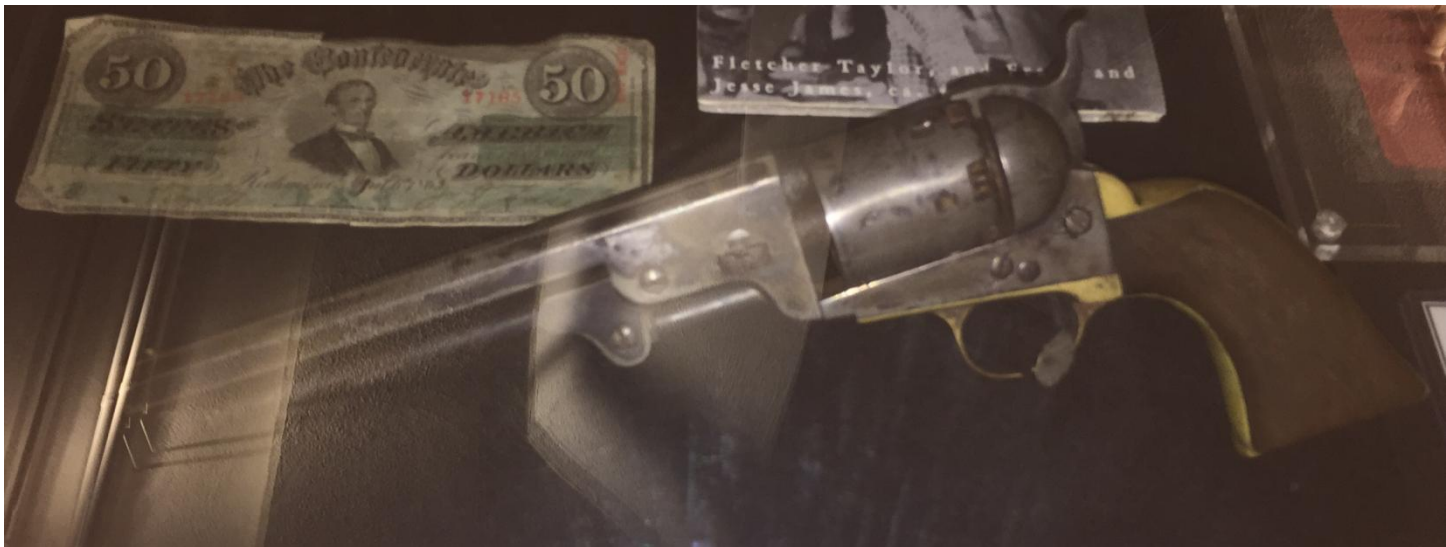
Wichita, KS, has a really neat museum called the Museum of World Treasures. Besides mummies, Buddhas, Greco-Roman figurines, rocks and dinosaurs it had the following items of interest.



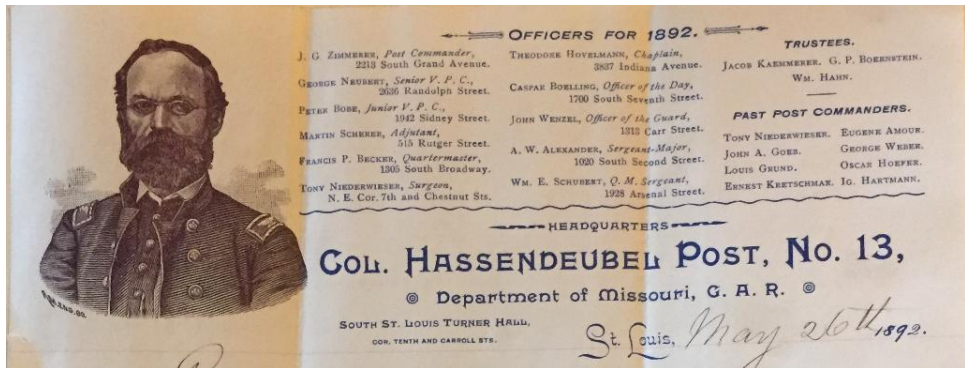
Two star general epaulets worn by General US Grant in March of 1864 to the Special Reception in Washington where he was promoted to Lieutenant General (Three Star). Below are buttons from his frock.



1851 .36 calibre Colt Navy revolver attributed to Frank James. Museum actually used the word "attributed" unlike the Civil War Museum of the West (which is a neat museum) in Bardstown, KY, which claims to have Sam Hildebrand's revolver. When asked, they will not offer proof as to how that is known.



Not found on vacation, but I discovered this and a lot of old artifacts from the Hecker Camp out of Pacific, MO, on E-Bay prior to my trip. So I bought them. Now trying to figure out what to do with them besides digitizing them.





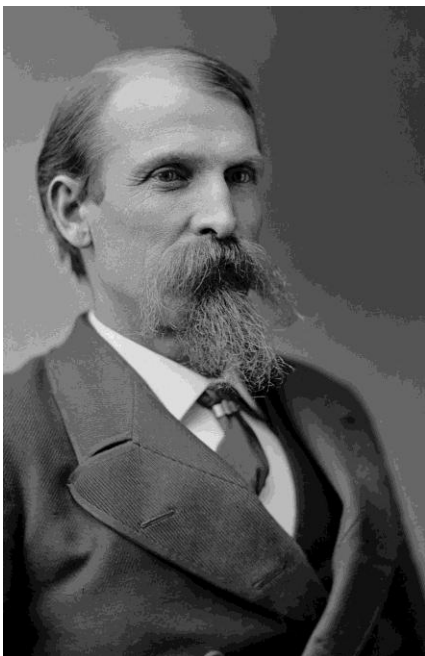
Stay in the Home of a Union General, Arkansas Governor & GAR Commander All in Just One Night *By Walt Busch*

While taking a bus tour in Eureka Springs, AR, I recognized the name of a Arkansas GAR Commander as one of the builders of the Crescent Hotel and Spa. I asked if his home was still in the area and was shown this.

Crescent Cottage Bed and Breakfast is the former home of Powell Clayton. At the beginning of the Civil War he was commissioned a Colonel in the 5th Kansas. He served mostly in Missouri and Arkansas, fought at Wilson's Creek and after capture of Little Rock in September 1863, was assigned to command the post at Pine Bluff. In October 1863, he repulsed an attack on Pine Bluff by Confederate General J. S. Marmaduke and for his actions was promoted to Brigadier General of US Volunteers in August 1864. In August, 1865, he was the commander of the cavalry division of the Seventh Army Corps. After the war, he was elected the Arkansas Reconstruction Governor, serving from 1868 to 1871. During his governorship he led the fight against the Ku Klux Klan and survived an assassination attempt.

In 1892, he was elected department commander of the Arkansas Grand Army of the Republic and played a roll in it for several years at the state and national levels. The year he was commander he led the battle in Arkansas against the Lost Cause mentality that was creeping into the history textbooks of children.

Is there another place where you can stay in the bed room of a Union General – State Governor - and Dept GAR Commander?



In his campaign against the Lost Cause version of history, he wrote: *"[We have] a missionary duty...to leaven this great ponderous lump of disloyalty that exists here."*



In Memory of Departed Brothers

Dennis M. Ohman

Associate Member – William T Sherman/Billy Yank Camp No. 65 - SUVCW
Jun 26, 1938 - Apr 13, 2017 (Age 78)

Dennis M. Ohman, 78, of Rockford, husband and father passed away Thursday, April 13, 2017, in his home. Born June 29, 1938, in Rockford, the son of Russell B. Ohman and M. Virginia Keough and step-father, Edwin R. Haesemeyer.

Married Christine J. Mulcahey on May 18, 1968, in Rockford. He proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps 1956-1958. Graduate of Rockford College 1969-1973. He retired from the IBM Corporation as an Advisory Systems Engineer and worked at Barnes International in their IS Department for a few years thereafter. He was a member of Star in the East Lodge 166, Freeport Consistory, Tebala Shrine Temple, Veteran Tebala Shrine Oriental Band, Charter Member of the Kepotah Sportsman's Club, Shirland, and member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Rockford. Dennis enjoyed spending time with his friends and family, hunting, fishing, and trap shooting. Survivors include his wife, Christine; daughter, Katherine K. (Norm) Kumins of Chagrin Falls, OH; grandchildren, Jacob, Olivia, Joshua; and brother, Gary Ohman of Loves Park.

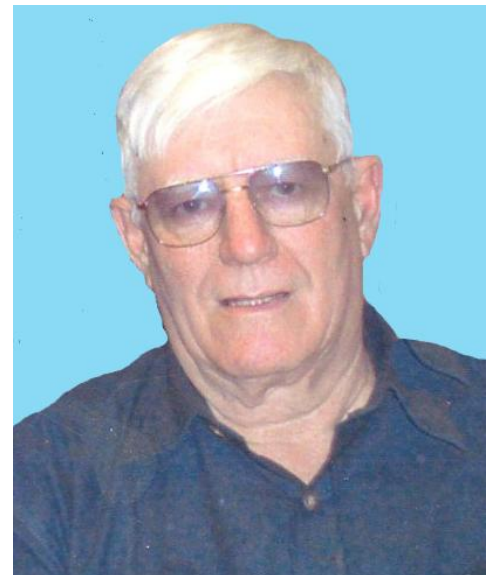
Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, April 20, 2017, in Holy Family Catholic Church, 4407 Highcrest Road, Rockford. Private burial in Calvary Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

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And Robert Edward Lee

Brother Robert Edward Lee, charter member of the Francis J. Wilhelmi Camp #17 in St. Clair, MO, and grandson of Sgt. Henry Weida, Co B, 1st Missouri State Militia Infantry, who served in the Battle of Wilson's Creek.

Robert Edward Lee, 85, of Luebbering, Missouri, passed away on Friday, June 16, 2017. Born February 16, 1932, Robert worked many jobs in his life. He was employed at the Missouri Knife Company in St. Clair, the Ford plant in Hazelwood, the highway department, the Pea Ridge iron mines, as an insurance salesman, and for the Pacific Penitentiary. He was also a veteran of the Korean War. Having ancestors on both sides of the Civil War, Robert was in fact related to General Robert E. Lee, and was named after the general by his father. This is only one of the many stories of his personal connections to history, many of which are recounted in "[History, Tall Tales and Funny Stories: An Afternoon with Robert E. Lee](#)" which was written by Andrea Y. Hurley and published on 25 Mar 2005 in the *eMissourian*.



