



The Missouri Unionist



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MISSOURI REMEMBRANCE DAY AT SHILOH

April 2, 2022, saw the realization of an event long in the planning. Missouri Remembrance Day at the Shiloh National Military Park in Tennessee on the 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Shiloh was a resounding success.

After meeting in the pavilion for an opening ceremony, Bob Mueller of St. James Camp #326 gave an informative presentation on Missouri soldiers' involvement in the Battle of Shiloh and the death of Lt. Col. Felix St. James. Present at the event was Ian Jones, a descendant of the colonel, who subsequently joined the camp named after his ancestor. Scott Reed of St.

James Camp was also heavily involved in planning and executing the days events, which were attended by members of six different camps in the department and the auxiliary. The cover photo features members of Phelps Camp #66 out of Springfield, Missouri, who dressed out in GAR regalia for the event.

The Department of Missouri was lucky to have Past Commander-in-Chief Don Palmer as chair of the planning committee, Department Commander Gary Scheel, and the many brothers who came together to make this event a memorable occasion for those who attended.

FROM THE EDITOR

Wow. Many of you are more or less aware of what goes on in our department and/or what similarly goes on in other departments of our organization found throughout the United States.



But take a step back for a moment and use this issue to reflect on what we as an Order do...and how much of it we do.

For the Department of Missouri, there were numerous events going on across Missouri and Arkansas (and even Tennessee this quarter). Our members are showing up from various parts of the state, from multiple camps in almost every instance, working together to successfully further the worthy mission of this Order.

As a member of multiple organizations, I have never quite found anything like the fraternity and commitment demonstrated on such a grand scale by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. If you are a member, you should be proud. Our ancestors would be.

—Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC

(aka The Editor)

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IN MEMORIAM:

JAMES PAUL FULTON

8/24/65—4/25/22

James (Jim) Paul Fulton, age 56, of Springdale, Arkansas, died Monday, April 25th, 2022. Jim was born August 24, 1965, in Anchorage, Alaska. Parents are Ann Fulton and the late Richard Fulton. He is survived by his mother, Ann Fulton; brother, Carl Fulton (Kathy); sister, Andrea Sharp (Paul); nieces, Kaitlyn and Amy Fulton and extended family.

Jim lived in Colorado, Arizona, and Texas before moving to Arkansas. He proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corp Reserve and participated in Desert Storm. He was employed as a cook in restaurants in the area. Jim liked to cook prime rib and made a mean guacamole. All his life he was an avid wildlife observer. At age five, he learned to bait a fishhook and spent many happy hours with a rod in his hands. He was also interested in Civil war history and was a member of The First Arkansas Mountain Artillery Reenactment Group.

Celebration of Life will be held at 10:00 am, Saturday, May 7th, 2022, Westfield Chapel Funeral Home 3236 W. Huntsville Ave. Springdale, AR 72762 Reverend Carl Palmer will officiate.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to 7 Hills Homeless Center, 828 S. Seven Hills Court Fayetteville, AR 72701



COMMANDER'S REPORT

Brothers,

I want to thank everyone for their support and for electing me to be the Commander of the Department of Missouri. I look forward to serving you all this coming year.

I would appreciate it if you would let me know if you would like me to come to an event or meeting and, if I can attend, I will. Please contact me at deptcommander@suvcmo.org.

I will be setting up an io groups for the department. This will be an informal group by which we can send out messages to members of the department. It is a way to create a conversation string and have it delivered to your inbox. You will have to request membership and if you are a member of the department you will be allowed to join it. Using the group, you would not have to send an email to people and put them all in the address section. You will be able to send out a message to the group.

With this you could send out a message to all subscribers and hopefully someone will be able to provide an answer to a question. You could use it to announce an event or remind people of an event. This should be for SUVCW business and as long as the message has that content, then the string will continue. I would encourage camps to set up a group as well.

I will be sending out my second general order shortly and look for that in your email. If anyone has anything that you would like me to consider, then use the email above. Thank you for your attention and I pray that everyone will have a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July.

In F, C, &L, Robert J. Amsler, DC



*You never know what you'll find
on E-bay...*

*Discovered by Walt Busch, who
by the way, received the Francis
Blair, Jr. Award (not this
medal) for most outstanding
Department member this year.*

*Thank you for all
you do, Walt!*



Collector's Corner

Douglas Roussin, General Thomas C. Fletcher, Camp 47

SPURS OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

Spurs of the American Civil War is a neglected field of study. Only a few books have been written on this subject. Having collected Civil War spurs for many years, both by purchase and metal detecting, I felt that it was time to write on this subject. This Collector's Corner is divided into two parts. Part 1 will show some of the various spurs used by the union army during the Civil War and how to identify them. Part 2 will focus on identifying the many styles of Confederate spurs.

Part 1: Spurs used by the federal government during the Civil War centered around a few simple designs. While the arsenals made spurs, there were many sub-contractors who also produced spurs for the United States government. They would all be required to follow a basic pattern with only minor variations. The spurs would follow the design set forth as, US Model 1859. These spurs were made of brass and the pattern was plain. It required a 13/16-inch rowel with 14 points and a rectangular strap plate. The heel below the rowel usually had a modest floral design. As the demands for spurs increased, the government began to accept many variations, but the 1859 pattern would remain the basic cavalry spur throughout the war. It is the most common spur found. Officers would desire a more elaborate spur. Companies who produced spurs would meet this demand with an array of designs. Officers of modest means could purchase spurs which were a little fancier than that of an enlisted man. The officers who could afford it, might purchase spurs which included stars, eagles, horseheads and dolphins. Identifying federal spurs is relatively easy. Look for the rectangular strap plate.

Spurs found on battlefields and in campsites while metal detecting, will never have the leather belt which has long since rotted. But the buckle is sometimes found. The rowels which are made of iron will be frozen in place or completely gone. On rare occasions, rowels would become lost and the soldier would replace it with a copper or silver coin.

This spur is the US Model 1859. It is the most common spur found. Note the rectangular strap plate. This spur is believed to have been manufac-



tured by the Allegheny Arsenal but has not been stamped.

Most officers wanted a spur that was fancier than that of an enlisted man and would purchase these from private companies. Here are three designs that are worn by officers.



This brass spur has a beautiful red coloration even after 100+ years in the ground. The rowel is missing as is the belt.

This is the most commonly seen officer's spur. Many carry a pattern date, Dec. 24, 1861. The detail work encircles the entire spur. The iron rowel is frozen to the spur.



This officer's spur survived the war and was brought home. It still retains the original leather strap and buckle. The rowel has become detached and was lost. Civil War spurs can be found and purchased at estate sales and antique shops. Many still have the leather straps.



The officer's spur on the right is plain with no design but has a very graceful rowel which gives it an elegance.



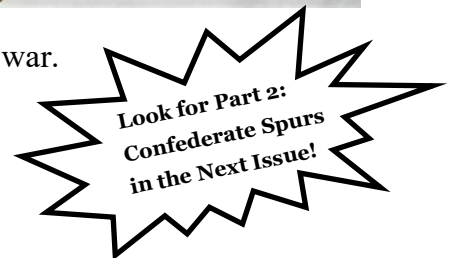
Below is an advertisement for an eagle head spur. The advertisement is from the 1864 catalog of

Schuyler, Hartley & Graham. This would have been an expensive spur. Note the detail.



This is one of the rarest spurs made for officers. It is bass with 9 stars encircling the entire spur. Below the rowel are the initials US. It is the only spur with those initials as part of its design. The author recently found this spur

at an antique shop in Tenn. It retains its original leather strap, and the rowel still turns. A bend in the leather shows that it was hung on a nail for many years. These are only a few of the spurs that were used by the union during the war.





SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 1

SERIES 2022-2023

20 June 2022

Elected Officers for 2022-2023

On 6 June 2022, at Jefferson City, Missouri, delegates to the 27th Department Encampment elected their officers. The Delegates to the 141st National Encampment were also elected. The results of the election were:

Commander Robert J. Amsler, Jr., DC US Grant Camp #68

Senior Vice Commander Robert Aubuchon, PCC US Grant Camp #68

Junior Vice Commander Randal A. Burd Jr. PDC Gen. Thomas Fletcher Camp #47

Secretary/Treasurer (2024) Edward Krieser, PCinC Phelps Camp #66

Council (2024) Gary Scheel, PDC Felix St. James Camp #326

Council (2024) Sumner Hunewell, PDC Gen. Thomas Fletcher Camp #47

Council (2023) Glen Alsop, PDC Wilhelmi Camp #17

Delegate (2022) Robert Aubuchon, PCC US Grant Camp #68

Delegate (2022) John Palmer US Grant Camp #68

Delegate (2022) Joe Rainey McPherson Camp #1

Alternate Delegates (2022) All Other Department Brothers

In accordance with the Department Bylaws and Policies, the Commander, after his election, shall appoint staff officers for a term of one year. Commander Amsler requests that all appointments retain their office and advise him if they wish to be relieved or continue in their post. Furthermore, Commander Amsler requests that any brother who would like to receive a staff appointment contact him so that a brother with interest may serve his fellow brothers and the good of our Order at the department. The commander is currently aware of two staff positions that might be available at this time.

I intend to make all staff announcements by July 4, 2022.

I wish to thank those brothers who elected me and entrusted me with this department. I will endeavor to carry out my duties faithfully. I also wish to congratulate those brothers who are officers elected with me. For those who will serve in staff positions, I am indebted to you for your generosity to our Order and dedication to the Department of Missouri.

Ordered this 20th Day of June, 2022

Robert J. Amsler, Jr., DC

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





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General Order #9, 6 April 2022—

CinC Appointed Representative for the Department of Nebraska Annual Encampment

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Charter, Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, the following is hereby ordered: Due to health related issues preventing the designated Commander-in-Chief's representative from attending the Department of Nebraska Annual Encampment on 9 April, 2022, PDC John Surman is hereby appointed to represent the Commander-in-Chief at the Annual Encampment of the Department of Nebraska and to act as the installing officer for the newly elected officers of that department.

General Order #10, 19 April 2022—

Appointment of National Secretary

As the Commander-in-Chief, I have determined that National Secretary Jonathan Davis is unable to discharge the duties of his office at this time. Pursuant to National Regulations, Chapter III, Article VI, Section 4b, I notified the Council of Administration of this. By unanimous vote of the Council of Administration members present at the spring meeting held in Springfield, Illinois on April 16, 2022, they appointed Alan L. Russ, PDC as the Temporary Acting National Secretary until such time as the Council of Administration determined it was appropriate to restore duties to Brother Jonathan Davis.

Further, the Council of Administration, upon motion, second and unanimous vote, determined should Jonathan Davis resign from the office of National Secretary, in that event, Alan L. Russ, PDC is appointed National Secretary until the next National Encampment, where an election shall be held. I received a notice of resignation from Brother Jonathan Davis at 9:41 PM on 19 April, 2022.

It is therefore Ordered that Brother Alan L. Russ, PDC will serve as National Secretary, with the full authority of that office, until the next National Encampment. Brother Russ can be contacted at secretary@suvchw.org.

General Order #11, 22 April 2022—

Suspension of Eric D. Richhart, PDC

During the regular meeting of the National Council of Administration on April 16, 2022 in Springfield, Illinois, per National Regulations, Chapter IV, Article 17(A), I filed with the Council of Administration a proposed Complaint against Eric D. Richhart, PDC, asking of the National Council of Administration, permission to exercise Summary Discipline, Chapter IV of our National Regulations.

Having received permission of the Council of Administration in said meeting on April 16, 2022, I am suspending Brother Eric D. Richhart, PDC from the office of Department Secretary, Department of Colorado/Wyoming and further, suspending Brother Richhart from participating in any event of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War pending the outcome of a hearing.

Therefore, the Complaint stands as formally filed and I call upon Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bruce D. Frail to proceed pursuant to National Regulations, Chapter IV, Article 17(B).

IT IS ORDERED that the membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War of Eric D. Richhart, PDC of the Department of Colorado/Wyoming is hereby SUSPENDED. Eric Richhart shall not be present at nor participate in any function of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at any level.



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General Order #12, 24 May 2022—

Passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Andrew M. Johnson

1. With a heavy heart, I have the sad duty to report the death of Past Commander-in-Chief Andrew M. Johnson on 22 May 2022 at the age of 86.
2. PCinC “Andy” Johnson, life member #393, was a long-time member of the Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2 of Washington D.C. and served as Camp Commander, Commander of the Department of Maryland, and ultimately as Commander-in-Chief in 1998-1999. PCinC Johnson retired as a Colonel after 30 plus years of active and reserve service in the United States Army. He was a member of and served in positions of leadership in other National Organizations to include the Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Colonial New England, and the American Legion. Always the gentleman, PCinC Johnson was a stalwart and wise leader in our Order and his willingness to mentor others was a true gift to us all.
3. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War’s social media platforms and the charters of all Departments and Camps will be draped in black. All Brothers will attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges in remembrance of PCinC Johnson.
4. This order shall remain in effect for 30 days from this date.

General Order #13, 25 May 2022—

Memorial Day / Decoration Day 2022

This year traditional Decoration Day coincides with nationally observed Memorial Day. We, as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, have the opportunity to fulfill our sacred oath “to always observe the day set aside by the Grand Army of the Republic as Memorial Day, sacred to the memory of the Union Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines of 1861 to 1865” concurrently with our fellow Americans’ observance of Memorial Day.

As we gather around the country in cemeteries and around monuments to our country’s fallen service members and listen to General John Logan’s General Order #11, let us recommit ourselves to the hope that we have not forgotten as a people “the cost of a free and undivided republic”.

Due to the COVID pandemic, many of you are conducting and participating in events in your local communities in some cases for the first time in three years. Let your love of country and sense of patriotism be evident as you are doing so. I also ask that at some point during the day you take a moment to remember and connect with your Civil War ancestor or another fallen service member in a special way.

I thank all of you for the good work you continue to carry out for the good of our Order.

General Order #14, 6 June 2022—

Reactivation of the Special Committee to Reorganize the National Regulations

It has recently been discovered that Chapter V, Article I, Section 3 of the 2013 National Regulations, containing six definitions, was not transferred into the reorganized 2014 National Regulations. The Reorganization of the National Regulations was approved during the 133rd National Encampment in 2014.

After the Reorganization to the National Regulations was approved, PCinC James Pahl moved “that the Special Committee be discharged with the provision that in the event that it’s discovered that items existing in the National Regulations did not get transferred into the reorganized format, the Commander-in-Chief be empowered to reactivate the Committee for the sole purpose of incorporating such language into the reorganized format that upon approval of the National Counselor and the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations such language can be inserted into the published Constitution and Regulations”. The motion carried.





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Therefore, pursuant to the authority granted me by the 133rd National Encampment, the Special Committee to Reorganize the National Regulations is hereby reactivated for the sole purpose of incorporating Chapter V, Article I, Section 3 of the 2013 National Regulations into the current reorganized format and upon approval of the National Counselor and the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations the language be inserted into the currently published Charter, Constitution and Regulations of the Order.

The committee will consist of the original chairman, James Pahl, PCinC, with the following original committee members: Don Darby, PCinC; Don Martin, PCinC; Alan Russ, PDC; and Bob Wolz, PDC.

