



The Missouri Unionist



SUVCW honors 56th USCT with remembrance ceremony

US Grant Camp 68 – St Louis held a remembrance ceremony for the 56th US Colored Troops at their mass grave in Jefferson Barracks on Oct 20. The keynote speaker was retired Major General Byron Bagby, who had relatives in that unit. After a great ceremony covered by 2 local news channels and one newspaper, the group, including students from two local schools, had refreshments and met with the General at the Missouri Civil War Museum. The Camp also paid for the students to tour the museum, making it a great school outing for the middle school students.

After the color guard marched in, Walter Fox, a local Gospel singer,

began the ceremony with the Star-Spangled Banner. Other music was provided on bagpipes by Grant Past Camp Commander Daniel Jackson and Fletcher Camp member Duncan Noack on fife. Local historian of African-American history, Angela da Silva, remarked on the importance of Black troops to the Union cause. General Bagby covered the history of the 56th and his connection to it. This was the largest ceremony for the 56th since it was instituted by historian Sarah Cato in 2012. Sarah passed away just prior to this event and was remembered with a moment of silence.

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The event had people representing all the US armed forces except for Space Force. Gateway STEM Air Force JROTC led by MSGT Gregory Stephan provided a color guard. While the Marine Corps League Detachment 183 provided color and honor guards. Rev. Ryan Rupe, Our Savior Lutheran Church, recently retired as Command Chaplain, US Navy and Coast Guard, assist our member Monsignor Michael Witt as remembered that all things are not possible without our Heavenly Father. Members of the Wilhelmi, Fletcher, and St. James Camps helped out and presenting wreaths were representatives of the Missouri Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Julia Dent Grant Tent DUVCW, Missouri MOLLUS and Missouri DOLLUS, students from St. Louis University studying Civil War history with Dr. Silvana Siddali, and middle school students from Salem Lutheran School – Affton.

After the ceremony a luncheon of sandwiches, chips, and soft drinks was provided by the camp and the Julia Dent Grant Tent DUVCW at the Missouri Civil War Museum. All had the chance to meet with General Bagby. The General addressed the middle school students on the importance of volunteerism. We then offered the students tours of the museum for which the camp paid.

KMOV and KSDK TV had film crews at the event and the local St. Louis American newspaper was also there. Fox2Now didn't cover the event, but did make a comment advertising the event earlier in the morning.

All in all a great time made possible with the support of all the above, Mark Trout – Missouri Civil War Museum, and Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.



Major General Byron Bagby, USA (retired)



Walter Fox — local Gospel singer



Angela da Silva — local historian of African-American history

FROM THE EDITOR: MOVING FORWARD, LOOKING BACK



Christmastime. New Years. This is the time of year both for reflecting on the past and for looking towards the future. It is a time to remember the overwhelming joy and hope of a child born in a manager. For many it is, for different reasons, a time of grief and sadness. A friend of mine reposted on social media a quote about holiday grief being a mixture of wanting what once was, but trying not to miss out on what is. Hearts are burdened throughout the year, but often especially during such times of celebration. Empty chairs were a common fixture in households during the Civil War, and they persist in being grim reminders of loss in the present day. Remember your brothers and their families whose loved ones are especially missed during the holiday season.

Speaking of dichotomies of emotion and social media and burdened hearts, I have noticed an unfortunate revival of Lost Cause ideology creeping into the cross-section of America I encounter on social media. I imagine it is likely due to the polarizing times we live in, but to see disaffected, supposedly educated individuals posting ridiculously absurd and inflammatory critiques of Lincoln and other disinformation while glorifying Confederate generals and wearing and displaying the Battle Flag of Northern Virginia as a modern political statement is as appalling as it is bewildering.

General Grant summarized the issue most succinctly when he stated “I felt like anything rather than rejoicing at the downfall of a foe who had fought so long and valiantly, and had suffered so much for a cause, though that cause was, I believe, one of the worst for which a people ever fought, and one for which there was the least excuse.” I have used the quote repeatedly in past issues, but I feel it is of the utmost importance this quote should resonate for students of the American Civil War and those historians and genealogists who still seek to learn the lessons it offers. “...**the worst for which a people ever fought, and one for which there was the least excuse.**” I do not believe this sentiment is up for debate. I don’t care what your political beliefs are, nor about your degree of disaffection for the state of the nation we currently live in, but the American Civil War was not a sporting event; the armies of our ancestors who fought this war are not teams to cheer or jeer depending on the geographical latitude of the place you call home. We as a nation are profoundly blessed by an outcome that secured liberty for all and union forever, and it is this blessing, this irrefutable truth, that we must hold close to our hearts and ensure others never, ever forget.



A NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

SUVCW Form 22. Camps are required to report their annual officer elections by submitting SUVCW Form 22 Officer Elections to the Department Secretary (secretary@suvchwmo.org) by **15 February 2024**. Be sure to include a current roster. A PDF fillable form can be downloaded from the SUVCW website at: <https://suvchw.org/governance-forms/camp-annual-report>.

IRS 990-N. Part of maintaining our 501(c)(3) non-profit charity status is filling an annual 990-N with the IRS. Camps are required send copies of their annual 990-N filing to the Department Treasurer (treasurer@suvchwmo.org) by **1 March 2024**. Please send the accepted confirmation page not the submission page. Typically, you need to wait an hour or day for your submission to change from pending to accepted. You can file a 990-N online at the IRS website: <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/annual-electronic-filing-requirement-for-small-exempt-organizations-form-990-n-e-postcard>. Just scroll down and

click on Submit Form 990-N (e-Postcard).



A NOTE FROM THE JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER

JVC IS NOT JUST A “SIT BACK AND WAIT AND SEE JOB”

The JVC's primary role is to assist with the recruitment and retention of Brothers (Members, Associates, and Juniors) of the camp or the department. The JVC assists the Commander as needed. To be available for programs and projects that the camp organizes. The JVC needs to be ready to contact new members and help them understand the paper work and fee structure of dues and what type of membership the potential member qualifies for. The JVC may need to assist the new member with seeking out their genealogical history on their Civil War ancestor. (If you don't feel like you are able to help in this area – don't worry. Someone in the camp or in the department will be glad to assist you and share their knowledge of navigating Ancestry.com or the National Archives.)

With the convenience of the National website, all the materials for membership applications are at your fingertips. Information on the SUVCW organization is also available on the website for the new member to read and understand the history behind the organization. If a potential member is interested to learning more about the organization invite him to a camp meet or event.