Robert was the beloved husband of Lena Lee nee Boyer, father of John Lee (Pam), grandfather of John M. Lee (fiancée, Amy Trenholm), grandfather of Marc Cronc and Adrianna Trenholm, brother of Allan Lee (girl friend, Helen Werner) and Betty Boyer, dear uncle, great and great-great-uncle, cousin and friend. Visitation was at the Russell Colonial Funeral Home in St. Clair, MO. Funeral service was on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 1pm at the funeral home, with interment in the Lubbering Citizens Community Cemetery in Grubville, Missouri.

Collector's Corner

By

Douglas Roussin

Part 2--Civil War Belt Plates

The Civil War produced an array of belt plates. These included the standard U.S. and rectangular eagle belt plates. But, the union forces were made up of more than just the regular army. State and territories mobilized their forces. Militia companies, who had only marched in parades, began to drill in earnest. These companies drilled as infantry, artillery and cavalry. They at first, wore their own distinctly unique uniforms and belts. This led to a lot of confusion on the battlefield. It took a while for these independent companies to be outfitted in union blue. The states outfitted their own troops and sometimes supplied them with state related plates. Many of these plates had been adopted before the war and the soldiers would wear them all the way to Appomattox. Officers usually wore the 1851 rectangular eagle plate. Many officers purchased equipment from an independent supplier. These companies supplied some very unique belt plates to their customers.

The U.S. belt plate had been adopted in 1839. By 1861, this belt plate had become standard issue to all enlisted men. The earlier U.S. plates had the puppy paw back, while later plates used arrow hooks. The needs of the Civil War had forced the government to outsource to many companies. As the war progressed, the U.S. belt plate had a change in its hook design. Many plates were produced with the arrow-hooks on the back. The buckle above has the arrow hook design. It was found at Cold Harbor in 1954. A piece of the leather belt is still attached.



These buckles are some of the oval belt plates that are sometimes found. The puppy paw design is the oldest. By mid war the arrow hook design had replaced it. The arrow hooks are considered to be mid to late war. The solid cast buckles are very rare. The middle buckle is associated with Ohio regiments--there are only about eight known. Most are found in Tennessee and Georgia. The last U.S buckle is solid cast.

This buckle is also rare. It should be cautioned that this one is reproduced and is hard to tell from the original. The solid cast buckles are two of only three that was produced during the war.

This officer's eagle belt plate shows the change made during the war. This buckle is solid cast with the wreath integral to the plate. The hooking device is much larger than the earlier plates giving it more stability. This belt plate



was probably a special order for an officer.

State Belt Plates

Many states supplied their troops with distinctive belt plates. The oval plates can be

found in various sizes from the baby U. S. to the large standard U. S. In some states, the 1851 belt plate was modified to include the state crest or other lettering. The state of New York produced many designs and sizes of belt plates. Some of the New York militia regiments ordered specific plates for their units. Therefore, New York has the most belt plate designs. This State of New York plate was produced before the war. It has the puppy paw hooking arrangements. Midway through the war, this was changed to arrow hooks. The arrow hook arrangement was continued after the war.



The Ninth New York Volunteer Infantry was known as the Hawkin's Zouaves. The regiment wore French style uniforms. This buckle belonged to a member of Company C.



Below are two officers buckles from New York. The N.Y. buckle was made in various sizes. The wreath and letters are integral with a narrow tongue. Next is an officer's buckle attributed to the Irish Brigade. It has a gold wash. The silver wreath and harp are applied.



Ohio and Maine

The states of Ohio and Maine supplied their troops with special belt plates. These also range from baby U. S. sizes to the larger plates. These two plates represent the Ohio Volunteer Militia and the Volunteer Maine Militia. The VMM is a smaller size.



Pennsylvania Reserve Brigade

This belt plate was produced later in the war. It has the emblem of Pennsylvania. Below this are the letters R. B. for Reserve Brigade. Pictured are two horses and the crest of Penn. The back has an arrow hook arrangement. At least one of these buckles has been observed with the puppy paws.



Militia

Here are two militia belt plates. The first has definitely seen better days. It has the arrow hooks arrangement with a lead back. The smaller buckle has the same designed eagle, but is stamped brass. The belt loop and tongue have been applied. End of Part 2.





Soldiering On the Border and In the Army of the Frontier

by Michael B. Banasik

Restrictions: None, but credit his work.

Army of the Frontier Created

Since the departure of the Army of the Southwest in April 1862, the border region was devoid of any army organization, except for [General James] Blunt's Kansas Division which organized on August 24, 1862. The Federal border command relied solely on districts or military divisions of districts to control the Union effort on the Kansas—Missouri—Arkansas border. These districts were comprised of a mix of militia and volunteer regiments but contained no organized brigades, divisions, or army to control their actions. This lack of control led to confusion and allowed the rebel forces to regain momentum in the border regions as seen by the Missouri Guerrilla War of 1862 and the rebirth of a Confederate army in Arkansas.

To counter the increased rebel activity west of the Mississippi River, General Schofield sent a number of requests to the War Department for additional troops. General Halleck had few to provide, but promised additional forces from Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin when they were raised. Eventually he sent the Eighteenth, Nineteenth, and Twentieth Iowa Infantry; the Ninety-fourth Illinois and the Twentieth Wisconsin infantries. In Kansas the Eleventh and Thirteenth Kansas infantries were formed to meet the needs of the border.

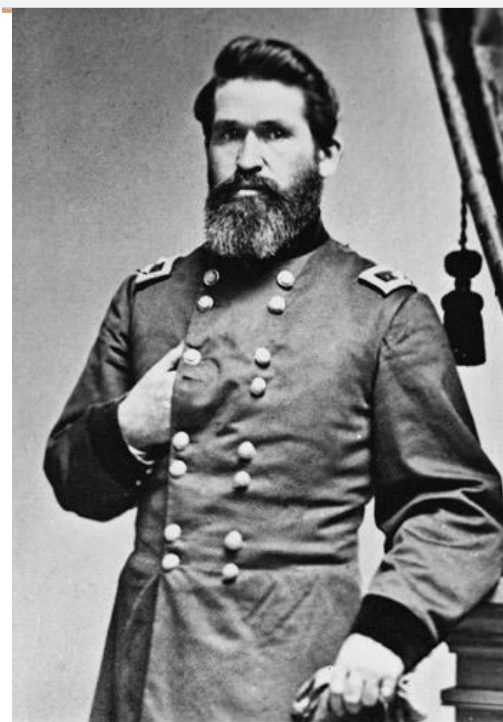
With the new troops General Schofield felt confident, that given Blunt's Kansas Division, he could easily take Fort Smith, Arkansas, and end the problems on the border. The key to Schofield's plans hinged on the concentration of forces, which seemed to be accepted by most of the soldiers on the border.

General Edgar Brown in Springfield urged an immediate concentration of Kansas and Missouri troops in Southwestern Missouri to meet the enemy. Schofield supported Brown, urging Blunt to concentrate with General James Totten, who assumed command of Southwest Missouri from Brown on August 27, Blunt responded, moving Colonel William Weer's brigade into Missouri, while retaining the bulk of his command at Fort Scott. By mid September Blunt committed General Frederick Salomon's brigade to support Totten, but still the two opposing Union commands did not unify--they would support each other, but that was all.

General Brown recognized the need for one army and one head to lead the forces of Southwest Missouri, but it was Totten, who best summed up the need to concentrate.

In one body we can thrash the whole damned rabble, but divided we have probably a serious and difficult task... . [Blunt] Communicate your wishes, plans, and orders and I am with you heart and soul, provided we are not to fall back beyond the posts we now occupy. Our movements must be forward, but first we must

**General James Blunt – Controversial
General of the Army of the Frontier –
But never afraid to attack.**



concentrate our forces and have one army with one head, and that head must determine to act upon the offensive or we shall fail.

From the Kansas command, Colonel William Weer complained that he was receiving orders from four separate brigadier generals. To Weer the scattering of the Union forces was “humbug.” He urged General Blunt to come into Missouri to take command of the forces, “whip the rebels” and “end the war in this region.” To the soldiers of the frontier, having one leader to head the operations on the Kansas—Missouri—Arkansas border was as important as concentrating the troops. In the long run, one commander proved to be the deciding factor in gaining control of the border region, while the concentration of forces only served to break up the Confederates. With one commander, the Unionists retained the flexibility to react to any situation on the border—be it guerrillas, jayhawkers, regular Confederate troops, or disloyal Indians.

TRIVIA: Colonel William Weer - Fought in many battles in the Trans-Mississippi including the battle of Westport. He was even for a time the commandant of Alton, IL, prison. However, Weer's greatest service to the Union cause was that he was particularly successful in recruiting Native Americans into the army.

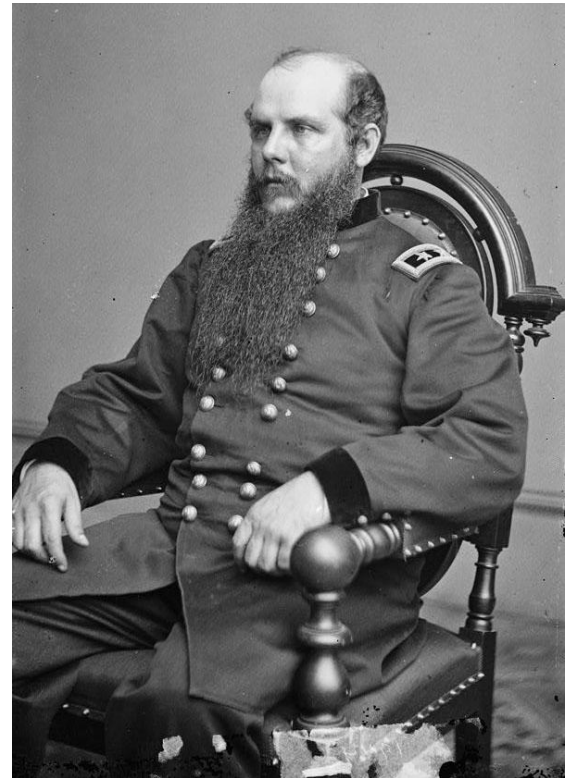
On September 26, 1862, two days after General Curtis assumed command of the Department of Missouri in St. Louis, he resolved the issues of concentration and unity of command. Curtis gave General Schofield the choice of commanding the District of Missouri or the troops in Southwestern Missouri. To Blunt, Curtis also gave an alternative—command the Kansas Division under General Schofield or the District of Kansas. Both officers accepted field command, with Schofield designated the superior officer. Curtis further directed Blunt to unify his division with Schofield's Springfield command, while Schofield organized the force.

