



# The Missouri Unionist

## Major General Byron Bagby to speak at 56th USCT Ceremony October 20th

The Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, is proud to announce that Major General Byron Bagby will speak at the annual remembrance of the 56th USCT to be held on October 20, 2023.

In 2022, U. S. Grant Camp #68 organized the annual remembrance ceremony for the 175 African-American infantrymen who were buried in a mass grave after they contracted cholera in 1866 and died just south of St. Louis. This year, they will continue that tradition with Major Bagby as the keynote speaker.



Initially refused burial in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, the 175 stricken members of the 56th USCT were reinterred here in the 1930s—thanks to the effort of some members of the African-American community—and a monument was added which more recently was inscribed with the names of the soldiers interred there.



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**The 142nd National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
will be held August 3-6 in Nashua, New Hampshire. See you there?**

## IN MEMORIAM



DOUGLAS R. NIERMEYER, PCC  
PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER-  
IN-CHIEF OF MOLLUS  
12/6/1966 — 6/27/2023

Douglas Reed Niermeyer, 56 of Eureka, Missouri, was born to Daniel W. and Rosann Marie (Reed) Niermeyer on December 6, 1966, and passed away at his home on Tuesday, June 27, 2023. A graduate of Union High School and Missouri University of Science and Technology (formerly UMR), Doug most recently worked as an Operational Quality Engineer for Haleon.

Doug also served as an officer in many hereditary societies. He was a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Past President of the Missouri Society, Sons of the Revolution, Past Governor of the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Missouri, Past Commander of Wilhelmi Camp #17, Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and a member of the Virginia Society of the Cincinnati. Doug was also active with the Children of the American Revolution.

Doug married Irene Counts on October 23, 2022. He and Irene were members of the St. Louis Parrot Head Club and were declared King and Queen of Ste. Genevieve during the last Twelfth Night (Epiphany) celebration there. Doug is survived by his wife Irene, his children Elayna, Madison, and Corban, and many other family and friends.

## IN MEMORIAM



DAVID NELSON ALEXANDER  
5/10/1953 — 5/25/2022

David Nelson Alexander, 69 of Van Buren, Arkansas, passed away Wednesday, May 25, 2022, in Little Rock. He was retired from Ramsey Junior High School in Fort Smith; He was a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army; a member of the Robert Jack VFW Post #1322, Pvt. John Tarkington Camp, SUVCWMO, and an active member of the Heritage United Methodist Church in Van Buren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ted and Norma (Hicks) Alexander.

A memorial service was held at 9:30 A.M. Thursday, June 9, 2022, at Ocker Memorial Chapel in Van Buren with burial of cremains at U.S. National Cemetery in Fort Smith under the direction of Ocker Funeral Home Van Buren. The family visited with relatives and friends Wednesday, June 8, 2022, from 5-7 P.M. at Ocker Funeral Home 700 Jefferson Street Van Buren, Arkansas.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy (Wagner) Alexander of the home; one daughter, Rachel Carter and husband, Brian of Fort Smith; one son, Geoff Alexander and wife, April Heard of Fayetteville; two brothers, Gary Alexander and wife, Betsy of Ames, Iowa, Douglas Alexander and wife, Phyllis of Lexington, Kentucky; four grandchildren, Jacob Mohr, Osage Alexander, Donovan and Sebastian Carter.

## IN MEMORIAM



COLLEEN D. WARREN

1/5/1954 — 5/15/2023

Colleen D. Warren of Bonne Terre, Missouri was born on January 5, 1954, in Bonne Terre, Missouri to the late Louis and Della (Pierce) Perry. Colleen passed away in St. Louis, Missouri on Monday, May 15, 2023, at the age of 69 years 4 months 10 days.

Colleen was preceded in death by her parents, her husband David Sim Warren, sisters Sandra Brewer, Becky Merritt, and Wanda Jenkins. She is survived by her sons: Christopher (Twyla) Warren, Andrew (Jessica) Warren; her sisters: Sharon Keller, Kathy Moore and Linda Hinkle; her brothers: Stanly Perry and Michael Perry; her grandchildren: Abbie Warren, Conner Layne, Hailey Layne, and Zachary Lucas; and a great-grandson: Beckham Lucas.

Colleen loved taking care of other people. She enjoyed genealogy and spending time with grandchildren. Colleen was a member of the Louisa Volker Auxiliary #215, the Leadbelt Pentecostal Church, and she enjoyed being with family and friends.

Interment was in Big Creek Cemetery, Ironton, Missouri, on May 22, 2023.

## IN MEMORIAM



RODNEY DELBERT PRICE

11/24/1950 — 4/1/2023

Rodney D. Price was born on November 24, 1950, in St. Louis, MO. He was the son of the late Delbert V. & Fannie M. (nee Hopkins) Price. He died on April 1, 2023 at his residence in De Soto, MO at the age of 72.

He is survived by his two sons, Jeremy Scott Price of St. Louis, MO and Matthew Del Price of Arnold, MO; one sister, Trudy A. (Dirk) Stringer of Oakville, MO and brothers, Kevin J. (Suzy) Price of De Soto, MO and Jeffrey E. Price of Bonne Terre, MO.

Rodney was a former sergeant for the Crystal City Police Department. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, a member of VFW Post 3777, and was formerly a member of the Department of Missouri, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, serving a partial term as the Department's commander in 2010-2011.

Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Bonne Terre, Missouri, on April 12, 2023.



## FROM THE EDITOR

I find I'm at my best when I'm reflective instead of reactive—when I take the time to think and listen before I speak. It has become harder and harder to remove oneself from the midst of insanity, and kindness most definitely seems to have become a unicorn in public discourse.

Divisiveness in our country is probably at its highest point since the Civil War; now is a time when “patriotism” itself has become a dirty word to a frightening quantity of fellow citizens.

I am reminded that Mark Twain is credited for saying “Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when

it deserves it.” Maybe? In any case, I tend to agree with the maxim “When ignorance screams, intelligence is silent.”

One blogger posits the insight that “patriotism becomes a bad thing when your love and enthusiasm for your country gets in the way of your humanity and compassion.” This reminds me how uplifted I am by the examples of my brothers who frequently demonstrate that patriotism can be practiced with generous amounts of humanity and compassion.

It is a consistent quality in this organization which makes me proud to be a member.

- The Editor

*“Our great modern Republic. May those who seek the blessings of its institutions and the protection of its flag remember the obligations they impose.”*

*- Ulysses S. Grant*

## NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

If you are attending the 2023 National Encampment in Nashua, New Hampshire, please send a courtesy email to the Department Secretary ([secretary@suvchwmo.org](mailto:secretary@suvchwmo.org)) to get your credentials card. To register and vote at a National Encampment, a delegate must present a credentials card and membership card. Your membership card is issued by your Camp and a credentials card is issued by the Department.

Current and Past Department Commanders are automatic voting delegates, plus all members in good standing are alternate delegates. The Department is allotted 10 voting delegates and has

elected four, so there are six voting delegate spaces available.

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In F, C, &L,

Dale Crandell, PDC

Secretary-Treasurer  
Department of Missouri



# COLLECTOR'S CORNER

DOUGLAS ROUSSIN

GEN. THOMAS C. FLETCHER CAMP 47,

APRIL-JUNE, 2023

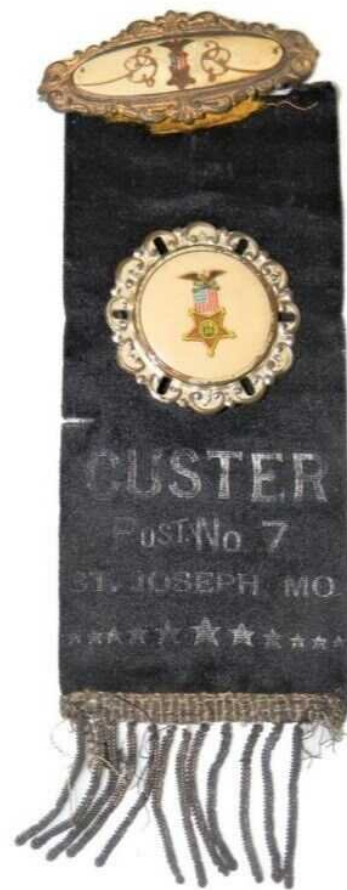
## MISSOURI POST RIBBONS

One of the joys of collecting is when you find an older collector who is selling out and offering items you have been looking far for years. This is especially true if the items are reasonably priced. Several months ago, I ran across an old gentleman who was doing just that, and we struck a deal on a number of Missouri ribbons and badges. The badges included some from the Kansas City National Encampment, 1915. These badges are fairly common, but a good deal is a good deal. What was more interesting was his collection of Missouri post ribbons, many of which were not in my collection. The Department of Missouri was organized May 16, 1867, as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. At that time there were already many Posts within the state. Its first Department commander was our camp's namesake, General Thomas C. Fletcher, then governor of Missouri. He was appointed by the Commander-in-Chief Stephenson. Governor Fletcher was a member of General Lyon Post 2, located in St. Louis. From that point annual encampments were held throughout the state each year. The last annual encampment held in Missouri was 64 years later, May 7, 1946. The last commander was William H Osborn. He was the only member to attend.

