



# The Missouri Unionist

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On September 10, 2022, U.S. Grant Camp #68 with Duncan Noack of Fletcher Camp #47 and PDC Glen Alsop of Wilhelmi Camp #17, held a ceremony at the new tombstone of Captain William Barr, Co B., 2nd Missouri Cavalry, in Bellefontaine Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri. Captain Barr became ill at Vicksburg and died of dysentery shortly after the war. Buried in 1865, this Scotland-born veteran's grave was unmarked.



On September 10, 2022, members of Arkansas camps of the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, joined the National Park Service in commemorating the 1863 Union reoccupation of Fort Smith in Arkansas.

## FROM THE EDITOR

I was travelling to Michigan with PDC Glen Alsop on Friday of the National Encampment when I learned that the *Missouri Unionist* had been awarded the Marshall Hope Award for Most Outstanding Department Newsletter of the 2021-2022 year.

Thanks to PDC Gary Scheel for submitting the *Missouri Unionist* for consideration for this national award. Thanks to PDC Walt Busch for providing big shoes to fill, worthy examples to consider, and enough material to allow for a smooth transition of editorships. As Editor for half of the 2021-2022 year, I am happy to share credit with my predecessor for this much appreciated recognition of effort from the National Organization.

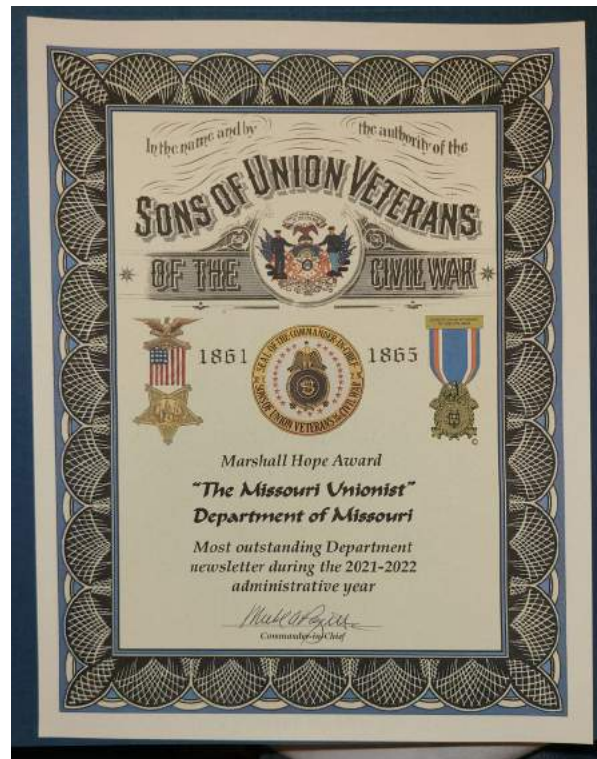
This award truly belongs to all active members of the Department of Missouri. My brothers in Missouri and Arkansas, you have consistently demonstrated your commitment to the purposes of this Order, so much so there has been material for pages upon pages of content reporting on events in every corner of the Department. You continue year after year, decade after decade, to shine a light on the victorious but costly struggle carried on by our ancestors over 150 years ago. Without your active participation throughout the years and across the states, there would be nothing to report.

We have been noticed. I can only ask that you continue your dedication to the task put before you.

Submit information on events taking place in this department both before the event and afterwards (with photographs). I know as full as our newsletters have been of the positive exploits of this department, there are events occurring under the radar, lectures given, ceremonies held, and research yielding new insights just waiting to be shared.

If nothing else, we know you are here because your ancestors were there. For many, these unfamiliar ancestors of our familiar brothers and friends remain faceless, but they can be less so if only you would send in their stories for publication.

—Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC (aka The Editor)



*"If you don't know history, then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree." - Michael Crichton*



# COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Douglas Roussin, PCC

General Thomas C. Fletcher-Camp 47

Spurs of the American Civil War, Part 2

## Confederate Spurs

Spurs of the American Civil War is a neglected field of study. Only a few books have been written on this subject. In Part 1, the focus was on spurs used by federal forces, and they were centered around a few simple designs. These spurs, as set forth by the government specifications are referred to as the U. S. Model 1859. The spurs are brass, and the patterns were simple. It required a 13/16-inch rowel with 14 points and a rectangular strap plate. The heel had a modest floral design. Of course, officers many times purchased fancy spurs with eagles, stars, horse- heads and dolphins.

In 1861, as the war began, the Confederate government formed and took into service cavalry units from many southern states. Most of these units had to supply their own equipment including uniforms, guns, horses and related items including spurs.

These spurs are what collectors today refer to as civilian models, but they actually saw a lot of war time service. Many of these spurs were made before, during and in some cases long after the war. In many cases this makes spurs hard to identify as Confederate. If a spur was made after the war, collectors simply refer to them as “look-a-likes”.

The Confederate government did contract with several companies, as did many southern states, to produce spurs. Most of these spurs had little specifications and a variety of spur designs were produced. Some spurs were quite heavy while other were more petite. The smaller spurs got the job done but are not what you would consider military. As the war dragged on and brass became hard to find, local blacksmiths were commissioned to make iron spurs. This was especially true west of the Mississippi. During Price's raid much of his cavalry wore iron spurs.

The Richmond arsenal produced large quantities of spurs which are referred to as the Richmond Spur. Out west, the firm of Leech & Rigdon (Memphis Novelty Works) produced spurs using their design. Most Confederate spurs are heavy and large, measuring up to 5 ½ inches. They were designed to hold up under constant use. One way of determining if you have a Confederate spur is by looking at the strap plate. Union spurs have a rectangular strap plate while Confederate spurs, on the other hand, is generally tapered at that area or they could have a rounded design. Rowels on Confederate spurs were designed with 7, 10, or 12 points.





This Confederate spur is often referred to as “the unbreakable” because of its heavy design. This spur was found in 1991 by the author in a union campsite south of Ironton, Mo.

This non-dug Confederate spur was purchased in an antique shop many years ago. Note the high angular neck. This could be the product of Leech & Rigdon of Memphis, Tennessee.



This is a small Confederate spur with a long neck. Note the round strap plate. This spur was excavated on Shepherd’s Mountain, Battle of Pilot Knob, many years ago. Shepherd’s Mountain is a very rugged and rocky mountain. Many Confederates crossing the mountain sides lost their spurs. Several union spurs have also been found on the mountain.

This very thin spur is called a raking spur because the placement of the rowel is horizontal rather than vertical. One arm and a section of the strap plate is broken. This spur was found, by the author, at a union camp site. The site was looted by Confederate troops of Price’s army. It was probably broken by the soldier to make it unusable in the future.





This spur has a long straight neck. It had seen a lot of service before it was lost at the Battle of Pilot Knob.

These iron spurs show how desperate Price's men were for equipment. The first was made from an iron bar which was split and fashioned into a spur and was recovered in a gully on Shepherds Mountain. The second iron spur is very thin and was recovered on Pilot Knob Mountain in 2020.



The holy grail of Confederate spurs is this C.S. Leech & Rigdon spur made at the Memphis Novelty works. The spur has a star on the strap plate and C.S. under the neck. This spur was found on the Stone's River battlefield.



Courtesy: Herb Enzmann All spurs shown in this article were found on private property with permission.

## COLLECTOR'S CORNER

### Bonus—Just for Fun

Most of my generation was brought up in the hay-day of TV western and movies. Our heroes were Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, Wild Bill Hickock and of course Hoppy. No kid in the 50's or 60's was without his cowboy outfit. I had my outfit and of course my wife Kathie was dressed as Dale Evans with her dress, hat, vest and boots. In those days playing with cap guns was not considered dangerous to our young minds and kids had no thought of real violence. All cowboys and cowgirls had to have boots and spurs. Below are some of the real cowboy spurs that we wore. Does this bring back memories?



Notice the beautiful rosette on the leather.



Look at this magnificent pair of spurs!

Yours in memory,

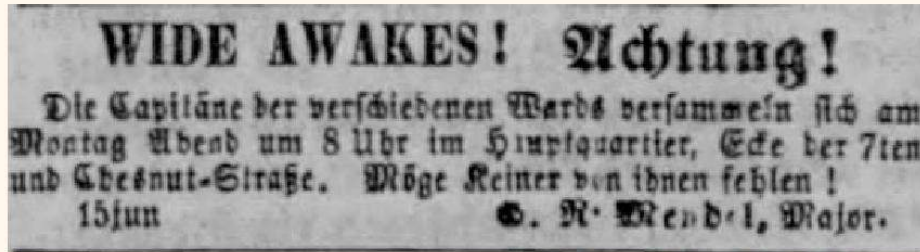
Doug Roussin



# The Soldiers

Submitted by  
Mark Bierbaum

*Secessionist taunts of "Damn the Dutch!" only steeled them to their cause.*



## PROLOGUE

My father had a keen interest in the Civil War. His doctoral thesis focused on a Missouri abolitionist in the Civil War. I remember visiting Gettysburg Battlefield with him when I was younger and again when my son Joseph was in grade school. At Gettysburg, In the heat of July Joe and I 'charged' up the field in which Pickett's Charge was made to experience what it felt like to be a soldier at that time. I guess we were all interested in the Civil War to some extent.

When my son Michael earned the rank of Eagle Scout one of the awards available was from the 'Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War'. To qualify we needed to identify an ancestor who had served. After a cursory search I found a relative, John Harrison Monroe 1829 - 1864, my 2nd great grandfather, who had served in the Civil war. This finding secured Michael the coveted commendation.

As I researched our ancestry I wanted to learn more about our ancestors' role in the Civil War. What I found was amazing; ancestors who were some of the first to volunteer to fight in Missouri, two Ohio relatives who were cousins and fought in the Battle to take Atlanta and the 'March to the Sea' that followed and an ancestor who was killed by Confederate guerrillas; possibly Jesse James. Our ancestors not only served in this War, they typified the German volunteers who were the backbone of the Union army; The "Damned Dutch".



## Missouri Germans in the Civil War

During the American Civil War, Missouri was a hotly contested border state populated by both Union and Confederate sympathizers. It sent armies, generals, and supplies to both sides, maintained dual governments, and endured a bloody neighbor-against-neighbor intrastate war within the larger national war. A slave state since statehood in 1821, Missouri's geographic position in the center of the country ensured that it remained a divisive battleground.

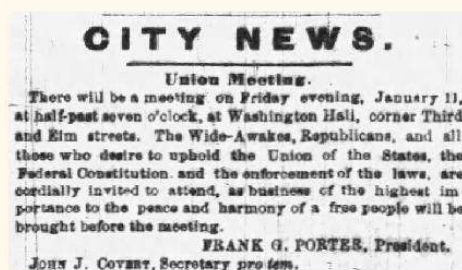
In 1860, a confrontation between the state government led by Missouri Governor Clayborn Jackson, an ardent supporter of the southern cause, and a more diversified non-slave-holding population of German immigrants, began to erupt. Many German immigrants were veterans of the 1848 "Peasant Revolution" in Germany; a losing war for the idea of a centralized Federal government that would have abolished feudal serfdom. They could see the parallel between the Southern "slave baron" and feudal barons that denied peasants the right to own land.