Schofield initially designated his force the Army of Southwest Missouri on September 26, 1862. It consisted of two divisions—The First or Kansas Division was

commanded by General Blunt and the Second or Missouri Division was commanded by General James Totten. On October 12 General Curtis redesignated Schofield's command, the “Army of the Frontier.” Three days later, following the acquisition of four infantry regiments, Schofield reorganized his army into three divisions. The First and Second divisions remained basically unchanged, while the Third, commanded by Brigadier General Francis J. Herron, constituted a new organization.

Some soldiers serving in the army took the change in stride, others were surprised. One Iowan guessed that Curtis changed the army name to promote harmony among the Missouri Militia forces and the regular U.S. soldiers. In some respects the Iowa cavalryman was right; harmony of operations was paramount in the consideration to form the Army of the Frontier. Curtis' order forming the army forced the cooperation and concentration of efforts that had been lacking on the frontier.

The basic structure of the Army of the Frontier would remain constant throughout its existence, with the exception of minor reassignment of units or the addition of new levies. The army resembled a basic Union Corps, with the assignment of three divisions, each with two or three brigades. Blunt's division was the largest of the three, containing three brigades, while the other two divisions contained two brigades each.



General John M. Schofield had a wide ranging military career. He was also Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) from 1899 to 1903

The primary mission of the new army was similar to Curtis' Army of the Southwest, drive the rebels out of Southwest Missouri and await orders for assignment elsewhere. The mission, according to General Blunt, included securing the Missouri—Kansas—Arkansas border from rebel incursion or guerrilla raids and protecting the land route to New Mexico. Senator Jim Lane supported Blunt, emphatically stating, "forces will be used for the defense of this Department [. . . The armies of the East and the West will be marched to meet the rebels upon their own soil." President Lincoln added another facet to the army's mission by including the occupation and defense of the Cherokee Country in the Indian Territory.

The mission of the Army of the Frontier was nothing like that of any other army in the Federal command. Its mission was defensive in nature with even the role of driving the Confederates out of Missouri being nothing more than a way to secure the state to the Union. Other Federal armies had missions to destroy rebel armies, take and hold territory, and reassert Federal authority over the Confederacy. Despite its defensive role, General Blunt wanted the army's mission expanded to include the taking of Fort Smith and securing Northwest Arkansas to the Union. General Curtis disagreed, restricting the army's operations to north of the Boston Mountains.

Throughout the Army of the Frontier's existence, its mission would never change. Even when two of the command's three divisions moved East, the Kansas



One of the roughest battles of the Trans-Mississippi was Prairie Grove, AR, fought on December 7, 1862. Over 2,700 soldiers were K-W-M in this battle. It was the last major battle in Northwestern Arkansas. After this battle, the Confederate army was reduced to only periodically raiding Missouri rather than threatening occupation of part of the state. Now a state park, the battlefield & museum are open for tours.

Below: A great picture of Bloomington, IL, cigar maker John McNuta directed the 94th Illinois during the Battle of Prairie Grove. 1863 photo from the McLean Co Museum of History.



Division maintained its vigil on the border, thus securing the border region from the wholesale revolt that occurred in the summer of 1862.

The process of creating an army on the frontier capable of controlling the border region, protecting Missouri, and defeating rebel incursions was a laborious operation. The border war from 1854 to 1861 sowed the seeds of mistrust and hatred that would mark a major obstacle in any successful border campaign. Various military leaders were tried in both Kansas and Missouri to forge the necessary alliances to solve the frontier problems and all proved

unsuccessful. Only with the support of political forces of Kansas and Missouri did the War Department finally solve the problems of unity on the border. The Army of the Frontier, which embraced troops from all the border states, was created.



Brother Bob Mueller of St. James Camp 326 reports the last known headquarters for the GAR Lt. Col J. Felix St. James Post 326 located at 230 Lahaye in Ste. Genevieve was severely damaged by fire earlier in May. At this time, it is not known if it salvageable.

JAMES EADS AWARD INFO – Muy Importante! Sehr wichtig! Mycket viktigt! --- The department encampment approved making it easier for more camps to qualify for the award. Each year camps qualifying for the award receive a battle streamer to hang from their camp flag. The awards are presented at department encampments for camps who actively attempt to live up to the duties and responsibilities of being a camp.

A new form is on line now and designed in checklist format. Camp secretaries or commanders should fill out the form. The form needs to be turned into the department senior vice commander by April 15 of next year. Questions should be directed to svc@sucwmo.org

Missouri at Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies April 2017



dozen wreaths were laid the tomb. SUVCW C-in-C Martin and MOLLUS C-in-C Simmons welcomed the attendees. Prayers were offered by SUVCW National Chaplain Kowalski. Once again, the Petrovics provided ribbons for the event.

The [Springfield] State Journal-Register covered the event and interviewed Brothers Bob Petrovic and Sumner Hunnewell.

After the ceremony, members enjoyed a luncheon at the President Abraham Lincoln hotel in downtown Springfield. Shameless huckstering of the Vicksburg challenge coin occurred. After dessert, we enjoyed a walk through history with two men portraying Gen. U. S. Grant and Robert Todd Lincoln. Some members made a separate trips to visit the GAR Memorial Museum within walking distance of the hotel.

Many members from the Department of Missouri attended the 61st Lincoln Tomb Observance at the Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois, on April 15th. The ceremony, a joint venture by both the SUVCW and MOLLUS, includes wreath laying many national officers of the Allied Orders as well as departments, auxiliaries, and camps from throughout the Midwest. In all, two



Above – JCV Sumner Hunnewell (Fletcher Camp) PCinC James Pahl, Bob Petrovic and Martin Aubuchon (all of Grant Camp) and Doug Niemeyer (Wilhelmi Camp). Brother Petrovic has been the event organizer for the past several years

Below – Allied Orders Present



DEPARTMENT TELEGRAPH

Department Encampment Photos

Held 6-3-17 in Branson [See website for minutes]



Above: Jack Grothe, PCC Sherman Camp, being presented with a 50 year medal. Right: JROTC Outstanding Cadet Colton Kerr being presented his award and check. Below: National Secretary Jonathan Davis swearing in our 2017 Elected Officers



Vicksburg Missouri Monument Rededicated May 27

In 2014, the need was expressed that the Missouri Monument at Vicksburg needed to be rededicated and Missouri SUVCW began a push to accomplish this. We even got the money appropriated by the Missouri legislature to repair it. But then, the Department of Natural Resources under the former Missouri governor decided that they could not do such repairs out of state and kept the money. It seems that Missouri State Parks needed to find funds to build a state park that the governor wanted, but the legislature had authorized no money to do so.

Anyway, our letters, newspaper articles about the condition of the monument, etc., pushed the monument to the forefront of the National Park Service's attention and they found the money to do the repairs. On May 27, 2017, one hundred years after the original monument was dedicated to both Union and Confederate soldiers, a rededication ceremony took place. The program came together well and almost everything requested by the committee was granted by the National Park Service. The notable exception was a request to fire salutes with black powder weapons and artillery, which was denied due to safety procedures required by the government. As such, Vicksburg NMP assisted us in securing the services of the Mississippi Army National Guard, who provided artillery salutes consistent with the original dedication in 1917.

In addition to the support from Vicksburg NMP, the Friends of Vicksburg and the Vicksburg Chamber of Commerce combined to provide a Friday night social/dinner for the arriving Missourians attending the rededication events on Saturday. This turned out to be a nice event with about 100 Missouri Sons of Union Veterans and Sons of Confederate Veterans and their families attending. A video of the original Peace Jubilee from 1917 that contained the Missouri Monument dedication was played for the attendees.

The rededication event on Saturday, May 27 went very well. The National Park Service estimated that about 200 Missourians and random park visitors attended the event. It was a hot day and the heat affected several people, but in general, everything went according to plan. The committee would like to thank Nora Dietzel, wife of PDC Larry Dietzel, who provided vocals for the National Anthem and her stirring rendition of An American Trilogy. After the rededication, between 20-30 members attended a special ceremony at the National Cemetery for the Missouri soldiers buried there. Vicksburg NMP placed the Missouri flags purchased by the Department on the graves of the 260 known and 5 unknown soldiers from Missouri. PDC John Avery coordinated this ceremony, which followed the format of an 1880's GAR commemoration ceremony. The National Park Service thought that we were the first to honor a large group of soldiers from a given state at Vicksburg National Cemetery in the manner that we did.

The next two pages are pictures from the event, most of which were provided by PDC Brian Smarker of Westport Camp.



Ready the Monument!



Call Out Our Country's Finest!



Sing a Song



Ready the Colors



Present the Colors and Pledge Allegiance!



Remembering Missouri's Fallen – Ceremonies



Section G5 Vicksburg National Cemetery – MO Soldiers with MO flags - Alice Reed Photo



Commander's Letter

27 Jun 2017

Brothers of the Department of Missouri,

This is my first letter to you in my second term as your Department Commander. I was not expecting to still be in this position when I last wrote to you in the Unionist as your outgoing Department Commander. But I am happy to serve, and even more grateful for your continued support of me in this role.

