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**THE UNIQUE LITTLE CHAPEL AT JEFFERSON BARRACKS,  
In which nearly all the renowned Warriors of the Country, both North and South, have worshipped.**

From Colonel John Emerson's "Grant's Life in the West and His Mississippi Valley Campaigns," *The Midland Monthly*. 1896

**ABOUT THIS ISSUE: (COVER) The above sketch surprised Jefferson Barracks personnel who had not seen it before. (THE REST) Who Captured General Marmaduke, Encampment News, Memorial Day Remembrances, Camp News, and upcoming events. Could you ask for more? Ok, so then read about the SVR member trying to get a purple heart!**

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## Events on the Horizon

- 7-4 4<sup>th</sup> of July – Various locations or visit Fort Davidson State Historic Site.
- 7-20 US Grant Remembrance Day -- US Grant National Historic Site, Affton, MO –  
Sponsor: US Grant Camp
- 7-20 2nd Quarter Reports Due to Department Secretary
- 8- 8 to 8-11 SUVCW Nat'l Encampment Brookfield, Wisconsin
- 8- 25 Gen. Thomas Ewing's Order No. 11 SUVCW Sesquicentennial  
Signature Event, Kansas City & Independence, MO.  
Sponsor: Westport Camp.
- 9- 29 Capt. Constantin Blandowski Remembrance -- St Stanislaus Church, St. Louis,  
MO. --- Sponsor: Sherman Camp
- 10 -5 Central Region Association Conference -- Bardstown, KY –  
Sponsor: US Grant Camp
- 10- 12 Dept. of Mo Business Meeting Capitol Bldg., Jefferson City, MO
- 10-20 3rd Quarter Reports Due to Department Secretary
- 11- 11 Remembrance Day Camps ---- Check local listings.
- 11-23 Remembrance Day Gettysburg Address Gettysburg, PA

## Editor's Comments

*If you do not see your camp's information in this edition or it isn't as prominent as you hoped, then you need to take an interest in submitting digitized information to the editor. The editor is willing to work with all the camps to insure they are properly represented, but he has to receive something to edit something. Walt Busch [wbusch@suvchwmo.org](mailto:wbusch@suvchwmo.org)*

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WHO CAPTURED MARMADUKE?

HEADQUARTERS CAVALRY DIVISION, }  
ST. LOUIS, Nov. 8, 1864. }

Editors Missouri Democrat:

I beg to call your attention to the following erroneous statement regarding the capture of the rebel General Marmaduke, and to set you right in the matter.

The item was published in your paper of this morning, and appears to be original with you:



Sketch of Cavalry Fight, Paul Cameron, St. James Camp. Collection of Fort Davidson SHS

MARMADUKE'S CAPTOR A BOY.-- The rebel General Marmaduke was captured by a little boy belonging to one of the Kansas regiments. He at first refused to surrender to an "inferior officer," but was immediately *persuaded* to do so. The lad brought him to General Curtis' headquarters, where he introduced himself, much to the surprise of all, but especially of the boy hero. General Curtis asked the boy how long he had to serve before his term of enlistment would transpire. The reply was, "eight months." The General immediately wrote him a furlough for that time, and presented him with the horse, revolvers, belt and sabre of the rebel General.

Generals Marmaduke and Cabell, and over six hundred other rebels, and seven pieces of artillery, were captured by a most dashing charge made by the troops of the 1st and 4th brigades of this division. The first brigade was commanded by Colonel Phillips, 7th cavalry, M.S.M., and the 4th by Lieutenant Colonel Benton[sic- Benteen], 10th Missouri cavalry, and no Kansas soldiers participated in any way in the action. Marmaduke and Cabell, after their capture, surrendered formally to General Pleasanton, and were by him sent to the rear, in charge of a staff officer, General Curtis neither seeing or conversing with them until the following day, at Fort Scott. If Kansas soldiers have Marmaduke's horse, they have no more right to him than they have to many others taken by them from the State. Had Kansas acquisitiveness confined itself to the appropriation of public and private property alone, no special objections would have been made; but when it claims laurels for the attainment of which Missourians fought and bled, it is time the public knew the facts relating thereto.

Troops never fought more gallantly, marched better, or endured more hardships, than did the Missouri cavalry, during the late campaign against Price and it is a matter of great regret to them that Missouri newspapers should persistently disparage and misrepresent their deeds.

Hoping that you will publish the above, in partial atonement for the many incorrect statements made in your paper against the brave Missouri soldiers,

I remain,

Yours, &c.,

CLIFFORD THOMPSON,

1st Lieut. 1st N.Y. cav., and A.A.A.G.

# DEPARTMENT TELEGRAPH



*C-in-C Perley Mellor speaks to the 18<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment and later swears in the new officers led by Commander Larry Dietzel and presents outgoing Commander Martin Aubuchon with his well-deserved past commander's badge.*

*National President Jane Graham of the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans and several of her national officers graced our encampment with their presence. They also swore in the officers and presented the charter of the newly formed Julia Dent Grant Camp of the A-SUVCW.*

*Missouri now has three active A-SUVCW camps and that is all that is needed to have an A-SUVCW department in this state. All SUVCW camps are challenged to help start up an Auxiliary. Missouri SUVCW is in the forefront for many national initiatives. We should be in the forefront in getting an A-SUVCW department to help honor our Union ancestors.*





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### Department Order No. 1

Monday, June 3, 2013

Department of Missouri:

Capt. GN Spradling Camp No. 72 sadly announces the passing of Brother William Rodney Penn from Sallisaw, Oklahoma, on December 17, 2012 in Fort Smith, AR at the age of 42. Brother Penn's obituary may be located at the listed link:

<http://www.mallorymartinfuneralhome.com/webapp/Penn,%20William%20Rodney>

In remembrance of Brother William Rodney Penn, the Department of Missouri charter, all camp charters, Department and Camp flags, Department and Camp web sites, and all membership badges will be draped in black from 3 June, 2013 until 3 July, 2013.

