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TIME  
TO  
REFURBISH  
THE  
MISSOURI  
MONUMENT  
AT  
VICKSBURG:  
Is the state  
doing  
anything?



**ABOUT THIS ISSUE: (COVER)** With a surplus of funds in Missouri State's Government shouldn't they be doing something to refurbish this monument during this sesquicentennial? Time for us to write/e-mail our representatives.

**(THE REST)** New Hiking Trail and a Watch Fob, Next Encampment, Recruiting Juniors on Hold.

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## Events on the Horizon

10 -5	Central Region Association Conference -- Bardstown, KY – Sponsor: US Grant Camp
10-5/6	Baxter Springs (Kansas) Massacre 150th Commemoration.
10- 12	Dept. of Mo Business Meeting      Capitol Bldg., Jefferson City, MO
10-20	3rd Quarter Reports Due to Department Secretary
10-23	St Louis Civil War Roundtable – David Sullivan on “U.S. Marines at the Battle of Bull Run: Amending the Record” <a href="http://www.civilwarstlouis.org">www.civilwarstlouis.org</a>
11-7	102nd Anniversary of the Battle of Belmont, MO (no event - just remembering)
11- 11	Remembrance Day    Camps ---- Check local listings.
11-23	Remembrance Day Gettysburg Address      Gettysburg, PA
12-4	St Louis Civil War Roundtable – Bruce Wills on “Gone with the Glory: The Civil War in Cinema” <a href="http://www.civilwarstlouis.org">www.civilwarstlouis.org</a>

## Editor's Comments

*I was reading about the 2003 marker in Columbus, Ohio, honoring 17 Ohio Asians who fought in the war. With names like Au, Lau, Meng and Wang, what else could they be? Maybe...German? Yep, almost all were Germans from Ohio; however, there was one African-American from Illinois also. The marker, I believe, now honors Asians in the Civil War generally. I am presenting this as a reminder to our camps that we need to verify, verify verify! Just because a newspaper claimed a man was the last soldier of the county, doesn't make it so. Just because we need to place a new marker on the man's grave, doesn't mean that he was a member of the Grand Army. To place a G.A.R. medallion on the grave of a non-member isn't appropriate. This doesn't mean the grave can't be decorated with the common Civil War soldier's star. I certainly know from experience that family histories fib and newspapers don't know any better. Check out the last soldier page for Jefferson County on our website for proof of just how far lies can be taken! So, please do your research, it respects the soldier and causes people to respect you as a researcher and us as a quality organization.*

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# IOWA 1, MISSOURI ZILCH

The state of Iowa received a lot of good press during this sesquicentennial for spending the effort and the money to refurbish their monument at Vicksburg.

Unfortunately, with a reported excess of funds this year, Missouri hasn't made an effort to even study the need for repairs.

Tom Gaard, Iowa Sons of Union Veterans, says that he has observed the Missouri monument and it needs treatment. He also said some of the position markers of Missouri units on the battlefield are in appalling



condition. Indeed, one is even in a spot that is technically no longer part of the battlefield (behind a chain store) and very obviously not being maintained by the National Park Service (NPS). With all their monuments, the NPS cannot adequately take care of all those that were placed on these fields of honor. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the people who placed them to help maintain them. In these cases, the state of Missouri helped create these and therefore should help maintain them especially now when there are some surpluses in funds (taxes received vs. taxes spent).

Iowa received a lot of good publicity in the Civil War community and in the Iowa media involving their restoration of their monument during the sesquicentennial. A border state like Missouri should do likewise. More Missourians on both sides probably fought over this ground than on any other ground outside of Missouri. The monuments at Vicksburg should therefore be held especially dear to Missourians. If you have a contact with a state legislator or other elected state officer, please make your opinion known on this. There is still time to do something during the sesquicentennial.

## NEW BATTLEFIELD HIKING TRAIL

The city of Ironton dedicated a new trail July 4, 2013, on Shepherd Mountain. The trail traverses the areas of old iron mines and also ground fought over by the 14th Iowa Infantry and Confederate General Marmaduke's units during the battle of Pilot Knob. The area where the Confederates placed a cannon is also near the trail.



### *New Hiking Trail*



The City of Ironton has completed a new public hiking trail up Shepherd Mountain. The approximate entrance to the trail is shown in the map above, near the old Sonic Restaurant.

Since it acquired the property in the 1990s the city of Ironton has allowed hiking all over the mountain and some ATV use. Until 2012 they allowed metal detecting on the mountain.

One item located on the mountain was a gold watch fob engraved with Union General David Grier's name. Grier, a post war St. Louis resident and active G.A.R. member, served with the 8th Missouri Infantry and became a general while with the 77th Illinois Infantry. He was parade grand marshal during the St. Louis National G.A.R. encampment in 1887.

General Grier's Fob In Private Collection



The so-called 2009 inland hurricane knocked down a third to a half of the trees on the mountain causing a lot of difficulty bringing this trail to fruition. Check with Ironton City Hall 573-546-3545 for other information about the trail especially if you want to do something other than just hike.

# *Volunteers Take One Step Forward!*

The Wildwood Historical Society needs a few good Civil War soldiers to help rededicate the grave of Erich Essen on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 1 PM. Although organizers called him, Sgt. John Avery, PDC, cannot make the event. Apparently it is also a difficult event for other members of the Grant camp to make due to other commitments.