Many German immigrants joined the Wide Awakes; a political club in support of Abraham Lincoln's candidacy. The Wide Awakes were instrumental in ending slave sales in St. Louis. On January 1, 1861 people gathered on the courthouse steps for a slave auction. The crowd was dominated by Wide Awakes who kept the bidding under \$8. Unable to get a higher price, the auctioneer gave up, drawing to a close slave sales in St. Louis.

The crisis for Missouri began May of 1861, when Gov. Jackson's southern 'militia' received arms from the Confederate government to hold at Camp Jackson in Saint Louis. Captain Nathaniel Lyon, the assigned commander of union forces, restrained Jackson's militia and paraded them as captives through the streets of St. Louis. A riot erupted, and Lyon's troops, mainly composed of German immigrants, opened fire on the attacking crowd killing 28 people. For Missouri and the German immigrant soldiers, now called the 'Damned Dutch' by Southerners, the war had begun.



Glasgow Missouri Newspaper January 3, 1861



St Louis City Democrat Newspaper January 10, 1861



## First to Volunteer: Missouri Home Guard, Militia & Reserve Infantry

The Germans in St. Louis were largely pro-Union and sensing the coming conflict they organized into informal units that elected their own officers and formed companies and regiments, but, they weren't Union soldiers, they were just drilling. Hoping to keep their military drills a secret the units practiced in halls with covered windows. They laid sawdust on the floors to keep people outside from hearing the sound of men marching as they trained for war. These units were the first to volunteer and comprised the core of the Missouri US Reserve Corps Infantry regiment which was instrumental in the Camp Jackson affair.

When authority from the federal government to recruit Union soldiers came in 1861 2,000 Germans enlisted within two weeks. Many more joined pro-Union state militia or home guard units for 3 month durations and reenlisted later in Federal units throughout the war. Home guards and Missouri Militia were to stay home and were only called into active duty to defend their hometown areas. They also were not usually issued uniforms, used their own firearms and were paid and supplied only when on active duty. Home guards and militia were fighting neighbors or ruthless confederate guerilla fighters while defending their homes and farms.

**NEW COMPANY.**—On Wednesday evening last the members of a new and promising military company, styled the Independent Guards, met at their armory for the purpose of becoming identified with the State militia service, by taking the prescribed oath of allegiance to the State. The whole number present was forty three. The oaths having been duly administered, the members proceeded to an election of officers, which resulted as follows: Captain, G. A. Shaffer; First Lieutenant, C. H. Fredericks; Second Lieutenant, G. W. Brooks; Third Lieutenant, C. F. Baker. When the business of the evening was concluded, the newly sworn company repaired to the Ashland; where speeches were made and a superb supper partaken of.

January 5, 1861 St. Louis Globe-Democrat



To volunteer, men needed to be between the ages of 20 and 35, which precluded many of our ancestors but those who were qualified and enlisted include;

- **Herman Henry Woestemeyer 1842 - 1919** : A 2nd great uncle ( brother of our 2nd great grandmother Wilhelmina Josephine Woestemeyer 1851 - 1930 ) was a private in Fuch's Company D, Missouri Home Guard Regiment.
- **Joseph A Fredericks 1840 - 1915** : A 2nd great grandfather was a private in Company A, 6th Regiment, Missouri State Militia Cavalry.
- **John H Monroe 1829 - 1864** : A 3rd great grandfather was a private in Company G, 3rd Regiment, Missouri State Militia Cavalry.
- **Rev John H H Bierbaum 1841 - 1996** : A 1st cousin 4X removed. Enlisted Sept 20, 1860 Company E, Missouri Infantry in the regiment of Colonel Arnold Krekel at St. Charles, Mo., and was discharged in February, 1861. In August, 1862 re-enlisted in the State Militia at Marthasville, MO and in 1863 was made Captain of his Company. During the war he was twice slightly wounded and contracted measles and rheumatism. After partial recovery in 1864 he weighed 94 pounds. After the war was over he resumed his studies for the ministry at the Missouri Seminary, was ordained by the Evangelical Synod of North America and settled in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.
- **Franz Heinrich Bierbaum 1843 - 1867** : A 1st cousin 4X removed and brother of Rev John H H Bierbaum ( listed above ). Fought at Wright City (Sept 1863), was wounded and in 1867 died of these wounds. Deemed the 'Wright City Raid', the Wright City Baptist Church, Blacksmith Shop and Saloon (all known to be places where Southern sympathizers congregated) were burned to the ground by Union Militia.

I should note that it is possible that I missed a couple of individuals in this list. Specifically Franz Mueller our 2nd great grandfather born in 1842 and William HH Bierbaum another 2nd great grandfather who was born 'about' 1846. There are multiple listings of volunteers under these names making it difficult to determine if it is them, but, since both would have been just under 20 years old (the legal age required in 1861), I did not list them. I cannot, however, rule out that they volunteered between 1862 and 1864. What can be asserted is that across our entire family tree, we had good representation in these early Missouri volunteer units.





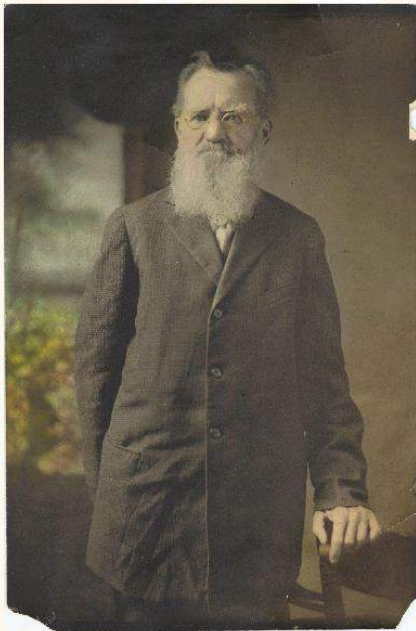
## Battling Buckeyes

Aside from our German Missouri ancestors, we also had relatives in Ohio who played prominent roles in the Civil War as members of the Union army and took part in some of the most historic and horrific battles of the entire war. It is important to point out that the two to which I refer were also cousins and served in the same regiment; the 111th Ohio Volunteer Infantry ( OVI ) for almost the entire duration of the war.

These individuals were Albert Thurstin 1844 - 1921 our 2nd great grandfather, and Wesley S Thurstin 1838 - 1910, our 1st cousin 4 times removed. Albert and Wesley's fathers were brothers, making them first cousins and they both resided in Bowling Green Ohio.

Albert enlisted August 8th 1862 as an 18 year old private in the 111th, Company D. Wesley enlisted August 12th 1862 as a 24 year old 1st Sergeant in the 111th, Company K and was eventually promoted to the level of Captain. They both mustered out on June 27th 1865 in Salisbury, North Carolina at the conclusion of the war and returned to Bowling Green.

We are fortunate to have pictures of them both; Albert in his later years and Wesley in his Union uniform and with other officers of the 111th.



Albert Thurstin in his later years ( date unknown)



Officers of the 111th Ohio Volunteer Infantry ( OVI )  
Wesley S Thurstin is seated in the right-most position.



The 111th was pivotal in some of the largest battles of the war. A short listing includes;

FRANKFORT, KY.	Oct. 3, 1862	HURR'S FERRY, TENN.	Nov. 14, 1862
LOUDON CREEK, TENN.	Nov. 15, 1862	CAMPBELL'S STATION, TENN.	Nov. 17, 1862
RESACA, GA.	May 14, 1864	KENESAW, GA.	June 27, 1864
DALLAS, GA.	June 4, 1864	DECATUR, GA.	Dec. 27-28, 1864
PEACHTREE CREEK, GA.	July 20, 1864	ATLANTA, GA.	July, 1864
LOVEJOY'S STATION, GA.	Sept. 2-6, 1864	FRANKLIN, TENN.	Nov. 30, 1864

It is hard to summarize all that the 111th achieved but fortunately we have some sources of information. Wikipedia [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/111th\\_Ohio\\_Infantry\\_Regiment](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/111th_Ohio_Infantry_Regiment) has a good overview of their history and, more importantly, Wesley Thurstin, who became a very successful lawyer later in life, wrote a book about his experience in the 111th which can be found at [https://archive.org/stream/historyonehundre00thur/historyonehundre00thur\\_djvu.txt](https://archive.org/stream/historyonehundre00thur/historyonehundre00thur_djvu.txt).

If I had to highlight a single fact about the 111th, it would be that it was part of Sherman's capture of Atlanta and the 'March to the Sea' that followed; an action that triggered the South to send guerilla units North to try to draw Union troops away from the South. An excerpt from Wesley's book regarding the 'March to the Sea' and experiencing the freedom of former slaves;

*As the fife and drum came into requisition, and you were keeping step to "The girl I left behind me," or, "Marching through Georgia;" the colored element seemed at times to drip out of the woods, and into the cross roads, as though the negro was indiginous to the soil, and came into existence in assorted sizes, spontaneously. I remember that at one place we were greeted by several generations at once, with the most pagan like fantastic exhibition of joy ever shown us on the march. Keeping time to the cadence of our music, some were whirling upon their feet with all the fervor of howling dervishes, some contented themselves with dancing, others clapped their hands, or feet, or both, and above the other noises, came the oft repeated vocal refrain, "Oh! bless the Lord the Yankees is comin', and the day of jubilee".*

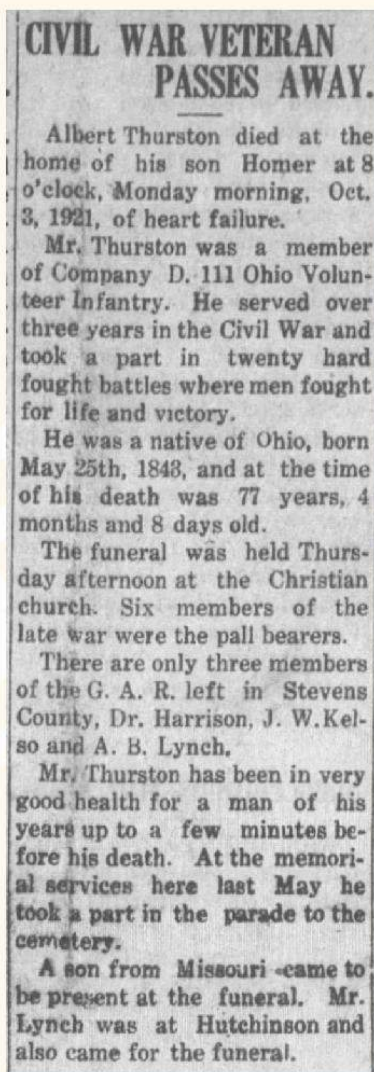
The 111th arrived home safely in July 1865 to a hero's welcome as indicated in this article.

THE 111TH O. V. I., THIS AFTERNOON.— Acting Mayor Jones received a telegram yesterday, stating that the 111th O. V. I., 410 men and 10 horses, would arrive in Pittsburg at eleven o'clock, (last night,) and reach this city at two o'clock this afternoon. We suppose that a tremendous crowd will gather at their reception in the Park, for Chief Justice Chase, who is now in the city, the guest of Hon. R. C. Parsons, will make the welcome speech. Turn out, women and children, one and all, and give the gallant 111th a rousing welcome.