Ordered this 3th day of June 2013. Attest:

Larry D Dietzel P.C.C.

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Department Communiqué No. 1  
Monday, June 17, 2013

Brothers of the Department of Missouri:

I wish to thank all of the Brothers who attended the 18<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment this year. I also would like to thank the Encampment Committee who worked very hard on putting it all together, which is no easy task. I am very excited to be able to serve the department this coming year as your commander. My main goal is to leave the department in better shape than when I started.

In accordance with a vote taken at the March 2013 Department Business Meeting, the position of Archivist of Records is hereby abolished and its duties transferred to the Historical Records Committee. I would like to thank Brother John J. Martin, PDC, for his service in this role. I would like to remind all camps in the department of the records archives process. Each camp needs to submit its records for historical purposes to the Missouri State Archives office nearest your camp. We have not worked out the process for our two camps in Arkansas at this point in time. This project was developed by Brother John J. Martin, PDC again many thanks for his service.

One of my goals is to grow this department over this next year. I hope to use the Department Junior Vice Commander and each Camp Junior Vice Commander to help get this done. I would like to bring in two new camps, with at least one somewhere on the west side of the state. We have many cities that could support a camp: St. Joseph, Kirksville, Joplin, Carthage, Sedalia, and Hannibal, just to name a few. I also wish to challenge every brother in this department to bring into our brotherhood one new member between now and the next Department Encampment in 2014.

I am planning to visit as many camps as my work schedule allows over the next year. I would like all Camp Commanders to contact me with the date and times of their respective camp's meetings at their earliest convenience.

I have one more thing to ask: I would like to have one Brother from each camp serve on the 2014 Department Encampment Committee and have some recommendations for locations by the October meeting. If you would like to serve please contact me by email with your request to serve as soon as possible.

Together, we can achieve great things. I want to build a Department where camps will work together to accomplish bigger and better projects and goals.

If at any time you have any questions, concerns, or ideas to help improve this department, do not hesitate to contact me.

*Yours in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,*

Attest:

Larry D. Dietzel, P.C.C.



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**Department Order No. 2**

**Monday, June 17, 2013**

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

**Saturday, October 12, 2013 at 10:00 AM**

**House Hearing Room # 7**

**State Capitol Building**

**Jefferson City, Missouri**

**Saturday, March 8, 2014 at 10:00 AM**

**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 should submit written reports and transmit them to the Commander and Department Secretary Randal A. Burd, Jr. at least one week prior to the business meeting.

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

Ordered this 17th day of June 2013.

Attest:

Larry D. Dietzel, P.C.C.

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# Volunteers Wanted

**Camp  
Commanders  
&  
SVCs**



**ROTC  
Coordinators  
&  
Alumni**

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SUVCW sponsors a ROTC/JROTC award program that honors cadets selected by the local ROTC/JROTC unit commanders who “shows a high degree of patriotism to his/her Nation and has demonstrated a high degree of academic performance and leadership.” The award includes a certificate and medal. This nationwide ROTC/JROTC award program is one of our best community outreach programs and a rare opportunity for a camp to connect to area colleges and high schools. The Department’s ROTC/JROTC award program is well established and demonstrated grown in the recent two years.

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We need camps to volunteer to sponsor their local college ROTC units for presentations during the Spring 2014 ROTC award season.

**Lincoln University  
Missouri University of Science & Technology  
St. Louis University  
University of Central Missouri  
Washington University  
Arkansas State University  
University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff**

**Missouri State University  
Missouri Western State University  
Truman State University  
University of Missouri  
Wentworth Military Academy  
University of Arkansas  
University of Central Arkansas**

For more information or to volunteer yourself or camp, contact the Department’s ROTC Coordinator Dale Crandell at [dcrandell@sucwmo.org](mailto:dcrandell@sucwmo.org).

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**Department of Missouri**

# CAMP DISPATCHES



**Columbia Tiger  
Camp** held Civil War  
Days on May 7<sup>th</sup> at Midway  
Elementary School, Midway,  
MO.

Brother Larry Dietzel, now  
Dept. Commander, and  
Brother Rob Allen are the  
ones who started this event  
many years ago.

To All Camps: The Eads Award has undergone revisions and it is now possible that several camps can receive the award each year. The new form should be on the website in the near future. In the meantime if you want a copy of it contact Secretary Randal Burd, Jr. PCC Sigel



Our website [www.suvcwmo.org](http://www.suvcwmo.org) now has webpages for the Eagle Scout and ROTC Recognition programs. Check it out.