General Order #15, 13 June 2022—

Attendance at SUVCW Camp, Department, and National Organization Meetings

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Charter, Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, and supported by a formal opinion issued by the National Counselor; who reviewed the language contained in Chapter I Article IV Section 3, Chapter II Article III Section 3, and Chapter III Article III Section 6 of the Charter, Constitution, and Regulations found that further direction regarding actions to be taken in the case of the suspension or dishonorable removal of a member from an Allied Order who remains in good standing in another Allied Order was warranted. Therefore, the following is hereby ordered:

A member of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, or the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War who has been suspended or dishonorably removed from that Order shall not be allowed to attend Camp, Department, or National Organization meetings of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War while representing themselves as a member of the Order which has suspended or dishonorably removed them. Conversely, that person shall be allowed to attend Camp, Department, or National Organization meetings of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, if they represent themselves as a member of another Allied Order in which they are a member in good standing.

General Order #16, 21 June 2022—

Suspension of the Department of Kentucky

1. The National Executive Director has advised me that the Department of Kentucky has not yet filed their required annual reports. Departments must file a Form 35, along with the current Department Roster and per capita dues to the Executive Director no later than May 31st each year. "Any Department which fails to file the Department Annual Report Form 35 by the date specified therein shall be automatically suspended. The Commander-in-Chief shall issue a General Order noting the automatic suspension." (Regulations, Chapter II, Article I, Section 11).
2. The Department of Kentucky is hereby placed under suspension.
3. The Department of Kentucky will be brought back in good standing when the delinquent reports are received by the Executive Director.
4. While under suspension, the Department may not meet or conduct business except for that activity to bring the Department back in good standing. In addition, their delegates to the National Encampment will not be seated.

General Order #17, 23 June 2022—

Revocation of General Order 16

1. Upon review of the suspension of the Department of Kentucky it was discovered that the department had submitted their required forms to the National Headquarters on time and the grounds for suspension did not exist.
2. The suspension of the Department of Kentucky is thus null and void. The department currently is and has been in good standing.
3. General Order 16 is hereby revoked.



Department Encampment, June 4, 2022—Jefferson City, Missouri



Officer reports can be found on the Department's website at:

<https://www.suvcwmo.org/department-minutes.html>



McPherson Camp #1 – Springdale, AR

Email suvcw.mcpherson.camp.no.1@gmail.com



Members of the General McPherson Camp took part in the Memorial Day ceremony at the Fayetteville National Cemetery.

Wilhelmi Camp #17 – Washington, MO

(Right) — Wilhelmi Camp Senior Vice Commander presented a check to Fort Davidson site manager Brian Bethel in memory of Lena Lee, wife of late camp member Robert Lee.



(Left) — Brothers Glen Alsop and Ron Burke attended Serendipity Day at the Edgar Murray school on May 6, 2022.

(Right) — Brother Glen Alsop at Shiloh National Cemetery for Missouri Remembrance Day, an event hosted by the Department of Missouri.



Fletcher Camp #47 – De Soto, MO

The Fletcher Camp & Volker Auxiliary on the Move!

MAY 14, LAST SOLDIER DEDICATION, ST. MARY

Commander Roussin participated in the St. James Camp's Last Civil War Soldier of Ste. Genevieve County. The St. James Camp placed a marker at St. Mary's Cemetery in St. Mary for Private John M. Duvall, Company G, 50th Missouri Infantry. Family members were present for the ceremony. Our Commander played *Taps* as a part of the event.



MAY 30, MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY, DE SOTO



Our Camp and Auxiliary fulfilled their filial obligation in remembering our Civil War dead on May 30 at the De Soto City Cemetery. The St. James Camp from Ste. Genevieve came in force as well. Commander Roussin presided over the ceremony. The color guard gave three volleys. We had over a dozen members of the public participate in marking the graves of veterans.

Photos courtesy of Ted Howell.

Fletcher Camp #47 – De Soto, MO



PDC Burd, our
Chaplain for the
event



St. James Camp
PCC Ed Millinger



Sister Colissa Alexander



Sister Patti McClelland



Fletcher Camp #47 – De Soto, MO



Sisters Howell and Breland



Engaging the public



Fletcher Camp #47 – De Soto, MO



Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty:
Brothers at the Ready from the Fletcher and St. James Camps



Phelps Camp #66 – Springfield, MO

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT HONORS SOLDIERS WHO FOUGHT AT SHILOH

Members of Phelps Camp joined others from the Department of Missouri on Saturday, April 2 to honor the men of all the Missouri regiments that were part of General Ulysses S. Grant's army at the Battle of Shiloh, Tennessee, April 6-7, 1862.

Despite a chilly start, the day turned out to be almost perfect as members traveled to each regiment's location, the Missouri state monument, and the site of the death of Colonel Everett Peabody, veteran of the siege of Lexington and commander of a brigade that contained Missouri soldiers. At each stop, a wreath was presented and members of the department read historical accounts highlighting that unit's role in the battle. The final stop of the day was at the Shiloh National Cemetery, where taps was played and wreaths and flags placed on the graves of the known Missouri dead.

This promises to be an annual event, in that a similar program will be held each year at a different battlefield where Missouri soldiers fought.



US Grant Camp 68



On May 15, Grant Camp Members Walt Busch, PDC, and Camp Commander Bob Aubuchon join Belleville, IL's Hecker Camp at Palmier Cemetery near Columbia, IL for a Soldiers' Marker Ceremony

Camp SVC Craig Mathews, Sr is one of several Grant Camp members presenting ROTC and JROTC awards at Metro St. Louis area high schools and colleges. Craig is presenting a certificate at Marquette High School's Air Force JROTC ceremonies on May 6.



US Grant Camp 68

On April 27,, our Past Camp Commander Robert Amsler, Jr. presented a Sherman Flag to Retired General David Petraeus. The presentation took place during ceremonies at Grant's Tomb, New York, NY.

The Sherman Flag is a flag flown over the gravesite of General William T. Sherman. The flagpole was placed by the former William T. Sherman/Billy Yank Camp 65. After they disbanded, Grant Camp took over the care of the flagpole and has plans to create a small plaza there.

There are only two ways to get a flag. Become a past commander of US Grant Camp or be honored by the camp for being a patriotic American.



US Grant Camp 68

MEMORIAL DAY AT JEFFERSON BARRACKS. PCinC Donald Palmer provides the keynote speech. Our ceremony is covered by KSD-K TV.



US Grant Camp 68



Standing next to a new member of Phelps Camp, PDCs Martin Aubuchon and Walt Busch represent US Grant Camp at the Mountain Grove GAR Monument Rededication held on Memorial Day. The event was being ramrodded by PDC Dale Crandell of Phelps Camp. Below Walt, as the state and national Monuments Officer, provides a main speech.

The photo of Walt (below) is provided by the *Wright County Journal* and used with their permission.



**Spradling Camp #72 –
Fort Smith, AR**



*These monuments don't maintain themselves. Bruce
wright, Joe Rainey and Bob Underdown worked on the
GAR monuments in Gentry and Siloam Springs.
Great job, guys!*

St. James Camp #326 – Ste. Genevieve, MO

CAMP ACTIVITIES



On April 2nd the Department of Missouri participated in the Missouri Remembrance Day at the Shiloh National Military Park in Tennessee. It was the 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Shiloh. The photo above is at the Missouri Monument inside the Park. Our five members present were Scott and Alice Reed, Bob and Linda Mueller, Gary and Mary Scheel, Martin Aubuchon and Greg Wolk.

Our Camp was well represented from the beginning through the end of this activity. Brothers Scott Reed and Gary Scheel served on the Programs Committee which planned Missouri Remembrance Day.