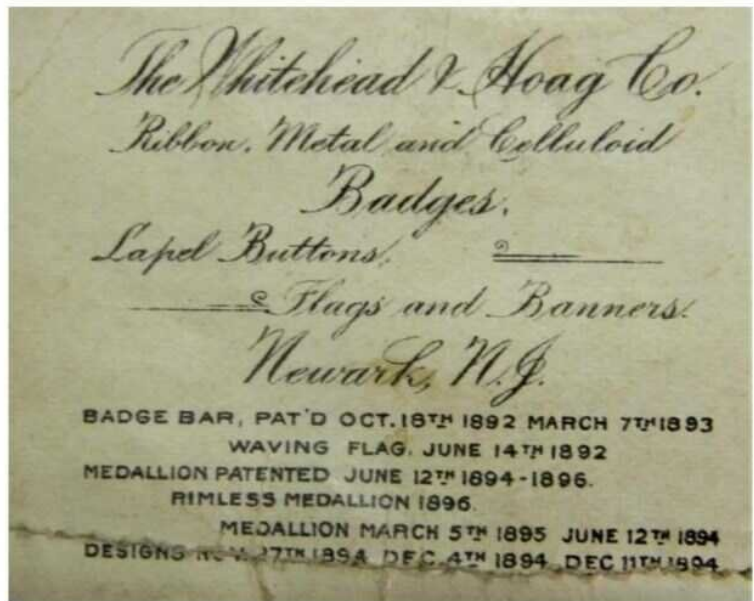
There were more than 600 posts throughout the department. Many of these posts had ribbons and badges made for their members. It is a wonder with so many posts, that these badges and ribbons are so scarce. There are many variations in the design of post ribbons. Some were double sided with a brightly colored ribbon on one side and a black memoriam ribbon on the other. Some posts had two ribbons, a colorful one for meetings and a black one for funerals. Regardless, the name of the post would be on both. Below are some of the many designs used by posts in Missouri.

The post ribbon on the right took its named from the town of Roscoe. The ribbon is cloth and celluloid. These types of ribbons do not survive well. The celluloid would yellow and crack. This badge is still in good condition, but the edges have curled. A round tag on the back has, "Design patented Jan. 10, 93—Torsch & Lee man'f'rs—Baltimore, MD."

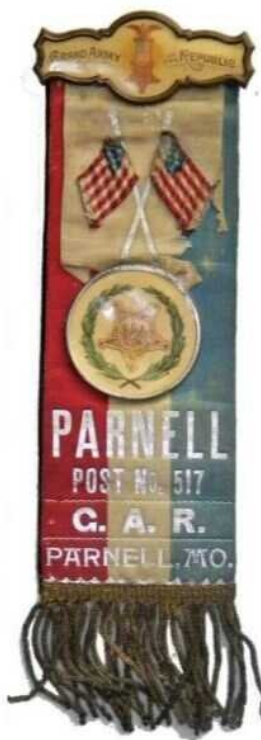




Each of these ribbons has a celluloid pin-bar and disk in the center. The designs of the pin-bars and disks are all different. These are more likely member ribbons but may be funeral ribbons or both. The ribbons are black. The center ribbon has the phrase, Honor the Noble Dead, at top. The Custer ribbon is very faded. A tag has been sewn to the back of the Porter ribbon indicating it was made by the firm of The Whitehead & Hoag Company, Newark, New Jersey. The Garrett Post 115 is stamped on the back, Balto Badge Supply Co., Baltimore, Md. The Custer ribbon was made by M. C. Lilly Co. Columbus, O.



## Double-Sided Ribbons



Greenfield Post 75 was organized May 12, 1883. The ribbon is double-sided. A tag between the ribbons indicates it was made by Whitehead & Hoag.

Parnell Post 517 is stamped Torsch & Minks Badge Co. Baltimore. Md.

The blue Post 247 ribbon is smaller than the other two. The West Plains post was named in honor of John W. Rollins. A tag between the ribbons has Pilgrim Specialty Co.—Badges and Buttons Advertising Specialties—Malden, Mass.

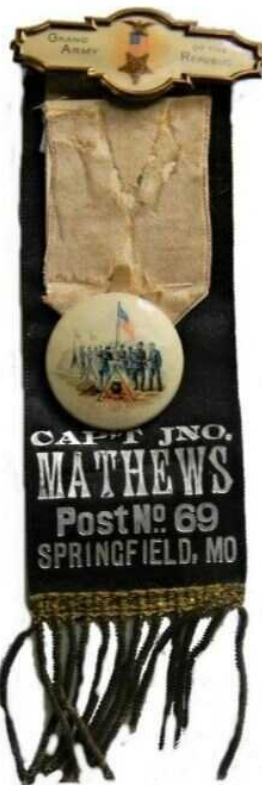


Here are two designs for "In Memoriam" ribbons. Both displays an American flag, one in color and the other silver. The pin-bars are different.

Murray Post No. 179 was named for Captain G. W. Murray. The post was in Memphis, Mo.

H. C. Gilbert post No. 160 was name for Col. Henry Gilbert. The post, located in Wheeling, Missouri was Chartered March 30, 1884, with 18 members listed.

**Below:** The posts ribbons below show battle, camp and patriotic scenes on the center disk. The pin-bars and disks are celluloid. The exception is Post 69 which has a pin-back center disk.





# Patriotic Message

Contributed by Dale Crandell, PDC

As the GAR's lawful heir, we are a patriotic and fraternal order, pledged to render loyal service to our country and promote American citizenship. The dog days of summer have several opportunities for camps and members to celebrate patriotic holidays and commemorate Civil War history. Does your Camp have local Civil War battles or leaders to feature in the Patriotic Instructor's Message? Send them to the Department's Patriotic Instructor ([patriot@suvchwmo.org](mailto:patriot@suvchwmo.org)).

## SUVCW Flag Patriotism Certificate

Any Camp Patriotic Instructor can present the SUVCW Flag Patriotism Certificate to a deserving individual, organization, or company that proudly, conspicuously, and properly displays the U.S. Flag. Blank certificates can be ordered from the [SUVCW Quartermaster Store](#) for \$1. If you have questions or want to elevate the presentation to the Department, please contact the Department Patriotic Instructor at [patriot@suvchwmo.org](mailto:patriot@suvchwmo.org).

## Independence Day

July 4th is Independence Day and the 247th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The Second Continental Congress voted to separate from Great Britain on July 2, 1776, with the 80-word Resolution of Independence proposed by Virginia's Richard Henry Lee. However, Independence Day is celebrated for the Declaration of Independence adopted days later on July 4, 1776, and known for its famous words:

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



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

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

For more information visit the U.S. National Park Service website at: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalmall4th/history-of-independence-day.htm>.

## Battle of Carthage (July 5, 1861)

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

Missouri, like other border states was divided between supporting the Union or Confederacy. General Lyon's Union force moved to secure the state capitol and Missouri River while Colonel Franz Siegel's Union force moved into southwest Missouri. Following their loss at the Battle of Booneville, the Missouri State Guard was retreating south but picking up recruits from Missouri's sympathetic rural population.

Colonel Siegel's well-armed Union infantry and artillery were encamped at Carthage making them a target for Governor Jackson's growing but green Missouri State Guard. The half-mile long battle line was ten miles north of Carthage. Both sides exchanged artillery fire and maneuvered within 1,500 feet in the morning, but the Union infantry was forced back to Carthage where General Price attempted to surround and capture the Union force. Colonel Siegel received intelligence reports of an approaching second wave of 2,000 more Missouri State Guard troops and opted to avoid capture by retreating into Kansas under cover of night. Unknown to Colonel Siegel, the 2,000 men were unarmed recruits.



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

Although defeated at the Battle of Boonville, victory for the pro-Confederates at the Battle of Carthage gave Governor Jackson and the Missouri State Guard confidence, time, and recruits for the coming Battle of Wilson's Creek.

To learn more about the Battle of Carthage read *The Civil War in Missouri: A Military History* by Louis Gerties and *Wilson's Creek: The Second Battle of the Civil War and the Men Who Fought It* by William Piston, or visit: <https://www.battlefields.org/learn/civil-war/battles/carthage>.

### **Nathaniel Lyon (1818-1861)**



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

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

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

The SUVCW Department of Missouri's recruitment award, the Nathaniel Lyon Award, is presented to the SUVCW Camp with the greatest percentage increase in membership.