Make sure you see the applicant's progress all the way through. Some members who don't feel valued simply stop showing up to meetings and eventually are dropped from the camp. Talk with other officers and camp member to check in on those brothers that have not attended meeting or events. See if the camp is able to help them if needed. Maybe a Brother is having an issue with their family and needs to care for a loved one. Offer to help or see if members of the camp can help.

As an example - When Past Department Commander Avery came down with an illness that required the use of a power wheel chair a few members of Grant Camp went over to assist the contractor in putting in a ramp so John could get into and out of his home. So, as you have read – the JVC is not a “Sit Back and Wait and See Job.” It is a job that helps the camp grow. We are all Brothers in the camp and we need people to step up and become leaders of the camp. If you ever need help with a new member or want help in the process of looking into genealogical records please reach out to me. I am not just sitting around. Thank you for your time.



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Collector's Corner

October-December 2023

Douglas Roussin, PCC

General Thomas C. Fletcher, Camp 47

The Ribbons of Pearl Drew

I have been a collector my entire life. The first thing I purchased was a Civil War musket. I was about 13 at the time and have been collecting ever since. Over the years I searched flea markets and antique shows and purchased many relics which I stored away and have long since forgotten. Recently, I was cleaning out an old cabinet and ran across an old tie box. When I opened it, it was filled with Women's Relief Corp ribbons and badges. I remembered that I had purchased this collection many

years ago at the 3rd Sunday Antique Flea Market which is held in Bloomington, Illinois. The box contained about 75 ribbons and badges of the Women's Relief Corp. Several ribbons included a name tag with the name Pearl Drew, Lansing, Michigan. Pearl had been very active in WRC and several other organizations, as the box contained several of their

ribbons. Michigan WRC annual department conventions and WRC national conventions ribbons were also found in the box. The ribbons date from 1901 to 1971 with the majority dating from the 30's, 40's, 50's and 60's.

Also found in the box was Pearl Drew's Presidents badge and her tattered membership badge along with two 1962 Eightieth National Convention ribbons with her name on the top pin bar.

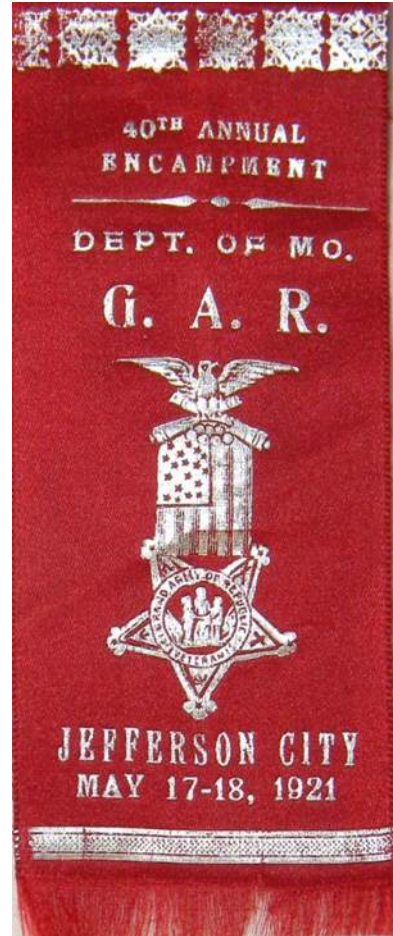




Printed on this celluloid pin with an American flag is 35th Annual Convention, Dept. of Indiana, WRC, Logan's Port, Ind, June 1918.

One ribbon found in the tie box was made for the Department of Missouri's 40th annual encampment of the G.A.R. held in Jefferson City, May 17-18, 1921. Another Missouri ribbon was made for the Ninth Annual Reunion, Dallas County Soldiers' Association, Buffalo, Missouri, Aug. 18-19-20, 1904. Both Missouri ribbons are very rare. One ribbon has the name Jonathon W. Bachman Camp 709, Sons of Confederate Veterans Chattanooga, Tennessee. (no date) Two other ribbons belonged to the Ladies of the GAR.

Pearl's personal badges included one membership badge and a Presidents badge on a blue ribbon. Also attached to the blue ribbon is a 25-year badge, a small gold WRC lapel pin is also present. While it is common to find individual ribbons and badges, it is quite uncommon today to find such a large collection of items that can be traced to one individual. Many of the red ribbons have Delegate Third District Grand Ledge. A peculiar feature on some of these ribbons is the WRC badge design is upside down. I am not sure of the reason, but it may represent the death of a president or past president. As no ribbon is dated later than 1971, and I purchased this collection in the mid 70's, it is probable that Pearl Drew passed away around that time and these ribbons were part of an estate sale. I have not been able to trace her, but I do know from the ribbons that she held several positions in the Women's Relief Corp. These ribbons represent years of service to the WRC organization and to the Department of Michigan.





Three National Convention ribbons: 1901, 1907, 1924.

This stack of nearly 75 ribbons belonged to a remarkable woman who gave her time and service to the Women's Relief Corp.

For Pearl Drew, a remarkable woman, this article is dedicated.



Thomas Fletcher Camp #47 – De Soto, MO

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

SEPTEMBER 11, AWARD PRESENTED, DE SOTO

During our September meeting Past National Auxiliary President, Allison Pollitt, traveled to De Soto to present Twyla Warren with the National Auxiliary's highest award for a sister. Twyla received Laura Miller Award for the years of outstanding contributions to the ASUVCW.

In 2019, The National Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War instituted the Laura Miller Award, presented by the National President or Department President to a Sister for exception service to the Auxiliary. The service needs to have occurred in a noteworthy manner at the National/Department level over an extended period of time for an extraordinary action by a Sister.



SEPTEMBER 16-17, GREENTREE FESTIVAL, KIRKWOOD

On Saturday & Sunday, September 16th & 17th, 2023, the Fletcher Camp and Volker Auxillary set up historical demonstrations at the Greentree Festival in Kirkwood. Members presented soldier's equipment, bullet casting, period toys and games, Civil War music, and cooking skills of the mid-1800s. The groups also helped spearhead a brand new scavenger hunt for the event by handing out cards and prizes, and also stamping for five different spots on the cards (historic toys, Louisa Volker history, cannonballs, bullet casting, and Civil War music).



The event had thousands of visitors and the organizers were also very impressed with our groups abilities and knowledge (and begged us to return next year!).



A period photographer was in attendance and captured "likeness" (tintype photo) of Fletcher Camp Commander, Chris Warren, and his Volker Auxillary Junior Member daughter, Abbie.