I was probably in the fourth or fifth grade when one of my teachers noted my obsession with Civil War history and through another former teacher secured for me a venue teaching what I knew about the Civil War to an evening college class meeting in town. I am sure as an 11- or 12- year old my presentation was not objectively impressive, but the experience meant the world to me and gave me self-confidence that helped me continue to enjoy learning and value an education. Many of you work with schools, teaching our youth about and immersing them in Civil War history. I believe your interest in their education could mean more than you know in many cases and will benefit many of them beyond the primary objective of imparting knowledge about this one meaningful period in our nation's history. Well done.

I have been impressed on many occasions by the work being done by my brothers in this Department. Both old and new members have achieved some notable accomplishments. The Vicksburg Memorial rededication at Vicksburg was memorable. The leadership and teamwork on display for such an event to happen as smoothly as it did should be inspiring to other camps not only in this Department, but throughout our Order. I've been told the National Park Service was impressed by the efforts of the aforementioned committee and those brothers who assisted the committee in those preparations. Other efforts in multiple camps continue to further our mission and do honor to our cause as well. And it appears we have a new camp which will join the ranks of the Department of Missouri in this administrative year!

I am excited to see what this new administrative year will bring for our Department. We have the Vicksburg Monument Restoration Committee working on the restoration of the smaller granite unit markers at Vicksburg. Another committee is working to promote the historical education of this country's youth through a contribution to an American History essay contest; the details and scope of our participation are still being worked out. Brothers familiar with the ins and outs of National Encampments of this Order are looking into securing one for St. Louis in the near future. I have formed a committee to honor and encourage service to living veterans of all wars, a possible focus which has been suggested by other brothers on occasion and to which other lineage organizations already give their attention.

It is good that there are many positive projects in the works, because for better or worse the Civil War is in the public consciousness at the moment more so than usual as discussions regarding monuments depicting its leaders and participants, perceived causes and convictions, are engaging people (sometimes in unfortunate ways) who might normally not take an interest. During this time it is important we show thoughtful restraint in our public words and deeds, that we remember the ancestors our organization seeks to honor, and that we commit ourselves to the Purpose and Objects of our Order and our fraternal watchwords of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. God bless this Union and its enduring legacy of freedom.

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





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Department Order No. 15, Series 2016-2017

31 Mar 2017

Dissolution of 2019 National Encampment Committee & Formation of National Encampment in Missouri Host Committee

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

The **2019 National Encampment Committee, PCinC Ed Krieser—chair**, was unable despite their best efforts to come to a satisfactory agreement with the National Encampment Site Committee. Deadlines set by the national committee and financial obligations bound on this Department should our bid continue necessitated the immediate withdraw of our bid to host. The Department of Missouri thanks PCinC Ed Krieser and his committee for their work. I hereby dissolve the 2019 National Encampment Committee, effective 31 Mar 2017.

I hereby create the **National Encampment in Missouri Host Committee, PDC Bob Petrovic—chair**. This committee is tasked with completing and submitting a proposal to the National organization for the Department of Missouri to host a National Encampment in St. Louis within the next five years. The chair may appoint brothers in good standing and representatives of the Allied Orders to the committee as needed to accomplish the appointed task. The chair will maintain with the Department Commander an updated list of all committee members throughout the life of this committee. Pursuant to Department Bylaws, the Department Commander is an ex-officio member of this committee. This committee will have a sunset date of 31 Oct 2021.

Ordered this 31st Day of March, 2017

Attest:

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

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

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Department Order No. 16,

Series 2016-2017

3 May 2017

Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award – Twyla Warren

Chapter V, Article V, Section 3, Subsection U of the National Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War states in part that:

(a) “The Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Award may be presented by the Commander-in-Chief or a Department Commander to a female member of one of the Allied Orders in recognition of and appreciation for her outstanding service to the SUVCW... At the Department level she must be recommended by a Past Camp Commander, Past Department Commander, Past Commander-in-Chief or the Department Commander.”

(b) “...A Department Commander may present up to two awards in any one year. It is not mandatory for either the Commander-in-Chief or a Department Commander to present this award.”

Be It Known:

Whereas Twyla Warren (nee Johnson) attended and participated in almost every meeting and function of General James R. McCormick Camp #215 for the entirety of its existence; and

Whereas Twyla Warren regularly dressed in period attire for these functions and passed out recruiting materials for the SUVCW & ASUVCW; and

Whereas Twyla Warren has fully participated in and materially supported the Department of Missouri in past activities such as: Sherman Day, Lincoln Tomb ceremonies, gravesite dedications, and countless educational events for the community; and

Whereas Twyla Warren formed the Louisa Volker Auxiliary #215, recruiting eight of the twelve members of this auxiliary, setting up the bank account, completing the chartering paperwork, creating a newsletter, creating a Facebook page, researching an appropriate period namesake, and being elected the auxiliary's first President; and

Whereas Twyla Warren has participated in membership drives for several camps and auxiliaries in Missouri, assisting in formation activities for past auxiliaries in Missouri, and actively recruiting three members into the SUVCW; and

Whereas Twyla Warren was honored in May 2016 by Resolutions of the House of Representatives and Senate of the State of Missouri for her many years of volunteer service, service which includes several years in the ASUVCW supporting McCormick Camp #215, Fletcher Camp #47, and the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and

Whereas Twyla Warren has continued to patriotically serve in the Louisa Volker Auxiliary #215, ASUVCW, has upheld the values of the same, and was chosen again by the members of said Auxiliary to be their President for the current administrative year; and

Whereas Twyla Warren has done great honor to the memory of her American Civil War Union soldier ancestor: Benjamin Davis, a blacksmith in the 16th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and has set a shining example as an ASUVCW member fully dedicated to supporting the SUVCW in carrying out its Purpose and Objects:

Now, therefore, by my authority as Commander of the Department of Missouri, pursuant to the aforementioned section of the National Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I am honored to present **Twyla Warren, President of the Louisa Volker Auxiliary #215, ASUVCW**, with the **Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award** and thank her on behalf of the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, for her example of leadership, patriotism, and service.

Ordered this 3rd day of May, 2017

Randal A. Burd, Jr., DC
Commander

Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Walter E. Busch, PDC
Secretary

Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Stereoscope labeled *None but the Brave Deserve the Fair*. On the reverse is a history of women swooning over men along with the conclusion: "It is her feminine instinct that drives Nellie into the arms of the bold warrior to rest her head blissfully on his manly bosom."



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Department Order No. 1, Series 2017-2018

5 Jun 2017

2017-2018 Elected and Appointed Officers

At the Department Encampment held in Branson, Missouri, on 3 Jun 2017, delegates to the 22nd Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, elected new officers. Two Council members continue to serve unexpired terms. The officers of the Department of Missouri for the 2017-2018 administrative year are as follows:

ELECTED OFFICER	NAME	CAMP
Commander	Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC	Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47
Senior Vice Commander	Dale Crandell, PCC	Westport Camp #64
Junior Vice Commander	Sumner G. Hunnewell, CC	Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47
Secretary/Treasurer (Term expires 2019)	Edward Krieser, PCinC	Abraham Lincoln Camp #2
Council (Term expires 2018)	Glennon Alsop, PDC	Francis J. Wilhelmi Camp #17
Council (Term expires 2018)	Bryan P. Bradford, PCC	Columbia Tiger Camp #432
Council (Term expires 2019)	Alan Heidbreder, PCC	Columbia Tiger Camp #432

Also elected at the Department Encampment were the delegates to the 2017 National Encampment. All remaining Department of Missouri members in good standing are designated as alternates. The 2017 National Encampment will be held in Lansing, Michigan, on August 10-13, 2017. 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 Ed Krieser so he can ensure the necessary credential cards are provided.

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 for the 2017-2018 administrative year is as follows:

APPOINTED OFFICER	NAME	CAMP
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer	Walter E. Busch, PDC	US Grant Camp No. 68
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
Historical Records Coordinator <i>Including the offices of: GAR Memorials Officer Civil War Memorials Officer Historian</i>	Walter E. Busch, PDC	US Grant Camp No. 68
Signals Officer <i>Including the office of: Marketing & Promotions Officer</i>	James R. Dixon, PCC	Columbia Tiger Camp No. 432
Assistant Signals Officer	Walter E. Busch, PDC	US Grant Camp No. 68
Missouri Unionist Editor	Walter E. Busch, PDC	US Grant Camp No. 68
Medal of Honor Officer	William L. Groth, Jr., PCC	WT Sherman Camp No. 65
Patriotic Instructor	John D. Avery, PDC	US Grant Camp No. 68
Quartermaster	Douglas W. Roussin, PCC	TC Fletcher Camp No. 47
JROTC/ROTC Coordinator	Dale Crandell, PCC	Westport Camp No. 64

These officers will fulfill the responsibilities of their offices and conduct the business of the Department of Missouri for the 2017-2018 administrative year. All brothers are to follow the SUVCW principles of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

Ordered this 5th Day of June, 2017

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

Attest:

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

One More Medal of Honor Recipient for Arkansas

The Medal of Honor Memorial in Little Rock, AR, records three Civil War MOH recipients. Two are buried outside Arkansas and one, William J Franks, is buried in Maple Springs Cemetery, Batesville, AR. He was not on the list of MOH recipients we once received for Missouri and Arkansas, but he has now been added to our website. A Fletcher class destroyer, USS Franks (DD-554) was named in his honor in 1942.

The two we had on our site are not honored by this memorial, yet they are buried in Arkansas. George Taylor Johnson and John Kennedy, according to the state of Arkansas, do not meet the criteria they had when the monument was made.

It is unknown if William J. Franks has a Medal of Honor indicator on his grave. If not, this could be a project along with a gravesite ceremony. To check our department MOH records:

<http://www.suvcwmo.org/union-medal-of-honor-recipient.html>.

To check out the Arkansas memorial,

<http://www.arkansasties.com/Pulaski/Structures/StateCapitol/MedalofHonor.htm>





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Department Order No. 2, Series 2017-2018

5 Jun 2017

2017-2018 Department Business Meetings

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

Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

House Hearing Room #7

State Capitol Building

Jefferson City, Missouri

Saturday, March 10, 2018 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 Department Secretary Ed Krieser at least one week prior to the date of the business meeting (October 7, 2017 and March 3, 2018).