Cleveland Daily Leader July 1 1865



There is extensive documentation (wills, military records, newspaper articles) about both Albert and Wesley. They both prospered becoming successful businessmen. Rather than overwhelming you with all this information, I will let their obituaries speak for these two unique individuals, our ancestors, who served their county at its most difficult time in history.



The Hugoton Hermes - 1921-10-07 (Kansas)



# W. S. THURSTIN DIED FRIDAY AT TOLEDO HOME

Stricken With Apoplexy on Monday he Never Regained Consciousness--Born Here

Wesley Thurstin died at his home in Toledo Friday afternoon from apoplexy. He was stricken Monday afternoon about three o'clock as he sat on the porch of his home talking with a friend and he never regained consciousness.

He was born in this place 72 years ago and the east wall of the present Lincoln block was the east wall of the home of Alfred Thurstin, his father. He drifted away from Bowling Green and at the opening of the Civil War he was a collector for a southern cotton gin company. He was in Charleston when Fort Sumter was fired upon; but it was not long after that event that he marched out of here as a member of the 111th O. V. I.

He leaves an only brother, Earl Thurstin, of this city. The late Stanley Thurstin was also his brother. Regarding his death the Toledo Times has the following:

W. S. Thurstin, one of the most prominent and revered citizens of Toledo, having lived and practised law here for the past forty years, died at one o'clock yesterday afternoon, at his home, 1418 Erie street, after an illness of several months with a complication of diseases.

Mr. Thurstin was the senior member of the law firm of Thurstin, Seney and Thurstin, and was well known by the legal fraternity throughout the state and country. He has also served as a member of the board of education, and has written several literary articles of note, his foremost work being a history of the 111th Ohio regiment, with which he served through the Civil war.

## Leaves Many Friends.

As a barrister and as a citizen, who always preserved the best interests of his community, Mr. Thurstin leaves behind him a host of friends who will join with the bereaved family in mourning his death. Besides his wife, the deceased is survived by two sons, Wesley, jr., of the law firm of Thurstin, Seney and Thurstin, and William Thurstin, an architect with offices in the Ohio building, and three daughters, Mrs. R. Richardson of Chicago, and Misses Alice and Ethel, who reside at home.

Mr. Thurstin was a veteran of the Civil war, serving through this period of the nation's peril with the 111th Ohio infantry from which he received an honorable discharge at the close of the war with the rank of captain. General Sherwood was the first adjutant of the regiment and when he was promoted, Mr. Thurstin was advanced to his rank. As a soldier he was always faithful and patient and carried these two sterling qualities always with him in after life.

## Throughout Siege.

He served with conspicuous gallantry in many of the important battles of the war and took part in every fight of the 111th. He participated in the battles before Atlanta and the subsequent siege of that place, and in the battles of Nashville, Franklin, Fort Anderson, Goldsborough, Kearsaw Mountain and the final surrender at Raleigh, N. C. As a soldier he was ever enduring and always on duty.

Mr. Thurstin was a member of the G. A. R. and several other organizations. The funeral will be held next Monday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, from the late residence, 1417 Erie street.



## Killed in Action

I mentioned earlier that John H Monroe 1829 - 1864 our 3rd great grandfather, was a 33 year old private in Company G, 3rd Regiment, Missouri State Militia Cavalry. What I failed to mention is that he was killed on Sept. 23, 1864 in one of the most grisly atrocities of the war, by a band of Confederate guerrillas led by the infamous 'Bloody Bill Anderson' which included as members both Jesse and Frank James, the notorious western outlaws, and that after being summarily executed, his body was buried in a mass grave where the ambush occurred; Goslin Lane.

The 'Goslin Lane Massacre', as it has come to be known, occurred days before the even more infamous 'Centralia Massacre' and was carried out by the same band of guerrilla fighters. A summary of the Centralia Massacre is provided below and more background can be found at; <https://civilwaronthewesternborder.org/encyclopedia/centralia-massacre>.

*On September 27, 1864, roughly 80 guerrillas under the command of William T. "Bloody Bill" Anderson stopped a train outside of Centralia, Missouri. They then asked for a volunteer from among the Union soldiers on the train. Fully expecting to be executed, Sergeant Thomas M. Goodman stepped forward. Instead of killing the sergeant, however, the guerrillas shot the line of 22 unarmed Union soldiers. They set fire to the train and left the civilian passengers to deal with the bodies. Goodman witnessed the execution and alleged scalping of his comrades.*

This same savagery was exhibited at Gosline Lane. An highly edited summary follows and more is available at [http://www.suvcwmo.org/uploads/3/0/9/6/30960503/attack\\_at\\_goslins\\_lane.pdf](http://www.suvcwmo.org/uploads/3/0/9/6/30960503/attack_at_goslins_lane.pdf) .

*September 23, 1864 was a cold and rainy day. That morning a Union supply train of 18 wagons and an escort of 80 cavalrymen from the 3rd Missouri State Militia set out to supply troops at Rocheport. The mud impeded the wagons and it was dark when they arrived near Sylvester F. Goslins farm. The cavalry escort dismounted to make preparations to camp and were suddenly attacked by 100 Missouri guerrillas under the command of Bill Anderson. The surprise was so complete that the troopers had no opportunity to defend themselves; some hiding in an adjacent corn field and some remounting and retreating to Columbia. 12 soldiers and 3 black teamsters were captured and immediately executed; shot in the head. After being looted, the wagons were set on fire with the bodies of the black teamsters being heaped on the flames. Later that evening five of the guerrillas were killed by Union forces. The scalps of the executed Missouri Militia troopers were found hanging from the bridles of the guerrillas. The Union troops scalped the dead guerrilla's as revenge and it was this action which incited 'Bloody Bill' to show similar savagery at the 'Centralia Massacre' and the Battle of Centralia where 155 Union troopers were annihilated and some of the corpses mutilated.*

John H Monroe, our 3rd great grandfather, was one of those initially captured, executed and scalped at Goslin Lane in what became a progression of ruthless brutality in central Missouri.



There are published accounts of the 'Goslin Lane Massacre' retold by surviving Union troops, members of the guerrilla's involved and even some well documented statements made by an elderly Frank James recounting he and Jesse's involvement in the raid. There are also numerous accounts from newspapers of that period; some of these are shown below.

#### **Bushwhacking in Boone County.**

On Friday evening last about dark a train of sixteen wagons, four Government and twelve pressed, guarded by 70 men of the 3d M. S. M., under Capt. McFADDEN, were attacked by bushwhackers on the road leading from Sturgeon to Rocheport, in Boone county, and about six miles from Rocheport. The train had stopped at a pond to water when the attack was made by about two hundred rebels under ANDERSON, TODD and others. It was a surprise, the Federal escort being entirely unprepared to resist it. Consequently, the entire force was panic stricken and precipitately fled in every direction. During the assault fourteen Federal soldiers and three negro teamsters were killed. Many of the mules were also killed and most of the wagons burnt. A large amount of fixed ammunition and subsistence stores, with some new clothing and private property of officers and soldiers were captured. Also, the papers and records of the regiment.

Missouri Republican newspaper Sept 29, 1864

#### **A SURVIVOR OF GOSLIN'S LANE.**

Henry S. Smith, who died last week at his home, 303 College avenue, was perhaps the only survivor of the Union force in the rout at Goslin's Lane, several miles northwest of Columbia. Mr. Smith was a sergeant-major in the state militia and was in command of a small wagon-train convoy which was going from Sturgeon to Rocheport. As the small body of soldiers were preparing their evening meal, with their arms stacked, they were surprised by "Bill" Anderson's band of guerrillas.

It was not a battle, for the Union soldiers made no resistance. They fled in every direction. Upon one side of the lane was a corn-field, on the other a meadow. Many fled to the corn-field and hid in the snocks. They were dragged out one by one by Anderson's men and shot, for Anderson took no prisoners. Those who fled to the meadow escaped. Mr. Smith escaped down the lane on his horse. He leaned far over the animal's neck Indian fashion, to escape the bullets.

Mr. Smith served during the rest of the war in Southern Missouri and Arkansas.—University Missourian.

Centralia Fireside Guard newspaper May 26, 1911



**TELLS OF A GORY DAY**

**Frank James Walks Again O'er Centralia's Historic Field.**

**BREAKS LONG SILENCE AT LAST**

**In Vivid Words the Guerrilla Paints the Furious Battle.**

**FEDERALS ALMOST WIPED OUT**

**Swept Away By One Terrific Charge of the Guerrillas.**

**NOT A MASSACRE, SAYS JAMES**

Special to the Kansas City Times.

Centralia, Mo., Sept. 25.—The day that Frank James walked up the steps of the State capitol at Jefferson City, handed over his revolvers and surrendered, he closed his lips to all that pertained to his past. Whether his thoughts have often turned to those exciting days when he was an actor in so many bloody scenes or not he has never seen fit to talk about them. Thousands of people perhaps have tried to get Frank James to tell of his adventures and have failed.

But at last the long silence has been broken. The other day he talked about the battle of Centralia, one of the most sanguinary conflicts of the civil war. It was the first time in all these years that he

rick was the line of the Federal troops. Just this side, toward Centralia, stood the detachment which held their horses. On the edge of the woods beyond our men formed."

His memory served him well. He had not been to the field before nor since the day of the fight, thirty-three years ago next Monday. No word had been spoken to indicate the locality. But he remembered accurately the entire surroundings. "I can go," he said, "to any battlefield where I was engaged and pick out almost instantly the locations. I guess it's the closeness to death which photographs the scene on one's memory."

**On the Old Battlefield.**

A few moments later he came onto the field itself. Corn was growing there and a herd of cattle calmly fed on the pasture land. Where the Federals stood was the golden yellow of a hay field. Here Frank James wandered around for a few moments drinking in his surroundings with almost passionate eagerness. Then he told the story, quietly at first, but as he proceeded his face lighted up, there was a ring in his voice and his whole frame seemed ready for the fray again.

"The day before we had had a small skirmish down in Goslin's lane, between Columbia and Rocheport. I don't know what day it was. We could scarcely keep account of months and years at that time, much less days. We killed a dozen Federal soldiers in Goslin's lane and captured a wagon train of provisions and stuff. Out in the Perche hills that night we joined forces with Bill Anderson. I was with Captain George Todd, one of the hardest fighters that ever lived, but less desperate than Anderson.

"But Anderson had much to make him merciless. You remember the treatment his father and sisters received at the hands of the Kansas Jayhawkers. That night we camped on one of the branches leading into Young's creek, not far from the home of Colonel M. G. Singleton. There were about 225 men, all told, in our combined command. Funny, isn't it? I've met or heard of at least 10,000 men who claimed to be with Quantrell or his lieutenants during the war, when the truth is there were never more than 500 or 400 from one end of the war to the other.

