

The 17th Annual Department of Missouri – SUVCW Encampment was held on June 2, 2012 at the Creole House in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. Around 25 members were in attendance from 10 different camps were represented, making this the largest gathering in recent years. With the economy playing factors, the encampment was changed to one day, eliminated the banquet, and a less expensive lunch was offered on site. The slate of elected officers were: Marty Aubuchon (Grant Camp) Department Commander; Larry Dietzel (Tiger Camp) Senior Vice; Glen Alsop (Wilhelmi) Junior Vice; Randal Burd (Sigel Camp) Secretary (2014); Walt Busch (Grant Camp) Treasurer (2013); Dale Crandell (Westport Camp) Council Secretary (2014); Bryan Bradford (Tiger Camp) Council Chair (2013); and Chris Warren (McCormick Camp) Council Member (2014). We were also privileged to have our National Commander-in-Chief, Don Palmer, in attendance. Don gave us his Vision 2020 plan and encouraged us to gain new members and keep the SUVCW viable for the future.

In addition, the ladies of the St. James Auxiliary #326 and the Volker Auxiliary #215 hosted a ladies tea to foster better relations amongst the auxiliaries within Missouri, and to aid in making the encampment a more family friendly event.

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COMMENTS FROM THE COMMANDER



The month of the August is almost gone and that means it will be almost three months since I was installed as your Department Commander. You quickly realize that there are only so many hours in the day and it is hard to accomplish everything that you would like to do. Of course there is the old saying "time flies when you are having fun". I'll keep that in the back of my mind.

The National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was recently held in Los Angeles, California and the Department of Missouri had a great delegation. Several Department individuals and a camp received recognition. Congratulations to Brother Walter Busch, Cher Petrovic, and the Sigel Camp No. 41. More information on this subject can be found under the Department News section of this newsletter.

It was also reported that the Department of Missouri had eight Sesquicentennial events. Credit goes out those camps and individuals that made this possible. With the Price's Raid of 1864, the Department of Missouri SUVCW has the opportunity to increase this number. This is an opportunity to involve the camps and the Department to promote the SUVCW. This will be an agenda item at the October Department business meeting and I strongly encourage each camp to send a representative to this meeting to discuss this further.

One of the threats to the Sons of Union Veterans is low or declining membership. One of the initiatives of the Commander in Chief Don Palmer was to develop new Marketing and Promotions materials that could be used to promote our organization and to recruit more members. The themes are Education, Patriotism, Citizenship, Patriotism, and Honor. Display boards were on display and the movement has started. We will be hearing more about this. The materials will be on display at the next Department Business meeting.

Membership in Missouri is increasing. As of August 9, it was reported we had 267 members. This is an increase from the 255 members reported in November 2011. The Department has 15 camps with two of the camps being located in Arkansas. One of the camps is the newly formed Spradling Camp No. 72 and is located in Fort Smith, Arkansas and we say congratulations and welcome to the Department of Missouri. We have their Charter and it will be presented. We also recognize the two camps Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #72 and Sigel Camp No. 614 as being chartered in the last year. They also have been very active in events.

As I am visiting the various camps, (six to date) it is rewarding to see the involvement and participation of each camp. These activities are necessary to continue to promote the SUVCW and to recruit new members. As a reminder as you are planning and scheduling those events, please share them with the other camps to give the Department brothers to help support your events and to share in the fellowship of being a SUVCW member. Please remember as Sons of Union Members, it is our duty to honor our ancestors who fought to preserve the Union. We need to continually tell the story of our ancestors and not just do living history.

Regarding the camp visits, I am contacting each camp as my schedule permits, but if there is a specific date or event that you would like to have the commander's presence, please contact me to schedule.

Recognition for Brother Robert Hammack needs to be made. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Charitable Foundation recently honored Bob as Silver level Lincoln Fellow with his financial contributions to the Foundation's Abraham Lincoln Endowment Fund. Congratulations and thank you Bob.

The Encampment Site Committee is working on potential locations. If any camp or brother has any information or proposal for a possible location, please forward that to Brother Bob Petrovic and Brother Walter Busch.