Erich Essen died in June, 1887, and during the Civil War he was a member of the Pacific, MO Home Guard Battalion. There is no record of Erich being a Grand Army of the Republic member and due to the year of his death it is doubtful as the G.A.R. had just recently begun reforming in the state. But he served his country, and as you can tell from the picture below, his grave needs to be more properly identified

The Wildwood Historical Society has been very active cleaning up old cemeteries and identifying soldiers' graves. Any brother desiring to help or take the lead in this, please contact Sgt. Avery at [javery@suvcwmo.org](mailto:javery@suvcwmo.org) as promptly as possible. John has been involved in several events with the Wildwood society and he can definitely guide anyone wanting to take the lead on this. Brother Avery will also be preparing the event program.



Essen Family Cemetery is located just off Hwy 109 at Old Eatherton Rd, Wildwood, MO, and not too far away from Babler State Park.

## **Arkansas Monuments Database Being Compiled**

With much trepidation, the Missouri Department has begun compiling a listing of Civil War monuments in Arkansas. Why trepidation? Well, because we are still working on finishing the documentation of Missouri's monuments and some of the workers completing this work were hoping for a respite before starting a new project. The good news is that we are only about 20 monuments away from completing those in Missouri. 458 markers have been recorded in the Show-Me State.

Currently, the Arkansas monuments list consists of 146 known monuments/markers that need to be added to our records. Benton County currently leads with 33 markers. Only 3 Arkansas monuments have had form 61s completed on them. Two of them are the only G.A.R. monuments in the state: one at Siloam Springs and the other in Judsonia.

Anyone desiring to work on this project contact Walt Busch [wbusch@suvcwmo.org](mailto:wbusch@suvcwmo.org) for the list until it is posted, hopefully next year, on our website.

# National Encampment News

MISSOURI'S DELEGATION: L-R Bob Petrovic, PCinC Don Palmer, Dale Crandell, Cmdr Larry Dietzel, Jack Grothe, Walt Busch, Marty Aubuchon, Karl McCardle and front, the youngest man ever to vote at a National Encampment, John Palmer



2012-13 Commander Perley Mellor presents our department with the Marshall Hope Award for the Best Newsletter. Missouri received this last in 2009. Past Year's editors were Chris Warren and Walt (pictured).



Gary Scheel (St. James Camp) receives the meritorious service award for recruiting 13 members (more than any other member this past year). Accepting for Gary, Missouri Commander Larry Dietzel (center). C-in-C Perley Mellor is at far left.



2013-2014 National Officers include C-in-C Ken Freshley (seated third from left) and on the far left, that handsome, debonaire man from Missouri in the flower-ed-y HAY-WHY-AN shirt



**CONTINUING WITH LAST ISSUE'S NAUTICAL FACTS...**

Surrendering on June 3, 1865 at Shreveport, LA, the *CSS Missouri* was the last ironclad in home waters to do so.

***From Frank Moore's 1866 Book of Anecdotes of the War***

**Arkansas Tactics. -- An Arkansas Colonel had the following orders for mounting his men:  
 First order. -- Prepare fer tur git onto yer creeters!  
 Second order. -- Git!**

# DEPARTMENT TELEGRAPH

## Recruiting Junior and Junior Associates On Hold

Because of concerns for child welfare, General Order No. 3 was issued by Commander-in-Chief Ken Freshley on Sept 23, 2013 suspending the recruitment of junior and junior associate members by our organization. Much of this has been brought to national attention by such cases as the one last year at Penn State.

A child in the state of Missouri is any person under the age of 18. A junior (or junior associate) member is under 14 years of age in our organization and they become members or associates after that age. So, in this state, charges of child abuse or child related sex crimes can occur between junior/junior associate members and adults, but also young members and older members. The department of Missouri strongly recommends that any camp having young men under the age of 18 routinely showing up for camp meetings without a parent or legal guardian present to contact the parents. The parents should be encouraged to be involved with their child by attending meetings. If they can take time to attend a soccer match, they can attend a meeting.

## Where, Oh! Where, Will The Next Encampment Be...

It's up for grabs! Are there any camps out there interested in holding our next department encampment? Dale Crandell (Westport), Randal Burd, Jr (Sigel) and Walt Busch (Grant) have been appointed to select an appropriate venue to host our encampment, which must be held on June 7, 2014. Any camps wishing to host the event should contact one or all of the above members of the site committee.

Here are some other "requirements" we consider when choosing a site. The room must be able to hold around 40-50 people. We must have tables, at least 5, and at least 40 chairs. We'd like enough space so that we can have another 6 tables for brag boards and a swap area. We like to get our room for free but the most we've ever paid is \$200.

The meeting should take place at a location with, or very near, a restaurant for lunch and, while not required, a venue for adult beverages should also be available. A camp would also have to find a hotel/motel that will guarantee us a room rate (which can be their normal rate) of not more than \$100 per night. Generally, we rarely have people staying in rooms, but if we have a representative of the Commander-in-Chief, the department generally picks up the room bill for two nights.