For more about Nathaniel Lyon visit: <http://civilwarmemo.org/educators/resources/info-sheets/general-nathaniel-lyon>.

### **Coast Guard Birthday**



August 4th is the 233rd birthday of the U.S. Coast Guard, one of six branches of our Armed Forces. Proposed by Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton, Congress authorized construction of ten cutter vessels on August 4, 1790, to enforce tariffs and prevent

smuggling. Known originally as the Revenue Marine, they were renamed the Revenue Cutter Service in 1863, and later merged with the Life-Saving Service in 1915 to create the current U.S. Coast Guard.

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

The service's cutter *USRM Harriet Lane* was part of the federal blockade of Charleston Harbor on April 11, 1861, when the unflagged merchant ship *Nashville* attempted to enter the harbor. The *Harriet Lane* fired a warning shot at the *Nashville*, which is arguably the first shot fired during the American Civil War.

The *USRM Stevens* was the service's submersible gunboat that accompanied the *USS Monitor* in its (unsuccessful) attack on the Confederate Capitol at Richmond and battle with the *CSS Virginia*. Although the *Stevens'* role was to bait the Confederacy into battle, the *Monitor-Virginia* engagement was naval history's first battle between ironclads.

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



### Battle of Wilson's Creek (August 10, 1861)

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

Governor Claiborne Jackson and General Sterling Price's Missouri State Guard had been chased from Jefferson City, settling in Springfield with General Ben McCulloch and General Nicholas Pearce's Confederate Army, all total 12,000 infantry, cavalry, and artillery. General Nathaniel Lyon's Union Army of 5,000 was maneuvering for control of Missouri and opted for a surprise attack. General Lyon's daybreak charge and Colonel Franz Siegel's attack from the rear broke the Confederate lines on bloody hill with hopes for a quick victory. However, the Confederate's artillery and infantry counterattack began to deplete the two separated Union forces. General Lyon was shot and died by mid-morning leaving Major Sturgis in command, who seeing his demoralized soldiers and exhausted supplies, ordered a retreat by 11:00 am.

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

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



*Battle of Wilson's Creek by Kurz and Allison*

### Battle of Dry Wood Creek (September 2, 1861)



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

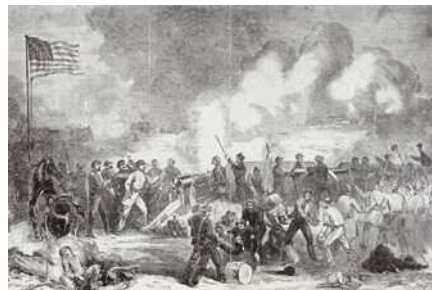
The Missouri State Guard had swelled to 6,000 and traveled north along the Missouri-Kansas boarder. As they approached Fort Scott, Kansas, Colonel Lane dispatched 600 into Missouri to ambush General Price's advancement along Dry Wood Creek. The ambush initially succeeded, but the Missouri State Guard's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

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

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

### 1st Battle of Lexington (September 13 - 20, 1861)

The 1st Battle of Lexington occurred September 13 - 20, 1861, which was a siege by General Sterling Price's pro-Confederate Missouri State Guard against Colonel James Mulligan's Union force of Illinois and Missouri infantry for control of Lexington, Missouri. Lexington was a prize for the Con



*Battle of Lexington engraving (source: Missouri History Museum)*

federate cause being the heart of Missouri's little dixie and \$900,000 of confiscated state funds held at the Farmer's Bank of Lexington.

General Price's Missouri State Guard had grown to 15,000 while Lexington was held by 3,500 from the Union's 23rd Illinois Infantry, 13th Missouri Infantry, and 27th Missouri Mounted Infantry. Union forces were well entrenched. General Price quickly encircled Lexington and chose patience to allow his supply lines and artillery to catch up, but on September 18th order the advance, pushing the Union into their garrison at Masonic College. On September 19th, General Price's artillery bombarded the garrison while infantry constructed a line of hemp bales as a rolling fortification to approach the Union garrison. On September 20th, Price's advancing infantry protected by hemp bales breached into the Union garrison forcing Colonel Mulligan to surrender by noon. For the tactical role hemp bales provided the Missouri State Guard, the Battle of Lexington is also referred to as the Battle of the Hemp Bales. Post-battle General Price and Union General John Fremont negotiated an exchange of Colonel Mulligan's Union soldier for parolees from the Camp Jackson Affair.

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

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

### **Battle of Liberty at Blue Mills Landing (September 17, 1861)**



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

River. Their advantage was General Atchison's familiarity with the river and terrane around Liberty.

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

To learn more about the Battle of Liberty read *The Civil War in Missouri: A Military History* by Louis Gerties, *The Civil War Missouri Compendium* by Joseph McCoskrie and Brian Warren, and *The Siege of Lexington, Missouri: The Battle of the Hemp Bales* by Larry Wood, or visit: <https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-battles-detail.htm?battleCode=mo003>.

### **Constitution Day**



September 17th is Constitution Day, which celebrates signing the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787, by delegates to

the Constitution Convention in Philadelphia. The celebration has origins in the 'I am an American' and Citizenship Day events from the 1930s and was renamed Constitution Day in 2004.

The U.S. Constitution is organized in the seven articles that define the three branches of government, relationships between states, supremacy of the federal government, and process to ratify and amend the Constitution. The first ten amendments, known as the Bill of Rights, represent one of the nation's first compromises between delegates wanting a strong federal government to correct failures of the Articles of Confederation and others fearing loss of the liberties gained from the Revolutionary War. There have been 27 amendments to the Constitution.

For more information: <https://www.constitutionday.com>. [Above left: "Scene at the Signing of the Constitution of the United States" by Howard Chandler Christy]

## Battle of Osceola (September 22, 1861)

The Battle of Osceola on September 22, 1861, was a continuation of the bleeding Kansas boarder war between Kansas abolitionist and pro-slavery Missouri. Colonel James Lane's Union Kansas Brigade was defeated at the Battle of Dry Creek weeks early. The Union Arm ordered Colonel James Lane's Kansas Brigade to attack General Price's Missouri State Guard from advancing into Kansas. Instead, Colonel Lane rallied 1,200 Kansas Jayhawkers to retaliate by looting and sacking Osceola, Missouri, a pro-slavery community. An estimated 200 slaves were liberated, horses, cattle, and flour were plundered, and nine Osceola citizens were executed. Lane's Osceola sack stirred the border war leading to William Quantrill's retaliation and raid on Lawrence, Kansas in 1863.

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



*Sacking of Osceola, Missouri.*



The Ste. Genevieve Sons of Union Veterans Camp #326

Presents

A Civil War Re-enactment and Camp on the Courthouse Square

SATURDAY, August 26, 2023

Commemorating the Formation of the Ste. Genevieve 78<sup>th</sup> Enrolled Missouri Militia,  
Federal troops occupying the courthouse and other related local Civil War events.

11:00 AM – 11:45

Bring your lawn chair and enjoy Missouri Civil War history!

Visit a living history exhibit on the life of a Civil War soldier.

From 10 AM to 3 PM

Drill exercises for the kids or the kid in you.

Discover your Ste. Genevieve ancestor who fought in the Civil War.

Free to the Public – Handicap Accessible

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

## MOLLUS Missouri Commandery

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



# 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!

FEBRUARY 19, GRANT'S 250 ANNIVERSARY, ST. LOUIS

The Missouri Department of Humanities has had a traveling exhibit celebrating the life of U. S. Grant. At the tail end of the celebration, the exhibit was set up in the library building on the site of the historic Sappington House. Brother Greg Wolk, Esq., who is a lecturer with the Department of Humanities and a member of the U. S. Grant Camp, gave a slide show talk about the life of Grant, providential occurrences, his opponents, and various fits and starts early in his Missouri career that brought him up through ranks in the U. S. Army.

Many members of the Grant Camp attended as well as Fletcher Camp's Summer Hunnewell and his bride, Sylvia.



Brother Wolk



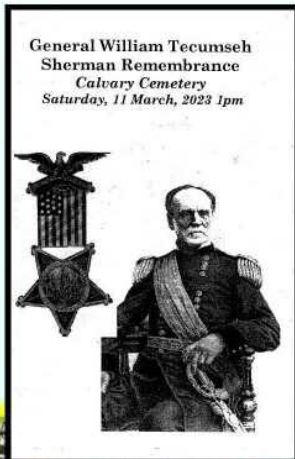
**MARCH 4, SWAP MEET, ST. LOUIS COUNTY**

Our Camp and Auxiliary attend the annual swap meet at Jefferson Barracks again this year. We publicize our Orders, take the opportunity to raise a little money, and maybe pick up a bargain or two. The indefatigable Brother Trodus and Sister Noack manned the table with others that were present: Duncan Noack, Mark Arbuthnot, Izaiah Hickman, and Billy Hickman.