The position of Signals Officer is still vacant. However, Brother Walter Busch is in contact with an individual and our web site may be going thru an overhaul soon and information will get posted again.

Let's say thank you to Brother Chris Warren for doing the Unionist. It has been awhile since we have had a publication. Please remember the Department business meeting on October 13 at the Capital Building in Jefferson City, MO. I challenge each camp to send at least one representative. Please send me any agenda items for discussion by October 1. Let's meet and discuss some business, but also have some fun. Many of us meet afterwards at a local establishment.

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty

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Department Order #1 – 2012-2013 Series



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI COMMANDER

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Department Order #1 6 July, 2012

In accordance to the Department of Missouri bylaws, at least two regular business meetings will be scheduled each year. Pursuant to Article II Section 4, this order gives notice that the dates, times, and locations of the two business meetings are as follows:

Saturday, October 13, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. House Hearing Room #7 State Capitol Building Jefferson City, Missouri

Saturday, March 9, 20112 at 10:00 a.m. House Hearing Room #7 State Capitol Building Jefferson City, Missouri

All camps are encouraged to send representatives to the meetings. All elected and appointed officers should attend. All officers should submit written reports and transmit them to the Commander and Department Secretary Randal Burd at least one week prior to the date of the business meeting.

In accordance to Article II Section 5, members need to have their SUVCW membership card at the meetings and present it when requested. Each member is encouraged to wear their membership badge. All elected officers must wear their membership badge or be subject to a fine payable to the Department Treasurer.

Ordered this 6th Day of July, 2012

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Martin R. Aubuchon, PCC Commander Department of Missouri Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

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



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

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ELECTED OFFICERS 2012-2013

OFFICER	NAME	CAMP
Commander	Martin Aubuchon, PCC	U.S. Grant Camp No. 68
Senior Vice Commander	Larry Dietzel, PCC, CC	Columbia Tigers Camp No. 432
Junior Vice Commander	Glennon Alsop, PCC	Francis J. Wilhelmi Camp No. 17
Secretary (Term expires 2014)	Randal Burd, Jr., CC	Sigel Camp No. 614
Treasurer (Term expires 2013)	Walter Busch, PDC, PCC	U.S. Grant Camp No. 68
Council (Term expires 2014)	Chris Warren, PDC, PCC	Thomas C. Fletcher Camp No. 47
Council (Term expires 2014)	Dale Crandell	Westport Camp No. 64
Council (Term expires 2013)	Bryan Bradford	Columbia Tigers Camp No. 432

APPOINTED OFFICERS 2012-2013

OFFICER	NAME	CAMP
Archivist of Records	John J. Martin, PDC	Westport Camp #64
Chaplain	Emmett P. Taylor, III, PDC	General Alexander S. Asboth Camp #5
Chief of Staff	Joseph Difani, Jr., CC	William T. Sherman Camp #65
Camp Organizer	Robert M. Petrovic, PDC	US Grant Camp #68
Counselor	Robert J. Amsler, Jr., PCC	US Grant Camp #68
Department Quartermaster	Gary L. Schell, PCC	Lt. Colonel J. Felix St. James Camp #326
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Robert D. Hammack	Lt. Colonel J. Felix St. James Camp #326
Encampment Site Committee	Walter E. Busch, PDC	US Grant Camp #68
	Robert M. Petrovic, PDC PCC	
Graves Registration Officer	Robert D. Hammack	Lt. Colonel J. Felix St. James Camp #326
Historian	Gary L. Schell, PCC	Lt. Colonel J. Felix St. James Camp #326
Historical Records Coordinator	Walter E. Busch, PDC	US Grant Camp #68
Civil War Memorials Officer		
GAR Records Officer		
Marketing and Promotions	James Dixon	Columbia Tigers Camp #432
Officer		
Missouri Unionist Editor	D. Christopher Warren, PDC	General McCormick Camp #215
Medal of Honor Officer	William L. Groth, Jr., PCC	William T. Sherman Camp #65