In accordance with Article II, Section 5, members need to have their membership cards at the meetings and present them 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 5th Day of June, 2017

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

Attest:

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Secretary
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**Department Order No. 3,
Series 2017-2018**

7 Jun 2017

2017-2018 Encampment Site Committee

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 2017-2018 administrative year as follows:

Sumner Hunnewell, CC
Walter Busch, PDC
Glennon Alsop, PDC

As no alternative proposals for 2018 were presented at the 2017 Department Encampment, the 2018 Department Encampment will be held at Bennett Springs State Park in Lebanon, Missouri. The Encampment Committee will continue their work in making these arrangements.

Wilhelmi Camp #17 has expressed interest in holding the 2019 Department Encampment in St. Clair, Missouri. Proposals for this and other locations will be discussed at the October 2017 Business Meeting.

Ordered this 7th Day of June, 2017

Attest:

Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC
Commander
Department of Missouri
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Edward Krieser, PCinC
Secretary
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**Department Order No. 4,
Series 2017-2018**

7 Jun 2017

Tax Exemption Letters

At the 2017 Department of Missouri Encampment, there was a motion to allow camps to use the Department's Tax Exemption letter as evidence of their own tax exempt status. The purpose would be to offer proof of tax exempt status to a merchant in order to avoid sales tax on a purchase. After several brothers stated that they believed such usage was illegal, I ruled the motion out of order. I also offered to consult with the Department Counselor and the National Treasurer on the question. Their responses confirmed the ruling.

Brother Robert J. Amsler, Jr., our Department Counselor and an attorney, offered the following opinion:

"It is illegal for one legal entity (corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc...) to use the tax status of another legal entity. Thus it is illegal to allow a camp to use the department's tax letter. I have absolutely zero doubt on the question."

Brother David McReynolds, our National Treasurer, responded:

*"Without knowing Missouri law, generally it would **not** be permissible for a Camp to use a Department's letter. The exemption letter typically only applies to purchases made specifically by the entity who received the letter. I can tell you that it would not be allowed under Tennessee law. I would think the Camp should simply re-apply for their own letter as soon as possible."*

In light of these informed opinions on this matter, no camp shall attempt to use the Department of Missouri's tax exemption letter as evidence of their own tax exempt status.

Ordered this 7th Day of June, 2017

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

Attest:

Edward Krieser, PCinC
Secretary
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**Department Order No. 5,
Series 2017-2018**

8 Jun 2017

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, Don Palmer PCinC – chair:** This committee successfully achieved its primary task of restoration of the Missouri Monument at Vicksburg. The 2017 Department of Missouri Encampment voted to re-task this committee with arranging the restoration of the unit markers at Vicksburg. This committee shall have a new sunset date of 30 Jun 2020.
- 2.) **National Encampment in Missouri Host Committee, Bob Petrovic PDC – chair:** This committee was created by Department Order #15, Series 2016-2017. This committee is tasked with completing and submitting a proposal to the National Organization for the Department of Missouri to host a National Encampment in St. Louis within five years of its creation. This committee's new sunset date shall be 31 Mar 2022.
- 3.) **Essay Competition Committee, Jim Stebbings – chair:** The 2017 Department of Missouri Encampment voted to form a committee that “develops the criteria of the National History Day report for SUVCW for a prize of \$200.” This criteria proposal should be presented at the October 2017 business meeting. This committee shall include SVC Dale Crandell and any other brothers in good standing the chair may appoint. The chair will maintain with the Department Commander an updated list of all committee members throughout the life of this committee. Pursuant to Department Bylaws, the Department Commander is an ex-officio member of this committee. This committee shall sunset at the close of my administration at the 2018 Department Encampment.

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4.) **Honoring Living Veterans Committee, Gary Scheel, PCC – chair:** The Purpose and Objects of our Order under Article II of the Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War compel us “to cooperate in doing honor to all who have patriotically served our country in any war.” To further our commitment in this area, I hereby form the **Honoring Living Veterans Committee**—Gary Scheel, PCC, chair—and task this committee with three objectives:

- a) Coordinate the Department of Missouri’s observance of Veteran’s Day, including writing an article appropriate for our organization which honors living veterans of any war to submit to the September issue of the *Missouri Unionist* and to *The Banner*.
- b) Establish a record of brothers in the Department who are veterans and ensure that all camps are aware of the medals available from the Quartermaster to honor the military service of living veterans, including the War Medal (Form 5) and the Military Service Medal (Form 8), and encourage camps to inform their members of the same.
- c) Develop a program to recognize/reward brothers for hours of service dealing specifically with living veterans. The committee should use the [Service to Veterans Medal Guidelines](#) of the Sons of the American Revolution as a guide, but develop a program specifically for our Order that focuses solely on honoring and caring for living veterans of any war.

This committee will include any brothers in good standing the chair may appoint to fulfill its objectives. The chair will maintain with the Department Commander an updated list of all committee members throughout the life of this committee. Pursuant to Department Bylaws, the Department Commander is an ex-officio member of this committee. This committee shall have a sunset date of 30 Jun 2020.

Ordered this 8th Day of June, 2017

Attest:

Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC
Commander
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Edward Krieser, PCinC
Secretary
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DiO YOU KNOW??? - That Julia Dent Grant is a first cousin to Confederate General James Longstreet?

And? ?? That the Daughters of Confederate Veterans were the legal owners of the controversial Confederate monument in Forest Park, St. Louis, MO? And that since the city started taking it down, they have turned their ownership over to the Missouri Civil War Museum? They have removed the monument, but it is unknown what will now be done with it.



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**Department Order No. 6,
Series 2017-2018**

17 Jun 2017

Passing of Brother Robert Edward Lee

The Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has been informed today of the 16 Jun 2017 passing of Brother Robert Edward Lee, charter member of the Francis J. Wilhelmi Camp #17 in St. Clair, Missouri, and grandson of Sgt. Henry Weida of Company B, 1st Missouri State Militia Infantry, who served in the Battle of Wilson's Creek.

Robert Edward Lee, 85, of Luebbering, Missouri, passed away on Friday, June 16, 2017. Born February 16, 1932, Robert worked many jobs in his life. He was employed at the Missouri Knife Company in St. Clair, the Ford plant in Hazelwood, the highway department, the Pea Ridge iron mines, as an insurance salesman, and for the Pacific Penitentiary. He was also a veteran of the Korean War. Having ancestors on both sides of the Civil War, Robert was in fact related to General Robert E. Lee, and was named after the general by his father. This is only one of the many stories of his personal connections to history, many of which are recounted in "[History, Tall Tales and Funny Stories: An Afternoon with Robert E. Lee](#)" which was written by Andrea Y. Hurley and published on 25 Mar 2005 in the *eMissourian*.

Robert was the beloved husband of Lena Lee nee Boyer, father of John Lee (Pam), grandfather of John M. Lee (fiancée, Amy Trenholm), grandfather of Marc Cronc and Adrianna Trenholm, brother of Allan Lee (girl friend, Helen Werner) and Betty Boyer, dear uncle, great and great-great-uncle, cousin and friend. Visitation is 3-8pm on 19 Jun 2017 and after 9am on 20 Jun 2017 at the Russell Colonial Funeral Home in St. Clair, Missouri. Funeral service will be on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 1pm at the funeral home, with interment in the Lubbering Citizens Community Cemetery in Grubville, Missouri.

In observance of the passing of Brother Robert Edward Lee:

- 1.) The Department of Missouri Charter, all Camp Charters, Department and Camp Flags, Department and Camp Websites, and all membership badges will be draped in black from 17 Jun 2017 – 23 Jun 2017 in memory of Brother Robert Edward Lee.
- 2.) The Department and National Chaplain have been notified of the passing of Brother Robert Edward Lee.

Ordered this 17th Day of June, 2017

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

Attest:

Edward Krieser, PCinC
Secretary
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Department Communiqué No.3,

Series 2016-2017

31 Mar 2017

Brothers of the Department of Missouri,

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of progress made on plans for the 2018 Department Encampment.

You'll recall from Department Order #3 that Encampment Site Committee members Walter Busch, PDC and Sumner Hunnewell, CC were tasked with making preparations for the 2018 Department Encampment. Preliminary discussion had leaned toward having the 2018 Department Encampment at Bennett Springs State Park in Lebanon, Missouri. A deadline for alternate proposals from camps for other venues was set for 1 Oct 2016. The deadline passed and no additional proposals were received.

The committee reported at the March 2017 Department business meeting that further research has been done on the Bennett Springs State Park venue. The park charges \$100 for all-day use of an enclosed shelter with a kitchen. There are restaurants in the area, and visitors can rent a condo/room or a campsite at the park. There are plenty of hotels in the area and the park lodge is open for lunch. The available amenities point to Bennett Springs State Park in Lebanon, Missouri, as being an excellent venue for a Department of Missouri encampment.

Despite the favorable conditions for a Department Encampment at Bennett Springs State Park, it was the general consensus at the March 2017 Department business meeting to accept proposals from camps for alternate 2018 Department Encampment venues up until the 2017 Department Encampment. Those present at the business meeting wanted to be sure that any camp who might desire to host an Encampment in their area had the opportunity to submit a proposal. Provided no other proposals are received, the Encampment will vote on the current proposal and our 2018 Department Encampment will likely be at Bennett Springs State Park in Lebanon, Missouri.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Randal A. Burd, Jr., DC
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**Department Communiqué No.4,
Series 2016-2017
28 May 2017**

Brothers of the Department of Missouri,

I would like to take this opportunity to communicate with you once more before our annual Department Encampment next weekend on Saturday Jun 3, 2017 in Branson, Missouri.