"In the morning Anderson took about thirty of his company and went into Centralia. I was not with him, nor was any of Todd's company. In Centralia Anderson captured a train, carried off a lot of stuff, shot down some soldiers who were on the train, and did other things about which I know nothing save from hearsay, and which Todd condemned when the boys returned.

**To "Toll" the Federals.**

"In the afternoon Captain Todd detailed a detachment of ten men, under Dave Pool, to go out and reconnoiter. We had heard there were some Federal troops in the neighborhood. This squad was composed

Partial Article from the Kansas City Times September 26, 1897

Frank James recalls Centralia and Goslin Lane Massacres and Battle of Centralia

While these accounts "generally" align, what is often missing is WHY 'Bloody Bill' was conducting this raid with such viciousness. The reason was simple; the fall and burning of Atlanta which had occurred that summer was a turning point for the South; they were losing. To draw Union troops away from the south and Sherman's 'March to the Sea', Bloody Bill sought to create atrocities that would force the Union to redirect resources to the North. The connection, however small, between the Ohio 111st success at Atlanta and the tragedy of John Monroe's death at Goslin Lane warrants contemplation on the terrible randomness and cruelty of war.





## EPILOGUE

I was not sure what I would find when doing this research. Like my visits to Gettysburg in earlier years, I thought I would be looking at echoes of battles, bits of history and hints of what soldiers encountered in the mid 19th century. Tying that to past relatives would be secondary. What I found was different, and better.

I found a group of ancestors who stood up for what was right at a place and time when that was not popular nor safe to do. I wondered if I had the resolve and strength of character to be one of those 'Damned Dutch' that shouted down a slave auction or enlisted the instance the call went out for soldiers.

I found ancestors who not only fought for the Union but did it as volunteers, fought countless battles and re-enlisted multiple times to extend their service until the war was complete then went on to become successful leaders within their communities. I wondered if I could ever summon that level of courage and resilience.

I found an ancestor who gave his full measure knowing that his family and home were at stake and faced death not from the comfort of his bed but in the mud via a senseless execution. I wondered if I, or any of us, could find the bravery and selflessness to risk our life in such a way and at such a steep cost.

Yes, I found the relatives and tied them to events in the Civil War but more importantly I found that resolve, strength of character, courage, resilience, bravery and selflessness is what our ancestors were made of and that is one hell of a lot to be proud of.

I know one thing for sure, I am going up to the attic, get out that box of Eagle Scout memorabilia, find that commendation and badge from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and reconsider what it means. We all, as a family, have so much to be proud of when we think about what part our ancestors played in the Civil War, and who they were.



## CODA

This story is written for my Father, Milton Eugene Bierbaum who was always fascinated by the Civil War and as a way to say thanks for the fun visits to Gettysburg when we were small. This is also written in memory of John Harrison Monroe, our 3rd great grandfather who died on September 23, 1864 in Goslin's Field and to this day remains buried somewhere there along with fellow members of the 3rd Regiment, Missouri State Militia Cavalry. You are not forgotten.

St. Louis  
**WAR OF 1861** Act of July 11, 1862  
**CLAIM FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.**

Widow of  
 Bearer in the case of *Francis R. Monroe*  
*John H. Monroe who was a Priv in*  
 resident of *Boonville* County and State of *Missouri*.  
 Post Office address *Boonville Point Mo.*

DECLARATED AND IDENTIFICATION IN DUE FORM.  
 PROOF EXHIBITED.

Service *The Roll Book Enrollment February 15<sup>th</sup> 1862*  
*Mustered into Service as a Priv Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 1862*  
*and*  
*Killed in action in Boon County*  
 Death *Missouri September 23<sup>rd</sup> 1864.*

Marriage *Record. Evidence.*

Name and date of birth of children.	Sex	born
<i>David</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 1852.</i>
<i>Jessie</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 1853.</i>
<i>Sarah</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 1855.</i>
<i>Abraham</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>June 27<sup>th</sup> 1857.</i>
<i>Cynthia</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 1859.</i>
<i>John</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> 1862.</i>

Deceased *Deceased.*

Agent and the P. O. address *Geo Willgartner St. Louis Mo.*

Admitted *March 3<sup>rd</sup>*, 1862, to a Pension of \$ *5* Dollars per month,  
 commencing *Sept 21<sup>st</sup>*, 1862.

Appr: *G. E.* *H. H. Hutton*, Examining Clerk.





# 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. Autumn has several opportunities for camps and members to engage in commemorations and celebrations of patriotic holidays. 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](mailto:patriot@suvchwmo.org)).



## Navy Birthday

Tuesday, October 13th is the 247th birthday of the U.S. Navy. The Continental Congress authorized the procurement and manning of two ships on 13 October 1775 for service against the British Navy. From this simple beginning the Continental Navy grew to 20 ships by the end of the Revolutionary War including the *Ranger* and her famous commander, John Paul Jones, but this fleet was sold-off in 1783 at the end of the war. A standing naval warfare fleet was re-established in 1794 and has remained in continuous service.

The Union Navy's primary mission during the American Civil War was blockade of Confederate ports, a form of economic warfare to starve the Confederacy from selling their cash crop –cotton. They also assisted the Union Army with their invasion of coastal cities in the Carolinas and capture of New Orleans. Important to naval history was the Battle of Hampton where the *USS Monitor* and *CSS Virginia*, the first two ironclads battled.

For more information: <https://www.history.navy.mil/browse-by-topic/commemorations-toolkits/navy-birthday.html>



## Missouri Day

Missouri Day is the third Wednesday in October, which this year falls on October 19th. Anna Brosius Korn was a schoolteacher and Missouri native living in Oklahoma when she proposed in 1913 a day dedicated to celebrating Missouri across the country. She proposed October 1st honoring another Missourian, Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) who stated, "Missouri is at her best in October." Anna lobbied for two years until Missouri Day was adopted as the first Monday in October in 1915. It was moved to the third Wednesday in 1969. Anna defined the day as:

*Primarily to unite all organizations in bonds of fraternal feeling; to foster a love for our history; to teach the rising generations of boys and girls the glories of Missouri; to encourage patriotism and promote all lines of interest in our forward march of progress.*

For more information: <https://www.sos.mo.gov/default.aspx?PageID=5963>



## Election Day

The first Tuesday after the first Monday in even years is Election Day. Tuesday, November 8th is the midterm election day throughout the United States. For some the election season has already started in Missouri and starting soon in Arkansas with mail-in and in-person absentee voting. The practice of voting by mail has roots in the American Civil War. Most northern states authorized Union camps to form special election boards and voter registration for soldiers to vote in the 1864 Presidential election between incumbent Republican Abraham Lincoln and Democrat George McClellan.

Whatever your politics or party affiliation, vote; it is one of the greatest rights in the United States.





## Marine Corps Birthday

Tuesday, November 10th is the 247th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps. The Continental Congress authorized two battalions of Marines on 10 November 1775 of “good seamen or so acquainted with maritime affairs as to be able to serve for and during the present war with Great Britain and the Colonies.” Philadelphia’s Tun Tavern is regarded as the Corps birthplace, where the first Marines were recruited by Captain Samuel Nicholas. The Continental Marines were disbanded at the end of the Revolutionary War in 1783 and re-established in 1798 by an Act of Congress and has remained in continuous

service.

The Union Marine Corps strength did not exceed 2,000 for the duration of the war. Being the infantry for the Union Navy, they were in combat at Fort Sumter, Battle of Honey Hill, Battle of Drewry’s Bluff, and 2nd Battle of Fort Fisher.

For more information: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_States\\_Marine\\_Corps\\_birthday](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Marine_Corps_birthday)



## Veterans Day

Veterans Day is Wednesday, November 11th. This national holiday, originally Armistice Day commemorating the end of the First World War honors the 24.9 million who served in our military, from the Revolutionary War to today’s United States Armed Forces. An important, core activity of our parent organization, the GAR, was the care and welfare of veterans. As the heirs of the GAR, the SUVCW has a responsibility for the care and welfare of our modern veterans.

SUVCW brothers who served honorably in the Armed Forces are authorized to wear the Military Service Medal. Brothers who received a Campaign Ribbon-Medal are authorized to wear the War Medal.

For more information: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Veterans\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Veterans_Day)



## National Guard Day

National Guard Day is celebrated on December 13th and commemorates the first North American militia force established in 1636 to protect Massachusetts Bay. The citizen-soldier has served America in war, civil unrest, and natural disaster from colonial to modern times. The first effort to regulate state militias was the Militia Act of 1792. Our modern National Guard was organized under the National Defense Act of 1916; every state, territory, and district maintain a National Guard of soldiers and airmen for local emergencies, but they are also available for integration into the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force for wartime service.

While many states had militia during the American Civil War, the states need to raise large numbers of army regiments for federal service to meet their allotted quotas. Some state militias were transferred to federal service or called up for local battles.

For more information: <https://www.nationalguard.mil/Features/2021/385th-Birthday-The-National-Guard>



## Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America is Saturday, December 17th. What started in 1992 with the donation of 5,000 surplus wreaths placed at Arlington National Cemetery has grown into a national holiday season tradition. Each December volunteers in all 50 states place wreaths at veteran gravesites. Although not a requirement, camps and brothers are asked to register the events with National Wreaths Across American Day at:

<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org>.





# ROTC Coordinator's Message

Dale Crandell, PDC

Fall is the traditional start of the school year and a great time to reach out to your local ROTC and JROTC unit to introduce your camp and the SUVCW's ROTC award program. At no cost to the ROTC/JROTC unit or camp, the SUVCW provides a medal and ribbon bar for presentation to a deserving cadet or midshipmen selected by the ROTC/JROTC unit commander that:

*Shows a high degree of patriotism to his/her Nation and has demonstrated a high degree of academic performance and leadership.*

Missouri and Arkansas have seventeen college-level ROTC units where students take military science courses and participate in summer training to receive an officer's commission upon graduation. ROTC's connection to the American Civil War dates to the Morrill Act of 1862 when land-grant colleges were required to include military training to supplement the commissioning programs at West Point and Annapolis.

Each college-level ROTC unit is assigned to a local SUVCW camp. Ensure your ROTC unit is aware of the award, that they select the recipient; offer to order the award for them and provide a presenter at their spring ceremony. While college ROTC cadets and midshipmen are not authorized to wear non-military medals, the award can still be presented.

<u>College</u>	<u>ROTC Unit</u>	<u>SUVCW Camp</u>
Arkansas State University	Army ROTC	Murphy Camp #1
Lincoln University	Army ROTC	Lillie Camp #6
Missouri State University	Army ROTC	Phelps Camp #66
Missouri University of Science & Technology	Air Force ROTC	Fletcher Camp #47
Missouri University of Science & Technology	Army ROTC	Fletcher Camp #47
Missouri Western State University	Army ROTC	Westport Camp #64
St. Louis University	Air Force ROTC	Grant Camp #68
Truman State University	Army ROTC	McNeil Camp #62
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	Air Force ROTC	McPherson Camp #1
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	Army ROTC	McPherson Camp #1
University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff	Army ROTC	Murphy Camp #1
University of Central Arkansas	Army ROTC	Murphy Camp #1
University of Central Missouri	Army ROTC	Westport Camp #64
University of Missouri - Columbia	Air Force ROTC	Tigers Camp #432
University of Missouri - Columbia	Army ROTC	Tigers Camp #432
University of Missouri - Columbia	Navy ROTC	Tigers Camp #432
Washington University	Army ROTC	Grant Camp #68

For assistance or questions contact the Department's ROTC coordinator at [rotc@suvchwmo.org](mailto:rotc@suvchwmo.org).