In the past, we've required the camps to set up everything. This will not be required this time. A camp representative would need to be chosen to work with the committee and the committee will approve arrangements and cut contracts. This will alleviate a lot of responsibility and potential costs for the host camp. If a camp is a host, we would encourage them to develop a goody bag (small items to hand out including things to do in the area of the encampment).

Our next department meeting is October 12 in Jefferson City. The committee would appreciate any camps interested in hosting an event to contact us prior to the meeting.

***The Missouri Historical Society in St. Louis reports*** they are currently indexing the *Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Missouri, 1863, 1864, and 1865* and it will soon be on-line at <http://genealogy.mohistory.org/genealogy/> The site already has indexes on Missouri G.A.R. members and other Civil War related items.





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**Department Order No. 3  
Sunday, September 22, 2013**

Effective this date the following brothers of our department are appointed as the 2014 Department of Missouri Encampment Committee.

- Randal A. Burd, Jr., PCC, Sigel Camp #614
- Walter E. Busch, PDC, US Grant Camp #68
- Dale Crandall, Westport Camp #64

The Encampment Committee shall make a preliminary report for our October business meeting. If any Camp or Brother has a suggestion or would like to host the 2014 Department Encampment contact one of the listed committee members.

Ordered this 22th day of September, 2013.

Attest:

Larry D. Dietzel P.C.C.

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

Randal A. Burd P.C.C.

Secretary  
Department of Missouri  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

# ***ROTC & JROTC***

## **More Volunteers Needed**

**Camp  
Commanders  
&  
SVCs**



**ROTC  
Coordinators  
&  
Alumni**

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SUVCW sponsors a ROTC/JROTC award program that honors a cadet, as selected by the local ROTC/JROTC unit commander, 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.

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**Huzzah! To the camps that have pledged to support ROTC awards in Spring 2014.**

Missouri State University  
Washington University  
Lincoln University  
Missouri University of Science & Technology  
University of Missouri – Columbia  
Missouri Western State University  
University of Central Missouri

Phelps Camp #66  
Sherman Camp #65  
Sigel Camp #614  
Sigel Camp #614  
Tigers Camp #432  
Westport Camp #64  
Westport Camp #64

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**We need a few more camps to volunteer to sponsor one or more of their local college ROTC units for the Spring 2014 award season.**

St. Louis University  
Arkansas State University  
University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff

Truman State University  
University of Arkansas  
University of Central Arkansas

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

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## *Civil War Railroads*

During the war, the military created the largest network of railroads in the world. Using and improving on captured southern railroads, the US military also added spurs to these; thus, keeping the US Army supplied and transporting troops. By war's end, the US Military Railroads consisted of 2,105 miles of track, 419 locomotives, and 6,330 cars.

Rails bent into U-shapes by heating the center of the rail were so common during the *March to the Sea* that they became known as "Sherman's hairpins."

Speaking of the *March to the Sea*, a report by Gen. Tom Ewing, who accompanied his brother-in-law, Gen. W.T. Sherman, states that the final approval for the expedition by Gen. Grant was on a train near Pana, IL.

The Great Locomotive Chase occurred April 12, 1862 when soldiers led by a civilian scout named James J. Andrews hijacked a Confederate train named *The General* and did damage along the line of the *Western and Atlantic Railroad*. They were captured and executed. Some of the soldiers, but not Andrews, received the Medal of Honor. The event was made into a comedy, *The General*, in 1927 by Buster Keaton, a movie that some rank as the 15th greatest movie of all time."

The nine-car funeral train of Abraham Lincoln travelled through 7 states (and the District of Columbia). The event started on April 21 and ended May 3, 1865 in Springfield, IL.

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# CAMP DISPATCHES

## *Phelps Camp #66*

### WELCH CEMETERY PROGRAM

Members of Phelps Camp journeyed to rural Ozark County, MO, on Sunday, Sep 22, to rededicate Welch Family Cemetery. A number of Union soldiers rest there, including members of Phelps' Regiment and the 10th Missouri Cavalry. Camp members formed a color guard and presented the camp colors to begin the ceremony, and ended the event by retiring the colors and firing a salute.

The weather was perfect and approximately 70 people attended the program. Mike Welch, the gentleman who began the project to restore the cemetery, thanked us for helping to make the event so special.

Our thanks to Eddie Cox, Kirk Singleton, Herb Jackson, Bob, Harry and Jonny Clanton and Jeff Patrick for representing the SUVCW.

### 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 endeavor will take place in Lebanon (Laclede County), to mark the grave of William "Uncle Billy" Turner, a veteran of the 2nd Connecticut Heavy Artillery. Camp members will continue to discuss possible designs for an appropriate plaque/marker and cost estimates at upcoming meetings. More information on this project may be found at

<http://suvchw.org/last/lastsoldier.htm>

## *Fletcher Camp #47*

September 14 - Camp held living history at Walther's Park in DeSoto.  
October 5 - Civil War living history at Byrne's Mill in High Ridge  
October 18 - Ghost Walk at General Fletcher's Home in Hillsboro  
October 19 & 20 - Civil War Re-enactment in Fredericktown

*Kid-glove Dandies*, *Carpet Knights* and *Parlor Pets* were all derisive nicknames for the personal escorts of Union General John C. Frémont. Led by Major Charles Zagonyi, a cavalry unit of this group charged Confederate lines in Springfield MO in October, 1861. While immediately successful, the unit was unable to hold the town at day's end and they withdrew. Zagonyi's refusal to recognize other units in the charge did not help improve the common soldier's opinion of this group. By order of the Secretary of War the *dandies* were disbanded on November 30, 1861. The 7th New York City Militia were also known as *Kid-glove Dandies*.