Bob Mueller was another one of our members who made the event at Shiloh a success. We met in the pavilion for our opening ceremony. The key speaker at the opening ceremony was Bob. He gave an excellent presentation on the overall history of Missouri men involvement in the Battle of Shiloh starting with the Battle of Fort Donelson. His presentation was enjoyed by all.



From the pavilion we moved to the monument of the 13th Missouri Infantry Regiment [22nd Ohio Infantry Regiment] He gave a history of the Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James and a description of the Battle of Shiloh and the involvement of the 13th Missouri Infantry Regiment in the battle and the wounding and death of Lt. Col. St. James. This presentation was enjoyed by all.



Ian Jones, descendant of Lt. Col. St. James, was present. He lives in Louisiana and attended the activities. Department Commander Gary Scheel is presenting the copy of the 1888 photo of the J. Felix St. James G.A.R. Post #326 of Ste. Genevieve assembled on Decoration Day. There is also an article underneath the photo which describes that the widow of Lt. Col. St. James, Susan Sergeant St. James was present in a buggy behind the G.A.R. He also was presented an original copy of a pension request to the government by Mrs. Susan St. James. This copy was given to Gary Scheel by Pat Parker several years ago. Ian was touched by these articles. He has since become a member of our Camp.



Ian Jones and Gary Scheel in front of the 13th Missouri Infantry Monument

St. James Camp #326 – Ste. Genevieve, MO



Brother Scott Reed, of our Camp, gave a presentation at the Missouri State Monument. While working on the committee he discovered that the Missouri Monument came into existence by the dedication and perseverance of Boy Scout Troop 600 in Florissant, MO. They started the fund raisers in 1975 and by May 1981 they had the dedication of the Monument.

His presentation was informative and enjoyed by all.



Brother Marty Aubuchon, the Department Chaplain, knelt and rang the bell for all 142 names of Missouri Soldiers who were killed during the battle at Shiloh or died of their wounds received at the battle. The touching event of the day was as the names were read and he was ringing the bell, we could hear cannon fire in the distance at the reenactment that was going on at the same time. A fitting tribute to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.



Our last stop of the day was at the Shiloh Battlefield National Cemetery. Earlier in the day volunteers had placed US Flags and wreaths at the grave site of the 47 Missouri men buried in the cemetery. At this stop we went into the cemetery and paid our respects

The end of the day. Brother Doug Roussin of the General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 played taps.



Cars stopped on the road behind him and those who were behind us as we saluted, stopped talking and walking by. They paid their respects to those who have lain in the cold ground for 160 years.

In attendance during this event were the following camps:

Major Franz Wilhelmi Camp #17, General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47, Westport Camp #64, Phelps Camp #66, US Grant Camp #68, Lieutenant Colonel J. Felix St. James Camp #326. Members of the Louisa Volker Auxiliary #215, A.S.U.V.C.W.

Many THANKS, go to the staff at Shiloh National Battlefield Park for allowing us to hold this event on their site.



St. James Camp #326 – Ste. Genevieve, MO

On April 9th Brother William Zoughaib participated in the Ste. Genevieve → Gravel Classic. He participated in the 68 mile race and finished in 1st Place. WAY TO GO, WILLIAM.



← April 14th the day that Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James was buried in Memorial Cemetery in Ste. Genevieve.

He was mortally wounded on April 6th at the Battle of Shiloh and died on April 8th in the hospital in Savannah, TN.

Every year our Camp has a guard who watches over his grave either on the day he was wounded, died or was buried.

After this photo was taken Brother Paul Kist showed up to stand guard. [Photo courtesy of Susan Zoughaib]

← Gary L. Scheel [Photo courtesy of Bob Mueller]



April 30th, Ste. Genevieve Library

We met at the library and had an information booth manned by Camp Commander Michael Schaaf, Paul Kist, Reuel Smith and Ed Millinger. Tom Greminger had his display and explained equipment the soldier would have during the Civil War. Bob Muller and Becky Millinger discussed genealogy and explained how to look for information on the web about Civil War soldiers. Gary Scheel was outside and drilled children as a soldier drilled during the war.

MAY 14TH, TWO FOR ONE

Ceremony One: Valle Spring Cemetery, Ste. Genevieve, MO



Private Reuben Greenberry Brown,
Company A, 2nd Missouri State Militia Cavalry Regiment

At 11 a.m. five members of Private Brown's family along with members of the General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47, Louisa Volker Auxiliary 215, A.S.U.V.C.W., U.S.

Grant Camp #68 and our six members of our Camp, met at his grave site. Members of our camp had ordered his grave marker and after it was delivered they placed it in the ground in December 2021.

Janice Cole, great-great-Great Granddaughter of Private Brown knew that her great-great-Great Grandmother remains were brought from St. Louis to Ste. Genevieve to be buried but does not know where she was buried. We mentioned that we had seen at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery that the names of the spouses were on the back of the grave marker. Philomena Juliette Brugert Brown name was put on the back of Private Browns



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grave marker. Janice is happy that at least her name, birth and death dates are posted in Ste. Genevieve where she lays.

Family members present were Janice Cole and her husband Bill, her niece Jill Thieret, and Jill’s two daughters Aubrie and Addie. Thank you for honoring your ancestor with us.



L-R: Corporal Ed Millinger, Camp Commander Michael Schaaf and Camp Chaplain Paul Kist. Corporal Ed Millinger had the honor of being Honor Guard at the grave marker of

Private Robert G. Brown during the ceremony. After the firing of honors 2nd Lieutenant Doug Roussin of the 47th Missouri Infantry SVR, Fletcher Camp played Taps [he is in the background by the tree]. Saluting while armed are Captain Martin Aubuchon and 1st Sergeant Gary Scheel of the Camp Guard of the St. James Camp and Sergeant Bob AuBuchon of 2nd Missouri Infantry SVR, Grant Camp.



Even though the weathermen had determined that we were going to have rain, Chaplain Paul Kist prayed that we would not have rain and it did not rain all day. This is our second event where God answered his prayer when rain was predicted.

Ceremony Two: St. Mary Cemetery, St. Mary, MO



After a great meal at the Old Brick House Restaurant in Ste. Genevieve we proceeded to St. Mary Cemetery where we were going to honor the Last Civil War Veteran buried in Ste. Genevieve County.

Private John Miles Duvall who served in Company G, 50th Missouri Infantry Regiment. He died on October 30, 1939.

Some of the family of Private Duvall attended the ceremony. We were honored by the presence of Dr. Joseph Duvall, the great-Great Grandson of Private Duvall. He brought the flag that covered the coffin and remains of Private John Miles Duvall.



Last Soldier Marker

dedication.

We felt honored that he extended to us the privilege of having the flag present at the

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Seven members of the Duvall family were present during the ceremony living in the St. Louis area.

Joseph Duvall giving us the history of → his ancestor. In the background Camp Commander Michael Schaaf [on the left] and Camp Chaplain Paul Kist [on the right]



←Photo of everyone in attendance. L-R, Marty Aubuchon, Gary Scheel, Carolyn Duvall, Joseph Duvall, Ed Millinger, Rosemary Garrison, John Duvall, Eddie Duvall, Mark Duvall, Sarah Duvall, Bob Mueller, Paul Kist, Bob AuBuchon, Michael Schaaf, Reuel Smith for some reason Doug and Kathy Roussin are not in the photo. Photo was taken Janice Cole whose ancestor, Private Reuben Brown we had a ceremony at his marker earlier that day.



←L-R- Joseph Duvall, John Duvall, Eddie Duvall, Sarah Duvall, Mark Duvall. Direct descendants of Private John Duvall.

WE APPRECIATE THE MEMBERS OF THE FLETCHER CAMP #47 AND U.S. GRANT CAMP #68 WHO TOOK TIME OUT OF THEIR DAY TO SPEND IT WITH US AND TO HONOR THESE CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS.