We had great representation from the Camp and the Auxiliary: Colissa Alexander, Bob AuBuchon, Billy Hickman, Izaiah Hickman, Kelly Noack, Colton Noack, Duncan Noack, Doug Roussin, Kathie Roussin, Alan Trodus, Abbie Warren, Chris Warren, and Twyla Warren.



OCTOBER 10, FUNERAL OF SARAH CATO, JENNINGS

Sarah Cato was a moving force to get recognition for the 56th USCT, who were re-interred at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis. Camp members Bob AuBuchon and Sumner Hunnewell represented the SUVCW at her funeral.



OCTOBER 13, HITTING THE ROAD, NEWARK, OHIO

With the new SUVCW.org website, National Officer Walt Busch has been updating the [National Monuments and Memorials Project](#)'s database and website. On the way to the MOLLUS national meeting in Gettysburg, Sumner, the Camp's monument officer, decided to stop midway to record some monuments on [Form 61](#). After he was done, he passed them on to Walt to clean-up and enhance. More to come!

These markers are found in the Newark, Licking County, Ohio. This county seat has set aside a park for veteran memorials.



The most impressive is a moment erected by Tent 25 of the DUVCW 1861-85 in May of 1929. It has a soldier facing a plaza of monuments. The back of the monument has a 48-star flag. It was later flanked by relief sculptures of American wars from the Revolution to (probably) the Iraq war.

The G. A. R. had their state encampment in Newark during June 1933. This monument was a memorial to the event by the Department of Ohio Woman's Relief Corps.



The Col. Charles Young W. R. C. No. 354 dedicated a tree to the park in July 1937. However, it seems that the tree did not survive as long as this marker did. If anyone want to take on a project to find out *who* Col. Charles Young is...

More Newark, Ohio, monuments next time...



OCTOBER 20, 56TH USCT, JEFFERSON BARACKS NATIONAL CEMETERY, ST. LOUIS



The U. S. Grant Camp No. 68 upped their game this year with their annual 56th USCT Infantry remembrance ceremony, flying in Brigadier General Byron S. Bagby for the well-attended event. Fletcher camp members participated. Dustin Noack provided musical selection, Bob AuBuchon was a liaison with the National Cemetery and managed the color guard, and Sumner Hunnewell handed out program books / souvenir ribbons.

56th United States Colored Troops (USCT) Infantry Remembrance

Jefferson Baracks National Cemetery
Friday, 20 October 2023



Two St. Louis television stations covered the event (including Mr. Noack, above).

Alan Trodes, Kelly and Duncan Noack, Twyla, Chris, and Abbie Warren, Jim Flynn-Smith, Colissa Alexander, Susan Bretand, Rathie Roussin, Bob Aubuchon, Doug Roussin, and Izaiah Hickman



OCTOBER 20, FLETCHER HOUSE GHOST WALK, HILLSBORO

For many years now the Camp and Auxiliary has supported Jefferson County's civic events, including the Ghost Walk at the Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher House in Hillsboro. A small living-history site is created where our brothers and sisters can interact with the public, who come to tour the house, visiting "ghosts" of the past in each of the historic house's rooms.

**NOVEMBER 4, MARKER DEDICATION,
HARMONY CHURCH CEMETERY,
INNSBROOK**

Bob AuBuchon, Billy Hickman, and Izaiah Hickman participated in a Civil War marker dedication. The cemetery has unknown Union and Confederate soldiers buried there.



NOVEMBER 4, VETERANS DAY PARADE, FARMINGTON

Once again, brothers and sisters of our Orders turned out to honor veterans in Farmington.



**1st row: Abbie
Warren**

**2nd row: Duncan
Noack, Chris
Warren, Alan
Trods, Doug
Roussin**

**3rd row: Susan
Breland, Twyla
Warren, Kathie
Roussin, Kelly
Noack**

NOVEMBER 11, VETERANS DAY PARADE, DE SOTO

A week later, our Camp and Auxiliary marched or rode in the De Soto parade. It was also the day where we drew the name of our sword raffle.

*Chris Warren,
Kelly Noack,
Billy Hickman,
Colissa
Alexander,
Abbie Warren,
Kathie Roussin,
Twyla Warren,
Izaiah Hickman,
Doug Roussin,
Alan Trodus*



*The raffle winner!
Rob Coleman from
De Soto!*

**NOVEMBER 11, VETERANS DAY CEREMONY,
FARMINGTON**

Susan Breland represented us at the wreath laying ceremony in Farmington on Veterans Day.



NOVEMBER 18, HITTING THE ROAD, CENTERVILLE, EAST GERMANTOWN, CAMBRIDGE CITY, AND RICHMOND (ALL WAYNE COUNTY), INDIANA

With the new SUVCW.org website, National Officer Walt Busch has been updating the [National Monuments and Memorials Project](#)'s database and website. Having some free time traveling to Richmond, Indiana, Sumner, the Camp's monument officer, decided to stop there and back again to record some monuments on [Form 61](#). After he was done, he passed them on to Walt to clean-up and enhance.

Most of these markers, monuments, and paintings are found as you travel U. S. 40. So, if you are not in a rush, this becomes an alternative to the faster I-70.



The first marker was found outside of someone's home (320 E. Main St.) in Centerville for abolitionist, George Washington Julian. His views (like his namesake's) was truly revolutionary. (The marker evidently does not get much attention because the home owner decided to take a walk with his dog around his house...just to see what was going on...)



"When I was a young fellow, I remember some of the old band members and had quite a few talks with them concerning the band and their experiences during the Civil War. It always seemed to me that none of them would talk very much about it or tell me very much....I came to the conclusion that what they all had gone through with, they did not care to talk about it much." (*The Palladium-Item*, 7 July 1965). The marker is at US 40 and Milton St. in East Germantown.

Cambridge City sports quite a few markers but what sets it apart are murals by Pamela Bliss & Carly Mattingly Dec. (You can see some of Pamela Bliss's other work at her website PamelaBliss.gallery.)



The first is a painting of Meredith Solomon, purported to be the only Quaker general for the Union. This is found at 19 W. Main St.



The second is a painting of Lincoln and his funeral train, which traveled through Cambridge City. The house in the background is General Solomon's. It is found in a courtyard with a flagpole at 1 W. Main St.



Cambridge City is rightly proud of Gen. Meredith, whose Iron Brigade fought admirably at Gettysburg. This marker is found at 420 E. Main St.