## TIGER CAMP HONORS AFRICAN-AMERICAN POST

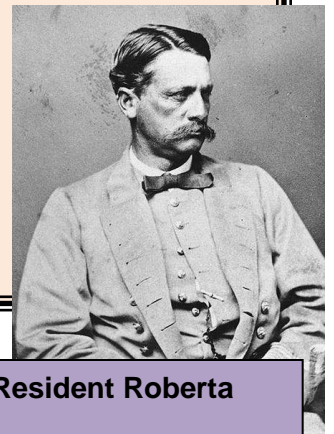
The Columbia Tiger Camp #432 takes its camp number from the Columbia G.A.R. Post #432. This post was one of the finest posts in Boone County during the latter years of the 1890's. The Columbia Post was one of the few African American posts in the G.A.R. Many local tradesmen were members and they met in various locations including the many African churches.

They would meet at least once a week for bean suppers or barbeques to support local veterans and their families. Few records of the Columbia post exist. The only ones we found are in old Columbia newspapers and a few G.A.R. records. Stories like that of Wallace Lilly, the last known Post Commander who died in 1926. He is buried with his wife in the Columbia Cemetery in an unmarked grave. The Tiger Camp is currently raising funds to place a stone for the late Commander and his wife. But, since the VA is not allowing groups to obtain stones without a family member and Lilly did not have children, a private stone will be made. Lilly was an avid worker to get headstones for all veterans, and especially the colored troops buried in Columbia Cemetery.

### **THE LAST SHOT OF THE CIVIL WAR:** Bering Sea, Russian Territory near Alaska.

Capt. James Waddell fires on an American Whaling ship. Between June 22 and 28, 1865, C.S.S. Shenandoah sank or captured two dozen American ships near Little Diomed. A passing British ship finally convinces him the war is over. Waddell then disguised his ship and flees to England, surrendering on Nov. 5.

A U.S. Navy Cold War Era Destroyer, U.S.S. Waddell DDG-24, bears his name.



### **GAR Memorial Recently Re-Discovered by Grant City Resident Roberta Owens**

Grant City's Ellsworth Post #12 had the memorial erected in 1896 to honor those Union soldiers who had given their lives in the Civil War. Mr. Del Eighmy, Sr., a local resident, was commissioned to sculpt an appropriate monument to be placed in the Grant City Cemetery. The stone was 3 feet square, 11 feet, 5 inches long and weighed in excess of 8 tons. It is of a tree stump with accoutrements of the war hung upon it. On Memorial Day, 1896, a crowd estimated at 6,000 gathered in the cemetery for the dedication ceremony,.

It will be on our website with the next year's updates.

# Sherman Camp Presentation to C-in-C Perley Mellor

At the June 1 annual department encampment, Sherman/Billy Yank Camp

Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Champlin, presented to National Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor a commemorative silver coin on behalf of the camp. The coin is a part of a series issued by the Republic of Liberia in commemoration of the American Civil War. The coin rated, as a proof from the year 2000 issue, contains .999 silver, and is titled "The Surrender at Appomattox Court House." Accepting the gift, Commander-in-Chief Mellor stated that he "would treasure it always."



Photo Left: C-in-C Perley Mellor and Robert Champlin, PCC

Below: Liberian Coin – definitely not to scale

In 1847, settlers declared the Republic of Liberia, basing their constitution on the U.S. Constitution. The new republic was founded by former slaves who had returned to Africa from America.





# WILLIAM T. SHERMAN

## CAMP #65

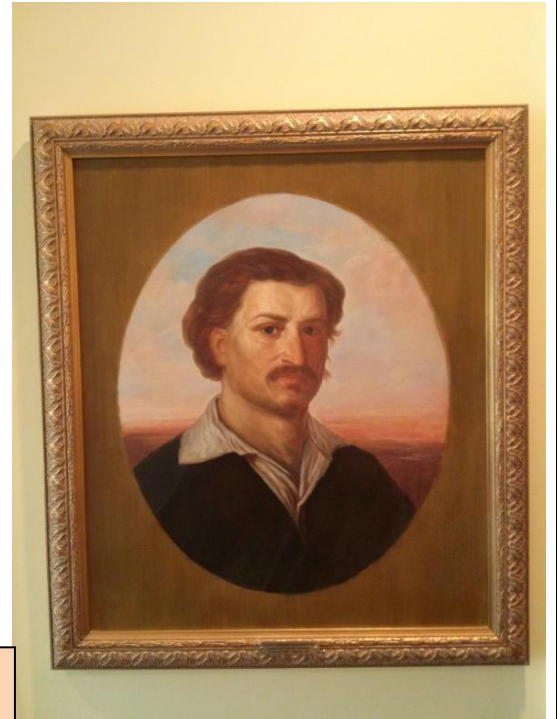
**This has been submitted to be a Sesquicentennial Signature Event.**

**The William T. Sherman “Billy Yank” Camp #65 in St. Louis, MO., is sponsoring a dedication ceremony honoring Captain Constantin Blandowski. Captain Blandowski was the first field officer to die in the Civil War because of his actions during the Camp Jackson Affair, in St. Louis, in May 1861.**

**Because of his Polish heritage, St. Stanislaus Church, 1413 North 20<sup>th</sup> Street, in St. Louis, is co-sponsoring the event. On September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 11:00AM on the church grounds, a monument will be unveiled honoring his contribution to the war effort. Speakers will include: a Polish Catholic Bishop; Charles Brennan, KMOX Radio; Dr. Donald Palmer, Past SUVCW C-in-C; and, Rear Admiral Lee Metcalf, USN Ret. Henry Marganski, a Polish-American veteran captured by the Russians and put into a labor camp during WWII, will be a guest of honor. The keynote speaker will be the Honorable Francis Slay, Mayor of St. Louis, who is half Polish.**