JROTC Ceremony at Poplar Bluff High School

Cadet Staff Sergeant Zarika Raymer received the SUVCW JROTC Medal and Certificate for 2022. Presenting the award on 19 May for the St. James Camp #326 is PDC Gary Scheel. To the right is Major Greg Crites, who retired last year but because of ill health of his replacement, Major Crites was called back into service as the commander of this JROTC Battalion.

The medal and certificate was lost in the mail. Gary contacted Major Crites about a week before the and found out that he had not received the medal or the certificate, Gary contacted both the National JROTC representative and Brother Dale Crandell the Department JROTC representative. This was on the Thursday May 12th. He received a medal and certificate from National and a medal from Department of Missouri JROTC, Dale Crandell, and he received both packages the next Monday. Major Crites was impressed that our order was able to respond in such a way that the missing medal and certificate was replaced on such a short notice.

MAY 30th Memorial Day at DeSoto City Cemetery



Photos are courtesy of the Fletcher Camp photographer Ted Howell.



Attending from our camp were Camp Commander Michael Schaaf, Ed Millinger and Gary Scheel. We decided in our May business meeting to support the Fletcher Camp on Memorial Day because of their support they gave us last year during our Memorial Day activity and their support during our two cemetery activities on May 14th.

At the end of the ceremonies we were given flags and names of Civil War veterans buried in certain sections in the cemetery. The weather was perfect.

MAY 22nd Moses Riney Day

We met at the Museum Learning Center of Ste. Genevieve for the unveiling of the painting by Anita Alsup of Moses Riney. Her painting is so good that it looks like a photo.



Camp Commander Michael Schaaf was one of the key speakers because he has been instrumental in bringing the history of Moses Riney service in the 68th US Colored



L-R, Michael Schaaf, Paul Kist, Reuel Smith, Ed Millinger, Gary Scheel, Martin Aubuchon [not in photo]

Troops during the Civil War. There were many members of the family present for this event. Brother Greg Wolk gave a presentation on General U.S. Grant in Missouri during the Civil War.

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Flag Day at Missouri National Veterans Memorial

At our May meeting we decided since Flag Day fell on our regular June meeting day we would go to the Missouri National Veterans Memorial to present to them the SUCVW Flag Certificate because of the display of flags they fly year round and on special occasions.

At our Department Encampment on June 4th the Department Patriotic Instructor Dale Crandell made a motion that on Flag Day an annual event. The Department approved his motion and we were honored to be the first Camp to sponsor the event.

Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326, Department of Missouri, Sons of Union of the Civil War learned of a SUCVW Flag Certificate and one of the first places that came to our minds was this Memorial.

They honor our veterans 365 days a year.

There is an exact replica of the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C. They fly 70 flags year around at the wall and on special occasions they add an additional nearly 150 flags.

From Memorial Day thru July 4th nearly 220 flags are flying 24 hours a day to honor not only our living but our dead.



←At the Apex of the Wall,. Members of our Camp;
Left to right- Gary Scheel, Martin Aubuchon, Department of Missouri Patriotic Instructor Dale Crandell, Camp Commander Michael Schaaf, Paul Kist and Reuel Smith.



The whole group. Our Camp and our families.



Avenue of flags leading to the Vietnam Wall Memorial

While at the Vietnam Wall Memorial we looked up the names of the four men from Ste. Genevieve County who were killed in Vietnam. There was discussion at lunch

of a fifth man from Ste Genevieve being killed in Vietnam. He was found but he was listed as living in St. Louis. He is buried in Ste. Genevieve where he was raised.

These are the men paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Frederick John Shuh, US Marine killed 3-24-1967

Terry Robert Monia, US Army killed 3-19-1969

Larry Lee Thomure, US Army killed 5-12-1969

Gregory Leo Meyer, US Army died 8-6-1969

Warren Paul Seawel, US Army killed 3-23-1971



Note that while some camps may not have reported exclusive activities this time, members of camps across the Department participate in each other's events.

McPherson Camp #1— Springdale, AR

Murphy Camp #2 — Little Rock, AR

Tarkington Camp #3 — Van Buren, AR

Lillie Camp #6 — Jefferson City, MO

Wilhelmi Camp #17 — Washington, MO

Fletcher Camp #47 — De Soto, MO

McNeil Camp #62 — Unionville, MO

Westport Camp #64 — Kansas City, MO

Phelps Camp #66 — Springfield, MO

Grant Camp #68 — St. Louis, MO

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St. James Camp #326 — Ste. Genevieve, MO

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STE. GENEVIEVE, MO

Saturday, August 27th, 2022

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**Demonstration Camp to Be Set Up at Felix Valle House
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Re-enactment of the 1861 Bank Raid by Federal troops

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PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S MESSAGE

DALE CRANDELL, PDC

The preamble of the SUVCW Constitution declares we are a patriotic and fraternal order, pledged to render loyal service to our country and promote American citizenship. The dog days of summer have several opportunities for camps and members to engage in commemorations and celebrations of patriotic holidays and Civil War history. Does your Camp have local Civil War battles or leaders to feature in the Patriotic Instructor's Message? Send them to the Department's Patriotic Instructor (patriot@suvchwmo.org).

Independence Day



Fourth of July, *Harper's Weekly* (July 27, 1861)

July 4th is Independence Day and the 246th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The Second Continental Congress voted to separate from Great Britain on July 2, 1776, with the 80-word Resolution of Independence proposed by Virginia's Richard Henry Lee. However, Independence Day is celebrated for the Declaration of Independence adopted days later on July 4, 1776, and known for its famous words:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

The 4th of July was observed during the American Civil War by the Union and Confederacy, both celebrating the founding fathers and independence from Great Britain. However, frustrated southerners ended celebrations during the Reconstruction era.

For more information visit the U.S. National Park Service website at:

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalmall4th/history-of-independence-day.htm>.

Battle of Carthage

The Battle of Carthage occurred on July 5, 1861, when 1,000 Union infantry, artillery, and militia under Colonel Franz Siegel were defeated by 4,000 from the pro-Confederate Missouri State Guard commanded by Governor Claiborne Jackson and General Sterling Price.

Missouri like other boarder states was divided between supporting the Union or Confederacy. General Lyon's Union force moved to secure the state capitol and Missouri River while Colonel Franz Siegel's Union force moved into southwest Missouri. Follow-





Battle of Carthage, *Harper's Weekly* (August 3, 1861)

ing their loss at the Battle of Booneville, the Missouri State Guard was retreating south but picking up recruits from Missouri's sympathetic rural population.

Colonel Siegel's well-armed Union infantry and artillery were encamped at Carthage making them a target for Governor Jackson's growing but green Missouri State Guard. The half-mile long battle line was ten miles north of Carthage. Both sides ex-

changed artillery fire and maneuver within 1,500 feet in the morning, but the Union infantry was forced back to Carthage where General Price attempted to surround and capture the Union force. Colonel Siegel received intelligence reports of an approaching second wave of 2,000 more Missouri State Guard troops and opted to avoid capture by retreating into Kansas under cover of night. Unknown to Colonel Siegel, the 2,000 men were unarmed recruits. Although defeated at the Battle of Booneville, victory for the pro-Confederates at the Battle of Carthage gave Governor Jackson and the Missouri State Guard confidence, time, and recruits for the coming Battle of Wilson's Creek. To learn more about the Battle of Carthage read [The Civil War in Missouri: A Military History](#) by Louis Gerties and [Wilson's Creek: The Second Battle of the Civil War and the Men Who Fought It](#) by William Piston, or visit: <https://www.battlefields.org/learn/civil-war/battles/carthage>.