# Spradling Camp #72



*Left:* Frank Burke (left) of Spradling Camp changing out the old Union flag at Prairie Grove Battlefield received thanks recently from park superintendent Jesse Cox for his continued efforts to do this and for holding special cannon firing programs.

*Below:* Old Glory Unfurls At Prairie Grove

*They were what they ett..*

*Peas on a trencher* was a Federal bugle call for breakfast.

A nickname for hardtack amongst northern soldiers was *Lincoln's Pie*.

*Possum Beer* was homebrew made with persimmons.

*Pop Skull* was another name for bootleg whiskey.

However, a soldier would have never eaten a *Pumpkin Rind*, unless he lost a bet. *Pumpkin Rind* refers to a Union lieutenant's shoulder strap

Below: Members of the camp..



**The Battle of Prairie Grove** was fought on Dec 7, 1862 by forces commanded by Union Generals James Blunt and Francis Herron against those of Confederate General Thomas Hindman. A tactical draw, strategically the battle secured Union control in Northwestern Arkansas.

Probably the most notable event occurred prior to the battle. General Herron's troops had to perform an amazing forced march to get to the area in time to rescue Blunt's command. Blunt was known for many brash decisions such as engaging a numerically superior enemy.

Both armies suffered about of 1,300 casualties each.





Right: SUVCW/SVR members and others in front of the 56th U.S.C.T. flag (L-R: Martin Aubuchon; Col. Jack Grothe; Thomas Rung; Walter Fox, member of the St. Louis African American History and Genealogical Society; Mark Coplin; John Avery; and Larry McDaniel, former member.  
Below: Crowd shot of ceremony

## *Remembering the 56th US Colored Infantry: Grant and Sherman Camps Fall In.*

On August 16th, a crowd at Jefferson Barracks Cemetery witnessed ceremonies honoring 175 African-American soldiers who died of cholera in 1866. A monument in the cemetery records the incident but not the men's names.

The 56th U.S. Colored Troops, originally organized in St. Louis as the 3rd Arkansas Infantry Reg't African Descent, was sent on post duty to Helena, AR.

Finally in August, 1866, the unit was mustering out and were on board two river boats when cholera broke out. After cholera was confirmed at St. Louis, the unit was ordered to Quarantine Station, where

in the next weeks, 178 enlisted men and one officer died. They were buried at Quarantine Station, Missouri and the monument placed there. In 1939, the monument and remains were moved to Jefferson Barracks.

The graves are marked as unknown, although the names are indeed known. Rightly, there is a local African-American historical group and U.S. representative pushing for markers with names to be placed on the graves. Besides the SUVCW, local veterans' organizations, and U.S. Army took part in the ceremony. The event was featured on KSDK-TV, St. Louis and also on CNN!



**More about this article:** Quarantine Station, Missouri, was located near the area that became Koch Hospital, south of I-255 on Koch Rd, adjacent to the Mississippi River in St. Louis County. **Still More:** The removal of the graves to Jefferson Barracks was due to the efforts of a citizens' committee led by Joseph E. Mitchell, publisher of *the St. Louis Argus*. A dedication and memorial service was held on May 30, 1939 for the soldiers.

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# Col. J. Felix St. James Camp # 326



The camp met on August 13<sup>th</sup> at the Orris Theater. Members present were: Bob Hammack, Bob Mueller, William Zoughaib, Ed Millinger, Tom Farlow, Samer Zoughaib, Gary Scheel, Joe Williams, Jerry Kasten, Ed Welker, and Larry McDowell. Junior Vice Commander Samer Zoughaib opened the meeting.

After a short business meeting, our guest speaker Ray Albert, retired 8th grade history teacher, gave a presentation on the Battle of Chickamauga, Georgia. His presentation was very interesting and we all enjoyed it very much. If you would like to see the presentation Brother Ed Millinger video-taped the presentation. It can be located on line at SteGenTV.com

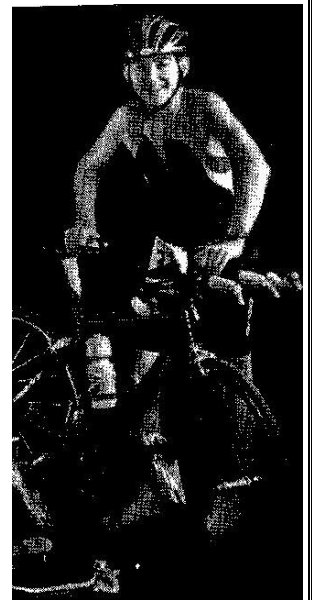
Mr. Albert used an overhead projector with transparencies. The use of an overhead projector is seldom seen anymore but as Mr. Albert demonstrated it allowed him to be able to draw in railroad tracks where needed. I think it was one of the better presentations I have seen in a while.