**There will be a small encampment and static displays of equipment, weapons and information tables for recruitment. The ceremony will conclude with a presentation of wreaths, a rifle salute and “taps”. Following the ceremony there will be a period fashion show in the church hall with period music, food and refreshments for sale, a Civil War musket raffle, Polish memorabilia, WWII vehicles and Captain Blandowski’s original Civil War sword will be on display. More info: Noel at 314-5406472**

**TRIVIA:** *Captain Blandowski was the first field grade officer wounded on May 10, 1861 and clings to life until May 25, 1861. Colonel Elmer Ellsworth was wounded on May 24 and died instantly. Therefore, Ellsworth receives the distinction of being the first Union officer to die in a military action. Captain Blandowski lays in an unmarked grave in South St. Louis off of Gravois Rd.*



**CAPTAIN CONSTANTIN BLANDOWSKI**

**Company F, 3<sup>rd</sup> Missouri Volunteer Infantry**

# *Wilhelmi Camp Active in Franklin Co.*



(From Left to Right) Camp Commander Ron Burke , Secretary/Treasurer Glen Alsop and Patriotic Instructor Jack Laubinger set up a recruiting display at the Spring Bluff Heritage Days on June 8. The Heritage Days are to display items of local history and to raise money for local youth groups. There were photos of people and businesses in the area dating back to the 1800's. There were also 4 Classic cars and small farm machinery. The family of the late Elizabeth Bruns, a long time school

teacher and historian, displayed items from her life and family. We gave out about 6 applications.

The camp held a graveside ceremony in the Buffalo Cemetery at Sullivan, MO. Eight 3rd and 4th descendants of Sergeant Christian Rommelmann, Co. G 85th Enrolled Missouri Militia, were in attendance and placed a G.A.R. marker and flowers at the grave.

**Did You Know?** The Central Region Association of the Allied Orders has been in existence since 1940 and all members of any Allied Order (SUVCW, DUVCW, A-SUVCW, WRC or L-GAR) from Missouri, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky or Tennessee may attend their functions and have voting rights during their meeting. Their next meeting is October 5 in Bardstown, KY.  
[http://www.grantcamp.org/public\\_html/centralregionassoc.htm](http://www.grantcamp.org/public_html/centralregionassoc.htm)

Dept. Commander Larry Dietzel opened the ceremony by addressing the family regarding the goals and continuing mission of the SUVCW. Jackie Grenda, who requested the ceremony, spoke about the life and family of Sgt. Rommelmann. Camp members Glen Alsop, PCC Sec./Tres.; Tom Alsop, Chaplain; Ron Burke, Camp Commander; Jack Laubinger Patriotic Instructor; Scott Brown, Sigel Camp Commander were present as was Ajay Alsop, of our camp as the flag bearer.



# Memorial Day Reflections by Mark Coplin, PCC, CC, U.S. Grant Camp #68

Camp Cmdr Coplin presents SVC James Egbert the camp's EADS award for all the grave registrations he did this past year (close to 1,000)



This Memorial Day was a beautiful day in Jefferson Barracks. Four members of Grant Camp's 2nd MO Volunteer Infantry SVR unit participated in the ceremony. Department Commander Marty Aubuchon was part of that group. Things ran very smoothly, but the parade was a bit on the short side. With so many of our WWII veterans passing away the lines are thinning.

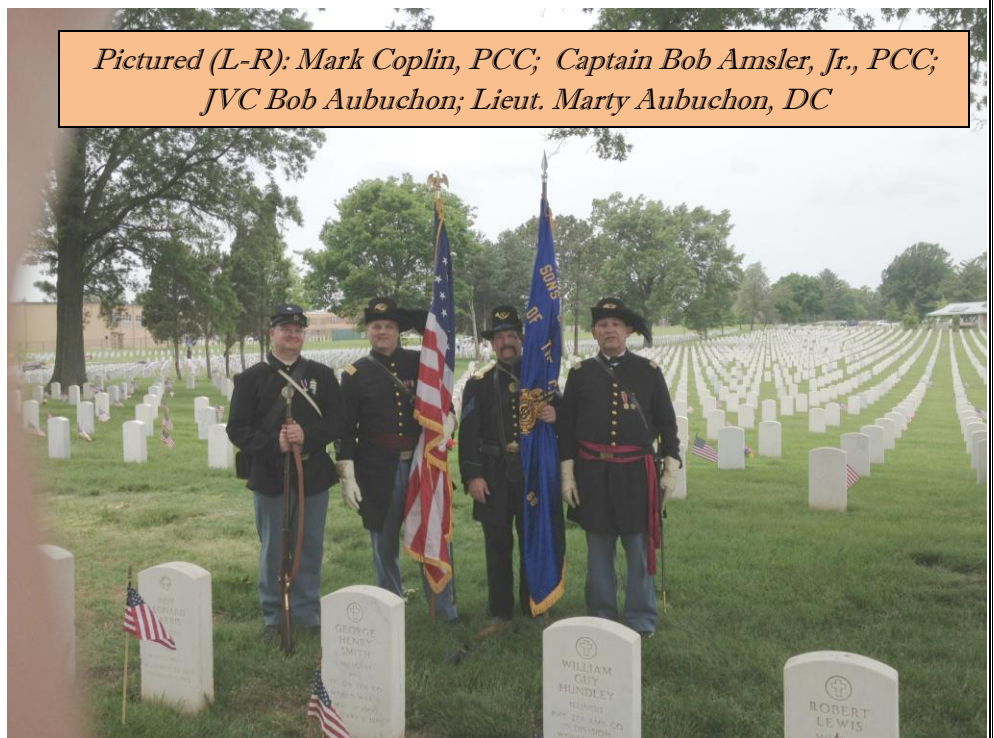
Sherman camp took charge of the Union ceremony this year. Jack Grothe did a great job representing our fellow brothers. Capt. Greg Zelinske did a fantastic job in directing the honor guard and directing the firing sequence. We even assisted the Confederates with their honor guard. They were so scared of our superior numbers that only two 'rebs' showed up with muskets. The rest were officers. Both presentations ran a bit longer then needed. The Confederate program lasted over 50 minutes. We need to work on this and keep the program to about 15 minutes for each side. The public and our members have already marched and stood listening to other speakers going on 2