The meet was not well publicized, which kept the numbers down.

**MARCH 11, GEN. WILLIAM TECUMSEH SHERMAN REMEMBRANCE, ST. LOUIS**



The U. S. Grant Camp has continued the efforts of the Sherman / Billy Yank Camp (now dissolved) to honor Gen. Sherman at his Calvary Cemetery gravesite every year. Members of the Camp and Auxiliary participated in various ways

Brothers Bob AuBuchon and Sumner Hunnewell were the flag



**Brother Noack**



**The gathered participants**

bearers. Brothers Chris Warren and Duncan Noack were in the color guard, Duncan playing the drum. Later, Brother Noack provided two musical interludes on his violin, "While We Were Marching through Georgia" and "God Bless Our Native Land." Brothers Doug Roussin and Sumner Hunnewell laid a wreath at the gravesite of Sherman. Sisters Twyla and Abbie Warren laid a wreath on behalf of the Auxiliary.

Members of the Grant, Fletcher, Hecker (Illinois), St. James, and Wilhelmi Camps participated.



After the ceremonies at the Sherman family gravesite, many Camp and Auxiliary members traveled to nearby Bellefontaine Cemetery to lay flowers at the graves of the Volker / Macklind and Fletcher families (our Auxiliary and Camp namesakes).



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

### APRIL 8, DELIVERY OF EASTER CARDS

After the success of the Auxiliary and DUVCW Dent Tent's creation of Christmas cards, the Auxiliary decided to create Easter cards on their own. They delivered well over 200 cards to four different organizations. These were the Hillcrest Care Center (De Soto), My Place Too-(De Soto), the Stone Bridge Senior Living (De Soto), and Shared Blessings (Bonne Terre).



### APRIL 10, NEW AUXILIARY MEMBER

President Alexander swears in MaryEllen Roussin as the latest member of the Auxiliary. MaryEllen is the wife of SUVCW member Donald Roussin, Jr.

### APRIL 13, AFJROTC AWARD, FARMINGTON

Commander Warren and Guide Warren present AFJROTC Cadet/Master Sergeant Christian Monrotus the SUVCW JROTC Award.



**APRIL 22, FORT DAVIDSON STATE PARK CLEAN-UP, PILOT KNOB**

As an overall nationwide clean-up day for state and national parks, the Camp and Auxiliary descended upon Fort Davidson to clean the state park inside and out. From all accounts the site was in dire need of some “deep cleaning.”



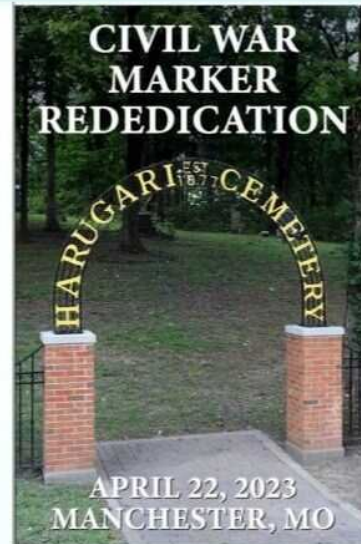
Billy and Izaiah Hickman, Kelly and Duncan Noack, Kathie and Doug Roussin, Colissa Alexander, Susan Breland, & Twyla, Chris, and Abbie Warren helped out.



After the event, the Noacks invited everyone over to their lake house for some well-deserved R&R.

**APRIL 22, HARUGARI CEMETERY, MANCHESTER**

While half the Camp and Auxiliary with in Pilot Knob, other members were joining with the U. S. Grant Camp's organized remembrance of those six Union soldiers (Herman K. Sontag, Martin Zimmerman, William Oberbeck, Anton Kern, Frederick Sanders, and Henry Seibel) buried in the Harugari Cemetery. Brother Bob AuBuchon was in the firing squad while Sumner Hunnewell delivered a talk on the Harugari (see below). Sisters Susan Breland and Patti McClelland of the Auxiliary supported the effort. Some Manchester town officials were present along with a JRTOC unit and members of the public.



*As can be seen by a placard placed in the cemetery, the Harugari Cemetery was created in 1877. Buried here is one of the men we are honoring today, Private Heinrich (or Henry) Seibel of the 4th Missouri Cavalry. After the war, Henry was married to Anna Umbach by John F. Buenger, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in the city. A dozen years later, they sold this land for a cemetery for the members of the*

*Deutschen Ordens Harugari or (in English) the German Order of Harugari. They had at least nine children and Mr. Seibel made his living as a carpenter.*

*The odd name of Harugari was "chosen in honor of the old Teutons who were called Harugaris by virtue of their meeting in the forests." The fraternal order, however, met in lodges. Although the Order was founded in 1847 in New York, it seems that lodges in the St. Louis area did not start until after the Civil War.*

*I am sure that the Order appealed to members of the*



*Grand Army of the Republic, whose motto "Friendship, Charity, and Loyalty" closely allied itself with the German Order of Harugari, whose motto was "Friendship, Love, and Humanity." Like the Grand Army of the Republic, the order grew quickly. The Order was large enough to have its own hall at Carr and 10<sup>th</sup> Street downtown, not far from today's America's Center convention area.*

*The Order's ritual stated that "It is the purpose of our order to preserve and foster the use of the German language wherever it may be, to give to German speaking citizens an opportunity to promote their spiritual and their material welfare, and to uplift and elevate their social conditions. This is accomplished by joining into individual bodies, called lodges, which are united by a common bond, so that each member of the order may feel and know himself to be a brother of every other member, and one of a great whole. Individually and together, we walk by the side of the suffering and needy that we may carry into our daily life and practice, through charity and benevolence, the spirit of our order."*

*I am sure that there was much caring friendship, German Gemütlichkeit, and singing among the Harugari. The lodge must have strong brotherly bonds enough to feel the need to purchase a cemetery for their members and their families.*




### APRIL 29, TRACTOR PARADE, DE SOTO

The Camp and Auxiliary turned out again to march and ride in the annual De Soto tractor parade, which marks the opening of the town's farmer's market. Colissa Alexander, Izaiah Hickman, Don Roussin, Jr., Doug and Kathie Roussin, charioteer Alan Trodus, and Abbie, Twyla and Chris Warren took part.



HONORING OUR UNION SOLDIERS & SAILORS ON THIS 155<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 29, 2012 11:00 AM  
Civil War Institute, Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, MO 63128



Program  
Footing of the Colors  
Invocation  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Welcome Statement & Recognition of Special Guests  
By Craig Mathews, Sr. Commander, U.S. Grant Camp #68  
Speaker: Robert Amick, Jr., Minister, AFWM Commander  
Keynote Speeches  
By Missions: Abigail Hill - *Remick's Seminary - "Carrying on the Legacy"*  
Presentation of Wreaths  
Military Salute  
Taps  
Benediction  
Conclusion

Event sponsored by U.S. Grant Camp #68, one of eleven chapters of the Civil War, St. Louis, MO 63128

### MAY 29, MEMORIAL DAY, JEFFERSON BARRACKS, ST. LOUIS COUNTY

Members of the Camp participated in the annual Memorial Day event at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. After the hour-long event held for multiple civic and patriotic organizations, the U. S. Grant Camp was in charge of a Civil War remembrance in the (mostly) Civil War section of the cemetery.

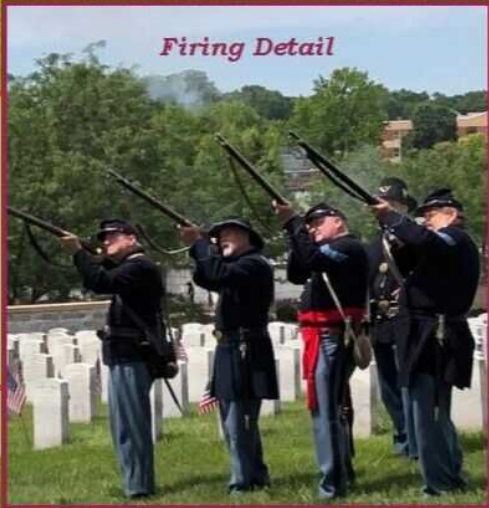
Other than a long walk for participants and observers to get to the area, the event came off very well. Bob AuBuchon was in the firing detail. Sumner Hunnewell stood in as Chaplain for the invocation and benediction since Msgr.

Michael Witt was not feeling well. Alan Trodus used our magic bugle to sound "Taps" at the end of the event.

Members of the DUVCW 1861-1865, the WRC, and Turner's Brigade were also in attendance.



*Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery*



*Firing Detail*

*Chaplain Duties*



*Our Bugler*



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

JUNE 3-4, CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT, PITTSFIELD, ILL.