Patriotic Instructor	Tom Farlow, PCC	Lt. Colonel J. Felix St. James Camp #326
ROTC Coordinator	D. Christopher Warren, PDC	General McCormick Camp #215
Signals Officer	VACANT	

Central Region Association Annual Conference Oct. 5 - 6, 2012 Springfield, II			
	EVENT INFORMATION		
Discounted Tour of Lincoln Museum Developmental Training Session: "Using Social Networking to Promote Your Order" Dinner Program: The Effects of Order No. 11 on the Missouri-Kansas Border, The True Story			
Hotel Information:	Route 66 Hotel 625 E St. Joseph St Springfield, IL 62703		
	888-707-8366 217-529-6626		
	GPS: N39.755767 W89.646892		
	RATE: \$59/2 people (\$5 each additional) Use Code: Central Region		
In order to receive this room rate you must register by August 27, 2012.			
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday

5:30 P.M. Meet in Hotel Lobby to Go to Restaurant

Saturday

8:45 A.M. Meet in Lobby / Car Pool to Lincoln Museum 12:00 P.M. Lunch 1:00 P.M. Developmental Training Session: "Using Social Networking to promote Your Order" 2:00 P.M. Business Meeting 5:00 P.M. End of Business Session 6:00 P.M. Banquet Dinner Program: "The Effects of Order No. 11 on The Missouri-Kansas Border, The True Story"

This Form must be sent in by September 24, 2012

Registration FEE			
\$10.00 per person	Number of people	Total	
Lincoln Museum tour			
\$7.00 per person	Number of people	_ Total	
Lunch Buffet, Soup &	Sandwich Buffet		
\$15.00 per person	Number of people	_ Total	
Supper Buffet, Chick	en		
\$22.00 per person	Number of people	Total	
	Total sent in		

Make check payable to U. S. Grant Camp #68

Mail TO:

Walter Busch, PDC, 1240 Konert Valley Dr., Fenton MO. 63026

For more information contact Bob Petrovic 636-274-4567 or Walt Busch 314-630-8407

Attorney Robert J. Amsler, Jr., will be speaking on "Using Social Networking." He is a Past Camp Commander of the U.S. Grant Camp N Volunteer Infantry of the Sons of Vet **SPEAKERS:** in of Co. A., 2nd Regiment Missouri four ancestors who fought in the Civil War for the United States from St. Louis. ROBERT IS a Consultant to the National Museum of Transport in Sr. Louis for its Civil War exhibits. He currently uses social media and has a staff working social media for him for the National Train Show and National Model Railroad Association, Inc. Robert is an attorney in practice in St. Louis and lives with his wife, Suzanne, in the Carondelet Neighborhood in St. Louis City.

NOTE: Bob has also worked on creating 501-C-3 organizations in the past and might be able to help answer questions you may have.

Walt Busch, PDC, author, and director of Fort Davidson State Historic Site, Elephant Rocks State Park and Dillard Mill State Historic Site, draws on the research he did in his master's thesis which largely demonstrates that the "facts" surrounding General Tom Ewing's Order No. 11 which drove many people out of the western counties of Missouri are myths created by Missourians.

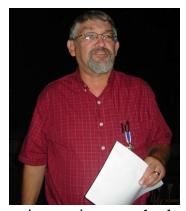
St. James Camp # 326 - Ste. Genevieve, MO

We hosted the annual Department Encampment in Ste. Genevieve at the Creole House. Seven members of our camp were in attendance at one time or another. It was the first experience for many of us of attending a Department encampment. We thought Ste. Genevieve was the perfect place to have it when asked since the new Department Commander, Marty Aubuchon, has ancestors that helped to settle Ste. Genevieve in the 1700's.

At our July meeting Joseph Williams joined our Camp. Joseph ancestor was Obediah Andrew

Jackson Duvall who was in Company D, 78th Enrolled Missouri Militia. Welcome!!

Photo: Camp Commander Tom Greminger (right) presenting SUVCW Membership badge to Brother Joseph at our August meeting.