## BROTHER WILLIAM ZOUGHAIB WILL COMPETE AT THE HY-VEE U.S. NATIONAL TRIATHLON

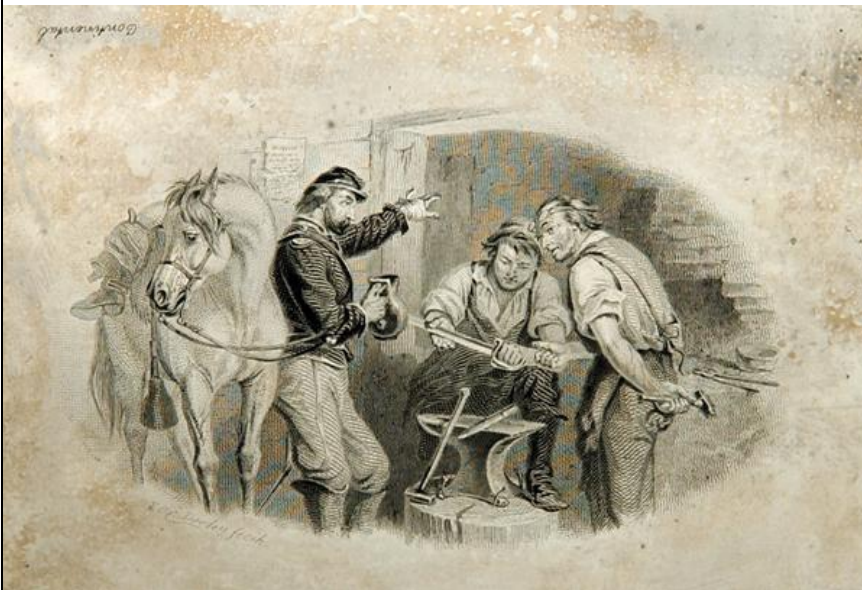
One of St. James Camp # 326 youngest members, William Zoughaib, was invited to compete in the National Triathlon after finishing third at the 5150 qualifier in Innsbrook, Missouri, during June. William is 15 years old and was one of the youngest competitors finishing behind two 19 year olds.

The Hy-Vee U.S. Championships and its qualifying races use Olympic standards. Competitors swim for 1,500 meters, bike for 24.9 miles (40 K) and run for 6.2 miles (10 K). Last year William took 5<sup>th</sup> place overall at the Hy-Vee Iron-kids national race in Des Moines, IA. We wish Brother William good luck.

(Photo from the August 21, 2013 article by Michael Boyd, Jr. in the *Ste. Genevieve Herald* ).



Two steel engravings: *Soldier and Blacksmith (AN91568088-oz)* and *Soldier and Steamer Iowa (AN59245533-oz)*



# *General John McNeil Camp 62*



Photo by Taylor Muller/Kirksville Daily Express

McNeil Camp set 13 new Civil War stones in the Forest Llewellyn Cemetery, Kirksville, MO. The work took them 3 weeks. On August 11, 2013, around 50 people from the local community joined the camp to dedicate the graves. Cannon fire and the chords of *America* rang through the cemetery.

Members of the camp helping set the stones included: Greg Walter, CC; Brian Hudnell; Larry Mudd; Paul Burkland; John Tillotson; Cory Mudd; Larry Reed; and Vern Stottlemire, PDC. For the dedication, Walter, Hudnell, L. Mudd, Burkland, and Stottlemire were joined by other members Lonnie Dover, PCC; Mark Dover; and Joe Jurado.

Among the soldiers honored include:

- Col. Thomas Jefferson Ahl, commander, 28th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry
- Private John Baggs, Missouri Home Guards
- Sgt. Albert Barnett, 9th Missouri Cavalry Company
- Major Isham B. Dodson, U.S. Army
- Private Wesley Gideon, Company B, 39th Missouri Infantry Volunteers
- Corp. John M. Leech, Company K, 2nd Pennsylvania Cavalry
- Private Andrew D. Madden, U.S. Army
- Private James P. Pierson, Company B, 3rd Iowa Cavalry
- Sgt. Christopher G. Prather, 39th Missouri Infantry Volunteers
- Private Jacob Sholley, U.S. Army
- Sitha Jane Sholley, U.S. Army nurse
- Private George Wall Smith, U.S. Army Infantry
- Private John A. Smith, Company E, 172nd Regiment Pennsylvania Infantry.

Private George Wall Smith, above, is the second to the last known soldier for Adair County. Peter Pinkston of Braesher survived Smith by about 1 year and 7 months, dying in November, 1940.

Two articles about the ceremony and the soldiers appeared in the Kirksville Daily Express and can be read at <http://www.kirksvilledailyexpress.com/article/20130812/NEWS/130819880/0/SEARCH> and <http://www.kirksvilledailyexpress.com/article/20130810/NEWS/130808845/0/SEARCH>

## McCormick Camp 215 – Park Hills, MO with the Louisa Volker Auxiliary 215 – Park Hills, MO



On July 4, 2013, our two groups joined the Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher Camp # 47 to march in the DeSoto Independence Day Parade. Fifteen members turned out to participate and hand out recruiting information to several people who expressed interested in joining one of our



groups.