Nathaniel Lyon (1818-1861)

July 14th is Nathaniel Lyon's birthday. Nathaniel was born in 1818 in Ashford, Connecticut and is the son Amasa Lyon and Kezia Knowlton. He graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1841 and commission an army officer. Lieutenant Lyon served in Florida's Seminole Wars and the Mexican-American War. Captain Lyon was assigned to Fort Riley during the Bleeding Kansas era and became a supporter of anti-slavery but opposed abolitionist violence. He was re-assigned to St. Louis in 1861 and leveraged a friendship with Missouri's Representative Francis Blair to be appointed commander of the St. Louis arsenal, which he correctly predicted would be the target of pro-south Governor Claiborne Jackson at the outbreak of the American Civil War.

Representative Blair and Captain Lyon for the federal government and Governor Jackson and General Sterling Price for Missouri meet for the Planters House Conference in 1861 to discuss the Price-Harney Truce and Missouri remaining neutral for the American Civil War. Negotiations failed and both sides readied for control of Missouri.



General Nathaniel Lyon

Captain Lyon chased Governor Jackson from the Jefferson City and skirmished with the General Price's Missouri State Guard at the Battle of Boonville. General Lyon was given command of the Army of the West and pursued the Missouri State Guard into southwest Missouri where he was shot and died at the Battle of Wilson's Creek on August 10, 1861.

General Lyon has the distinction of being the first Union General who died in the American Civil War. The SUVCW Department of Missouri's recruitment award, the Nathaniel Lyon Award, is presented to the SUVCW Camp with the greatest percentage increase in membership. For more about Nathaniel Lyon visit: <http://civilwarmo.org/educators/resources/info-sheets/general-nathaniel-lyon>.

Coast Guard Birthday



August 4th is the 232nd birthday of the U.S. Coast Guard, one of six branches of our Armed Forces. Proposed by Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton, Congress authorized construction of ten cutter vessels on August 4, 1790, to enforce tariffs and prevent smuggling. Known originally as the Revenue Marine, they were renamed the Revenue Cutter Service in 1863, and later merged with the Life-Saving Service in 1915 to create the current U.S. Coast Guard.

During the American Civil War, the Union's Revenue Marine supported the Union Navy to blockade Confederate harbors and rivers throughout the American Civil War and were formally ordered into services by President Lincoln on June 14, 1863: "You will co-operate by the revenue cutters under your direction with the navy in arresting rebel depredations on American commerce and transportation and in capturing rebels engaged therein."

The service's cutter *USRM Harriet Lane* was part of the federal blockade of Charleston Harbor on April 11, 1861, when the unflagged merchant ship *Nashville* attempted to enter the harbor.

The *Harriet Lane* fired a warning shot at the *Nashville*, which is arguably the first shot fired during American Civil War.

The *USRM Stevens* was the service's submersible gunboat that accompanied the *USS Monitor* in its (unsuccessful) attack on the Confederate Capitol at Richmond and battle

with the *CSS Virginia*. Although the Stevens' role was to bait the Confederacy into battle, the *Monitor-Virginia* engagement was naval history's first battle between ironclads.

For more information visit the U.S. Coast Guard website at: <https://www.history.uscg.mil>.

Battle of Kirksville

The Battle of Kirksville on August 6, 1862, was a Union victory for control of northeastern Missouri. After the Confederate lose at the Battle of Pea Ridge, detachments from the Missouri State Guard were sent to support Missouri bushwhackers and recruit from southern sympathizer communities. Coronel Joseph Porter was recruiting in northeast-



Battle of Kirksville by Prof A. D. Towne

ern Missouri. Although poorly equipped, Porter's swelling 2,500 recruits drew the Union's attention and prompted dispatching Colonel John McNeil and 1,000 from the well trained 2nd Missouri Cavalry Regiment to intercede.

Colonel Porter's Confederate brigade of mostly local recruits were hidden in Kirksville homes, businesses, and farm fields, however Colonel McNeil's Calvary sent small scouting parties through the county to lure out the Confederates. Once located,

the Union's artillery fire and two waves of fast-moving cavalry scattered the new recruits in just a few hours, bringing an end to Colonel Porter's efforts to form the 1st Northeast Missouri Cavalry.

To learn more about the Battle of New Madrid read *The Civil War in Missouri: A Military History* by Louis Gerties and *The Civil War Missouri Compendium* by Joseph McCoskrie and Brian Warren or visit: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Kirksville.

Battle of Wilson's Creek

The Battle of Wilson's Creek on August 10, 1861, was Missouri's entry into the American Civil War and a Confederate victory. As southern states were seceding and preparing for war, Missouri's Constitutional Convention voted to not secede or support either side. The state adopted an armed but neutral policy. However, local conflicts escalated at the Liberty Arsenal, Camp Jackson, Battle of Booneville, and Battle of Carthage.

Governor Claiborne Jackson and General Sterling Price's Missouri State Guard had



Battle of Wilson's Creek by Kurz and Allison

been chased from Jefferson City, settling in Springfield with General Ben McCulloch and General Nicholas Pearce's Confederate Army, all total 12,000 infantry, cavalry, and artillery. General Nathaniel Lyon's Union Army of 5,000 was maneuvering for control of Missouri and opted for a surprise attack.

General Lyon's daybreak charge and Colonel Franz Siegel's attack from the rear broke the Confederate lines on bloody hill with hopes for a quick victory. However,

the Confederate's artillery and infantry counterattack began to deplete the two separated Union forces. General Lyon was shot and died by mid-morning leaving Major Sturgis in command, who seeing his demoralized soldiers and exhausted supplies, ordered a retreat by 11:00 am.

The Battle of Wilson's Creek left Missouri, like the nation, divided. The Union controlled St. Louis, the capitol, and Missouri River, while the Confederacy controlled southern Missouri.

To learn more about the Battle of Wilson Creek read *The Civil War in Missouri: A Military History* by Louis Gerties, *Wilson's Creek: The Second Battle of the Civil War and the Men Who Fought It* by William Piston, and *Civil War Springfield* by Larry Wood or visit: <https://www.battlefields.org/learn/articles/battle-wilsons-creek-and-struggle-missouri>.

1st Battle of Independence



1855 illustration of Independence, Missouri (source: NARA)

The 1st Battle of Independence on August 11, 1862, was a minor engagement but an important Confederate victory for control of Jackson County. After the Confederate lose at the Battle of Pea Ridge, detachments from the Missouri State Guard were sent to support Missouri bushwhackers and recruit from southern sympathizer communities. Colonel John Hughes and Colonel Upton Hays had recruited some 800 but needed ammunition and supplies. They opted to attack the small Union garri-

son of 350 commanded by Lt. Colonel James Buel.

Aided by William Quantrill's local bushwhackers, the Confederate guerrilla force launched a surprise sunrise sweep through Independence and attack on the Union camp. Colonel Hughes died in the attack leaving Colonel Gideon Thomson in command. The Union was able to hold a line formed by Captain Jacob Axline, but under a flag of truce, Union Colonel Buel negotiated a surrender of Independence and parole for the remaining 150 Union troops. Colonel Buel and Captain Breckenridge were later court-marshaled for their failures.

The 1st Battle of Independence was costly for both sides. The Confederates held control of Jackson County but eventually returned to southern Missouri and Arkansas.

To learn more about the 1st Battle of Independence read *The Civil War in Missouri: A Military History* by Louis Gerties and *The Civil War Missouri Compendium* by Joseph McCoskrie and Brian Warren or visit: <https://civilwaronthewesternborder.org/encyclopedia/first-battle-independence>.

Battle of Lone Jack



Reenactment of Battle of Lone Jack (credit: Jeff Konrei Minde)

The Battle of Lone Jack on August 15-16, 1862, was a short lived Confederate victory and Union blunder. After the Confederate lose at the Battle of Pea Ridge, detachments from the Missouri State Guard were sent to support Missouri bushwhackers and recruit from southern sympathizer communities.