Richmond is the county seat, which became a mustering point for men of the area. This was known as Camp Wayne. There is a monument and a marker placed where these regiments were mustered in. The monument was placed in 1926 by the Wm. P. Benton Camp No. 28 and Wm. P. Benton Camp Auxiliary No. 43. In 2014, the monument was moved and a time capsule was found. The monument now resides at the east side of the building at 831 S. E St.



A nearby marker is found at the Intersection of South 10th St. and Park Place.



The Wayne County Veterans Memorial Park is in Richmond. It is in a rather uninspired part of town but opens into a pleasant dell. There are monuments dedicated to all wars and is a focal point for veterans events. This monument was put in place by the Wm. P. Benton Camp No. 28 in 2008 and is very impressive.



The Fletcher Camp & Volker Auxiliary on the Move!

DECEMBER 2, CHRISTMAS PARADE, DE SOTO



Top: C. Alexander, A. Warren, K. Noack, T. Warren, M. Roussin Bottom: B. Hickman, S. Hunnewell, C. Warren, I. Hickman, A. Trodus, D. Roussin, B. AuBuchon

It was a pretty mild evening for December when the Camp and Auxiliary once again participated in De Soto's Christmas Parade. The mile-plus long parade was **huge** this year as was the crowd. Thanks to all of those who decorated the float and brought candy to throw to the hundreds of little urchins (and big urchins) who lined the way.



Brothers Hickman and Hickman



Brothers Trodus, Warren, and AuBuchon

DECEMBER 8, CHRISTMAS PARTY & SWEARING IN, DE SOTO



Top: C. Warren, D. Noack, J. Asberry, B. AuBuchon, T. Howell, D. Lillcrap
Middle: Doug Roussin, A. Trodus, S. Hunnewell, Don Roussin, I. Hickman, B. Hickman
Bottom: K. Trodus, K. Noack, K. Roussin, S. Breland, A. Warren, M. Roussin, D. Cambron,
N. Howell, T. Warren

The Camp and Auxiliary turned out in great number and style at the De Soto Community Center (a converted Baptist church). We were treated to a great meal—more than a feast and good conversation...and an entertaining door-prize raffle.

Camp Commander Warren swore in the Auxiliary officers. President Colissa Alexander relinquished the gravel to new President Kelly Noack.



Commander Warren swears in President Kelly Noack and her officers, Twyla Warren, Kathie Roussin, Susan Breland, Nancy Howell, and Abbie Warren

DECEMBER 8, CHRISTMAS PARTY & SWEARING IN, DE SOTO



Commander Warren receives the gavel from Department SVC Bob AuBuchon.



President Kelly Noack receives her President's badge.



Sumner Hunnewell, Ted Howell, Alan Trodus, Don Roussin, Billy Hickman, Doug Roussin, and Chris Warren are sworn in by Department SVC Bob AuBuchon.

DECEMBER 8, CHRISTMAS PARTY & SWEARING IN, DE SOTO



The big news of the night was delivered by Commander Warren. Our SVR unit received the Commander Officer's Unit Citation award. Only one SVR unit is awarded this per year. It is a cumulative award for work that our Unit has done over the years.

In addition to the recognition, each member of the SVR received (or will receive) a medal, which is placed above your camp and department badges (see below).



Commander Warren reads the citation



DECEMBER 8, CHRISTMAS PARTY & SWEARING IN, DE SOTO

The big surprise of the night was the artwork of our Chaplain, Ted Howell. As well as being a first-class photographer, Ted paints as a hobby. He brought along his painting of the Camp and Auxiliary.



Nancy and Ted Howell



Can you find yourself here?

DECEMBER 10, BELL RINGING FOR THE FOOD PANTRY, DE SOTO

One appreciates not only the sacrifice of our ancestors fighting for the Union, but the woolen uniforms they wore when the sun went down on December days. Brothers and sisters of our Allied Orders turned out to ring bells, collect money for the local food pantry, keep warm, and tell stories. Overall, we raised over \$600 for six hours of bell ringing and "Merry Christmas"-ing customers at the local Walmart.

Brother Ted Howell stopped by to take pictures of us.



Kelly Noack, Twyla Warren, Kathie Roussin, and Abbie Warren

Colton Noack, Chris Warren, Sumner Hunnewell, and Alan Trodus (not pictured: Doug Roussin)



U.S. Grant Camp #68 – St. Louis, MO

RESTORE OUR HERITAGE

Help us to restore and provide context to the Friedrich Hecker Monument and his gravesite.



Friedrich Hecker

Restore the Benton Park Monument to its original 1882 design. Add a graphic panel in Benton Park and in the Summerfield Cemetery to provide the story of Friedrich Hecker and why his ideals, service, and life are still important today.

All funds raised will be held by the German American Heritage Society of St. Louis (a non-profit organization) and will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous donor!

St. Louis Project in Benton Park includes:

- Recreation of original Friedrich Hecker bas relief and wreath on the monument (currently missing); infill dates and name for visibility
- Cleaning and granite repair of obelisk
- Graphic panel near the obelisk explaining his life and service to Germany and the United States

Projects in Illinois include:

- Placing an Illinois State Historical Society Marker in the town center of Summerfield (completed)
- Graphic panel in the Summerfield Cemetery explaining his life and service
- Proposed placement for a new flagpole in the cemetery



Donations can be sent

to:

'Hecker Project'

c/o GAHS

330 Wenneker Drive

St. Louis, MO 63124

OR

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McPherson Camp #1 – Springdale, AR



(Above) On December 5th, members of the McPherson Camp #1 helped fill 3100 snack packs for needy kids. The Samaritan Community Center in Rogers, Arkansas, provides these snack packs for NW Arkansas Elementary School kids with food insecurities. Sadly, Arkansas is the #1 state in the nation for kids with food insecurities. **(Below)** On Sunday December 10th, members of the McPherson Sons of Union Veterans Camp restored the "Camp Shadow" soldier silhouettes at the Steele Stevens Park in Elm Springs Arkansas. Camp Shadow was put up by Elm Springs Historical Society in 2016. Since that group disbanded, sadly the display had been damaged with most of the Silhouettes on the ground.



McPherson Camp #1 – Springdale, AR (Continued)



Elm Springs Arkansas is a historic little community with a rich Civil War history. Three different Confederate regiments train there in the fall of 1861 and again in the fall of 1862. It was also the site of a Confederate Hospital. The entire Confederate Army camped there on the evening before the Battle of Pea Ridge. Union General Blunt had his entire division there in January 1863 just weeks after the Battle of Prairie Grove. General Schofield came down to inspect Blunt's division while it was there.