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**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 2  
Series 2022-2023  
Department Meetings & Encampment  
30 August 2022**

Pursuant to Article 2, Section 4, of the Department of Missouri – Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's By-Laws as amended in 2018, the Department Commander shall determine the time and place of the two (2) department meetings, one of which will be held in October and the other in March of the following year. Now, it is ordered that the first Department meeting shall be:

Saturday, October 29, 2022 at the Missouri River Regional Library, Art Gallery Room, 214 Adams St, Jefferson City, MO 65101 and shall begin at 10:00 am. Due to library policy, it shall be over by 4:00 pm.

The second meeting of the Department should be, once confirmed at the same location and time of day on March 11, 2023. This location cannot be confirmed at this time, so while we shall meet on that date, the location may vary.

The Department Encampment is the responsibility of the Department Encampment Site Committee to find a place not later than the March 2023 meeting. At present, to accommodate our brothers in Arkansas, the committee has informed me that they are planning to meet either in Springfield or Branson. It will be held June 2-3, 2023.

All meetings are open to all brothers and any brother of the Department present may vote at the 2 regular business meetings of the Department. All brothers may attend the Department Encampment, but only the department commander, past department commanders, current department officers (who do not otherwise qualify), camp commanders, past camp commanders, and delegates elected by each camp may vote. If interested in attending, please see your camp secretary about obtain credentials for the encampment.

I encourage and welcome all brothers to attend and voice your opinions about the direction of the Department.

Ordered this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022,

Robert J. Amsler, Jr., PCC  
Commander  
Department of Missouri  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Walter E. Busch, PDC  
Interim Secretary (Appointed Ass't Secretary)  
Department of Missouri  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War





October 9, 1897.

VOL. X

—Hart's Cut-Price Cash and Produce House is all right. The people appreciate the goods and especially the prices they are making.

—The Nebraska banks are complaining that they have more money than they can loan, and the farmers of that State are paying off their debts with unexampled rapidity, thus making Mr. Bryan's home State a rather uncomfortable place for him just now. This may account for his anxiety to break into Ohio and New York.

—A Grand Army Post, organized and officered by Roman Catholic priests, was mustered in at Notre Dame, Ind., last Tuesday by State Commander Dodge and full staff, assisted by men of military distinction from all sections of the United States. The ceremony was imposing and was witnessed by an immense concourse of people. The Notre Dame post is the only one in the world composed exclusively of priests of the Roman Catholic Church.

—Boots and Shoes for you all

Submitted by Bob Mueller  
St. James Camp #326

Used in both the Civil War and the War of 1812, the Union capture of this fort was considered super important to holding a major port. Where's Wally?

Find the answer on the back page.

Submitted by  
Walter Busch, PDC



Before the *Missouri Unionist*, there was...

## The Camp Fire

Find past issues of the *Missouri Unionist* and more at:

<https://www.suvcwmo.org/the-unionist.html>





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**General Order #18, 1 July 2022—**

**Age Qualification for Candidates Seeking Election as National Officers**

A Brother of the Order requested a formal opinion from the National Counselor regarding the eligibility of a member, who is currently 15 years of age and therefore a minor in all 50 states of the Union, to run for the office of National Quartermaster.

After consulting the Charter, Constitution and Regulations of the Order Chapter III Article VIII (Officer Job Descriptions & Duties) Section 7, Chapter III Article IX (Finances) Section 9, Sub section (c), Chapter V (General Regulations) Article III (Bonds), General Order #22 series 2013- 2014, Proceedings of the 2014 National Encampment pages 86-88, the current Sons of Union Veterans or the Civil War Policy regarding Minors, and the Federal Fair Labor Act, the National Counselor determined that “as an organization it is incumbent on us to ensure the proper stewardship and leadership expected by the brothers of the Order. As the Charter, Constitution, and Regulations are silent on the matter of an age requirement for National Officer; it is within the power of the Commander-in-Chief to provide clarification and direction in this matter. Based on the research and findings herein, any petitioner desiring to candidacy as a National Officer should be disqualified unless the individual has met the age of 21 years at the time the petition for candidacy is presented.”

Therefore, by the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and supported by a formal opinion issued by the National Counselor the following is hereby ordered: Any Brother seeking election as a National Officer shall be disqualified if he has not met the age of 21 years at the time the of his election.

**General Order #19, 2 August 2022—**

**Dress Code for National Encampments**

Per Chapter III, Article III, Section 1 footnote 67 of the National Charter, Constitution and Regulations “Brothers should take care to ensure their dress is appropriate to the occasion, such as business attire. This particularly applies to officers at their stations and those seated adjacent to and in front of the Altar during business meetings of National Encampments. This means jacket, tie, long pants and (membership) medal. Jackets may be removed to prevent over heating but should be present. The Guide, Color Bearer and Guard may wear uniforms.”

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 the following is hereby ordered:

While attending any business session of the National Encampment all Brothers in attendance shall be in appropriate male business attire. This attire shall be as stipulated by General Order #3, Series 2016-2017 to include jacket, tie, long pants and membership badge. Jackets may be removed to prevent over heating but should be present. Brothers may optionally wear uniforms patterned after United States Armed Forces uniforms 1861-1865 or the current National Encampment polo shirt and long pants if a polo shirt is made available by the National Encampment Host Committee. Membership badges shall also be worn on uniforms and the National Encampment polo shirt regardless of what may be embroidered on the polo shirt.

**General Order #20, 13 August 2022—**

**Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star Awarded to Roderick Fraser**

The Commander in Chief and Council of Administration, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, take great pleasure in presenting the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to Brother Roderick Fraser, of the Department of Massachusetts.

For Meritorious Achievement in the superior performance in the accomplishment of the Ideals and Principles of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War during the period of 9 September 2016 until 18 May 2022, Brother Roderick Fraser of the Department of Massachusetts.





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Since becoming a member of the SUVCW in September of 2016, Brother Fraser, a retired Naval Surface Warfare Officer, Commander of the USS Underwood during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and former City of Boston Fire Commissioner from 2006 to 2014, has dedicated himself to this organization, and has gone above and beyond his duty as a member to strengthen and improve the Order.

In his first year as a member, Brother Fraser revived the Department of Massachusetts newsletter, The Clarion Call, which he continues to edit and publish. He also maintains the Department electronic mailing list and conducts mass mailing for the Department facilitating communication within the Department.

Brother Fraser initiated and coordinated the Department's sponsorship of the Massachusetts History Bowl State Championship for high school students, advancing recruiting and branding for the Order.

He was a member of the Encampment Host Committee for the 2018 National Encampment in Framingham, Massachusetts, where, as some may remember, he provided the gigantic federal flag used as background at the head table. This added greatly to the patriotic atmosphere at the 2018 National Encampment. This flag was a gift from his men upon his retirement from military service.

Brother Fraser initiated and continues to coordinate and raise funds for a major ongoing project to restore the General Charles Russell Lowell GAR Post No. 7 burial plot at Mount Hope Cemetery in Boston. The project includes the straightening and cleaning of federal headstones, repairing vandalism on the plot's granite curbing and decorations, restoring two artillery pieces and their bases, which are on static display. This project has given Brother Fraser, his Camp and the SUVCW great recognition among Boston city officials, local Veterans groups and the local community.

Brother Fraser has referred 10 Brothers for Membership in the SUVCW, in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island, where he is a dual Member. He continues recruiting efforts among members of military and hereditary groups to which he belongs, such as the Sons of the American Revolution and Massachusetts Military Society.

Brother Rod is a graduate of the SUVCW's Memorial University and has authored a Camp Secretary's Handbook for the National Organization, which is under review by the National Secretary. In this way, he uses his education and communication skills to lead and teach others within the Order.

He is the cofounder and current Camp Commander of the Col. Robert Gould Shaw Camp No. 54 in Boston, Massachusetts, and was also the author of the Camp's initial By-laws. His organizational and communication skills are of great benefit to expanding the membership and conducting of the business of SUVCW.

Brother Rod found that the first African American Union Army Nurse was buried in Boston without any notation of her name and accomplishments. He conceived of, planned for, raised funding (through grant requests and lobbying for matching funds), procured and coordinated the erection and engraving of a monument for Susie Baker King Taylor, the Union Army's first African American Nurse, and had her name engraved on the headstone of the grave she shares with her husband. This work furthers the mission of the SUVCW, to honor all veterans and especially those who served from 1861 to 1865.

Brother Rod currently serves as the Department of Massachusetts Department Senior Vice Commander and is appointed to the National Promotions and Marketing Committee, where, among his other achievements, he initiated and maintains the SUVCW's YouTube Channel. Brother Fraser is a member of the 1st Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve, and serves as the District's Public Information Officer. His leadership and technical skills are a great asset to the Order and promotes the order on the internet.

This past year, Brother Fraser organized a dedication ceremony for the Susie Baker King Taylor monument, which included speeches by Commander-in-Chief Michael Paquette, Boston Mayor Kim Janey and Historian Rebecca Byrd. For the public, the ceremony is as important as the monument, as public recognition of those who served, regardless of race or sex, and inspires the current generation to do the same. And, with a good deal of media coverage, both on television and in print, it reinforces the SUVCW name and brand in the public's mind.







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Brother Fraser is currently conducting video interviews with SUVCW members for the Order's, "What Makes Us Brothers" video series on the SUVCW's YouTube channel. He is using his technical skill to promote Fraternity and inspire others to join our order.

Brother Fraser is coordinating 1st Military District SVR participation in the rededication of the Robert Gould Shaw 54th Massachusetts Monument in Boston, Massachusetts on June 1, which will include 54th Massachusetts Infantry reenactors, the Boston Children's Choir, and noted VIPs and speakers, such as US Vice President Harris and US Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III. This will be an historic event, and Brother Fraser is determined to include the SUVCW in the public celebration.

The actions, ability, initiative, and dedication of Brother Roderick Fraser reflect great credit upon himself, his Department, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

**General Order #21, 13 August 2022—**

**Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star Awarded to David Wildermuth**

The Commander in Chief and Council of Administration, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, take great pleasure in presenting the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to Brother David Wildermuth, of the Department of Illinois.

For Meritorious Achievement in the superior performance in the accomplishment of the Ideals and Principles of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War during the period of May 2021 until May 2022, Brother David Wildermuth of the Department of Illinois, has for the past year worked tirelessly and made many trips from his home in Fairview, Illinois near St. Louis to work on the Dr. Benjamin Stephenson gravesite improvement project at Petersburg, Illinois. He has worked with the committee to fulfill the backlog of memorial brick orders that were left during the transition from the City of Petersburg administration to Department of Illinois control. This period was during the last illness of committee chair PDC Terry Dyer and the onset of the COVID pandemic. PDC Dyer's wish was for the project to continue and be successful as he knew he wouldn't live to see it completed. Many bricks were left to be engraved and installed and Brother David drove up to Rose Hill Cemetery in Petersburg to install them himself.