When Union General John Schofield, Department of Missouri Commander, learned of the loss of Independence, Missouri, he ordered Union forces to concentrate on the threat in Jackson County. Union Major

Emory Foster led a 740-soldier force from Lexington, which was to join with General James Blunt's 2,500 from Kansas and General Henry Warren's 600.

Major Foster reached the Confederate recruiting camp at Lone Jack on August 15. His scouting patrol estimated a Confederate garrison of 800. Major Foster opted to not wait for the other Union troops and fired canons to disperse the camp and easily take Lone Jack. Unknown to Major Foster, the canon fire alerted other Confederates encamped throughout Jackson County.

Confederate Colonel Vard Cockrell commanded 1,500 soldiers and local bushwhackers and planned a sunrise attack on the small Union garrison. However, the Confederate

attack was delayed and exposed, giving the Union troops time to set defenses. A full day of attacks and counterattacks, capture and re-capture of artillery consumed both sides. My nightfall and with Major Foster wounded, Captain Milton Brawner ordered a retreat. The Confederates occupied Lone Jack for two days but with General Blunt and General Warren's approaching Union force, the Confederates withdrew.

To learn more about the Battle of Lone Jack read *Battle of Lone Jack, August 16, 1862* by Wayne Schnetzer, *The Civil War in Missouri: A Military History* by Louis Gerties, and *The Civil War Missouri Compendium* by Joseph McCoskrie and Brian Warren or visit: <https://civilwaronthewesternborder.org/encyclopedia/battle-lone-jack>.

Battle of Dry Wood Creek (September 2, 1861)



Colonel James Lane (credit: LoC)

The Battle of Dry Wood Creek occurred on September 2, 1861, where General Price's pro-Confederate Missouri State Guard defeated Colonel James Lane's Union Kansas Brigade. Following the Confederacy's victory at the Battle of Wilson's Creek, the Missouri State Guard moved north to regain control of Missouri.

The Missouri State Guard had swelled to 6,000 and traveled north along the Missouri-Kansas border. As they approached Fort Scott, Kansas, Colonel Lane dispatched 600 into Missouri to ambush General Price's advancement along Dry Wood Creek. The ambush initially succeeded, but the Missouri State Guard's numbers overwhelmed the small Kansas Brigade forcing a hasty retreat to Fort Scott. The skirmish is also known as the Battle of Mules in reference to the Kansas Brigade abandoning their supplies and mules, which were captured by the Missouri State Guard.

General Price's Missouri State Guard continued their northern march for control of Missouri.

To learn more about the Battle of Dry Wood Creek read *The Civil War in Missouri: A Military History* by Louis Gerties and General Sterling Price and *The Civil War in the West* by Albert Castel, or visit: <https://civilwaronthewesternborder.org/map/battle-dry-wood-creek>.

1st Battle of Lexington

The 1st Battle of Lexington occurred September 13 - 20, 1861, which was a siege by General Sterling Price's pro-Confederate Missouri State Guard against Colonel James



Battle of Lexington engraving

(source: Missouri History Museum)

Mulligan's Union force of Illinois and Missouri infantry for control of Lexington, Missouri. Lexington was a prize for the Confederate cause being the heart of Missouri's little dixie and \$900,000 of confiscated state funds held at the Farmer's Bank of Lexington.

General Price's Missouri State Guard had grown to 15,000 while Lexington was held by 3,500 from the Union's 23rd Illinois Infantry, 13th Missouri Infantry, and 27th Missouri Mounted Infantry. Union forces

were well entrenched. General Price quickly encircled Lexington and chose patience to allow his supply lines and artillery to catch up, but on September 18th order the advance, pushing the Union into their garrison at Masonic College. On September 19th, General Price's artillery bombarded the garrison while infantry constructed a line of hemp bales as a rolling fortification to approach the Union garrison. On September 20th, Price's advancing infantry protected by hemp bales breached into the Union garrison forcing Colonel Mulligan to surrender by noon. For the tactical role hemp bales provided the Missouri State Guard, the Battle of Lexington is also referred to as the Battle of the Hemp Bales. Post-battle General Price and Union General John Fremont negotiated an exchange of Colonel Mulligan's Union soldier for parolees from the Camp Jackson Affair.

Even with captured ammunition and funds at Lexington, General Price could not supply his large Missouri State Guard and was forced to return to southwest Missouri setting up the next engagement at the Battle of Pea Ridge.

To learn more about the 1st Battle of Lexington read *The Civil War in Missouri: A Military History* by Louis Gerties, *General Sterling Price and the Civil War in the West* by Albert Castel, and *The Siege of Lexington, Missouri: The Battle of the Hemp Bales* by Larry Wood, or visit: <https://civilwaronthewesternborder.org/map/lexington-missouri>.

Constitution Day

September 17th is Constitution Day, which celebrates signing the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787, by delegates to the Constitution Convention in Philadelphia. The celebration has origins in the "I am an American" and "Citizenship Day" events from the 1930s and was renamed Constitution Day in 2004.

The U.S. Constitution is organized in the seven articles that define the three branches





“Scene at the Signing of the Constitution of the United States”
by Howard Chandler Christy

of government, relationships between states, supremacy of the federal government, and process to ratify and amend the Constitution. The first ten amendments, known as the Bill of Rights, represent one of the nation’s first compromises between delegates wanting a strong federal government to correct failures of the Articles of Confederation and others fearing loss of the liberties gained from the Revolutionary War. There have been 27 amendments to the Constitution.

For more information: <https://www.constitutionday.com>.

Battle of Liberty at Blue Mills Landing



Lt. Colonel John Scott

The Battle of Liberty at Blue Mills Landing in Clay County, Missouri was September 17, 1861. It was a victory for pro-Confederate General Sterling Price’s campaign for control of Missouri following their victor at Wilsons Creek. Confederate General David Atchison commanded 3,500 from the Missouri State Guard with orders to rally with pro-Confederate irregulars from St. Joseph and join General Price’s conquest for Lexington. The challenge for the Confederates was their vulnerability while crossing the Missouri River. Their advantage was General Atchison’s familiarity with the river and terrain around Liberty.

The Union deployed 600 infantry and artillery from the Missouri Home Guard and 3rd Iowa Infantry commanded by Lt. Colonel John Scott. At dawn, Colonel Scott deployed scouts to assess the crossing, but they were ambushed by awaiting Missouri State Guard troops. Union artillery fired on the crossing troops, inflicting some damage but Colonel Scott determined the Union force was greatly outnumbered and unable to stop the Confederate crossing. The Union withdrew to Liberty giving General Atchison the freedom to cross the river and proceed to Lexington.

To learn more about the Battle of Liberty, read *The Civil War in Missouri: A Military History* by Louis Gerties, *The Civil War Missouri Compendium* by Joseph McCoskrie and Brian Warren, and *The Siege of Lexington, Missouri: The Battle of the Hemp Bales* by Larry Wood, or visit: <https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-battles-detail.htm?battleCode=m0003>.



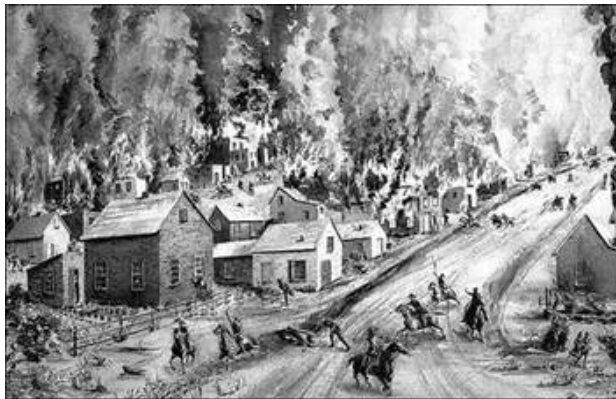
Air Force Birthday

U.S. AIR FORCE

September 18th is the 75th birthday of the U.S. Air Force, one of six branches of our Armed Forces. Just four years after the Wright brothers took their first flight, the War Department established the Aeronautical Division within the U.S. Army in 1907 to develop a military role for airplanes. Air combat evolved under the names Army Air Service and Army Air Corps until it was established as a separate military branch by the National Security Act of 1947, creating our current U.S. Air Force.