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

MOLLUS Missouri Commandery

Sumner Hunnewell, Commander

Daniel Jackson, Senior Vice-Commander

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

Dale Crandell, Treasurer

Gary Scheel, Recorder

<https://suvcw.org/mollus/mollus.htm>



Phelps Camp #66 – Springfield, MO

HISTORIC WEAPONS RANGE DAY

Members of Phelps Camp journeyed to rural Laclede County on Saturday, October 14 for our annual Historic Weapons Range Day. Members tested their skill against paper targets with a number of Civil War and Indian War period weapons, including the Sharps, Spencer and Springfield rifles and Remington and Schofield revolvers.

Our thanks again to rangemaster/safety officer and camp member John Sutton for keeping everyone safe and providing historical information on each firearm, and to the Clanton family for setting up the range and providing a great lunch.



Phelps Camp #66 — Springfield, MO *(Continued)*

BRANSON VETERANS DAY PARADE

Members of Phelps Camp journeyed to Branson on Saturday, November 11 to participate in the Branson Veterans Day Parade.

Blessed with fantastic weather, the Phelps Camp members enjoyed much applause from parade watchers and lots of “thank-yous” as well.

Our thanks to Ed Krieser for entering us in the parade and getting us into position and ready to march.



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

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

Ste. Genevieve

On 10 October, Camp Commander presented to Joseph Smith, one of our new members, received his SUVCW Membership Badge. Welcome to the SUVCW, Joe. →



On 20 October the U.S. Grant #68 hosted the annual Ceremony to pay tribute to the 175 men of the 56th U.S. Colored Infantry who died on Quarantine Island in August 1866. Grant Camp did a great job and Brother Walt Busch did a great job as MC



← Duncan Noack and Gary Scheel standing next to the monument.

The monument is located in section 57 and is listed as grave marker 15009. There were 15 men from Ste. Genevieve who were in the 56th U.S.C.I.

Two of them are listed on the plaque in front of the monument. They are: Private Jerry Kaufman who was a Private in Company C, and died 18 August 1866.

Private Daniel Taylor who was a Private in Company K, and died 16 August 1866

If you look right over my right shoulder you will see Greg Wolk who was present for the ceremony. He is one of our Camp members.



← Maggie Grothe, widow of one of our past members, Jack Grothe, was present.

4 November, Gary Scheel and Marty Aubuchon participated in De ju Vue whis is the Spirit Reunion held in Memorial Cemetery every year.

Gary Scheel is portraying Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James who was mortally wounded on 6 April 1862 at the Battle of Shiloh, Tennessee. He is shown located at the grave site of Lt. Col. St. James talking to some of the many people who came through to hear the story of those who are buried in the cemetery. There were



148 adult visitors and several had their children with them who came by to hear the story of those who are buried in the cemetery.



← Marty Aubuchon He is sharing the story of the murder trial involving Celadon the hunter, Corporal Oliver of the Spanish Louisiana Regiment, Mary Ann, Indian slave of Widow Elizabeth Aubuchon who was married to Antoine Aubuchon. (It was made into a local movie

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

5 November 2023 four members of our Camp participated in the St. Joseph Catholic Church Festival in Apple Creek, MO. Tom Greminger set up his display with a list of names of men from Perry County who had served in the Civil War both Union and Confederate. There was a good amount of people who came through the display and discussion about the Civil War was going on throughout the day.

L-R Paul Kist, Tom Greminger, Deb Cambron, Camp Commander → Mike Schaaf, and Ed Millinger



← Tom Greminger talking about the display as some people look at the list of Civil War Veterans from Perry County

Deb Cambron demonstrated spinning wool and talked about the role of women during the Civil War. She is always a blessing to our activities when she participates.



← L-R, Tom Greminger and Ed Millinger.

Tom Greminger's display set up under the pavilion that was available for our use.

The new Camp Banner was used for the first time at this activity.

2 December members of Camp #326 participated in the annual Holiday Christmas Festival Parade in Ste. Genevieve.

L-R Gary Scheel and Marty Aubuchon carrying → camp banner.

Following them in Ed Millinger pickup were Ed Millinger driving along with Camp Commander Mike Schaaf and Paul Kist who were riding in the back throwing candy to the hundreds of kids along the route.



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



Ed Millinger driving, Paul Kist and Mike Schaaf in the back of truck

L to R, ->
Gary
Scheel, Ed
Millinger,
Paul Kist,
Mike
Schaaf and
Marty
Aubuchon.



December 12th Camp Meeting and Installation of Officers
← R – L, Installing officer, PDC Marty Aubuchon, Incoming
Officers, Camp Commander Ed Millinger, SVC Tom
Greminger, JVC Paul Kist, Treasurer Gary Scheel, and
Secretary Bob Mueller



Below: Camp Members present. L-R (Back Row) Bob
Mueller, Gary Scheel, Paul Kist, Tom Greminger, Mike Teeter,
Ed Millinger, Marty Aubuchon. (Front Row) Joe Smith and
Mike Schaaf.



We met at Sirro's Restaurant in Ste. Genevieve and enjoyed a good meal and fellowship. We were happy that two of our newest members were present. After the meeting we had a cookie swap where everyone bought a dozen cookies and we had enough left over that we shared them with the staff of the restaurant. Also present were Mary Scheel, Carol Kist, Sheila Schaaf and Anthony Teeter, son of Michael Teeter.

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At our meeting the following members received the following items.



Camp Commander Michael Schaaf presented to new member Michael Teeter his SUVCW Membership Medal. Welcome to the SUVCW, Brother Michael.



Camp Commander Michael Schaaf presented to Martin Aubuchon his Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326, Name plate.



Commander Michael Schaaf presented to Joseph Smith his Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326, Name plate.



The Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326 has a Camp Guard. We elected Brother Martin Aubuchon, Captain of our Camp Guard.

Captain Martin Aubuchon presented to Private Robert Mueller his promotion papers, promoting him to Color Sergeant of the Camp Guard. When he asked what would be his responsibilities, it was explained to him that he was now the target because during the Civil War, Color Sergeants were some of the first ones to be killed or wounded when marching into battle. Of course that was after they tried to kill the officers.

Captain Martin Aubuchon presented to Corporal Ed Millinger his promotion papers, promoting him to Second Sergeant. When presented he was told that his job was to take the place of the First Sergeant when he dies.