hours. Let's do better next year. ‘

On a person note I was wounded in the line of duty. I had never trained loading my musket with mounted bayonet. During one of my reloads my wrist hit the blade as I pushed the ram rod down the barrel of the musket. I applied pressure to my wound and kept on firing as ordered. "It was only a flesh wound." At least so claimed our captain. My camp members refuse to let me get a purple heart [*chiefly because there was no such medal in the Civil War – ed*]. They even laughed at me. [*And this surprises Mark??- ed.*] I did get the blood stains out of my sack coat.

And a final note - the reason for Memorial Day. I was honored to be able to go over to the grave of a former camp member's grave with his son, Bob Amsler Jr. I offered to take his picture standing behind his dad's tomb stone. We both remembered Bob in our own ways I as a brother camp member and Bob as his son. That is what Memorial Day is about -

**Remembering.**



*Pictured (L-R): Mark Coplin, PCC; Captain Bob Amsler, Jr., PCC; JVC Bob Aubuchon; Lieut. Marty Aubuchon, DC*

# Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp # 326 Ste. Genevieve

## Memorial Day

The camp observed Memorial Day at the VFW Hall in Ste. Genevieve with Bob Mueller, Tom Greminger and Tom Farlow in attendance. From there they proceeded to the Memorial Cemetery in Ste. Genevieve where they were joined by Joe Williams, Gary Scheel and Auxiliary member Mary Scheel. We met at Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James' grave where we placed the G.A.R. Star and flag in his memory. We also placed an old G.A.R. Star marker and flag in memory of Musician Jacob Zimmer, 30<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry who died in December, 1862, at the hospital in Ste. Genevieve. His grave site is unknown. We marched to the graves of Sgt. Augustus Schweiss, Company K 78<sup>th</sup> Enrolled Missouri Militia and Corporal Amos Culver, Company K 47<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry where a representative of the VFW and American Legion placed flags. There were several members of the community present at our ceremony.

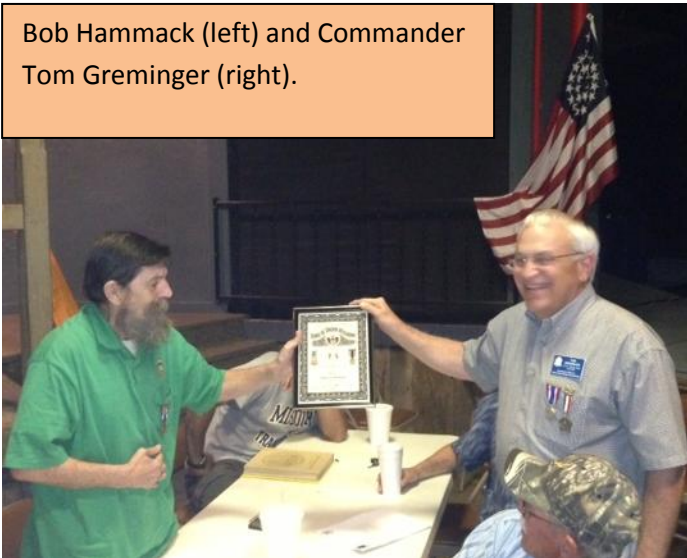


Photo courtesy of Linda Mueller

## Bob's Great Work and other Camp News

On June 11<sup>th</sup> twelve members were present at our meeting at the Orris Theater. Camp Commander Tom Greminger presented the Francis P. Blair award to Bob Hammack who was recognized by the Department of Missouri for his activities as Department Grave Registration Officer and Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator.

Bob Hammack (left) and Commander Tom Greminger (right).



### **THE GAR DIDN'T JUST HAVE POSTS AND DEPARTMENTS.**

The Ozark Battalion was apparently a grouping of GAR posts in south-central and southeast Missouri counties (mostly it seems Dent, Crawford and Phelps Counties) who held their own separate reunions. One monument in a Salem, MO, cemetery has been found bearing this name.

After the meeting Gary Scheel gave a presentation on Major General John A. Logan. Our topics next month will be on the Battles of Gettysburg and Vicksburg.

Camp Commander Tom Greminger and Paul Cameron attended the Department Encampment in St. Louis on Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>. Tom Greminger was elected to serve a term on the Department Council of Administration. Gary Scheel attended the dinner on Friday May 31<sup>st</sup> held for the National Commander-in-Chief in the St. Louis area.