For more information visit the U.S. Air Force website at: <https://www.afhistory.af.mil>.

Battle of Osceola



Sacking of Osceola, Missouri

The Battle of Osceola on September 22, 1861, was a continuation of the bleeding Kansas border war between Kansas abolitionist and pro-slavery Missouri. Colonel James Lane's Union Kansas Brigade were defeated at the Battle of Dry Creek weeks early. The Union Arm ordered Colonel James Lane's Kansas Brigade to attack General Price's Missouri State Guard from advancing into Kansas. Instead, Colonel Lane rallied 1,200 Kansas Jayhawkers to retaliate by looting and sacking Osceola,

Missouri, a pro-slavery community. An estimated 200 slaves were liberated, horses, cattle, and flour were plundered, and nine Osceola citizens were executed.

Lane's Osceola sack stirred the border war leading to William Quantrill's retaliation and raid on Lawrence, Kansas in 1863.

To learn more about the Osceola sack read *The Burning of Osceola, Missouri* by Richard Sunderwirth, *The War for Missouri: 1861-1862* by Joseph McCoskrie, and *Civil War on the Missouri-Kansas Border* by Donald Gilmore or visit: <https://civilwaronthewesternborder.org/encyclopedia/sacking-osceola>.

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ROTC COORDINATOR MESSAGE

DALE CRANDELL, PDC



The deadline to submit nominations for the annual JROTC Outstanding Cadet competition is 15 July 2022. This competition is open to high school JROTC cadets in Missouri and Arkansas.

The Outstanding Cadet receives a ROTC medal-ribbon bar with bronze leaf/star and a \$200 prize. The rules and steps to participate in the competition are simple:

1. The JROTC cadet must be a 2022 recipient of a SUVCW ROTC medal for his/her high school JROTC unit.
2. The cadet or his unit must provide a 100- to 300-word summary of the cadet's accomplishments. No form, just a simple write-up or email.
3. Each Camp may nominate one cadet for the competition from among the JROTC high school units they sponsor.

SUVCW ROTC MEDAL 4. Submit the Camp's nominee with the 100- to 300-word summary to the Department's ROTC coordinator at rotc@suvchwmo.org. Deadline to receive Camp nominations: July 15, 2022.

Camp's may want to consider a local prize for their nominee to encourage participation, such as one-year SUVCW associate membership, invitation to a camp dinner, or a cash prize.

For assistance or questions contact the Department's ROTC coordinator at rotc@suvchwmo.org.

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&

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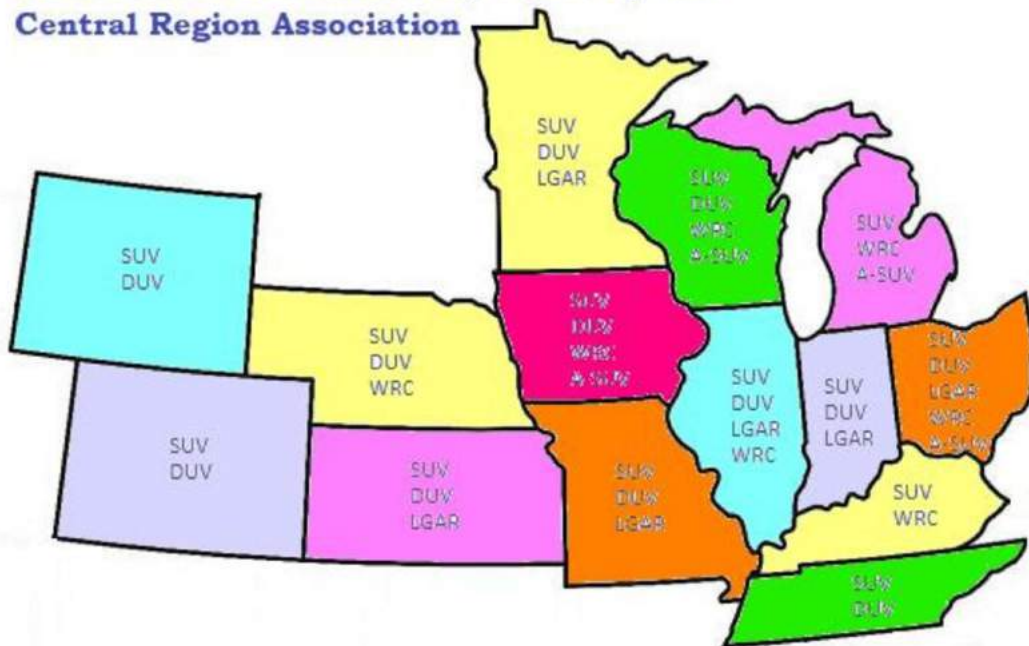
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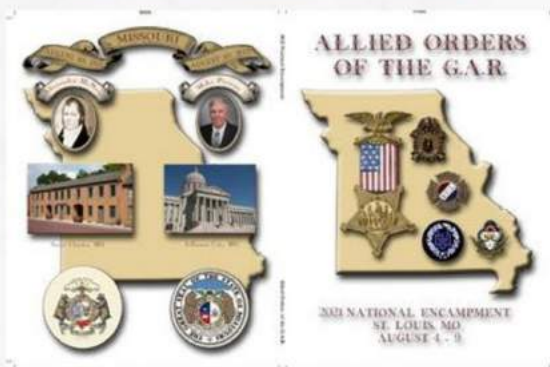


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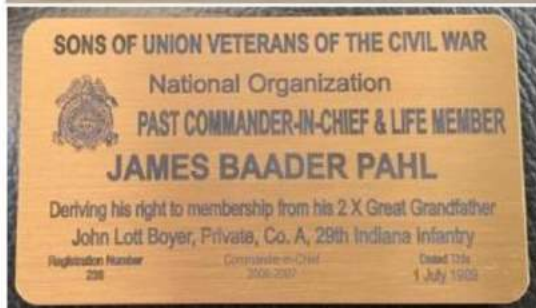
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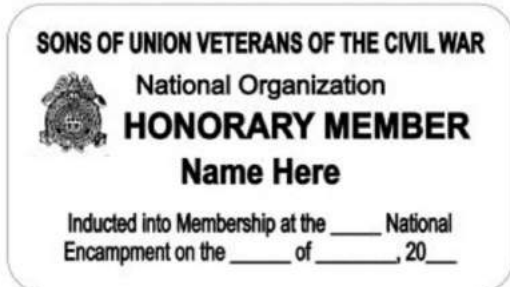
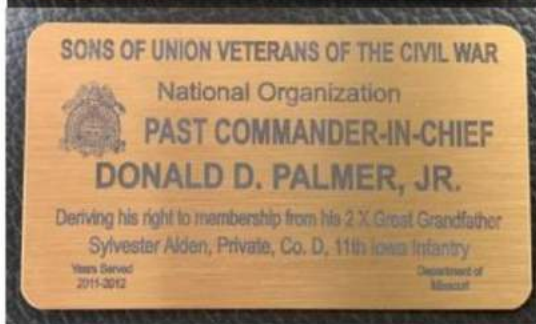
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(Right) — Brother John Avery, PDC, of Grant Camp #68 at Memorial Day event at Manchester Veterans Park.



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