Several members of the General Fletcher Camp and Louisa Volker Auxiliary attended Lincoln Days in Pittsfield, Illinois. It was a 2-day reenactment filled with fun and history. Brothers Mark Arbuthnot, Billy Hickman, Duncan Noack, and Izaiah Hickman as well as Sister Kelly Noack participated.



It is important to note that some of our Brothers are Sons Of Both, which explains why they might be dressed out in a drab shade of gray.

**JUNE 16, LIVING HISTORY, POTOSI**

The 34th Moses Austin Heritage Festival was held in Potosi to celebrate an early settler, whose 1795 house still exists in town. Our Camp and Auxiliary were asked by the organizers to set up a living history exhibit.



*The Ladies of the Auxiliary were in fine style during the "Austin Fest."*

*To the left is Sister Kathie Roussin.*

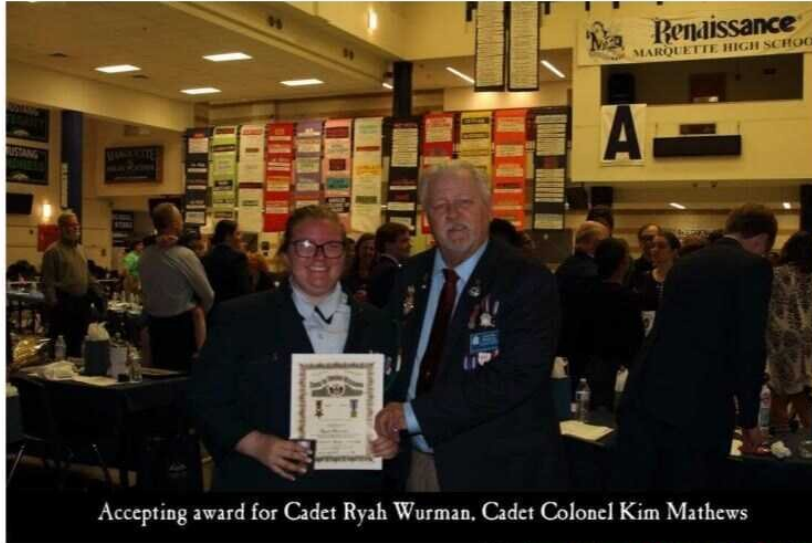
*Below are Sisters Susan Breland, Twyla Warren, Kathie Roussin, Kelly Noack, Abbie Warren, and (soon to be Sister) Belinda Link.*





# U.S. Grant Camp #68 – St. Louis, MO

## US Grant Camp Report by PDC Walt Busch



Accepting award for Cadet Ryah Wurman, Cadet Colonel Kim Mathews

Our camp presented several JROTC/ROTC Awards in April and May. The picture shows our commander presenting an award at Marquette High School. The award was accepted for the absent cadet by Craig's granddaughter.

**On April 22**, ceremonies were held at the Old German Cemetery (**Harugari**) Cemetery in Manchester, MO to remember the Civil

War soldiers buried there. The local JROC (commanded by our own camp member, Matt Zahdraka, assisted in the ceremony and the city issued a proclamation for the event. Although a few of our members know German, don't ask for a translation of what a Harugari is. All we know is that they were a society to promote German



culture and language that was founded in the US in the 1800's. Because of this tradition, Walt Busch read the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm in German. The ceremonies were led by PDC John Avery and the religious parts of the ceremony by our camp's Monsignor Michael Witt.

## U.S. Grant Camp #68 – St. Louis, MO (Continued)



On April 15, members of our camp took part in the **Lincoln Day Ceremonies** at his tomb in Springfield, IL. Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies are held each year and our camp brother and Colonel in the Sons of Veterans Reserve, Robert Petrovic. Bob recently also accepted the honor and

responsibility as commander of the Logan Brigade, the recently formed society that is the men's auxiliary for the Woman's Relief Corps.

Pictured are camp members, Dept Commander Robert Amsler Jr., Camp Commander Craig Mathews, Sr. and Past Camp Commander Robert Aubuchon, who is assisting a member of one of the Allied Orders in presenting their wreath.

Finally, on Memorial Day, the camp along with members of Fletcher and Wilhelmi camps and members of the Julia Dent Grant Tent DUVCW held ceremonies at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Other members were part of ceremonies in Manchester & Kirkwood, MO.





# Phelps Camp #66 – Springfield, MO

## HONORING LIEUTENANT JOHNSON

On May 13, members of Phelps Camp joined a large crowd of Laclede County residents to dedicate a new headstone for Lieutenant Robert Johnson of the 16th Missouri Cavalry, who was murdered in May 1865 while being held as a prisoner of war by Confederate guerrillas.

Remarks by former Camp Commander Bob Clanton, a local historian, Senior Vice Commander Patrick, the presentation of a wreath and colors, a musket volley and prayers marked the occasion. Our thanks to the members of Phelps Camp who attended, formed the color guard, and made remarks.



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

## CAMP ACTIVITIES

### HONOR GUARD POST AT LT. COLONEL J. FELIX ST. JAMES GRAVE



April 8<sup>th</sup> five members of the Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326 posted a guard at the grave site of our Camp names sake. We posted the guard on the day that he died from his wounds received at the Battle of Shiloh/Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee. This is an annual event where a guard is posted at his grave. The day varies. Some years we do it on the day he was mortally wounded (April 6, 1862), the day he died of his wounds (April 8, 1862) or the day he was buried in Memorial Cemetery in Ste. Genevieve (April 15, 1862). It was a cool and extremely windy day with wind gusts getting close to forty miles an hour.

We met at the Court House Square and at 10:45am we marched to Memorial Cemetery arriving there at 11 a.m. We post a rotating guard with each member guarding his grave for approximately fifteen minutes.

←L-R: Marty Aubuchon, Paul Kist, Ed Millinger, Camp Commander Mike Schaaf, and (Not pictured) Bob Mueller.

Bob Mueller, standing Guard Post at the grave site. →

We know where Lt. Col. St. James is buried but his grave marker has been gone for a long time. The marker that you see to the left of Bob Mueller is the grave marker for his Father and Mother, Augustus and Desilee St. Gem.

His father died on March 23, 1862 just two weeks before Lt. Col. St. James was mortally wounded.

We know that he had a grave marker because his brother, Gustavus St. Gem, who was a member of the J. Felix St. James, Grand Army of Republic Post #326 in Ste. Genevieve, stated that on Decoration Day the GAR Post would march to his brother's grave site and lay flowers at his marker. He also stated that Lt. Col. St. James was buried next to his parents.

His grave remains unmarked due to the regulations of the organization in town that is responsible for maintaining the history of Memorial Cemetery.

We have asked permission at different times to place a VA marker but so far it has not happened.



### DID YOU KNOW

Lt. Colonel J. Felix St. James was second in command of the 13<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry Regiment? Shortly after the Battle of Shiloh the 13<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry Regiment became the 22<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Infantry Regiment. The flags of the 13<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry Regiment are still in possession of the State of Ohio. In a cemetery if you see a grave marker with 22<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Infantry under the name, don't wonder why and Ohio veteran moved to Missouri. He was a Missouri Man.



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

## SETTING THE GRAVE MARKER FOR PRIVATE JAMES BRYCE YOUNG

April 18<sup>th</sup> the grave marker for Private James Bryce Young, Company C, 47<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry Regiment, was set at his grave site. His site had been marked with a wooden cross that simply said Mr. Young on it. He is buried in John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church Cemetery in Lithium, Perry County, Missouri. He was born in 1827 and died on November 15, 1912.

### Service Record

On 20 August 1864, Private Young enlisted into Company C, at the age of thirty-five. He was born in Perry County, Missouri and was a farmer by occupation. He had blue eyes, brown hair and a fair complexion. He was five feet and nine inches tall. Company C was mustered into Federal Service on 29 August 1864 at Pilot Knob, Missouri. On the Company Roll for November and December 1864 he was listed as “absent sick in Perry County, Missouri from 12 December 1864.” He was mustered out on 29 March 1865 with the Regiment.

L-R. Camp Commander Michael Schaaf, Gary Scheel, Reuel Smith and Ed Millinger. →

We would like to thank the Veterans Administration for furnishing the grave marker. After nearly one-hundred and eleven years his grave site is now properly marked.



Frank Robinson who owns the reproduction mountain howitzer.

## PERRYVILLE SCHOOL DAY

On April 20<sup>th</sup> six members of our camp and Brother Bob AuBuchon, of US Grant Camp #68, went to the Perry County Military History Museum in Perryville where we set up different areas to demonstrate to the students what type of equipment a Civil War soldier might have had and how they lived. There were two local schools and some home school students that attended our activities.

← Bob AuBuchon and Ed Millinger describing how to fire a musket and then demonstrating by firing weapon.