# *PHELPS CAMP*

## **“1863” LECTURE SERIES THIS SUMMER**



The final schedule has been set, with many great programs scheduled at the Springfield Library Center from July 10-20. Phelps Camp will be sponsoring our own Michael Price's presentation entitled: "Victor of Gettysburg: George Meade and Civil War History" on Friday, July 19 at 6:30 p.m. We will have a recruiting table at the talk from 5:45 to 7:45. Jim and Patty Millikin have volunteered to man the table, but they would welcome any help. We may also have the option of having a table at a talk the following day from 3:30 to 5:30.

## **LAST SOLDIER PROJECT**

The Last Soldier Project is a national SUV initiative to mark the grave of the last Civil War soldier in each county. Phelps Camp members have agreed to help with this project in southwest Missouri. Our first potential last soldier marking endeavor will take place in Lebanon (Laclede County), and camp members will be presented with possible designs for an appropriate plaque/marker at upcoming meetings. Based on current information, Laclede's Last Solider is William H. Turner of Co. E, 2<sup>nd</sup> Connecticut Heavy Artillery who died 8 June 1941. More information on this project may be found at <http://suvcw.org/last/lastsoldier.htm> & <http://www.suvcwmo.org/last-soldier-project.php>.

# *ASBOTH CAMP*

The Battle of Wentzville will take place on August 24 &25, 2013 This will be the 152th anniversary of the action that took place at Wentzville. All re-enactors are urged to put this event on their calendars. Artillery bounty will be provided to the first six guns registered. Cavalry bounty will be provided for twenty horses, and Infantry bounty will be provided to units fielding a minimum of six rifles. As before, we will provide bottled water and ice. All other normal amenities apply. We will be camping in town and will use the "battlefield" there.

Check the 5th MO Vol. Cavalry Facebook page for updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Co-C-5th-Regt-MO-Vol-Cavalry>.

An event registration form is attached. For More Information: (314) 369-0444. Hope to see you all in Wentzville

# McCormick Camp # 215 & Fletcher Camp #47

Our two camps work very closely together and truly share the bonds of Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty. Since the last issue of the “Missouri Unionist” our two camps have been quite busy with activities and planning upcoming ones. On June 1, members of our camps attended the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Department of Missouri’s Encampment in St. Louis. While in attendance, Chris Warren, PDC was elected Department Council Chairman. Commander-in-Chief, Perley Mellor, was also in attendance, and so both camps presented him with gifts: Fletcher Camp presented him with Camp Commander,



Doug Roussin’s book “Plates, Belts, and Swords of the Grand Army of the Republic and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War” and McCormick Camp presented him



with Camp Member, Bob Schmidt’s book “A History of the Grand Army of the Republic Post #215.” Doug Roussin also had a wonderful display of GAR memorabilia at this event.



June 17 saw members of both camps assisting McCormick Camp Commander, Chris Warren, with his presentation “Civil War Flags of Missouri & Arkansas” for the Park Hills Public Library. The library had received a special grant which had to include some “Family Night” activities, and this also included the purchase of some Civil War books for the library’s collection. Members came dressed in Civil War attire to answer questions and to demonstrate Civil War soldiers.

Finally, we participated in Fort Davidson State Historic Site’s “100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Last G.A.R. Campfire inside Fort Davidson” event. Members portrayed GAR members and Sons of Veterans (the younger guys), and gave short first-person portrayals of actual Civil War

soldiers. They also sang patriotic songs and answered the public's questions on the GAR and Civil War. McCormick Camp Commander, Chris Warren, portrayed Capt. Thomas H. Macklind for this event. Commander Warren and Fletcher Camp Commander, Doug Roussin, had original GAR medals, buttons, and misc. on their attire.

In closing, the next few months look to be busy, as both camps are co-hosting two Civil War soldiers' gravestone dedication ceremonies, marching in a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, and more. We truly try to educate the public about the "boys in blue" and honor our Civil War ancestors to the best of our abilities.

## *FLETCHER CAMP*



On April 20, 2013, members of the General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp 47 set up an encampment at the home of their namesake in Hillsboro, MO. The 2 day camp was set up at the invitation of the Fletcher Home Historical Society. The Fletcher Camp was assisted by the help of General James McCormack Camp 215 and the Louisa Volker Auxiliary - SUVCW.

**Picture #1:** Kathie Roussin looks on while Mark Arbuthnot makes coffee and Doug Roussin pops popcorn.



**Picture #2:** On May 18, members of the General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp 47 march in the Armed Forces Day Parade in Hillsboro, Mo. The ladies carrying the banner are members of the Louisa Volker Auxiliary-SUVCW.

The Gen. James McPherson Camp#1 held a Memorial Day observance in the Little Rock National cemetery on May 27. Camp Secretary-Treasurer David Casto held a book signing at the Books-A-Million in North Little Rock for his new book, ***Arkansas Late in the Civil War: The 8th Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, April 1864-July 1865.***

# Sigel Camp #614 Honors Union Veterans

## at Various Events

Sigel Camp #614 recently attended and participated in several events hosted by other camps and community organizations honoring Union veterans. Camp Commander C. Scott Brown (right) represented the camp on May 27 by participating in the Memorial Day ceremony sponsored by the South Central Regional Veterans Group at Veterans Memorial Park in Rolla.