Brother David was also on the Department Encampment Site Selection Committee and made countless calls and several trips in the last couple of years to procure suitable locations for the Department to hold its annual and midterm encampments.

Brother David, as Commander of Col Hecker Camp #443 has been a tireless promoter of the SUVCW and has set up many displays to promote knowledge of Civil War history and local figures who played a part. He has also worked on several monument restorations for his camp, most recently to recover a small, damaged GAR marker in the back corner of a local cemetery in Fairview Heights and move it to a place of prominence at the city's government complex.

The actions, ability, initiative, and dedication of Brother David Wildermuth reflect great credit upon himself, his Department, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

**General Order #22, 13 August 2022—**

**Annual Awards**

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, it is hereby ordered that the following awards be made at the 141<sup>st</sup> National Encampment in Grand Rapids, Michigan:

1. Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star: Brother Roderick Fraser, Department of Massachusetts, and Brother David Wildermuth, Department of Illinois. See General Orders 19 and 20 respectively for the detailed description of the awards. Both Brother Fraser and Brother Wildermuth reflect great credit upon themselves, their Departments, and the SUVCW.





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2. Meritorious Service Award: Fred Mossbrucker, Department of New Jersey; Steve Bauermeister, Department of Nebraska; Fred Campbell, Department of Wisconsin; David Demmy Jr., Department of Pennsylvania.
3. Cornelius F. Whitehouse (Brother of the Year): James T. Crane, PDC, Department of Ohio
4. John C. Clem (Best Junior member): William Blair Reither, Department of Georgia and South Carolina
5. Elmer (Bud) Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award: Jerome Orton, PDC, Department of New York and Nicholas Kaup, PDC, Department of Illinois.
6. Founder's Award: Ethel B. French, Watertown, New York
7. Chaplain William Corby Award: Dean H. Shearer, Department of the Columbia; Craig G. Pete Department of the Columbia; Carlos A. Pasillas, PCC, Department of the Columbia.
8. David R. Medert Award (Most new members recruited in the past year): Bobby Welch, Department of Illinois
9. National Aide Award (Recruit five or more new members in the past year): Bobby Welch, Department of Illinois; Clark McCullough, Department of New Jersey; Loran Bures, PDC, Department of the Columbia; Steven Gibbons, Dept of Maine; Brian McManus, PDC, Department of Wisconsin; Benjamin Frail, PDC, Department of Rhode Island; Gary Carlberg, Department of Wisconsin
10. Certificate of Recognition: Department of Wisconsin for placing the Last Union Veteran markers in every county within the state of Wisconsin.
11. Abraham Lincoln Commander in Chief Award (Best camp): C. K. Piers Badger Camp #1, Department of Wisconsin
12. Joseph S. Rippey Award (Best new camp chartered in the past year): Major General Judson Kilpatrick Camp No. 7, Department of North Carolina
13. Augustus P. Davis – Conrad Linder Award (Department with greatest number of new members): Department of Pennsylvania
14. U.S. Grant Cup (Department with greatest percentage increase): Department of Maine
15. Under Forty Award: Department of New York
16. Marshall Hope Award (Best newsletter): Camp: Lt. Commander Edward Lea U.S.N. Camp No. 2, Department of Texas and Louisiana Department: Department of Missouri
17. Horace Greeley Award (Best website): Camp: Orlando A. Somers Camp No. 1, Department of Indiana Department: Department of the Columbia.
- 18: Certificate of Recognition (Best social media) Camp: Admiral David G. Farragut Camp #5, Dept of Alabama Department: Department of Kentucky

**General Order #23, 13 August 2022—**

**Scholarship Awards for 2022**

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Scholarship Committee selected the following Brothers as recipients of SUVCW scholarships for 2022. Each will receive a \$2,500 SUVCW Scholarship.

Mason Flatt, Governor Isaac Stevens Camp #1, Department of the Columbia

William H. Freeman, General William H. Lytle Camp #10, Department of Ohio

Joshua P. Lance, Joel Searfoss Camp #273, Department of Pennsylvania

Congratulations Brothers – the Order wishes you much success in college!





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**General Order #24, 13 August 2022—**

**Mary Walker Award Presented to Sister Fran Hanchett, ASUVCW**

The Commander in Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, takes great pleasure in presenting the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award to Sister Fran Hanchett, Department of New England, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Sister Hanchett discovered there were 100 Civil War veterans in New Hampshire cemeteries with no military information on their gravestones. After being informed that the federal government would not provide metal markers for these veterans, in 2013 Sister Hanchett initiated the Adopt a Civil War Veteran project in Lebanon, New Hampshire to raise the funds needed to procure markers. She reached out to local communities and offered the opportunity to adopt specific graves. The SUVCW and ASUVCW also solicited donations towards this project by offering hot dogs, cider, and cookie bars at the rest area on I-91 at White River Junction allowing them to procure an additional 3 – 4 markers per year. As of 2018 only 25 gravesites remained to be marked.

Michael Shklar, PDC of the Department of New Hampshire stated the following: “Fran has been an inspiration to the SUVCW. She has worked tirelessly... Fran has done an amazing amount of work and is an inspiration to the organization. She has really given us the kind of public visibility we need to be able to increase our membership, increase our level of activity and form a bond in the community and surrounding areas. Thank you, Fran.”

This award was presented to the National President of the ASUVCW, Allison Pollitt, on behalf of Sister Fran Hanchett during the National Encampment in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

*Was your ancestor an officer  
for the Union during the Civil War?*



**MOLLUS Missouri Commandery**

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**Daniel Jackson, Senior Vice-Commander**

**Randal A. Burd, Jr., Junior Vice-Commander**

**Dale Crandell, Treasurer**

**Gary Scheel, Recorder**





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**General Order #1, 19 August 2022—**

**Administration**

1. Having been duly elected and installed as Commander-in-Chief by the delegates assembled at the 141 st National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I am honored by the trust and confidence you have placed in me. I will do my best not to let my Brothers down, as stated after my Installation I will work for you to improve and stabilize while maintaining the principles of our Order.
2. I would like to thank Past Commander-in-Chief Michael A. Paquette for his leadership and direction during the past year.
3. On behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I extend our congratulations to the National Presidents of the Allied Orders:
  - a. Jessica Harrocks, Woman's Relief Corps
  - b. Beth Null, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
  - c. Lynne Gallaudet Dolan, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865
  - d. Allison Pollitt, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

I truly am looking forward to our organizations working together and strengthening our relationships during the coming year.

4. The Commander-in-Chief's headquarters is hereby transferred to 19 Briar Point Avenue, Coventry, Rhode Island, 02816-5601, [cinc@suvcw.org](mailto:cinc@suvcw.org).
5. Correspondence for the Commander-in-Chief will go through the proper chain of command, as a Camp up organization we must start at the Camp level, if your Camp Commander is unable to solve the issue and wishes to move the issue forward, he will forward it to your Department Commander with his written endorsement.

If your Department Commander is also unable to solve the issue and wishes, he may endorse (endorsement in writing) and forward to the National Secretary, at preferred method [secretary@suvcw.org](mailto:secretary@suvcw.org) or return by the Department Commander to the Camp Commander with no action, a reason must be attached for the return.

If received and no endorsements are present it will be return without action. If the issue that needs attention is about the Camp Commander, it must be endorsed by three (3) elected Camp Officers to be forwarded to the Department Commander.

Department Officers must also use the Chain of Command going through their Department Commander to the National Secretary. If the issue that needs attention is about the Department Commander, it must be endorsed by three (3) elected Department Officers to be forwarded to the National Chief of Staff.

Department Commanders, National elected and appointed officers may directly contact the Commander-in-Chief concerning urgent Department matters, National issues or issues that pertain to their job description at [CinC@suvcw.org](mailto:CinC@suvcw.org). Text is preferred or telephone communications are for urgent matters at 4014642119. Please, no routine calls after 9 PM Eastern Time.

5. The National Headquarters is located at 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park Suite 240, Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411; the phone number is 717-232-7000.
6. Financial correspondence for the Order shall be sent to National Treasurer, D. Michael Beard, PDC at 8510 Flip Flop Court, Panama City, Florida, 32413. His email address is [treasurer@suvcw.org](mailto:treasurer@suvcw.org) and phone number is 540-604-6950.



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7. All other correspondence for the Order shall be sent to National Secretary, Daniel Murray, PDC at 40 Lake Road, Brentwood, New Hampshire, 03833 or [secretary@suvcw.org](mailto:secretary@suvcw.org).
8. The Commander-in-Chief's travel schedule and requests for reports will be coordinated by the National Chief of Staff, Benjamin J. Frail, PDC who can be reached at [chiefstaff@suvcw.org](mailto:chiefstaff@suvcw.org).
9. All National Officers and Committee Chairman shall file reports of their activities for the coming year, with one to support the November Council of Administration meeting, a second to support the Spring Council of Administration meeting, and a final for the 142nd National Encampment in 2023.
10. All Department Commanders shall file a report of activities occurring within their Departments upon the same schedule as the National Officers and Committees.
11. National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski, PCC, can be reached by email at [paptom@msn.com](mailto:paptom@msn.com) and phone at 773-631-1610. He should be contacted to report a deceased Brother's full name, date of passing, Camp and Department name, and his Union ancestor's name, rank, and regiment. Brother Kowalski will send a sympathy card, on behalf of the SUVCW, to the family if a name and address is provided.

Please see the new National Officers and National Committee Contact List which is scheduled to be posted online on 19 September 2022.

### **General Order #2, 8 September 2022—**

#### **Dues Increase**

1. At our 141st National Encampment in Grand Rapids, Michigan, it was voted on 13 August 2022 to raise our Per Capita Dues from \$23.00 per year to \$33.00 per year.
2. Many of our Brothers have asked when this increase goes into effect. This is covered by Regulations, Chapter III—National Organization, Article IX — Finances, Section 1: "The National Encampment shall assess a per capita dues on each Brother reported in good standing at the end of each calendar year. Such dues shall be payable in one annual payment and forwarded by the Department Treasurer to the Executive Director, on or before serving in the Armed Forces in an active combat zone as defined by the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS)."
3. The wording of "good standing at the end of each calendar year" is the key and is not something that we could assess retroactively, thus it has to be moving forward. Therefore, the \$33.00 fee is for 2023 and future years (until the National Encampment assesses a different amount).
4. Thus, the increase will go into effect on 1 January 2023. Any new Brothers between now and then will be under the \$23.00 per year at its subdivided rate.

### **General Order #3, 11 September 2022—**

#### **Passing of Queen Elizabeth II**

To our Brothers of Ensign John Davis Camp X and all that are affected by the passing of Queen Elizabeth II,

While the whole world now knows of the passing of your Beloved Monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, born Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor on 21 April 1926 in London, England. We understand that during her reign of 70 years and 214 days she has touched millions across the United Kingdom and millions more around the world.