← In the background you can see Camp Commander Mike Schaaf and another group of students were listening to cannon crew furnished by



Marty Aubuchon is describing to a group of students → the many items that he had on display. It went from a Bible to a hand gun to a drinking cup to period surveying equipment.

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

Perryville School Day (continued)



Bob Mueller was in charge of a book raffle drawing. Several members of our camp donated Civil War related books and Bob would take their names and put them in for a drawing before their school went back to their building. They winners were happy. →

← Tom Greminger and his Civil War display which includes names of Civil War soldiers from Ste. Genevieve County.



← Gary Scheel is talking to some students and explaining the life of a soldier on his first day. They then were given wooden muskets and went through the nine step for firing. He also marched them around for a little bit to get them used to marching practicing turns making sure they swung like a gate as they turned. Camp Commander Mike Schaaf is to the right in the photo making sure Gary does it right.

L-R: Ed Millinger and Paul Kist taking a break after lunch and → waiting for the next school to show up. Many of the photos about these stations are courtesy of Paul Kist. Notice the howitzer in the back ground.

A big Thank You to the staff of Perry County Military History Museum and the staff at St. Mary's Seminary who allowed us to conduct the activity on their property.

If you ever get a chance to go through the museum in the Perryville Higher Education Center, it is worth your time spent. They have an awesome display of the Civil War veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic Difani Post in Perryville and also of the Sons of Veterans Camp located in Perryville.



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

MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>, MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AT THE VFW HALL IN STE. GENEVIEVE

Brother Robert Mueller and his wife Linda and Brother Paul Kist and his wife Carol attended the Memorial Day Ceremony at the VFW Hall. Brother Robert laid flowers on the altar on behalf of our camp for those who have served and gone on to their eternal reward.

DECORATION DAY, MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>

Bob Mueller and Gary Scheel met at Memorial Cemetery to place a flag at the Grave of Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James our name sake. Before we started placing flags Bob read Order #11 issued by Major General John A. Logan who was Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic.



← Bob Mueller reading Order #11 in Memorial Cemetery.

Gary Scheel placing a flag at the grave → site of Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James



Bob Mueller placing a flag at the grave marker of Private Hiram Berry, 21<sup>st</sup> Missouri Infantry → Regiment



← This grave marker was laying on the ground and our camp reinstalled it. He was a member of GAR Post #326 in Ste. Genevieve.

## CEREMONY AT PRIVATE JAMES BRYCE YOUNG GRAVE SITE

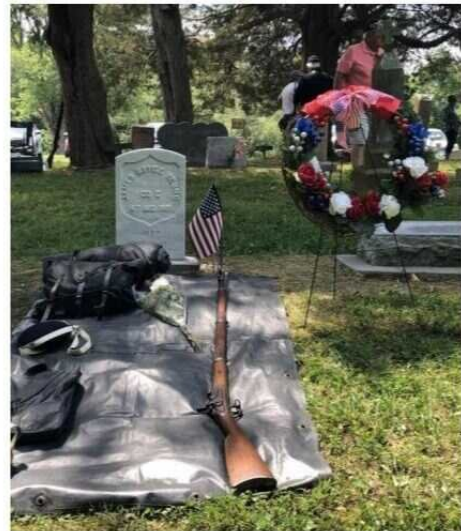
On June 4<sup>th</sup>, a dedication ceremony was conducted at the grave site of Private James Bryce Young. Private Young is buried in John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church Cemetery in Lithium, Perry County, Missouri.

Four members of our camp, in April set the grave marker (see article on page 3).

Camp Commander Mike Schaaf was the master of ceremonies and handed out the programs for the ceremony.

Earlier this year he discovered Private Young did not have a grave marker so he contacted the Och family, a father and son team who maintain the cemetery and church, the church is no longer active. He spent several months trying to contact a direct descendent but could not find anyone. He also used facebook pages of Perry County Genealogy and Historical groups to advertise the ceremony in hopes that people would be interested in attending

The day was a warm day but there was plenty of shade for everyone to stand in during the ceremony.





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

## Jr. ROTC AWARDS CEREMONY



May 11<sup>th</sup>, Gary Scheel presented to Cadet Captain Collier Bristol with the SUVCW Jr. ROTC Medal, Ribbon and Certificate.

He is a member of the Poplar Bluff High School Jr. ROTC Battalion in Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

It is with gratitude that we are allowed to give them these articles at no cost to the unit or our Camp. We appreciate our National Organization for furnishing them.

(I didn't figure I would have to point out which one was the Cadet Captain ☺)

## GRAVE MARKER CLEAN UP AT THE SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH CEMETERY IN RIVER AUX VASES, MISSOURI

On May 17<sup>th</sup> three members from our camp and two local interested citizens gathered at the cemetery to clean Civil War Veteran grave markers. We cleaned nine grave markers in the two hours we were there.

Brother Paul Kist and his wife Carol had cleaned several grave markers on their own going there several times before we met.

L-R: Gene Naeger, Camp Commander Mike Schaaf, Ed Naeger and Paul Kist (Gary Scheel not pictured)



L-R: Gene Naeger and Ed Naeger. They are standing by their Great Grandfather William Naeger and Great Grandmother Mary A. Naeger grave marker which we cleaned. It was literally black. They did not know that he had served in the Civil War till Paul Kist told them. Private William Naeger served in Company I, 78<sup>th</sup> Enrolled Missouri Militia Regiment during the Civil War.

Dinner was provided by Paul and Carol Kist. It was great. Thank you very much.

We appreciate the church allowing us to go into the cemetery to clean grave markers.



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

Private Young Ceremony (continued)



We were fortunate to have a Ste. Genevieve band entertain us with music. They are named the Presbyterian String Band. Civil War music could be heard starting about 1:30 pm to entertain those who gathered for the ceremony. They are very good and their music was enjoyed by all.

L-R: John Weakly, Marcia Schaefer, Becky Millinger.



Camp Commander Mike Schaaf during the ceremony as M. C. →

← Bob Mueller presenting the rose as Honorary Guard Ed Millinger stands guard and looks on.



Chaplain Marty Aubuchon says a prayer during the ceremony. →



← The firing of honors for Private James Bryce Young.



Photographs are courtesy of Linda Mueller.

On the next page is the photograph of all of the people who were present. We initially thought that there was no family members of Private James Bryce Young but we later found out that the man on the extreme left was his great-great Nephew.

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



## DISPLAY AT THE FRENCH HERITAGE DAYS IN STE. GENEVIEVE



Photographs courtesy of Paul Kist

Members of our camp participated in French Heritage Days on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

← Tom Greminger and Camp Commander Mike Schaaf manned Tom Gremingers display in the garden behind the Guibourd House.



Bob Mueller (out of uniform) met his match playing checkers. He was in charge of games.

← Gary Scheel demonstration on his shaving horse.



## PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR REPORT

←At our camp meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>, we learned the meaning of each fold of the 13 Step folding procedure for folding a flag used during a ceremony. When the flag is folded thirteen times it ends in a perfect triangle with no red showing on the flag and is supposed to represent a cocked hat of General George Washington’s Army during the Revolutionary War. The thirteen folds represent the original thirteen colonies.

It is unsure when the thirteen folds and the meaning of each fold were originated. Some people credit an Air Force Chaplain at the Air Force Academy and others believe it originated with the Gold Star Mothers of America.

L-R: Camp Commander Mike Schaaf, Bob Mueller, Tom Greminger, Reuel Smith and Paul Kist. (not pictured is Gary Scheel)

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



Camp Commander Jack Laubinger and PDC Glen Alsop present to students at Washington Middle School on May 12, 2023.