- 1.) It is Memorial Day Weekend, and I was privileged to attend the rededication of the Missouri Monument in Vicksburg National Military Park (VNMP). The grand hospitality shown by the National Park Service, Friends of VNMP, City of Vicksburg, and the Vicksburg Convention & Visitors Bureau was notable. The event itself was impressive. It was a proud day for the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

From inception to completion the success of this project was made possible by the vision and leadership of Dr. Donald Palmer, PCinC, and the work of his committee: Mark Coplin, PCC, Larry Dietzel, PDC, and Gary Scheel, PCC. There are many more individuals who contributed greatly both at the event and behind the scenes and deserve recognition, but I won't try to make a comprehensive list for fear of leaving people out. However, I do want to mention the beautiful singing of Nora Dietzel. Thank you all for a wonderful and meaningful event.

- 2.) Memorial Day is tomorrow and Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Martin has released General Order #20, Series 2016-2017, reminding us to remember especially those soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice only to be buried unknown in marked and unmarked graves.
- 3.) I have combed through all past Department Orders since our 1996 re-chartering and made a list of brothers of this Department who have passed. Of course, there are many Department Orders which are missing, and thus I am sure we are missing a few names of brothers who have left us. If you have those missing names to add, please send them in so they can be added. I intend to start an annual tradition at this upcoming Department Encampment where we will read the list of names of those who have left us and remember the fraternity and common purpose we shared.
- 4.) I will end with another reminder of the 22nd Department Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, this next Saturday, June 3, 2017 at the Camden Hotel and Conference Center in Branson, Missouri. Officers and Camps need to submit their reports. It is my hope that Camp Commanders and Secretaries have stressed the importance of the Department Encampment, elected delegates, and encouraged attendance even when they themselves cannot attend. I look forward to seeing a good turnout of my brothers in Branson.

Thank you for the work each and every one of you puts into furthering the Mission of the Order.

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

Department Names JROTC Outstanding Cadet



The Department selected Cadet Colton Kerr (pictured) as the JROTC Outstanding Cadet during its 22nd Department Encampment in Branson, Missouri. Cadet Kerr was nominated by the Independence School District's JROTC Army Unit and Westport Camp #64.

Cadet Colton Kerr is a member of the Trails West Army JROTC Battalion and a student at Independence Chrisman High School. He is currently ranked 1st in his class of 374 anticipated graduates, with a weighted cumulative GPA of 4.33, and was selected for the Missouri Scholars Academy. Cadet Kerr is a multi-sport athlete as a member of the high school's football and track-field team, where he has earned his varsity letter. As a member of the Army JROTC program Cadet Kerr is a staff member, member of the Raider Skills Team, Flag Detail and Color Guard Team. Lt. Colonel Michael Byrd's nomination letter describes Cadet Kerr as "a true example of the scholar-athlete-leader role model." For his selection as the JROTC

Outstanding Cadet, Cadet Kerr was presented the SUVCW's ROTC medal with bronze leaf and a \$200 prize.

The JROTC Outstanding Cadet competition is a 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 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 2017 selection committee consisted of Jim Martin, Westport Camp; Bill Groth, Sherman Camp; and John Avery, Grant Camp.



From the *Ozark Civil War Weekly*: The last surviving war general was Union Brig. Gen. Adalbert Ames, who "crossed the river" in 1933 at the age of 97 years, five months, and 14 days. Adelbert Ames (October 31, 1835 – April 13, 1933) was an American sailor, soldier, and politician. He served with distinction as a Union Army general during the American Civil War. As a Radical Republican, he was military governor, Senator and civilian governor in Reconstruction-era Mississippi. In 1898 he served as a United States Army general during the Spanish–American War. He was the last Republican to serve as the state governor of Mississippi in the 19th century and for a majority of the 20th century as well; a Republican would not become Governor of Mississippi again until Kirk Fordice took office in 1992, a span of 116 years. Ames was the second to last general officer of the Civil War to die, dying at age 97 in 1933. He was outlived in this respect only by Aaron Daggett, who died in 1938 at age 100. However, because Daggett was a brigadier general by brevet rank only, Ames was the last full-ranked Civil War general

The Passing of Union Generals: The department of Missouri SUVCW has recently begun compiling a list of Union Generals buried in Missouri and Arkansas for a future webpage. Maybe not surprisingly, none have yet been found in Arkansas, but to date 51 have been found to have been buried in Missouri. We have 26 brevet brigadier generals, 6 brevet major generals, 12 brigadier generals, 6 major generals, and one who became after the war, general of the army.

CAMP DISPATCHES

SUVCW Camp Coming to Jefferson City

The Lilly Camp #6 has filed the appropriate paperwork to become our next SUVCW Camp. The camp will be in Jefferson City and has some new members as well as transfers from Grant Camp and Tiger Camp. Contact Pete Oetting at 573-659-7232.

Phelps Camp

“LAST SOLDIER” MARKER DEDICATION FOR JAMES COLUMBUS CLOUSE-- On Saturday, May 13, Phelps Camp dedicated its first “Last Soldier” marker in Mountain Grove, Missouri.

The marker honors James Columbus Clouse, the last surviving Union Civil War veteran in Wright County. He died in 1946 at the age of 100. Clouse served in the 5th Tennessee Infantry (U.S.), a regiment that saw action in the Western Theater. He was born 6 Feb, 1846, in Hamilton County, TN, to George Washington Clouse and Nancy Ann McInturff. He was married twice. First to Tennessee Kincannon and later to Margarette Miranda Tillery.

The ceremony began at 2 p.m., and was held in Hillcrest Cemetery in Mountain Grove. The cemetery is located at the intersection of Highways 60 and 95, directly across from the Wal-Mart Super Center.

St. James Camp

L - R 2nd Lieutenant Tom Farlow, Private Ed Millinger, Private Bob Mueller, Private Paul Kist, 1st Sgt Gary Scheel



On Saturday April 8th we met at Memorial Cemetery in Ste. Genevieve. The reason for our being there was to commemorate the death of Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James who died of his wounds received at the Battle of Shiloh Church House in Tennessee on 6 April 1862.

In attendance were members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp #326 named in his honor.

We performed an honor guard from 10 a.m. until Noon. We stood 20 minute posts near his grave site. This is the third year that members of our camp have performed this duty. Last year the only one who was able to participate was Private Ed Millinger.

Thursday May 4th, five members participated in a day of Civil War education for the Seventh grade classes of the Ste. Genevieve Middle School. Our activity was restricted to the gymnasium because of an all-day rain.

← Tom Greminger giving demonstration on placing a bayonet on a musket. He also described many of different types of equipment that the soldier used during the Civil War.



Bob Mueller was on the stage and had a camp scene display and described the life in a camp and some of the activities that the soldiers and the food they would eat. →

Below: Tom Farlow gave instructions on the 9 step process of loading and firing a musket. Ed Millinger helped to demonstrate it and Gary Scheel made corrections on handling of how they held their musket. We timed each group and the fastest group loaded and fired one round in 36 seconds. The group sizes varied from four thru seventeen.



On May 12th, Camp Commander Gary Scheel and his wife Mary attended the R.O.T.C. Awards Ceremony at the Poplar Bluff High School.

Right: Cadet Private First Class Justine L. Miller receiving the SUVCW R.O.T.C. Medal. She also received the

Certificate. There are over 150 students enrolled in the R.O.T.C. program at Poplar Bluff.



On May 27th three members of our camp attended the Missouri Monument Centennial Rededication at the Vicksburg National Battlefield Park. In attendance were Bob Mueller, Tom Greminger and Scott Reed and their wives.

It was a very hot and humid day

← Photo: L-R Tom Greminger, Scott Reed and Bob Mueller. They are standing around the grave marker of Sergeant George Falk who was killed at the Siege of Vicksburg.

Memorial Day 2017

At 11 a.m. Gary Scheel and Bob & Linda Mueller attended the Memorial Day service at the VFW Hall. Camp Commander Gary Scheel presented a flower arrangement in the name of our Camp.

At 1 p.m. we held our ceremony at the grave site of Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James. In attendance were Bob Mueller, Ed Millinger and Gary Scheel. Linda Mueller was also in attendance. Bob Mueller read a paper he had written based upon an address from May 30, 1891. The original is copied below.



We placed flags at the grave site of Corporal Amos Culver, Sergeant Augustus Schweiss, and Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James. We also placed a flag in honor of Private Jacob Zimmer grave site unknown.

After the ceremony Bob & Linda Mueller and Gary Scheel went to Crestlawn Cemetery where flags were placed on two Civil War veterans graves. Corporal Charles Beauvais, Company G, 78th Enrolled Missouri Militia, and Private Hiram Berry, Company C, 21st Missouri Infantry Regiment. Private Berry was also a member of G.A.R. Post #326 in Ste. Genevieve.

**An Address on Decoration Day, May 30, 1891 in the City of Ste. Genevieve, MO
By Professor James M. Mahoney
As reported in the June 6, 1891 Ste. Genevieve *Fair Play* newspaper**

Mr. Commander and Members of the Post, Ladies, and Gentlemen:

In response to your call, I am conscious of an invitation to give expression to the profound feeling with which the hearts of all associated here respond to sentiments of love and patriotism. But, in consideration of the brief compass the occasion allows, I must admit my almost utter inability to choose from the multitudinous thoughts that crowd my mind.

It seems to me as if today were not like other days. Men's voices have in them a more sympathetic sound; men's looks bear signs of deeper affection. In today, the day we commemorate, there is, thank God, no sorrow – over its clear sky comes no cloud. We meet here in this silent city of the dead to fondly remember the heroic lives the ashes of whose bodies lie still beneath the green turf.

We think of our nation's dead, who died, not in a new cause but in the old and great world battle and struggle of liberty and right. To the altars of war, to the arbitrament of the sword, have these great issues come in all ages, and of all the courage, the devotion, the sacrifices of earth, that of the soldier seems the greatest. He risks all, he gives all, even to life itself, for his country. That is patriotism. And never did braver men meet upon the field of death than the soldiers in "blue" and the soldiers in the "gray".

Let us cherish their names; let us care for their orphans; let us keep green their graves; let us love and forever guard and defend their land and the liberty for which they sacrificed their lives.

"Sleep, brother, in the laureled blue"

Rest, sleeps, in the shrouded gray'
Columbia weeps for both today,
On each alike falls Heaven's dew."