SVC Randal A. Burd, Jr., who is also Secretary for the department, and his father, Randal A. Burd, Sr., represented the Rolla camp at the Department of Missouri Encampment at Holiday Inn-South in Mehlville, Missouri. The Department of Missouri

(which includes Arkansas) was delighted to have as guests SUVCW National Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor and Auxiliary to the SUVCW National President Jane Graham and her staff. C. Scott Brown was appointed Chaplain for the Department of Missouri for 2013-2014 by incoming Department Commander Larry Dietzel of Columbia.

The 1913 GAR Encampment in Pilot Knob, Missouri, was remembered at a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at Fort



L to R: R. Burd. Sr. and Jr. and C-in-C Mellor

Davidson on June 22, 2013. The event, hosted by Missouri Division of State Parks, included participation from members of several Department of Missouri camps and a period band. Randal A. Burd, Jr. and his father attended the event for Sigel Camp, where they listened to the scripted and unscripted stories by other brothers in the Department, sang, and shared a campfire with comrades as our ancestors in the GAR would have years ago.

On Sunday, June 23, 2013, Wilhelmi Camp #17 dedicated a headstone for Sgt. Christian L. Rommelman of the

85<sup>th</sup> E.M.M. at Buffalo Cemetery in Sullivan, Missouri. Camp Commander C. Scott Brown (right) participated in this event along with Department Commander Larry Dietzel and others.

These events, along with several grave registrations by Randal A. Burd, Jr., have brought Sigel Camp #614 to the third quarter of 2013, where they hope to add new members and participate in community events like Rolla's annual Patriot Day Rally in Lion's Club Park, to further the mission of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



# General Thomas Ewing's General Order #11



George Caleb Bingham's 1870 painting of General Order No. 11

**Date:**  
**August 25, 2013**

**Time:**  
**2:00 – 4:00 pm**

**Place:**  
**Heritage Plaza**  
**1034 West Lexington**  
**Independence, Missouri**

Join the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for a living history re-enactment of enforcement of General Order #11 along with a question-and-answer session with local Civil War enthusiasts and historians on the impact of the Order to western Missouri.

In the summer of 1864, the Missouri-Kansas Border War had reached a breaking point. With the collapse of the women's prison house and massacre at Lawrence, Kansas just days earlier, General Thomas Ewing was pressured to restore order in his District of the Border.

General Order #11 ordered the forced evacuation of all rural residents, regardless of their loyalty, from Bates, Cass, Jackson, and part of Vernon Counties, Missouri. Those who could prove loyalty to the Union were permitted to stay in the region, but had to leave their farms and move to communities near military outposts. Those who could not prove Union loyalty had to abandon their farms and leave the district.



**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
**Civil War Sesquicentennial Signature Event**

# WESTPORT CAMP HONORS MO SONS OF VETERANS' FIRST COMMANDER

## **Crysler Gravesite Dedication**

By Brian Smarker, PDC

It was 1884 when Kansas City attorney Charles Crysler was elected as the first Division Commander for the Missouri, Sons of Veterans of the United States of America (SV). This charter member of the organization joined in honor of his father, former Mayor of Independence, Cornell Crysler. Charles Crysler held the commander's post for two years.

It was Memorial Day 2013, 127 years after his term ended, when Westport Camp #64 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) honored Cornell Crysler for defending his country by raising volunteer Co. D 122nd New York Infantry and his son, Charles, for participating as a charter member of the Division of Missouri and serving as its first commander, or Colonel. The SV was created by the Grand Army of the Republic in late 1881 and was the predecessor to the SUVCW.

Several members of Westport Camp #64 participated in the graveside ceremony providing wreath placements and a gun salute. The grave of Charles Crysler was marked with a Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War medallion which was unveiled during the ceremony. Mayor Don B. Reimal of Independence proclaimed March 24, 2013 as Crysler Remembrance Day. March 24 was the original date set for the ceremony, but due to inclement weather, the event

was rescheduled for May 27, 2013.

For more information about Cornell and Charles Crysler, visit the Department of Missouri's website with a short biography of Charles Crysler at

<http://suvcmo.org/commanders1-1884.php>.



***Charles Crysler's headstone at Mount Washington Cemetery, Independence, Missouri.***

# Memorial Day in KC

*Cannon salute at Kansas City's historic Union Cemetery for Memorial Day service.*



Westport Camp #64 and SVR 1<sup>st</sup> Missouri State Militia members provided color guards for Memorial Day ceremonies at both Kansas City's Liberty Memorial and Union Cemetery. The Kansas City area's largest Memorial Day observance is Liberty Memorial under the shadow of the National World War I Memorial. The ceremony includes a parade of local color guards from military, veteran, hereditary, JROTC, and scouting groups. This year's keynote speaker was Governor Jay Nixon.

Threatening lightning storms abbreviated the memorial services at Kansas City's historic Union Cemetery, but the traditional joint color guard representing veterans from the Revolutionary War through World War I continued on, as did a cannon salute to the veterans buried at Union Cemetery. SUVCW-SVR members also provided a private recognition for Civil War veteran and Medal of Honor recipient Private Nathaniel McLean Gwynne who is buried at Union Cemetery.