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**

**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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**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 1**  
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**23 June 2023**

**2023-2024 Elected and Staff Officers**

On 3 June 2023 at Springfield, Missouri delegates to the 28th Department Encampment elected their officers. Delegates to the 142nd National Encampment were also elected. The results of the election are:

<b>ELECTED OFFICE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CAMP</b>
Commander	Robert J. Amsler, Jr., PDC	US Grant Camp #68
Senior Vice Commander	Robert Aubuchon, PCC	US Grant Camp #68
Junior Vice Commander	Mark Coplin, PCC	US Grant Camp #68
Secretary-Treasurer (2025)	Dale Crandell, PDC	Westport Camp #64
Council (2024)	Sumner Hunnewell, PDC	Gen. Thomas Fletcher Camp #47
Council (2024)	Gary Scheel, PDC	Felix St. James Camp #326
Council (2025)	Glen Alsop, PDC	Maj. Francis Wilhelmi Camp #17
Delegate	John Palmer	US Grant Camp #68
Delegate	Robert Aubuchon, PCC	US Grant Camp #68
Delegate	Joseph Rainey, PCC	McPherson Camp #1
Delegate	Douglas Roussin, PCC	Gen. Thomas Fletcher Camp #47
Alternate Delegate	All Department Brothers	

In accordance with the Department Bylaws and Policies, the Commander, after his election, shall appoint staff officers for a term of one (1) year. Those appointment are:

<b>STAFF OFFICE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CAMP</b>
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer	Walter Busch, PDC	US Grant Camp #68
Patriotic Instructor	Randal Burd, Jr., PDC	Gen. Thomas Fletcher Camp #47
Chaplain	Mark Coplin, PCC	US Grant Camp #68
Counselor	Robert Amsler, Jr., PDC	US Grant Camp #68
Quartermaster	Walter Busch, PDC	US Grant Camp #68
Graves Registration Officer	Glen Alsop, PDC	Maj. Francis Wilhelmi Camp #17
Signals Officer Webmaster, Email	Walter Busch, PDC	US Grant Camp #68
Assistant Signals Officer Social Media, Promotions	James Dixon, PCC	Columbia Tiger Camp #432





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Eagle Scout Coordinator	Sunner Hunnewell, PDC	Gen. Thomas Fletcher Camp #47
ROTC Coordinator	Sunner Hunnewell, PDC	Gen. Thomas Fletcher Camp #47
History Award Coordinator	Randal Burd, Jr., PDC	Gen. Thomas Fletcher Camp #47

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

Ordered this 23th Day of June, 2023,

Attest:

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

Dale Crandell, PDC  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Department of Missouri  
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**Bruce D. Frail**  
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**Special Message #6, 2 April 2023— New SUVCW Website**

Brothers, It is with great pride that I can announce that our new SUVCW Website is now live. The URL still is [www.suvcw.org](http://www.suvcw.org). We encourage all Brothers to check out the new website and please forward any comments or concerns to our Webmaster, Br. Robert Payne via email at [webmaster\\_suvcw@suvcw.org](mailto:webmaster_suvcw@suvcw.org).

**General Order #22, 21 April 2023— Revocation of Colgrove-Woodruff Camp No. 22, Depart-  
ment of Michigan's Charter**

Department Commander Nathan L. Smith, of the Department of the Michigan has requested that the Charter of ColgroveWoodruff Camp No. 22 be revoked. (Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 13).

Dear CinC Frail,

The Department of Michigan was notified on January 14, 2023, of the intent of Colgrove-Woodruff Camp No. 22 to disband. At that time, the Camp indicated that the remaining Brothers of the Camp had met and discussed such intent and that they would contact the Department to the process. Camp 22 Secretary Blaine Valentine was provided information on disbandment as outlined in the National Regulations by email on January 15, 2023.

On Monday, March 6, 2023, the Department was contacted by Camp 22, which indicated that the 20-day notice, as required under the National Regulations, has been completed, and they are formally requesting to disband. Like many Camps across the Department, Camp 22 has struggled to recruit new members and remain active due to the aging out of current members.

The Department will continue to work with the Brothers of Camp No. 22 to determine whether or not they would request an honorable discharge or transfer according to their wishes. I would humbly request that their request to disband and Charter Revocation be granted.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Nathan L. Smith, PCC

Commander, Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

It is therefore that the Department Commander Nathan L. Smith's request is granted and the Charter of the Colgrove-Woodruff Camp No. 22 Department of Michigan, is hereby revoked. (Constitution, Article VI, Section 2).

Brothers of Colgrove-Woodruff Camp No. 22 who are in good standing may have transfer cards issued so that they may join another Camp of their choice. (Constitution, Article VII, Section 4).

All Colgrove-Woodruff Camp No. 22, Department of Michigan property and assets shall be turned over to the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War via the Department Commander of the affected Camp acting as his duly authorized representative, to collect and hold all such property in trust for the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization exempt from taxes under section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code. (Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 5).

**General Order #23, 12 May 2023— Temporary Replacement of Brother Christopher Workman**

Brother Christopher Workman has requested a temporary leave of absence from his elected office on the Council of Administration due to events which are outside of his control. He approached the Commander-in-Chief asking for this so the Order would not suffer from his inability to perform the duties of this office.

The above was discussed at the Springfield Council of Administration in Executive Session and as a result, I Bruce D. Frail, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War hereby grant Brother





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Workman's request and thank him for thinking of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War above himself and I also thank him for his service to this Order to this date.

It was voted by the Council of Administration in Open Session to replace Brother Christopher Workman with Brother Brian Pearson, PCinC with full voting privileges until Brother Workman's return or the election of a replacement member of the Council of Administration, Brother Workman's term is scheduled to end (2025).

In consideration of the above, Brother Workman has also asked to be replaced as National Signals Officer, this will be temporarily completed by Brothers Benjamin J. Frail, PDC and Brothers Robert Payne, PDC working together in this position. If there are any other Brothers who wish to be considered for this position either now or with the next administration, please contact either myself, if now, or Brother Peter Hritsko Jr., PDC for the next administration.

Sources for the above actions:

2022-2023 C & R, Regulations, Chapter III, National Organization, Article VI Election & Appointment of Officers, Section 4, sub-section (b).

Whenever an elected officer of the National Organization declares to the Commander-in-Chief and the Council of Administration that he is unable to discharge the duties of his office, and until he declares to them the contrary, such duties shall be discharged by the appointment of a temporary officer serving in an Acting capacity, appointed by the Council of Administration.

And:

2022-2023 C & R, Regulations, Chapter III, National Organization, Article VI Election & Appointment of Officers, Section 5. The Commander-in-Chief shall have power to remove all appointive officers. Notice of such removal shall be provided in a timely manner.

### **General Order #24, 21 May 2023— Weapons Regulation**

In the interest of maintaining a safe environment for all volunteers, members, guests and visitors, the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War hereby prohibits the possession, transport and storage of all weapons at any meeting, encampment, event, or while dressed in a manner that identifies you as a member of the SUVCW. This General Order includes handguns, firearms, explosives, knives and other items that may be defined as weapons under state, federal or local laws or ordinances. For purposes of monitoring compliance with this General Order, the National Organization, Departments, and Camps reserve the right to search all persons, packages, containers, briefcases, and purses.

This General Order shall apply regardless of whether or not the person responsible for the weapon is otherwise licensed or allowed by law to carry it. This General Order shall not apply in the following circumstances:

1. Any law enforcement personnel or security personnel engaging in official duties.
2. A member of a Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in proper dress as stated by General Order #3, Series 2016-2017 and General Order #19, Series 2021-2022 when in the performance of your duties in a color guard, firing detail, timeline, American Civil War reenactment or educational program.
3. A member of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR), in proper uniform and in the performance of your duties as described in the C & R.
4. Where the individual presents a valid judicial order of protection and is otherwise compliant with local, state or federal laws, rule, or regulations.
5. Any brother who has a concealed carry permit or license (as the case may be) issued by his state of residence and is attending a meeting in his home state or in a state which recognizes his home state's Concealed Carry License and in addition, said brother would otherwise be in full compliance with all laws pertaining to the carrying of a concealed firearm in the jurisdiction where the meeting is occurring.

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If any provision of this General Order is shown in violation of local, state or federal laws, rules, or regulations, or any venue rule or regulation, the remainder of this General Order shall not be affected thereby.

Anyone bringing a weapon into any such meeting, encampment, event, or while dressed in a manner that identifies you as a member of the SUVCW is in violation of this General Order, forfeits any express or implied permission to enter or remain in attendance, is subject to immediate removal without reimbursement for any fees or moneys paid, and further subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination and/or criminal prosecution. The National Organization, Departments, and Camps are responsible for communicating this policy to all volunteers, members, guests and visitors, and shall be responsible for enforcement.

Sources for the above actions:

"2022-2023 C & R, Regulations, Chapter II, Departments, Article XIV, Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve. Sections, All. Pages 75 - 78."

"General Order # 3, Series 2016-2017, dated 24 August 2016

Brothers are reminded of Constitution and Regulation Chapter V, Art. IV, Section 12. Brothers "while performing other duties of the Order ... shall be identified by the wearing of a Badge of the Order on the left breast." An embroidered badge is not a badge. This also applies to any Brother attending Council of Administration meetings. "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 medal. Jackets may be removed to prevent over heating but should be present. The Guide, Color Bearer, and Guard may wear uniforms.

Ordered this 24th Day of August, 2016.

Donald L. Martin

Commander-In-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War"

"General Order #19, Series 2021-2022, dated 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.

Ordered this 2nd Day of August, 2022

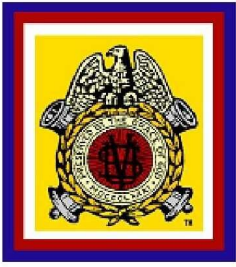
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**General Order #25, 28 May 2023— Memorial Day**

On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued his General Orders No. 11 which became the basis of Memorial Day.