Next, on July 13, 2013, the three groups joined by members from the 47<sup>th</sup> MO INF, Co. E – SVR and St. James Auxiliary dedicated two new gravestones for Union soldiers: William B. Myers (144<sup>th</sup> IL INF) and William G. Shumake (2<sup>nd</sup>/ 10<sup>th</sup> MO CAV). We used the 1917 GAR gravestone dedication ceremony. In addition, there were two other Union soldiers in the cemetery, so we placed flowers and U.S. flags on their graves as well.

Earlier that day, members attended a book signing by the widow of our late charter member, Gene Murdock. Elaine published Gene's book "The Toughest Man in Montana" which tells of a local bushwhacker and, later, popular resident of Montana. Besides his bushwhacking career, the book, available through Camp Pope Books, [www.camppope.com](http://www.camppope.com), tells of his ante- and post-bellum life.

We began September with a living history and monument rededication at Patterson, MO. There, we assisted with a children Civil War scavenger hunt, mocks skirmishes, and a monument ceremony for those who died in battle at Fort Benton in the town.

Coming up soon in our event schedule are living histories, a Civil War fashion show & educational program at a St. Francois State Park, a Civil War reenactment, and more!





# U.S. Grant Camp #68

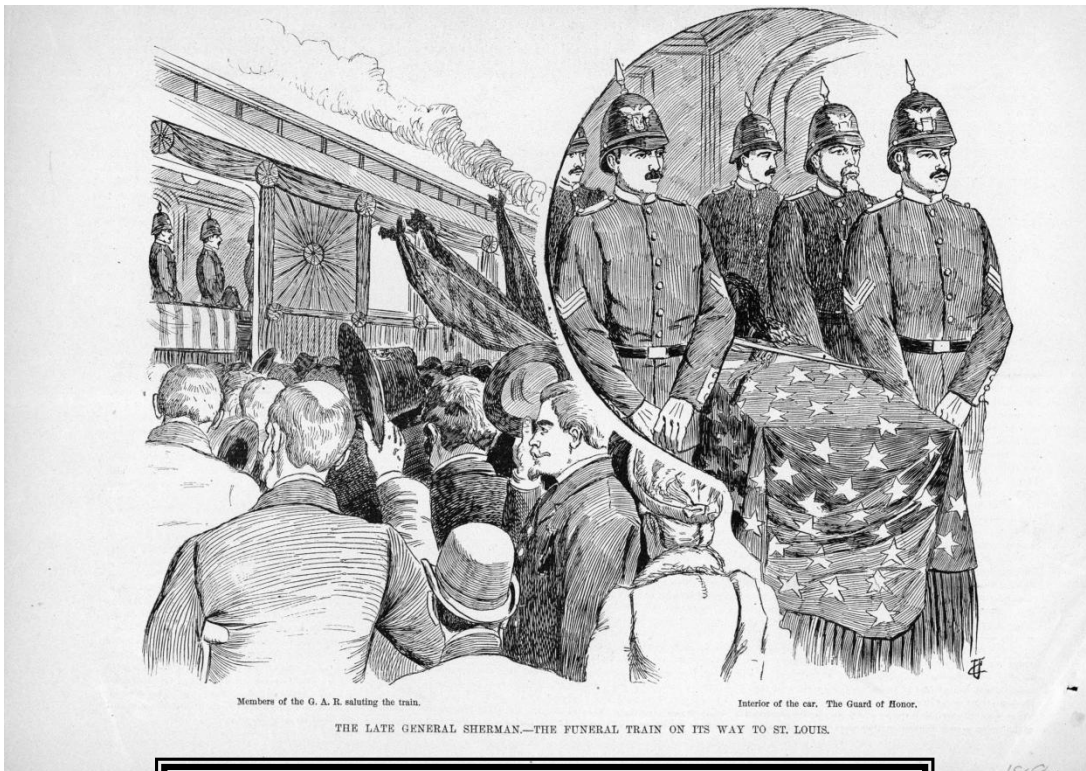
Grant Remembrance Day event at White Haven was held in conjunction with the National Parks Service on July 20th. We had several members attend and participate in the event. Past C-in-C Don Palmer did an overview of Grant's life. PCC Mark Coplin did a presentation on how an infantry soldier that served under Grant felt about his leadership. We also had Angela da Silva, a professor from Lindenwood University, who presented the story of how a free African American woman related to Grant in a business relationship.

In attendance were: Col. Jack Grothe - 4th Military District Commander; Department Commander Larry Dietzel and his wife, White Haven staff along with several patrons. Those who attended seemed to enjoy the presentation. We are already starting the planning for next year. In August, we participated in the event honoring 175 members of the 56th U.S. Colored Infantry Regiment who died of cholera [see separate article]. This may become an annual event. We will be contacting the event organizer to see if we can offer our assistance next year. It was truly amazing to be part of the event. This is what we are here to do; honor those who did so much for our country.

On a final note, the Grant Camp is hosting the Central Regional meeting in Bardstown, KY, on October 4 and 5. Please go to the website for registration information. It sounds like it will be a good time.