Wreaths Across America, December 16th

The Missouri National Veterans Memorial in Perryville, MO had their annual Ceremony and laying of wreaths on the site. Missouri National Veterans Memorial have been sponsoring one of the larger cemeteries in Perryville for the past few years. This year we voted to participate with them in laying over 300 wreaths in this cemetery. On a cold and rainy day, we were given about 60 wreaths in Section 5 of the cemetery and it took us about an hour. Having about six wreaths left over from section we noticed the appearance of Military markers in the next section across the road that was not slated to have wreaths placed on it. When we started looking we found a few Civil War Veterans markers in that section. Since we had been placing wreaths on the graves of WWI and WWII veterans in section 5 we were glad to honor some of the Civil War veterans in the next section.



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One of things that we appreciated about the Missouri National Veterans Memorial was they trained us on how they wanted us to do it. We were to approach the grave marker, place the wreath in an correct spot at the marker and say the name of the veteran we had placed the wreath on and salute him.

Camp Commander Ed Millinger placing a wreath and saluting →
Private Constant Turlin, Company B, 30th Missouri Infantry Regiment. Died 28 September 1920



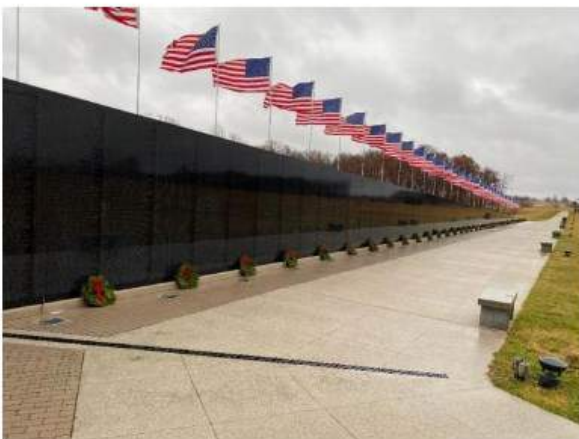
← Mike Schaaf placing a wreath and saluting
Sergeant Joseph Difani, Company C, 64th Regiment of Enrolled Missouri Militia. Died 6 November 1866



Gary Scheel placing a wreath and →
saluting Private Emil August Feltz, Company G, 33rd Missouri Infantry Regiment. Died 17 January 1870



After laying our wreaths we returned to the Missouri National Veterans Museum , had our photo taken and looked up a guy who Ed Millinger went to school with that is on the Vietnam Wall on the property.



← East Wall
of the Vietnam Memorial at the Missouri National Veterans Memorial site in Perryville, MO
The Vietnam Memorial Wall in Perryville is an exact copy of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. Same dimensions and names on the wall are exactly the same.

This Memorial is just North of Perryville on AC Road of Highway 61. Or you can get to it from Highway 51. There are directional signs on Highway 51 but if you are traveling South on Highway 61 there is no sign to tell you when to turn. If you reach Brewer, MO you

went to far. There is a small sign on Highway 61 if you are traveling South to Perryville.

Francis J. Wilhelmi Camp #17 – Washington, MO



SUVCW Brothers Gary Dunakey and Bob Aubuchon at a November 4th grave dedication for soldiers from both sides of the Civil War.

The stone reads, “Burial Site of Unknown Soldiers – Civil War 1861-1865 – Dedicated By Citizens of Warren County to Preserve Their Memory and Dignity 11-4-2023.”

According to the *Warren County Record*, the graves are located in the cemetery at Harmonie Church in Innsbrook. An unknown number of soldiers, both Union and Confederate are buried at this site. No one known when they died or were buried, but it is said they died of diphtheria during the Civil War.



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.

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General Order #2(a), 21 August 2023— Disbanding of Colgrove-Woodruff Camp #22 Dept. of MI

Brother Swain, PCC,

On behalf of the National Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War the Colgrove-Woodruff Camp #22 of the Department of Michigan has disbanded and their charter was relinquished according to the National Regulations. The Department of Michigan has collected all of Camp #22 property and conveyed to the Department of Michigan it's storage site is located at the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum in Eaton Rapids, MI. The Department of Michigan is to retain all of the property and inventory list of the Colgrove-Woodruff Camp #22. The Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is hereby ordered to forward the remaining \$200.00 remaining funds of the Colgrove-Woodruff Camp #22 to be transferred to the National Treasure Brother D. Michael Beard, PDC.

General Order #3, 2 October 2023— Relieving Patriotic Instructor

1. Brothers, I am relieving Brother Ben Frail, PDC of all his duties as Patriotic Instructor and Chairperson and committee member on National Committee on Memorial University for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War effective immediately as of 02 October 2023.
2. Brothers, I have newly appointed Brother Donald Martin, PC-in-C the duties of Patriotic Instructor and Chairperson on Memorial University for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War effectively immediately as of 02 October 2023.

General Order #4, 4 October 2023— Revocation of Charter

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered:

SECTION 1: Commander Edward P. O'Brien of the Department of New York has requested the revocation of the following Charter: Richard Clark Camp #210.

SECTION 2: The camp was suspended by DC Leo C. McGuire per Department Order #7 is follow up to the 26 February 2019, Department Order #10, series 2018-2019 in which he requested that the C-in-C revoke the Charter of the Richard Clark Camp #210 for similar reasons but due to an over site that request was never forwarded to the National Organization.

SECTION 3: In accordance with the National Constitution, Article IV, Section 2, Commander O'Brien's request is therefore approved and the Charter Richard Clark Camp #210, Department of New York is hereby revoked.

SECTION 4: a. The camp Charter and property have been properly turned over to the Department. b. The camp funds are to be properly turned over to the National Treasurer Brother D. Michael Beard, PDC.

General Order #5, 10 October 2023— Passing of an 80-year Member of the SUVCW

Brothers, It is with heavy heart that I report the passing of Brother David J. Klinepeter, CC on October 9, 2023. Brother Klinepeter was born on April 19, 1926 in Pennsylvania and has been member of the SUVCW for 80 years. During teenage years in 1943 Brother Klinepeter joined the Major General John F. Hartranft Camp #15 in Harrisburg, Pa., before he joined the Sons he enlisted into the United States Navy and was Veteran of World War II.

Brother Klinepeter in 2014 was awarded the SUVCW Meritorious Service Award and also awarded in 2018 the Elmer Atkinson Life Time Award. Brother David was one of the first Brothers of MG John F. Hartranft Camp #15 to become a National Life Member.