If all the stories of grief that rung the hearts of fond fathers and mothers and wives thirty years ago, could be fully and truly told, it would be enough to make the angels pause and turn their songs to tears. And many of these heroic souls are living still, keeping greenest of all things on earth the memory of their soldier dead. And today, they join the nation in offering a tribute of beautiful and pathetic remembrance. The bitterness of the times of twenty years ago, we seek to forget, and cherish only the thought of most noble deeds. We ask not if the dust beneath wore the blue or the gray; enough that it is a soldier's grave; wreath it round with flowers! We ask not if he that fell, fell in the front of the battle, or by the campfire, or in the trenches, or after lingering, died in the hospital; enough that a soldier lies buried there. Twine roses about

"No more shall the war-cry sever,
Or the winding rivers be red;
They banish our anger forever,
When they laurel the graves of our dead!
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day;
Love and tears for the Blue,
Tears and love for the Gray."

And in future years, as now, when our children ask for why this Decoration Day, we'll tell them the old story of the war and the sacrifice and of the nation's bitter strife to be a better land. And their patriotic youth will glow anew with life when they hear of how their fathers bled and perished in the strife. And their first determination will be a one of love, a love of home and of their country for which their soldier fathers died.

"Time will steal on with silent tread
And dry the tears that mourn the dead
Will change fond love, subdued regret
And teach even vengeance to forget."

But no time shall 'eer efface from off our memory the bitter recollections of what it cost our forefather to secure for us, their children, right to breathe the balmy air of sweet liberty, the right to travel, unmolested by foreign scepter, the broad domains of a nation which has for its emblem the blood be-sprinkled banner of Godlike patriotism, the fair sign of independence left to us as a token of the soldiers love of freedom.

What stand today above these sepulchers of sleeping heroes, keeping silent sentinel o'er their hallowed rest? Is it the picket with his rifle banishing approaching foemen? Is it a soldier of the Union, ready to shoot down a rebel? None of these. 'Tis the stars and stripes of freedom and the roses of our love.

No more shall savage foemen seek to rob us of our rights, not while lives there still the memory of these bodies buried here and you who must at sunset sleep alike with them at rest.

Greater praise has no man than this, that he was willing to die that his country might live. This the high-water mark of patriotism – the great sacrament of valor the expression of which has thrilled the pulses of the universe from Thermopylae to Appomattox and focused humanity's admiration like a un!

Oh, patriot dead: When year after year returning, spring shall kiss the earth, flowers shall blossom for you; above your beds the rosebuds breath of beauty shall float its fragrance on the summer wind. The molten bars of twilight will gold fringe the turf that wraps your mold and willing hands prompted by hearts palpitating with love shall wreath perfumed garlands to consecrate your dust.

Oh, patriot dead! Dying that your country might live, the splendor of the valor which burned in your living veins lights the nation for which you died evermore. Striving in the great struggle for the Union the heroism which consumed your loyal lives transformed the union in the transition of a liberty, without shadow and without eclipse.

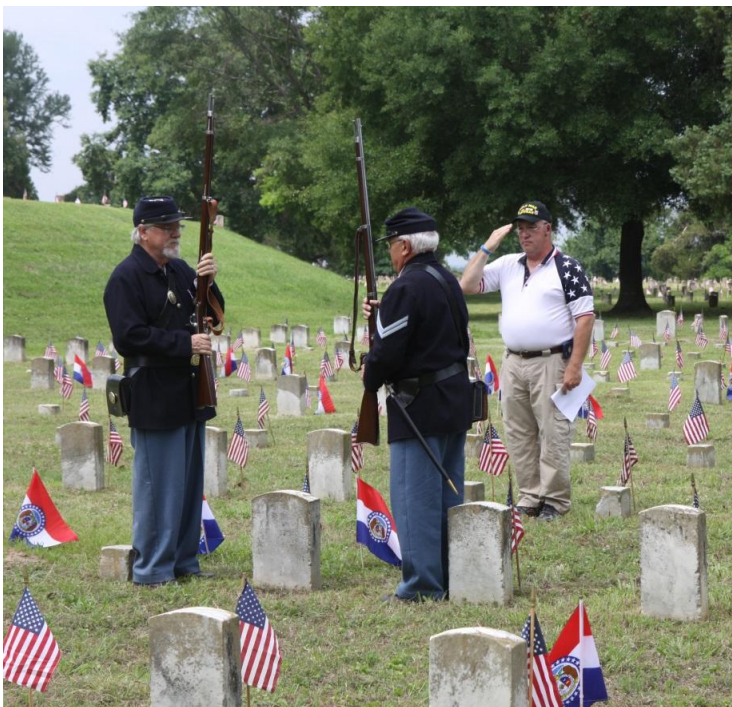
Contending with the champion of a cause that affronted the moral sense of nations and blotted the world's civilization, the spirit of the Prince of Peace gave zeal to your fortitude and faith inspires the hope that your every grave was but the gateway to immortal bloom.

Oh, patriot dead! On this day are erased the lines of longitude, the marks of latitude, and the voice of localism is silent; state lines fade away and the dreamless realm compassed by one wide firmament of love is a continental confederacy of flowers wafting its exhaustless fragrance in the great ocean of the perfumed air as incense of a common benediction to the memory of the Blue and the Gray, the living and the dead.

Oh, patriot dead! As long as the nation's ensign flashes its stars to the sun; as long as the night winds kiss the dawn, as long as the fires of patriotism burn in human breast, as long as human hearts beat heavily as the portals of human graves, shall this day be a memento of the nation's glory and its gloom. As long as all people shall bless Thee for Thine own great gift of being; as long as mother earth throbs from her bosom radiant flowers; as long as the hand of beauty toys in their blaze, shall the ritual of blossoms, holier and more impressive than any rite that consecrated the pantheons of heathen mythology, be honored and observed, the high mass of patriotism – the Eucharist of Love!

For myself, if I am permitted to come and render my tribute at these graves, oh soldiers, recollections of the deeds of their cofined patriots will live while lives my memory, not shall my soul cease its prayers that in their hallowed rest may they forever see the smile of God.

Vicksburg Report by Bob Mueller.



Camp 326 members Tom Greminger, Scott Reed, and Bob Mueller along with their wives attended the Re-dedication of the Vicksburg Missouri Monument on May 27, 2017. The Friends of Vicksburg National Battlefield and the City of Vicksburg, and the Vicksburg hosted a dinner on Friday evening where they displayed memorabilia from the original monument dedication in 1917.

Prior to the re-dedication ceremony, the Camp 326 contingent conducted a ceremony at the grave of Ste. Genevieve Union soldier George Falk who was killed at Vicksburg on May 23, 1863. It was appropriate that these three members conducted the ceremony as they discovered through conversations the night before that

they all are related to George Falk. He was Bob's great uncle and Scott and Tom's great-great uncle. He is still remembered after 154 years and his ultimate sacrifice was recognized and honored on this very special day at Vicksburg. The true cost of freedom was apparent as the graves of all Missouri soldiers in the cemetery were adorned with the Missouri flag in addition to the United States flag.

During the actual re-dedication ceremony at the recently restored Missouri monument, Camp member Tom Greminger participated in the event's honor guard made up of both SUV and SCV members. Bob Mueller helped conduct the unveiling of the monument which had been draped with a large U. S. flag. Camp member Gary Scheel was recognized by past C in C Don Palmer for his role in planning this re-dedication event.



McPherson Camp

Camp Commander Joseph Rainey reports that his camp presented a wreath at ceremonies at the National Cemetery in Fayetteville, AR, on May 29th and later in the day held ceremonies at the GAR cemetery at 12000 Skyline Dr, Sulphur Springs, AR.



Grant Camp

L-R Dept JVC Sumner Hunnewell, PCC Bob Aubuchon, Father Vincent Heier, PCC Captain Robert Amsler Jr
PCC Mark Coplin, PCinC Donald Palmer Jr, John Palmer, PDC John Avery



Above: Grant Camp at the DUVCW Monument at Jefferson Barracks. The Grant Camp regularly administers the Civil War part of ceremonies for that day.

MOURNING OUR BROTHER'S LOSS. Grant Camp has their medals draped in black mourning the loss on 6/26/2017 of Brother SVC Michael Hudson's wife, Linda. Linda J. Hudson, Linda J. (nee Strumsky) Fortified with the Sacraments of Holy Mother Church Monday, June 26, 2017. She leaves her husband of 28 years, Michael. Dear daughter of the late Walter and Margaret; our dear sister, sister-in-law, aunt, great-aunt and friend to many. Services: Funeral from KUTIS SOUTH COUNTY CHAPEL, 5255 Lemay Ferry Rd., Monday, July 3, 9:15 a.m. to St. Paul Catholic Church (Fenton) for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Private interment at Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Dogwood Animal Shelter (1075 Runabout Dr., Osage Beach, MO 65065) appreciated. Visitation Sunday, 4-8 p.m. Medals will be draped by order of Commander Coplin until the day after interment.

Reminder that US Grant Remembrance Day is July 22 at White Haven (US Grant National Historic Site), Affton, MO. Time 10am – 11 am.

Grant Camp approved for **\$700 grant to honor Last Soldier of St. Louis County – Seaman August Moreau.** Moreau, a GAR member, is buried at St. Monica's Catholic Cemetery in Creve Couer, MO. We hope to have a dedication ceremony this fall.

Wilhelmi Camp

Members of the Major Francis Wilhelmi Camp attended Artillery school at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Beaufort, MO. for the second time. The church provided breakfast and lunch for the attendees. The event was sponsored by the NCWAA Region 12. There were about 10 guns and reenactors from Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Tennessee, Arkansas and Texas. Attendees were instructed in all station on the piece by instructors. One of which was Brother Gary Dunakey. After instruction the remaining pieces fired several volleys.