## Camp Commander Mark Coplin Reminiscences

I would like to thank Jack Grothe for his leadership over the years with the 4th Military District, SVR, and camps here in St. Louis. He is a big reason why I am a member of the Sons. I first met Jack in the gift shop at Jefferson Barracks. I held in my hand my Great - Great Grandfather's GAR membership medal and he was able to tell me about the GAR and the Sons. He has helped all of us understand the importance of tradition and honor. I hope all the best for Jack and his wife, Maggie. I know he is stepping down as the commander of the 4th but I have a feeling Jack will be helping us for years to come. I, for one, will be in attendance to honor this man on November 17th at Jefferson Barracks.



Members of the G. A. R. saluting the train.

Interior of the car. The Guard of Honor.

THE LATE GENERAL SHERMAN.—THE FUNERAL TRAIN ON ITS WAY TO ST. LOUIS.

General Sherman's Funeral Train On Its Way to St. Louis

# Westport Camp #64

## General Thomas Ewing's Order #11 Commemoration

Westport Camp and the 1<sup>st</sup> Missouri State Militia -SVR commemorated the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Union General Thomas Ewing issuing General Order #11 for 4 western Missouri counties. The event was held at the Restoration Heritage Plaza in Independence, Missouri, which has two Civil War era homesteads owned by the Community of Christ Church's national headquarters.



*Re-enactment of evacuation of family under Order #11.*

In the summer of 1863, 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 civil order in his District of the Border. General Orders #11 on August 25, 1863, forced the evacuation of all rural residents, regardless of their loyalty, from Bates, Cass, Jackson, and part of Vernon Counties, Missouri –an estimated 9,000 people [original text says 20,000 - It can demonstrate that less than 9,000 people were affected, as the area was already

desolate and depopulated by June, 1863 - editor]. 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.

Designated a Civil War Sesquicentennial Signature Event, the commemoration included a re-enactment by the 1<sup>st</sup> Missouri State Militia-SVR and Kansas City's Elliot Scouts of enforcement of the order on two civilian homesteads. The re-enactment was followed by a panel discussion with Civil War historians: Walter Busch, author of *Merits & Mistakes: The Life of General Thomas Ewing*; Hibberd Van Buren Kline, author of *Conflicting Loyalties* part of the Civil War's naval history series; and, James Beckner, local Civil War historian and preservationist.

For more pictures of the commemoration, visit the Department's Facebook album at: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/126286914119286>

*Re-enactment of capture of southern sympathetic bushwhacker under Order #11.*



**Ewing - A Scapegoat for all of Western Missouri's Woes?** A recently found letter of George Caleb Bingham's to Gov. Gamble, dated June 8, 1863 (prior to Ewing taking command of the border), complains of General Loan allowing Jayhawkers to rampage through Missouri "subjecting Lafayette and Johnson Counties to the desolation which has depopulated Jackson and Cass..." If Jackson and Cass were depopulated before Ewing took command and Butler was burned by rebels in June also, just how many people were left? Definitely not 20,000 and doubtfully even 9,000.

## Davis-Smith Cemetery Memorial

Westport Camp participated in the memorial service at the Davis-Smith Cemetery located in Raytown, MO. This pioneer cemetery is located in what was locally known as the lost township, referring to several hundred acres that were missing from Jackson County's official land survey plots. In addition to members of the Davis and Smith families, victims of the 1863 Union women's prison collapse and Confederate soldiers from the 1864 Battle of Westport are buried there.

This forgotten cemetery in the lost township had been abandoned for decades until the land was developed for commercial use, when headstone remnants were found under the brush overgrowth. The memorial service on August 17, 2013 was attended by over 100 people demonstrating a renewed local interest in preserving this legacy cemetery.



*Joint SAR-SUVCW-SCV color guard for Davis-Smith Cemetery memorial service.*

## Civil War Memorials Registry

Westport Camp recently submitted an update and addition to the SUVCW's registry of Civil War Memorials.

The Abraham and Tad Lincoln statue is a commissioned bronze sculpture by Lorenzo Ghiglieri that stands in front of Kansas City's City Hall at 414 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street. The sculpture was dedicated in 1986 as a result of a community-wide effort lead by Orville Anderson, a retired insurance salesman, civic volunteer, and political activist, who raised \$140,000 to commission the sculpture. The base has the inscription: that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the Earth.

*Abraham and Tad Lincoln statue in Kansas City, Missouri honors the fact that Candidate Lincoln and his son campaigned that far west in December, 1959.*



The Battle of White Oak Creek marker was placed by the Raytown Historical Society. Located at the intersection of Westridge Road and East 86th Terrace, between Kansas City and Raytown, Missouri, this marker commemorates the August 18, 1862

battle. The marker describes the battle as: two troops of Union Cavalry headed by Colonels Jemison and Pencock approached across the level fields of the valley to engage 160 Confederate troops of Colonel

Hays who were encamped along both sides of the creek and among the timber and rocky bluffs. Research provided by David McCann and Brian Smarker.