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It is ordered that the National Web site, Charters of all Departments and Camp and membership badges be draped in black for a period of 30 days from the date this General Order.

General Order #6, 29 October 2023— Appointment of National Patriotic Instructor

Brothers, 1. The General order serves that Brother Brian McManus, PDC of the Department of Wisconsin has accepted the appointment to serve as National Patriotic effective this date. 2. I wish to thank Brother Past Commander-in-Chief Donald Martin for serving as the interim.

General Order #7, 7 November 2023— Passing of PDC Eric Schmincke

Brothers,

It is with heavy heart that I report the passing of Brother Eric J. Schmincke, PDC on October 27, 2023. Brother Schmincke was born on September 30, 1959 of Pennsylvania and has been member of the Anna M. Ross Camp # 1 of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He joined the SUVCW on September 19, 1994.

Brother Schmincke was the Past Commander of the Department of Pennsylvania and his involvement with the SVR as Provost Marshal for Remembrance Day for a number of years. Brother Eric ran the Grand Army of the Republic Museum in Philadelphia, Pa for a number of years.

It is ordered that the National Website, Charters of all Department and Camps and membership badges be draped in black for a period of 30 days from the date this General Order.

General Order #8, 14 November 2023— Disbanded of Henry Wallace Camp #160 Dept. of MI

Brother Swain, DC,

On behalf of the National Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War the Henry Wallace Camp #160 of the Department of Michigan has disbanded and their charter was relinquished according to the National Regulations. The Department of Michigan has collected all Camp #160 property and conveyed to the Department of Michigan it's storage site is located at the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum in Eaton, MI. The Department of Michigan is to retain all of the property and inventory list of the Henry Wallace Camp #160.

The Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is hereby ordered to forward the remaining \$224.69 funds of the Henry Wallace Camp #160 to be transferred to the National Treasurer Brother D. Michael Beard, PDC.

Before your request can be granted for the GAR Memorial Hall and Museum to borrow any items from the inventory from the Henry Wallace Camp #160 Department of Michigan, the Council of Administration would have to write up a policy contract before we can honor your request for approval.

General Order #9, 18 November 2023— New Sons of Veterans Reserve Commander

1. The National Military Affairs Committee pursuant to SVR Regulation Article II, Section 10 has approved a request from Major General Robert E. Grim to be relieved of his duties as Sons of Veterans Reserve Commander and transferred to the SVR Inactive Reserve at his current rank of Major General effective 18 November 2023.
2. Major General Robert E. Grim enlisted in the Sons of Veterans Reserve 31 years ago on 12 May 1992 as a private in the 1st Ohio Light Artillery, Battery I. He was commissioned a second lieutenant and placed in command of Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry on 12 March 1993. He was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant on 04 December 1993 and commissioned a captain on 29 October 1996.



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3. On 01 September 1997 he was promoted to the rank of major and named Commander of the Third Military District. He was promoted to the rank of Lt. Colonel and appointed SVR Adjutant General effective 30 October 1998. On 19 August 2000 he was commissioned a colonel. On 17 November 2001 he was awarded the SVR Distinguished Service Medal and appointed SVR Deputy Commander. On 17 November 2007 he was promoted to the rank of brigadier general and appointed national commander of the Sons of Veterans Reserve an assignment he has held for the past 16 years. He was promoted to his current rank of major general on 20 November 2010.
4. Pursuant to SVR Regulation Chapter III, Article X, Section 2 the National Committee on Military Affairs has recommended the appointment of SVR Deputy Commander Brigadier General Donald E. Darby to serve as SVR Commander for a period of five years effective from 18 November 2023 to 18 November 2028.
5. I concur with the recommendation of the Committee on Military Affairs and pursuant to SUVCW Regulation Chapter II, Article XIV, Section 5 hereby appoint SVR Brigadier General Donald E. Darby Commander of the Sons of Veterans Reserve for a period of five (5) years effective 18 November 2023 to 18 November 2028.