Very few of us know of a world that didn't include Queen Elizabeth II. Now, like you, we all will find a way to carry on. While the British Empire has lost their Mother, the world has lost its Grandmother. I believe that she was loved by all. We all mourn her death of 8 September 2022 but know the United Kingdom will grow stronger.



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Please know that your Brothers in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and I, share in your grief. Also know that we have you, your Kingdom and your new monarch in our thoughts and hearts.

Brothers of the United Kingdom, please feel free to drape your badges and Camp Charter for a duration which you choose not to exceed 30 days.

Welcome King Charles III, God Save the King.

**General Order #4, 21 September 2022—**

**Vicksburg National Cemetery-Burial Recovery and Stabilization Project**

As Brothers of the Council of Administration and the executive staff should be aware we are about to enter into an agreement to participate with the Vicksburg National Cemetery on their Burial Recovery and Stabilization Project. As was determined in conversations with the previous administration our National Graves Registration Officer Brother Henry Duquette, PDC will be the official liaison between the SUVCW and the Vicksburg National Cemetery.

As Brother Duquette lives in North Carolina, any boots on the groundwork will be handled by the Department of Tennessee (with Mississippi) led by Brother George Huttick, PDC at Brother Duquette's instruction.

To have complete transparency, the C of A will be kept in the loop on all plans and documentation relating to this project. At no time will anyone other than the Commander in Chief, Brother Henry Duquette, or Brother George Huttick contact any member or partner of the Vicksburg National Cemetery Burial Recovery and Stabilization Project representing the SUVCW on any matter related to this project.

We have been invited to take part in this project; we do not control this project. The Council of Administration members are welcome to share information about this project but sharing of information is limited to members of the SUVCW and not to the public. Any news or public information releases must be approved, in advance, in writing, by the office of the Commander-in-Chief or one of his representatives. The Council of Administration members may pass their thoughts along to the Commander-in-Chief or Brother Duquette, but as this is not an SUVCW project, they are not required to act on that information.

**General Order #5, 21 September 2022—**

**Restoration of Lineage Documentation**

An issue that related to lineage documentation came to the attention of this office on the 21st of September 2022. Due to that inquiry, I requested an opinion from the National Counselor Brother Edward Norris, PCinC, regarding the validity of the proof of lineage requirement which appeared as a footnote in the Charter, Constitution, and Regulations document. After review, the addition of the footnote in the Charter, Constitution, and Regulations was an overlooked error. The footnote has been removed as not being valid.

Brother Norris's opinion goes further to state that "it is the opinion of the National Counselor that the Commander-in-Chief, using the authority granted him by the Charter, Constitution, and Regulations, has the power to restore the requirement of proof of lineage documentation, which was accepted by and clearly was the intent of the 132nd National Encampment and subsequent National Encampments. Additionally, it is the opinion of the National Counselor that the Commander-in-Chief directs the Program and Policy Committee to prepare the needed changes to the Charter, Constitution, and Regulations and submit them to the Constitution and Regulations Committee for consideration at the next National Encampment for formal approval. The Program and Policy Committee should also prepare a contingent Form 3 — Membership Application with the appropriate proof of lineage instructions."



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As stated above, I order as of this date forward, that all applications (Form 3) must include proper lineage documentation sufficient to prove lineage for each generation of the application form.

1. Documents can be photocopies or official replacements of originals and do not need to be certified copies.
2. Documents can be census records, marriage records, birth records, death records, family bibles that are more than 75 years old (digital images of family bibles are acceptable), wills and testaments and other legal documents generated by local, state, or federal authority and again do not need to be certified copies.
3. Digital images of original records are allowed.
4. Transcripts (handwritten or typed copies) of documents will not be allowed.
5. Every application MUST include an officially issued state or government Birth Certificate of the applicant.
6. Every application MUST include a photocopy or digital image of an officially issued state or government photo identification card (i.e. Driver's License, State issued photo ID, Military Photo ID, Passport, etc.)

As there are three (3) copies of the membership application needed for consideration, there needs to be three (3) sets of documentation included, one (1) set to be attached to each application.

Brothers within the Order and applicants who have already submitted their paperwork and it has been accepted by a Camp as of the date of this General Order will be exempt from this General Order.

This General Order applies to New Membership Applications, Dual Membership Applications, and Supplemental Ancestor Applications.

The Opinion of the National Counselor in its entirety can be found online posted on the SUVCW National Website.

**General Order #6, 24 September 2022—**

**C-in-C Appointed National Committee on Public Information**

To manage the composition and distribution of official information that comes from the National Organization of the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), I am creating a Public Information Office within the National structure. This office will be the C-in-C Appointed National Committee on Public Information, but will have the working title "The Public Information Office" and will have the following Brothers assigned to the committee:

Member-Don Darby, PCinC, Ohio  
Member-Leo Kennedy, PCinC, Rhode Island  
Member-Jim Pahl, PCinC, Michigan  
Member-W. Faron Taylor, PDC, Chesapeake  
Member-John Conrad, PDC, Southwest  
Aide-Edward Gibson, PCC, North Carolina  
Aide-Daniel Trafford, Rhode Island



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Brother Don Darby will be the acting Chairman of the Committee to set up the first meeting, the Chief of Staff will contact Brother Darby with the Zoom login information and assist him in setting up the meeting if necessary. The first act of this committee will be to vote on a chairman.

Job Description: The function of The Public Information Office will be to create news, press and social media releases. All public information releases from the office must be approved by the Commander-in-Chief prior to being released. They are authorized to work with other Brothers of the SUVCW to create a high-quality informational product. They will also put together a series of biographies of Past Commanders-in-Chiefs, Real Sons, and Real Daughters, elected or appointed members of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of the US States Government (???) for immediate release as needed. These biographies should have a connection to the American Civil War if available. I.E., if it is known, an ancestor that served or work that they assisted in promoting our mission.

The Public Information Office answers only to the Commander-in-Chief.

## Francis J. Wilhelmi Camp #17 – Washington, MO



Brothers from the Major Francis Wilhelmi Camp dedicated the headstone of Private Charles Frederick Facius of the 2nd and 15th Missouri Infantry at St. John's E and R church in Beaufort, MO. Private Facius was also a Musician who played the bugle. He was the last surviving soldier of Franklin County, MO. Brothers from Fletcher, Grant and St. James participated.



# Thomas Fletcher Camp #47 – De Soto, MO

Meets 6:30pm, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1620 Boyd Street, unless otherwise noted

## The Fletcher Camp & Volker Auxiliary on the Move!

**AUGUST 13-14, NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN**

The Camp was well-represented at the National Encampment at Grand Rapids. Those attending were CC [Grant] Bob AuBuchon, PDC Randal Burd, Jr., PDC Sumner Hunnewell, and Secretary Alan Trodus. The news that affects all brothers was the dues increase (\$10/year), which was a motion from the floor. Also of interest was the Kit Carson



**Our delegates hard at work**

monument in Sante Fe, Arizona, which was erected by the GAR and whose ownership passed to the SUVCW. The local authorities and federal government want it taken down. The monument is fragile and was toppled in 2020 by miscreants. The resolution was to give a quit claim deed to the federal authorities, which would allow them to do with it as they wish.

PDC Dale Crandall of the Phelps and Westport Camps ran for National Secretary but was defeated. Come to the Department meeting in October and you might hear more about that.

The new C-in-C, Bruce Frail, is a Red Sox fan, which works in everyone's favor. Sumner was appointed Assistant Webmaster.

The Department of Michigan put on a fine encampment—not as nice as St. Louis's, but a pleasure!



### **SEPTEMBER 10, CAPTAIN WILLIAM BARR GRAVESTONE DEDICATION, ST. LOUIS**

Camp member and Grant Camp Commander Bob AuBuchon organized a Captain William Barr gravestone dedication. Barr was of Merrill's Horse (2nd Missouri Cavalry). He





Duncan Noack was a part of the honor guard, playing a draped and muffled drum during the ceremony

was a 10-year military man and during the Civil War was a Captain of Subsistence and Commissary. While in Denver, he died of dysentery (December 17, 1864). His body was sent to St. Louis for burial but he never had a tombstone placed.

Members of the Grant, Fletcher, and Wilhelmi Camps participated at the Bellefontaine Cemetery. Other than Bob AuBuchon, camp member Duncan Noack provided drumming services. About 15-20 people were present for the ceremony.



**AUGUST 27, BANK RAID, STE. GENEVIEVE**

The St. James Camp annual bank raid was temporarily interrupted due to the recent unpleasantness, but you can't keep a good thing down.

Brothers Bob AuBuchon, Izaiah Hickman, and Don Roussin, as well as Sister Susan Breland took part.

It was covered by the *Ste. Genevieve Herald* both in-print and on-line (August 31).

SEPTEMBER 17, GREENTREE FESTIVAL, KIRKWOOD



Members were busy again this year promoting the Camp and Auxiliary at the Greentree Festival. It is also a terrific fundraising opportunity. PAP Kelly Noack sold homemade dolls while Secretary Allen Trodus sold various wooden weaponry, giving away flags and SUVCW wooden nickels to anyone making a purchase.





# U.S. Grant Camp #68 – St. Louis, MO

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7pm, at Frailey's Grill and Pub, I-55 & Butler Rd

**German Consul General Wolfgang Moessinger**, who is stationed in Chicago, came to St. Louis on Sunday, 17 Sep 2022 and visited with PDC Walt Busch of US Grant Camp 68, and James Martin Past President of the German American Heritage Society, to discuss the needed repairs to the Colonel Fredrick Hecker Monument in Benton Park. Hecker was one of the top leaders of the Baden, Germany, 1848 Revolution and organized and led two regiments in our Civil War. The monument is missing two bas-relief images and also



needs some stabilization work. The two St. Louis groups are working on this plus an informational markers. One will be placed near the monument and the other near Hecker's grave in Summerfield, IL. The Illinois end of the project is being spearheaded by David Wildermuth of the Hecker Camp #17, who has already been able to get another marker in the town of





Summerfield informing people of the Hecker grave and his importance. Funding from both the German community and Civil War groups to fund the repairs to the monument and the markers.

Photo 1: L-R Consul Moessinger, a member of his party, James Martin and Walt Busch

Photo 2: Marker that Belleville's Hecker Camp was able to get placed in Summerfield, IL.



### Gateway Grizzlies Game

The Grant Camp was invited for a night out at a Grizzlies Baseball Game. The Grizzlies are in the Frontier Baseball League. Several members took part in this night, including PDC John Avery and his wife, Peggy.



### Captain William Barr Ceremony

Bellefontaine is possibly the most interesting cemetery in Missouri with many famous people buried in it. Some have supersized tombs while others like Fritz Guerin, a medal of honor recipient, have simpler graves. Captain William Barr had nothing to mark his. On 10 September, US Grant Camp with an assist by Duncan Noack of Fletcher Camp and PDC Glen Alsop of Wilhelmi Camp held a ceremony at his new tombstone.

Doc Crabtree of the North Carolina Camp – MG Thomas H Ruger Camp 1 and his wife were instrumental in placing this monument. Pictured is Doc Crabtree and Camp Commander Bob Aubuchon has his back to the camera.