"I. The 30th day of May, 1868 is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains and their deaths the tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of a free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remains in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the nation's gratitude— the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the commander in chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By Order of

John A. Logan,  
Commander in Chief"

Those were his words spoken so many years ago and every year since. Brothers, please remember these words and the following words: In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

God Bless ALL of you and keep your families safe.

**Special Order #2, 19 June 2023— SUVCW Logins & Passwords**

Brothers,

As the close of my administration is just 2 months away, I want to make sure that there is a seamless transition for my successor. With that being said, I would like all National Applications, Websites, Databases etc. that have logins and passwords to have those credentials reported to the Chief of Staff, Br. Ben Frail, so that the incoming administration has them available. This will allow for a smooth transition if the incoming administration chooses to appoint new Brothers into those positions. Please have this information to Br. Frail by end of business on 26 June 2023.



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**General Order #26, 13 June 2023— Department of Ohio Proposed Change to C&R**

The Department of Ohio has voted to approve the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as presented by the Special Committee on Membership Qualifications (attached below). In accordance with Article IX of the Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War this General Order is promulgated to ensure the proposed change is dealt with in the next SUVCW National Encampment.

*[Committee report redacted due to space. Find the full report at <http://www.suvcw.org> –Ed.]*

**General Order #27, 16 June 2023— Department of NY Proposed Change to C&R**

The Department of New York has voted to approve change the following sections of the C&R: • Constitution Article VII Section 4 (Resolution Below) • 5 Recommendations to amend the Constitution as presented by the Special Committee on Membership Qualifications • The Recommendations 1-4 of the Special Committee on Membership Qualifications be replaced by a combined and updated to Article III, Eligibility to Membership (Resolution Below) In accordance with Article IX of the Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War this General Order is promulgated to ensure the proposed change is dealt with in the next SUVCW National Encampment.

*[Resolution redacted due to space. Find the full resolution at <http://www.suvcw.org> –Ed.]*

**Special Order #3, 16 June 2023— National Quartermaster Shop**

Brothers,

It is my unfortunate duty to inform you all that due to an emergency medical situation Br. Jim Lyon must step away from his duties as Interim National Quartermaster. Due to this, no orders will be taken, nor will existing orders be filled, until the election of a new National Quartermaster at the 142nd National Encampment in Nashua, New Hampshire, 3 Aug 2023- 6 Aug 2023. I would like to thank Br. Lyon for his dedication to the Order and wish him a speedy and successful recovery.

**Special Message #7, 29 June 2023— The Passing of MOLLUS Past Commander-in-Chief Douglas R. Niermeyer**

Brothers, again, and all too soon, it is my solemn duty to report the passing of another Past Commander-in-Chief. Brother Douglas Niermeyer, PCinC of MOLLUS has sadly passed away on 27 June 2023. Br. Niermeyer was also a Past Camp Commander of Lt. Col. Francis Wilhemi Camp 17, Department of Missouri, SUVCW. Please join us in giving our condolences to our comrades in MOLLUS and our Brothers in Lt. Col. Francis Wilhemi Camp 17 and the Department of Missouri. As a show of solidarity, please feel free to drape your badges, Camp Charters, and Departments Charters for a duration not to exceed 30 days.

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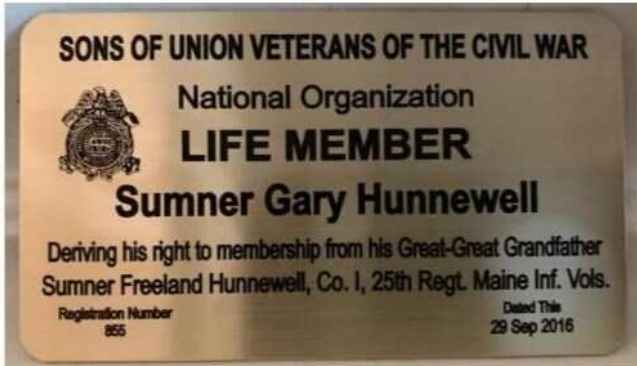
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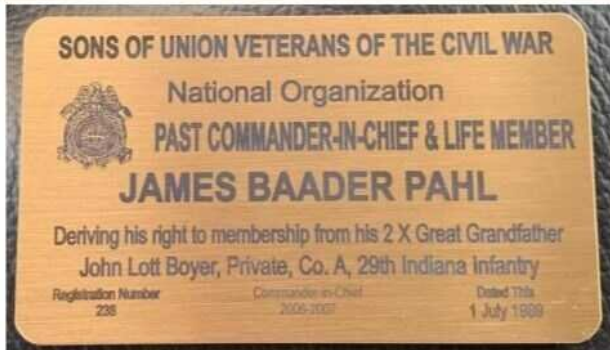
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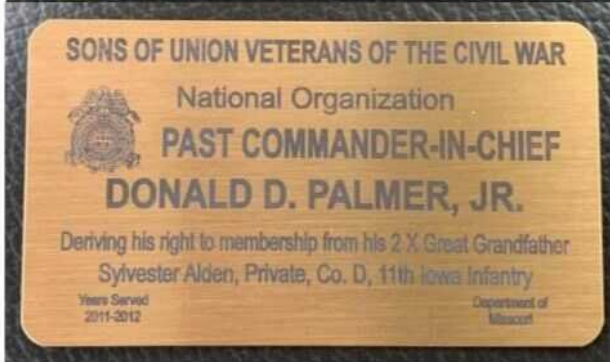
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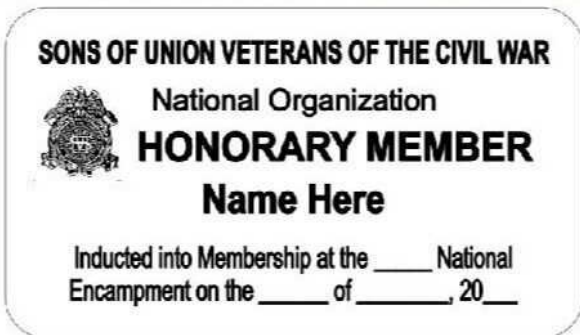
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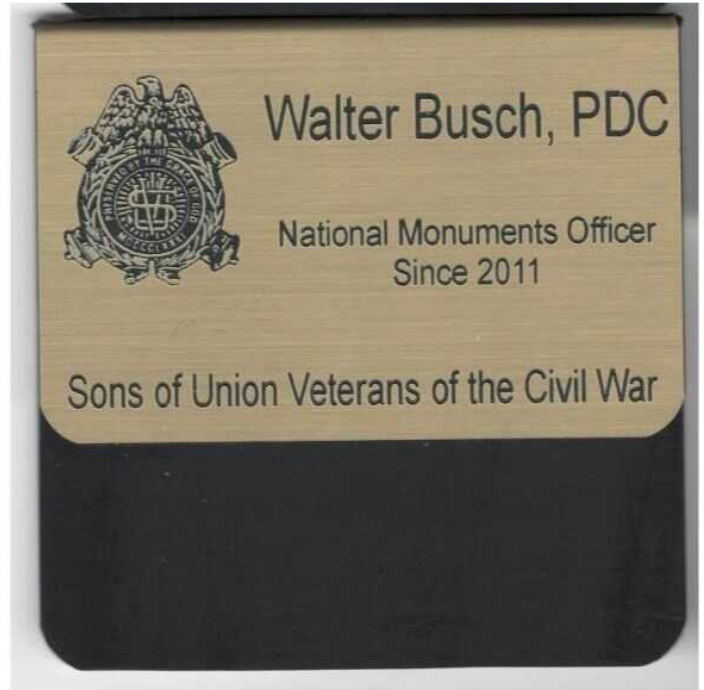
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**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN THE DEPARTMENT**

- **General Ulysses S Grant Remembrance Day - 22 July - 10 AM US Grant NHS (White Haven) - Affton, MO**
- **SUVCW National Encampment - 3-6 Aug - Nashua, NH**
- **Camp in Ste. Geneviève. On Saturday, 26 Aug 11AM - 12 Noon, St James Camp hosts, starting a Civil War Re-enactment and Camp on the Courthouse. From 10AM to 3PM Drill Demonstrations & Exercises with your children.**
- **Central Region - Allied Orders Association - 6 & 7 Oct - Dayton, OH**
- **Department Meeting - Saturday, Oct (UNKNOWN DATE) - 10am - Missouri River Regional Library - Jefferson City**
- **56th US Colored Troops Remembrance - 19 or 20 Oct (TBD) 11am - Jefferson Barracks Cemetery**
- **Battle of Westport: Sunday, 22 Oct 2023. South end of Loose Park near 55th and Wornall.**
- **Memorial Remembrance - 18 Nov - Gettysburg, PA**

**Events are taken from the Department's website at <http://www.suvcwmo.org>**

**Email [wbusch@suvcwmo.org](mailto:wbusch@suvcwmo.org) to have your event listed here and on the website!**

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