Wilhelmi Camp members at the School of the Gun

Fletcher Camp

The Fletcher Camp continues to be busy throughout the spring. Many members of the camp donated their time to clean up Pilot Knob State Historic Site during the annual Civil War Trust's "Park Day" in April. We were told that we the largest group of people to descend on the park for such duty. Our hard work was rewarded with t-shirts from the Trust as well as other trinkets from the state park. Afterwards we were invited to the Noack's lakeside chateau for a lasagna dinner. Also in April, Sumner Hunnewell was delegated to lay the Department of Missouri wreath at the annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony. We were rained out of the De Soto Tractor Parade but thankfully not our houses.

During the April camp meeting, Department Commander and camp member, Randal Burd, bestowed the Dr. Mary Walker Award to Twyla Warren. Later members of the camp and auxiliary

were treated to Mark Arbuthnot's talk on *Coins of the Civil War*. Much to everyone's disappointment, his show and tell did not include free samples.

The camp participated in the ROTC/JROTC ceremonies at the close of the school year: Brothers Ollie Pechmann and Doug Roussin at Farmington H. S.'s JROTC; Duncan Noack at both Missouri S & T Army ROTC and Waynesville H. S.'s JROTC; and, Randal Burd at the Missouri AFROTC (Detachment 442).

Alas Trodus became the camp's second SUVCW Life Member in May.

The traveler and *übersammler*, Doug Roussin, found a replica CSA officer's sabre to be used in a fundraising raffle for the camp. *Anyone interested can contact any camp officer.*

Members Alan Trodus, Doug Roussin, Randal Burd, and Sumner Hunnewell traveled to Vicksburg for the rededication of the Missouri Vicksburg monument. Even with the help (?) of a new GPS device, Sumner was able to get lost at least once. It is best to have Brother Randal explain his issues with "Batesville." Even with setbacks, all members arrived on schedule. Everyone was treated royally to the dinner provided by the Friends of Vicksburg National Military Park (do not forget Past C-in-C's challenge, gents) on Friday. We could not have asked for a finer Saturday for the ceremony, but we could have asked for a cooler one. Brothers Roussin and Hunnewell were two of the four members of the SUVCW requested to unveil the refurbished monument.

The Fletcher Camp made a healthy showing at the Department Encampment in Branson. Brothers Burd, Hunnewell, Pechmann, and Roussin attended. Doug Roussin was presented the Meritorious Service Award during the luncheon. Burd and Hunnewell were elected for a second term as Department Commander and JVC, resp., and Hunnewell will be one of the department delegates to the National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan.



Various events in which camp and auxiliary members took part in uniform were Free Comic Day at *All the Rage Comics and Games* (Don Lillicrap, Colton Noack), the Arcadia Valley Mountain Music Festival (Twyla and Chris Warren), and the Pittsfield, Illinois, Lincoln Days Civil War Reenactment (Kelly Noack and Mark Arbuthnot).

And as a last note, we are giving fair warning. Doug Roussin now owns a small cannon.

Left- PCC Roussin receiving meritorious service award while his thought are far away as to whether Missouri's concealed carry law applies to cannons.

Westport Camp

Memorial Day Services

Westport Camp #64 members continued the GAR's General Order #11 custom by participating in several Memorial Day activities.

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: Kenneth Bailey, Dale Crandell, David McCann, Brian Smarker, Bob Steiert, Rodney Terry, and DUVCW member Dee Wolf.

Kansas City. Westport Camp #64 provided the flag detail for Kansas City's annual Memorial Day service at the city's Vietnam Veterans Memorial. SVR members Kenneth Bailey, Dale Crandell, and Rodney Terry raised the national colors to full staff at the traditional 12:00 noon. Michael Lundeen representing the Civil War along with Brian Smarker for the War of 1812 and Robert Grover for the Revolutionary War were part the joint color guard.



Left: SUVCW members in flag detail and joint color guard.

Medal of Honor. Each of the five Civil War Medal of Honor recipient's gravesites were 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.

Below: Private Moore's gravesite dressed for Memorial Day.



Milsap-Brenner Dedication

DUVCW Macklind Tent #24 hosted a gravesite dedication for two Civil War veterans on May 20, 2017 at St. Matthew's Cemetery, Riverside, Missouri. Westport Camp #64 provided the color guard for the service.

Private Peter Brenner (1819-1894) served in Company D, 39th Enrolled Missouri Militia Regiment, which was composed of Platte County residents. The 39th like other enrolled militias were formed in 1862 when Missouri Governor Gamble ordered all able-bodied men into service to combat guerrilla activities from Confederate sympathizers.

Private John Smith Millsap (1847-1925) served in Company H, 9th Missouri State Militia Cavalry. He was also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Unlike other militia units, the Missouri 9th remained in active duty for the duration of the war, combating guerrilla activities from Confederate sympathizers, primarily in central and northern Missouri.



Right: St. Matthew's Church and Cemetery.

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

Blue Springs High School
 Blue Springs South High School
 Independence Chrisman High School
 Independence Truman High School
 Independence Van Horn High School
 Kansas City Central Academy of Excellence
 Kansas City East High School

Knob Noster High School
 Lee's Summit High School
 Lee's Summit North High School
 Lee's Summit West High School
 Missouri Western State University
 St Joseph Benton High School
 St Joseph Central High School

Kansas City Lincoln College Prep Academy
Kansas City Northeast High School
Kansas City Southwest Early College Campus

St Joseph Lafayette High School
University of Central Missouri

Left: Brother Thomas Corum presenting certificate and medal to JROTC Air Force Cadet Clara Miller at Lee's Summit North High School.



Welcome New Members

Paul Gilbert Clum was enrolled in Westport Camp #64 during its regular meeting on April 5, 2017. Brother Clum is retired. He joined the SUVCW to honor his ancestor Private First Class Ezra Keene who served in Company M, 1st Michigan Mechanics & Engineers Regiment.

Darron Blane Howell, Sr. was enrolled in Westport Camp #64 during its regular meeting on June 7, 2017. Brother Howell is retired military and currently works as an Internet Manager for Blue Springs Ford. He joined the SUVCW to honor his ancestor Private Zenas Smith Stephens who served in Company I, 47th Missouri Infantry Regiment.

UPCOMING EVENT:



The Ste. Genevieve Sons of Union Veterans Camp #326

Presents

A Civil War Event on the Courthouse Square SATURDAY, August 19, 2017

Commemorating the Formation of the Ste. Genevieve 78th Enrolled Missouri Militia, Federal troops occupying the courthouse and other related local Civil War events.

11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Bring your lawn chair and enjoy Missouri Civil War history

From 10 AM to 2 PM

A living history exhibit on the life of a Civil War soldier ~ Drill exercises for the kids or the kid in you ~ Discover your Ste. Genevieve ancestor who fought in the Civil War

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Allied Orders Section



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

Missouri Past Commanders of the organization include: Theodore Mohr of St. Louis (Commander 1951-1955); Hazel Moushay of Lemay (Commander 1972); Margaret Grothe of Lemay (Commander 2004); Walt Busch of Fenton (Commander 2009); Robert Petrovic of Cedar Hill (Commander 2011); Martin Aubuchon of St. Louis (Commander 2014); James Pabl, dual member of Grant Camp (Commander 2015) and Donald Palmer Jr, of Ballwin (Commander 2016).

This year the group meets October 6 and 7 in Cleveland, Ohio, and more information will eventually be posted on the website <http://www.craalliedorders.org/>. October 6 is traditionally a get together day and Saturday is a day of a morning activity followed by a program and meeting in the afternoon. As several members usually attend, carpooling is a possibility. All SUVCW members in Missouri are entitled to show up at these meetings, learn and make friends in the other organizations.

Things to do in Cleveland include a zoo, trout & walleye fishing, first rate art and history museums, USS Cod Submarine Memorial, the James A Garfield Monument, the Cleveland Indians, and visiting the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame to picket them for not having the Monkees or the Moody Blues inducted yet.

Not an Allied Order, but an Upcoming Civil War Event

U.S. Grant Symposium to be held in Cape Girardeau

The Missouri Civil War Heritage Foundation and the Missouri Humanities Council are co-sponsoring the 4th annual U.S. Grant Symposium on Sep 19, 2017. The featured speaker will be Ronald C. White, author of *American Ulysses*. The symposium will begin at 1:00 PM and go into the evening at Heritage Hall, 102 N. Main St., Cape Girardeau. During the event, the traveling display *A State Divided: The Civil War in Missouri* will be at Heritage Hall.

Grant spent some time in Cape Girardeau and the area. The Battle of Belmont site is about 1 hour south of Cape, and Kentucky side of the battlefield can be reached in about 1 ½ hours. There are also many markers in the Cape Girardeau area describing the events of General John S Marmaduke's 1863 Raid into the city. The Court of Common Pleas has a large Union soldiers monument, and on the south side of the city, the earthworks known as Fort D, built by the 2nd Illinois Light Artillery, Co. F (which was largely composed of Cape Girardeau citizens) is still present and has several educational markers inside it. With the symposium there is plenty to do on a weekend in Cape Girardeau.

For more information, check out: <https://www.facebook.com/grantsymposium/>

Battle of Pilot Knob Re-Enactment

September 23 & 24, 2017

Battle of Pilot Knob State Historic Site
Pilot Knob, Missouri



Schedule of Events

Saturday:

8 AM - Camps open to the public
8 AM - Officers call (inside museum - re-enactors only)
9 AM - Museum opens
9 - 11 AM - Artillery, Infantry and Cavalry Drill
12 Noon - Opening Ceremonies with Military
1 PM - Running Battle to Fort begins
1:30 PM - Main Battle commences
6 PM - Officer's Soiree
6 PM - Museum closes
7 PM - Grand Ball - 52nd Regimental Band
8:30 PM - Blowing up the Fort
9:10 PM - Grand Ball resumes
10 PM - Event and Vendors close down

Sunday:

8 AM - Camps open to the public
8 AM - Officers Call (inside museum - re-enactors only)
9 AM - Museum opens
9 - 11 AM - Artillery, Infantry and Cavalry Drill
10 AM - 12 Noon - Music 52nd Regimental Band
1:30 PM - Main Battle commences
3 PM - Sutler, Vendor tents begin closing down
4 PM - Museum closes/Event ends

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