## **Medal of Honor**

For a third year, Westport Camp #64 participated in a joint ceremony to honor a local Medal of Honor recipient. This year's event honored Sergeant Thomas Toohey (1835-1918) with a graveside ceremony on Memorial Day, May 27, 2013. Sergeant Toohey was a veteran of the Civil War and received his Medal of Honor in 1917 for gallantry and bravery on the battle line during the Battle of Franklin on November 30, 1865.

**Wreath lying at Sergeant Toohey's grave on Memorial Day**



Often called the Congressional Medal of Honor, it is the nation's highest honor for military valor and has only been awarded to 3,472 men and women. Battle records and Sergeant Toohey's medal citation show he was a line soldier at an important point that saw heavy action and casualties. While there were several Medals of Honor awarded for captured Confederate flags that day, only two, including Sergeant Toohey's, were awarded for service on the battle line. Sergeant Toohey was wounded at the Battle of Franklin, but remained in service until the regiment was mustered-out at war's end on July 10, 1865 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The ceremony honoring Sergeant Toohey was a joint-event by the local Kansas City chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution, Society of the War of 1812, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Bugles Across America.

### RESEARCHERS NEEDED:

The department website is chock full of information on Missouri GAR commanders, posts, Civil War monuments and Missouri's Last Soldiers. We have some of the SV/SUVCW Commanders information known, but need more. ARKANSAS, however, requires a lot of our attention. Out of 75 counties in Arkansas, we only know of 4 last soldiers.

The Department is Missouri and Arkansas and we lack in all the categories listed above for our other state. If you have time, culling out information from the internet can help us with some of this. Then send it to [wbusch@suvchwmo.org](mailto:wbusch@suvchwmo.org) and I will keep a list of information. A cold winter day, an easy chair, a warm fire, a computer, a flagon of whiskey... and you have the makings of some great discoveries. Researching not only helps us find information, but also helps your camp with meeting an Eads award requirement.

Go to our website and see what is missing on the historical pages. If you have access to [fold3.com](http://fold3.com) or [newspaperarchives.com](http://newspaperarchives.com) you may be able to help us get info using those sources. Just play with the information. It is surprising what typing in simple phrases into the search engine may find. I use "Grand Army" "Civil War Soldier" "\_\_\_\_\_ County" "Past Commander" a lot.

Another list we need to start keeping track of is for Arkansas monuments. This may be easier as some group may already have a listing and there are internet sites that record some monuments. If you like doing research, this is very interesting field of research and you'll be helping your organization.



# ALLIED ORDERS

Central Region Association:

The CRA's business meeting will have sessions about using *Robert's Rules of Order* to your advantage led by past C-in-C Jim Pahl. Brother Tim Downey will give an evening talk on *Our Old Kentucky Homefront*. The group will also visit the Civil War Museum of the Western Theater and a few other historic stops in the area. If you haven't joined us before, you're missing out on a lot of family fun for a weekend!

If you download <http://www.grantcamp.org/CentralRegionAssociation2013.pdf> page 4 has a list of 17 local points of interest at our upcoming conference. That's just in Bardstown. If you extend your trip to the event you can visit Perryville Battlefield, one of the least changed battlefields in the nation. The site's museum tells the story of the 1862 Union victory of forces led by General Don Carlos Buell against Confederate General Braxton Bragg. For More information: [http://www.kentuckytourism.com/kentucky\\_civil\\_war/heritage-sites/details.aspx?ID=2723](http://www.kentuckytourism.com/kentucky_civil_war/heritage-sites/details.aspx?ID=2723)

**Our Auxiliaries:**



## Louisa Volker Auxiliary # 215 – Park Hills, Missouri

The ladies of the Louisa Volker Auxiliary stay very busy assisting and working very closely with the McCormick Camp 215 and the Fletcher Camp 47. Here are the highlights from some of our recent activities.



We assisted with the Civil War Living History at the Gov. Thomas C. Fletcher house in Hillsboro, MO on April 20 - 21. Our ladies showed what life was like for the women, demonstrated cooking skills, and also demonstrated children's Civil War period toys. Then, on April 27, our ladies once again participated in the "March Back in Time" event at Antique Treasures in Leadington, MO. We told of the lives of Civil War women, and how our husbands, sons, or fathers

may have gone off to fight in the Civil War, as well as demonstrating the role of women during this difficult time.

May 9 saw some of us back at the annual Farmington School District's "Pioneer Day," where we portrayed Civil War women. Then, May 18 saw us supporting our boys in blue by marching in the Hillsboro "Armed Forces Day" parade. This was the second year in a row we have been asked to do this event, and everyone is always cheering and excited to see us in our period attire.



June did not slow us down either. On June 1 some of our ladies came up to the Department of Missouri SUVCW Encampment. We were able to sit in on a new auxiliary's chartering ceremony, and then meet with the National Leaders of the ASUVCW. Next, on June 17, we accompanied our "brothers" to assist with the "Civil War Flags of Missouri & Arkansas" program at the Park Hills Public Library. We finally ended the month's events with attending the Fort Davidson State Historic Site's "100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Last G.A.R. Campfire at Fort Davidson" event on June 22. Our Auxiliary President, Twyla Warren portrayed "Louisa Volker Macklind," our namesake and the first female U.S. Military Telegraph officer west of the Mississippi River, at this unique event.

Soon we will be participating in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in DeSoto, MO and on July 13<sup>th</sup>, assisting with two Civil War gravestone dedication ceremonies.

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