**Grant Camp holds Annual Grant Remembrance Day** on July 23 assisted by several camps. Since the U.S. Grant Symposium was being held this weekend, we were able to get Frank Scaturro, author and leader of the efforts to restore Grant's Tomb, as a speaker at the event.



### **UPCOMING EVENT HONORING THE US COLORED TROOPS**

October 21, 2022. 11 am at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. We hold our ceremonies honoring the 56<sup>th</sup> USCT. This unit had many of them die of disease as they were being mustered out and are in a mass grave at Jefferson Barracks. We are looking for SVR members to do Honor Guard and firing salute as well as any musicians who might be willing to play a period piece. Historian Dorris Keevan-Franke will be the main presenter with a brief speech on *Benjamin Oglesby – Private Co D, 56<sup>th</sup> USCT*, for whom a St. Charles County park was recently named.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me: Bob Aubuchon, Ulysses S Grant Camp Commander, at 314-435-0904. We hope to see you there and please join a few of us afterwards for some refreshments at a local eatery.





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

## Ste. Genevieve, MO

We slowed down a lot this summer because of the heat. Our major activity this summer was what we call the “Bank Raid.”

It historically happened on 15 August 1861, when Major John McDonald and 250 members of the 8<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry Regiment, guided by Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James, marched into Ste. Genevieve and took over \$58,000.00 from the Merchant’s Bank. They were ordered by General John C. Fremont to get the money and deliver it to him in St. Louis. This they did. General Fremont then gave the money to the Merchant Bank in St. Louis. Merchant’s Bank in Ste. Genevieve was a branch bank of the Merchant Bank in St. Louis. The bank in St. Louis was worried about the Southern sympathies of some of the bank personnel in Ste. Genevieve especially the bank president, Firmin Rozier.

Our Bank Raid took place on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. We were blessed with having members of the Francis Wilhelmi Camp #17, Thomas Fletcher Camp #47, U.S. Grant Camp #68, Louisa Volker Auxiliary 215 - A.S.U.V.C.W. and members of the Engineer Company of the Turner Brigade. We were also blessed with music presented by the Becky Millinger and Marsha Schaeffer of the Presbyterian String Band.



Tom Greminger, Camp #326, with his display talking to a couple of the many people who wondered into our Camp set up at the Felix Valle State Historic Site in Ste. Genevieve. Tom has a list of over 1,000 men who served in the Civil War from Ste. Genevieve County. He also had a display of weapons that he talked over with the guests.



There was a display of a camp scene with three different types of tentage that was used during the Civil War. A lean to is near the shrub and hard to see in this photo.



Detail sent to retrieve money from the Merchant Bank. Bill Naeger standing to the left of the pole, portraying Firmin Rozier the Bank President.





Major John McDonald, aka Marty Aubuchon, reading the Proclamation that was issued by Major McDonald in 1861 and describing to those assembled what would happen to the Southern sympathizers if he had to come back to Ste. Genevieve.

The weather was really hot and you can tell that much of the crowd and the detail were in the shade as much as possible.



Later this citizen had her goat cart apprehended to haul the money to the riverboat on the Mississippi River which delivered the money to General Fremont.



Marsha Schaeffer is on the left and Becky Millinger is on the right.

Our musicians.

All photos are courtesy of Robert Mueller.

On July 25<sup>th</sup> Gary Scheel gave a presentation at the Chester Library in Chester, Illinois on the history of the sinking and burning of the US Transport Steamer General Lyon on March 31, 1865 with the loss of 550 to 600 persons with only 28 known survivors. There were 12 Officers and 193 men of the 56th Illinois Infantry Regiment who were on their way home after their three-year enlistment was up. Of the 205 men of the 56th Illinois Infantry Regiment only 5 men survived.

A plaque for these men and a brick with each of their names, Company and County they were from. The plaque and brick are located at the General John A. Logan Museum in Murphysboro, IL.



## Private Hiram Berry Grave Marker Reset



On May 30<sup>th</sup> members of the Camp went to place flags on two of the graves in Crestlawn Cemetery in Ste. Genevieve. When they got to Private Hiram Berry's grave marker it was laying on the ground as you can tell from bare spot in the photo. They were able to place it back in its original spot and prop it up with the hopes that it would remain there until a proper job could be done to reset it back in the ground.



On August 19<sup>th</sup> members of the St. James Camp reset the tombstone of Private Hiram Berry, 21<sup>st</sup> Missouri Infantry Regiment.

Paul Kist began the process of cleaning the grave marker. We used just water and the soft brush because it was pretty clean without a lot of mildew build up on it. While he was doing that we had two brothers digging the dirt out of the original hole in order to reset the grave marker. We did have to go deeper.

After three bags of 80-pound premix, Ed Millinger, Mike Schaaf and Reuel Smith were putting the final touches to the reset.



<< Our members who participated from left to right: Ed Millinger, Gary Scheel, Paul Kist and Commander Mike Schaaf. Photo was taken by Reuel Smith.

Private Hiram Smith was a member of the J. Felix St. James G.A.R. Post #326 in Ste. Genevieve. He was drafted on 22 September 1864 at the age of 30 years. He served with Company C, 21<sup>st</sup> Missouri Infantry Regiment. He was discharged at Mobile, Alabama on 27 September 1865 because of expiration of term of service.

He also had service in Company D, 78<sup>th</sup> Enrolled Missouri Militia Regiment. He was enrolled 30 April 1864, Ordered into service 16 October 1864 and relieved from duty 25 November 1864. Number of days in actual service 41.

He died 6 February 1892.



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**

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

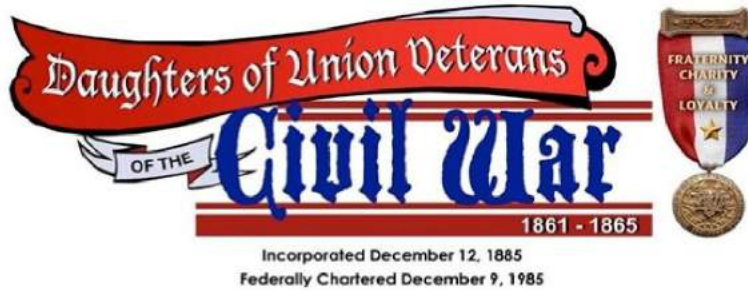
**St. James Camp #326 — Ste. Genevieve, MO**

**Tiger Camp #432 — Columbia, MO**

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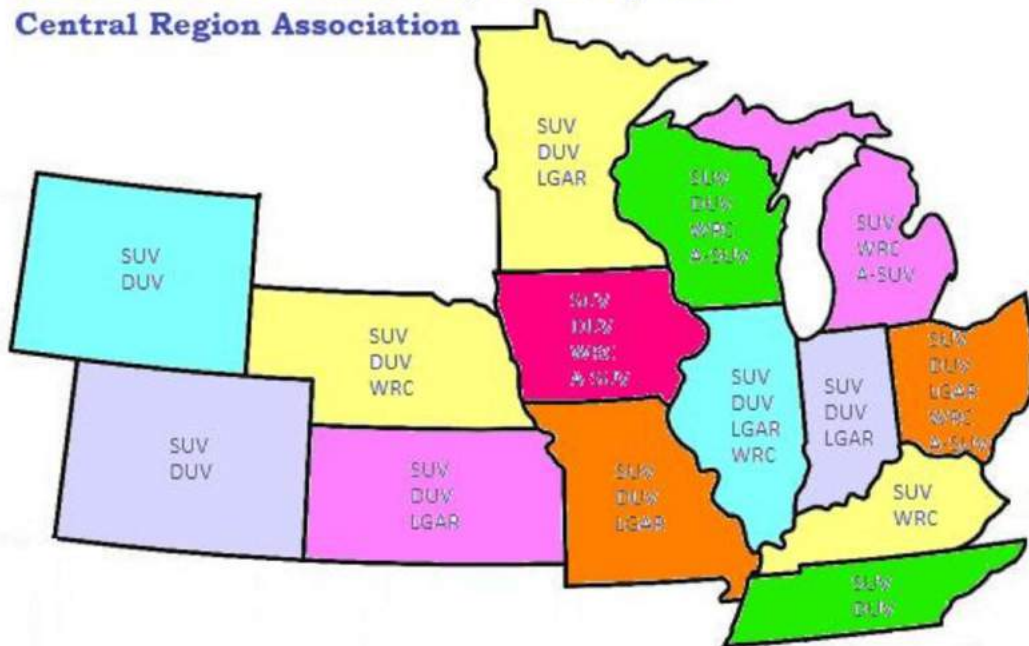
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*Since 1940, there have been 9 Commanders from Missouri (one was a dual member from Michigan, 2 were women and one served for 5 years).*

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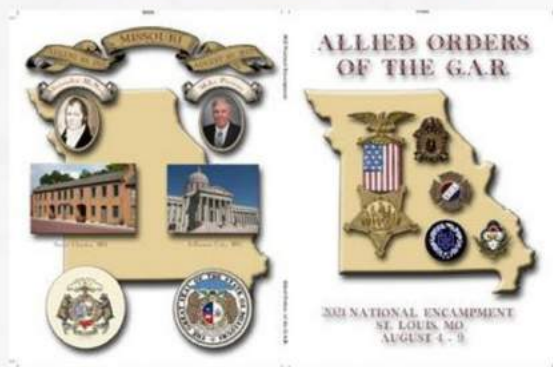


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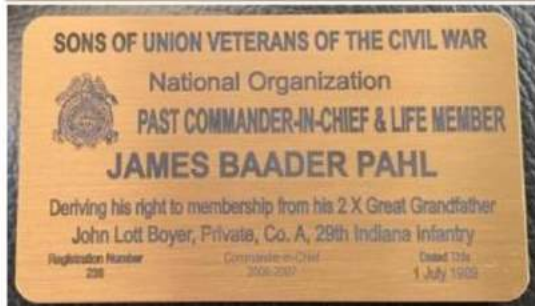
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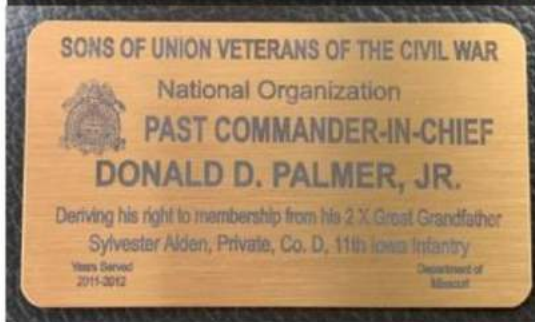
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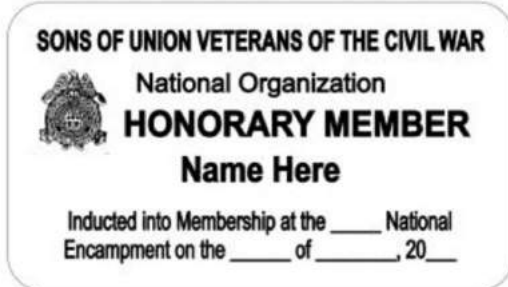
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Answer from pg. 24: What is Fort McHenry

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