## Sigel Camp #614 Participates in Patriot Day Rally



On September 14, 2013, Camp Commander C. Scott Brown and his wife, Jenee, along with Senior Vice Commander Randal A. Burd, Jr., manned a table loaded with original and replica Civil War period items, clothing, and food to educate those attending the annual Patriot Day Rally in Lion's Club Park in Rolla, Missouri. This is the second year in a row Sigel Camp has participated in this worthwhile event, and Camp Commander C. Scott Brown again gets the lion's share of the credit for bringing interesting artifacts and for drawing curious onlookers with his sharp uniform and engaging historical discussion. Also in attendance were camp members Randal A. Burd, Sr. and Milan Paddock. Among the interesting items displayed by the camp were food

samples from the Civil War era, including the Browns' homemade hardtack and two jars of Randal's pickled bologna (which mainly served to prop up the brag board).

Sigel Camp member Milan Paddock served a dual role at the Patriot Day Rally event. In addition to being a member of Sigel Camp, Milan is also a member of the Ozark Patriots Chapter, Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution. For the second straight year, the Ozark Patriots Chapter of MOSSAR shared space with Sigel Camp #614 at the Patriot Day Rally, educating curious onlookers about the bravery, passions, and tribulations of our patriot forefathers.

Among events that did not go exactly as planned for Sigel Camp #614 was the living history event at Fort Benton in Patterson, Missouri, on September 7, 2013. While it was attended by Sigel Camp Secretary Steve Allen, who is also a member of the reenactment group, Turner Brigade, other members of the camp who had planned on attending were unable to make the trip. Judging from suggestions made by attendees to rename "Fort Hill" to "Chigger Hill," it may be fortuitous that many of us were not able to attend as planned.

Sigel Camp #614 is looking forward to participating in Old Ironworks Days at Meramac Springs State Park in St. James, Missouri, on October 12-13, along with the Department of Missouri business meeting coming up in Jefferson City on October 12.



***Hamming it up for the camera.*** Commander Brown is in the foreground, while a smirking Department Secretary, Randal Burd, Jr., lurks behind.

# Wilhelmi Camp #17

The Major Francis Wilhelmi Camp # 17 is planning to attend the following events:

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| October 12-13  | Olde Ironworks days at Meramac Springs State Park           |
| October 19 -20 | Deutsch Country Days at Luxenhaus Farms in Marthasville Mo. |
| October 20     | Franklin County History Fair, Union, Mo.                    |
| Nov. 17        | Retirement ceremony for Col. Jack Groethe                   |



A Previous Wilhelmi Event. Man in period hat is PCC Ron Burke

## *WHERE IS MY CAMP'S SECTION?*

Can't find your camp in these pages? It is because the following camps failed to send in information to the editor: Columbia Tigers, McPherson-Little Rock, and two St. Louis area camps, Asboth and Sherman. Encourage your officers to submit photos or something. The next issue will be sent out on December 30. They have plenty of time to submit something. But, so do you!

Articles about the Civil War, Grand Army of the Republic, or Sons of Veterans, book reviews, etc are strongly encouraged, mainly so I don't have to write everything. Got a photo you've taken, drawings you made, research you are involved in or an old photo of interest? We'll take that also, reserving the right to edit it, of course. We also accept letters to the editor. There is no reason why this can't be a 40-50 page newsletter chocked full of interesting articles, pictures and witticisms. That is, as long as the editor doesn't have to also write the whole newsletter. This is your newsletter! Be a part of it.

# *ALLIED ORDERS*

Still Can Attend the Central Region Association Meeting This Weekend !

It's too late to preregister, but you still can attend the meeting in beautiful Bardstown, KY!

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, MO see the McCommick Camp section.**

**Julia Dent-Grant Auxiliary -- St. Louis is presented with its Charter on Sept 9 at Frailey's Pub & Grill.**

Pictured: L-R Sandy Walther, Deborah Aubuchon, and Cher Petrovic, Camp President with US Grant Camp Commander Mark Coplin, PCC and PC-in-C Don Palmer



# ADS / SWAP SECTION

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

## FROM THE DEPT. OF MISSOURI



Only 32 Logan Medals left from the 2007 National Encampment. \$7.50 each / shipping \$5 ea. Up to 10 ordered at one time? Shipping only \$10! WE WILL NOT SELL THIS BELOW THIS PRICE EVER!



**Encampment Pin -- Potential Recruiting Gift?**  
-- 136 left. Lots of 25 for only \$1.00 plus shipping of \$6.00

Shirts - 1 Medium, 16 Large and 1 Extra Large.

WOW! Only \$1.00 each and \$10.00 shipping/handling each

**Rules about the ad/swap section:** There are not many. If your camp wants to have a page, you make a mock-up of the page and send it via e-mail to the editor.

If the editor has a question regarding the items for sale, he will contact the camp. The reason it says "No Raffles!" above is because they are technically illegal in the state of Missouri.



# FROM U.S. GRANT CAMP

**SUV or GAR Address Labels** - 90 Count \$4.00 shipping \$1.00



**Official SUV Name Badge** - 2"x3" Plastic –  
Laser Engraved (Red -Dept, Blue-Camp, Gold-National)  
\$9.00 (shipping up to 3 badges \$2.00)  
(Picture not actual size)

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## US Grant Sesquicentennial Challenge Coins (set of 5/numbered)

Only 200 Numbered Sets Made  
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Set Covers Grant for Each Year 1861-1865

Through special arrangement with Friends of Fort Davidson we are selling the 150<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Set of their medal and medallions. No more than 200 numbered sets will be made. Friends has only 30 sets more to sell. Buy it now!

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