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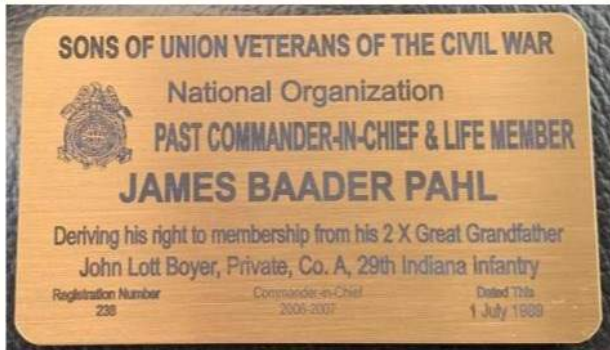
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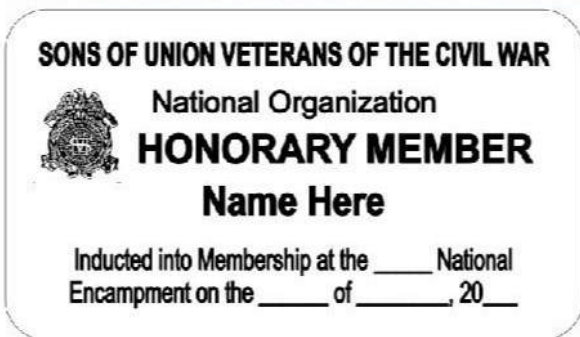
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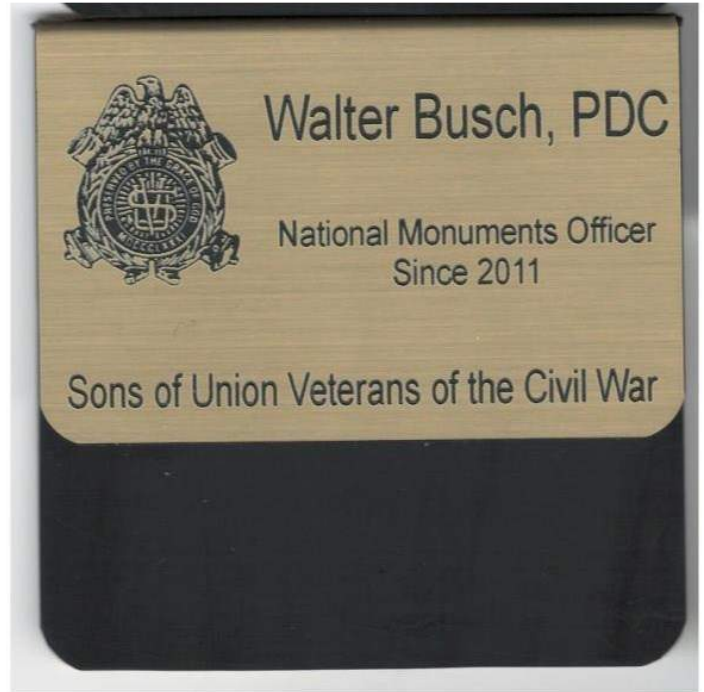
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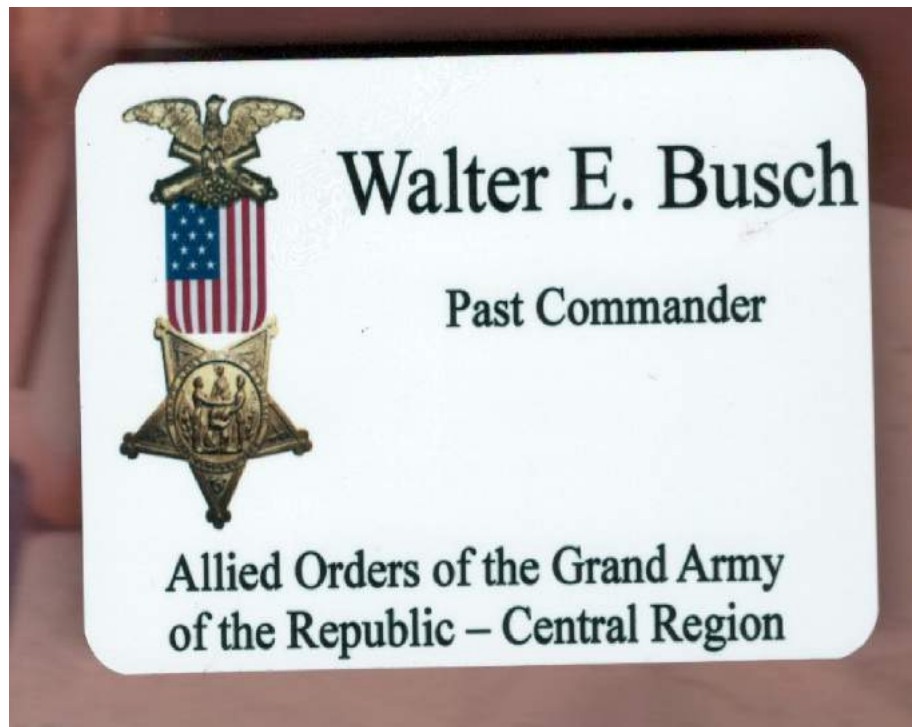
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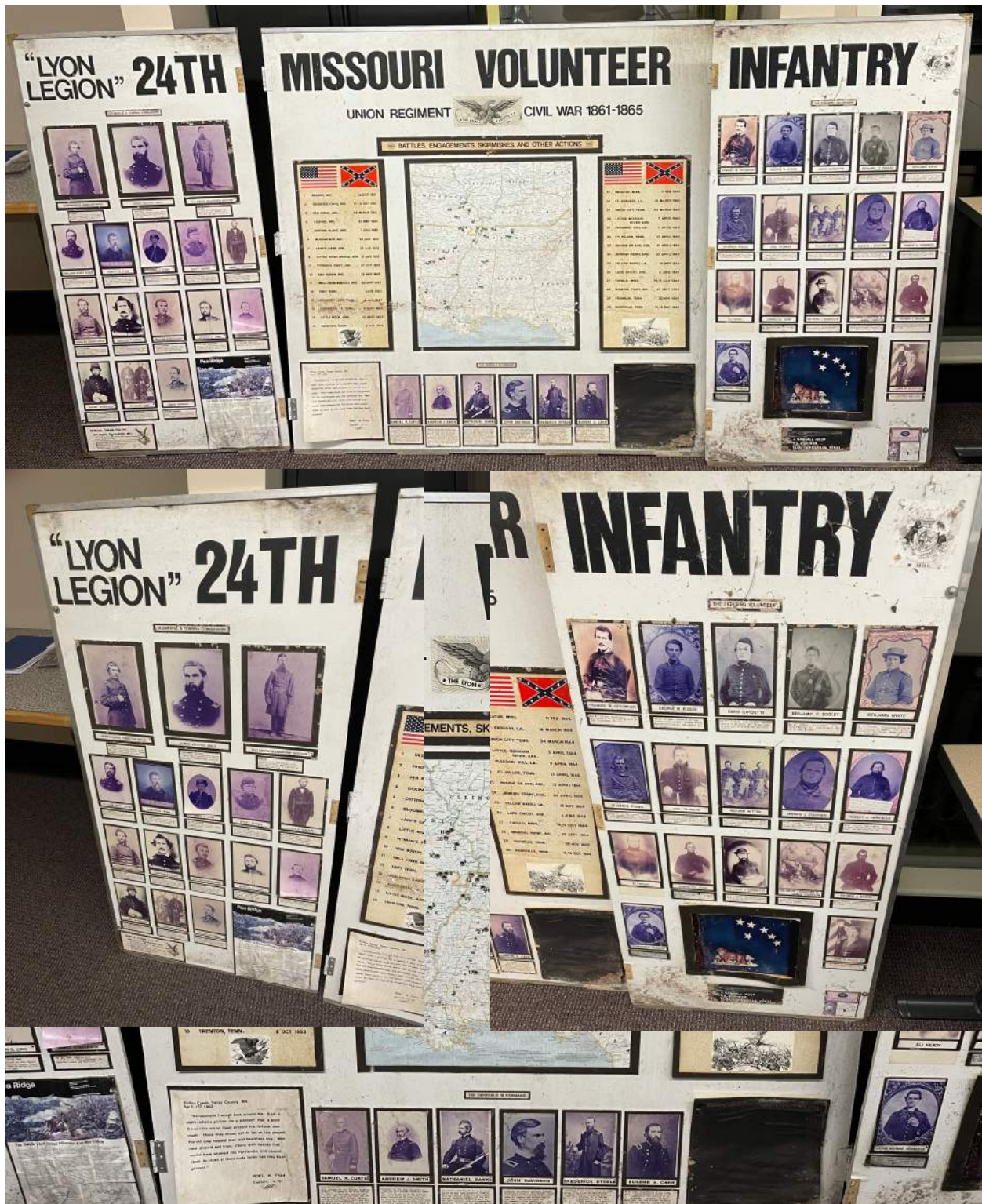
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