At our August meeting we were honored to have Department Commander Martin Aubuchon present. He talked to us about



some of the items that were discussed and decided on at the National Encampment in Los Angeles, CA August 10 and 11. He also told us some of his plans for the department.

On August 7th Gary Scheel gave a presentation to twelve home school students at the Bolduc House in Ste. Genevieve. They were studying genealogy and family history. His topic was finding Civil War ancestors

using various methods. Most of the information shared was sources on the internet. He also covered libraries and other reference materials such as cemetery books and regimental books.

FUTURE EVENTS AND PLANS

September 29th. 200th Anniversary of the founding of Ste. Genevieve County. Our camp and SVR unit will set up a living history and also do a short skit at 2 p.m. of an event of the Civil War in Ste. Genevieve.

May 3, 4 & 5th, 2013. Ste. Genevieve Civil War Camp. We are again sponsoring our civil war camp at Moses Austin House in Ste. Genevieve. We would like to invite you to make plans to attend. May 3rd we are planning a school day.

We are also selling raffle tickets for an officers sword to help pay for the insurance for this event. Contact Gary Scheel at somewhere1@sbcglobal.net if you are interested in purchasing one for \$1 or six for \$5.

Westport Camp #64 – Kansas City, MO

Kansas City Memorial Day Ceremony

Westport Camp #64 and SVR 1_{st} Missouri State Militia members provided color guards for Memorial Day ceremonies at both Kansas City's Liberty Memorial and Union Cemetery. The Kansas City area's largest Memorial Day observance is Liberty Memorial under the shadow of the National World War I Memorial, which includes a parade of local color guards from military, veteran, hereditary, JROTC, and scouting groups. The 2012 key note speaker was Brig. Gen. Scott Hamm of Whiteman Air Force Base.

Memorial services at Kansas City's historic Union Cemetery continued the tradition of reading names and service records for veterans buried at the cemetery representing every conflict from the Revolutionary War to the Vietnam Conflict. SUVCW-SVR color members also provided a private recognition for Civil War veteran and Medal of Honor



recipient Private Nathaniel McLean Gwynne who is buried at Union Cemetery.

SVR members participating in joint gun salute at Kansas City's Union Cemetery

Memorial Day services.

National Medal of Honor Day

For the second year, Westport Camp #64 participated in a joint ceremony on National Medal of Honor day, March 25, 2012. This year's event honored Medal of Honor recipient Major M.R. William Grebe (1838-1916) with a gravesite ceremony at Mount St. Mary's Cemetery, Kansas City, Missouri. Major Grebe is a veteran of the Civil War and received his Medal of Honor in 1899 for heroism and leadership in repulsing a Confederate advance on August 31, 1864. This was during the Battle of Jonesboro and Atlanta Campaign.

Often called the Congressional Medal of Honor, the United States Congress designated March 25th of each year as National Medal of Honor Day, a day dedicated to honoring the 3,458 men and women whose service and sacrifices were recognized with the

nation's highest medal, the Medal of Honor. The City of Kansas City also honored

Major Grebe with a City Proclamation from Mayor Sly James' office.

The ceremony honoring Major Grebe was a jointevent by the local Kansas City



chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution, Society of the War of 1812, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Bugles Across America.

Participants in the National Medal of Honor Day ceremony for Major Grebe.

Westport Camp #64 – Kansas City, MO (Continued)

Kansas City JROTC Awards

Westport Camp #64 is active with presentation of four JROTC medal awards at Kansas City area high school spring award ceremonies. Cadet William Keith was honored by the Air Force JROTC Unit at Lee's Summit West High School on April 10, 2012 for his outstanding GPA and selection as the unit's finest aerospace science cadet. Cadet Kyle Coulson was honored by the Air Force JROTC Unit at Blue Springs South High School on April 17, 2012 for his leadership as Flight Commander during the Fall 2011



semester. Cadet Domonique West was honored by the Army JROTC Unit at Van Horn High School on May 9, 2012 for his exemplary performance as a role model for other

students. Cadet Steven Nguyen was honored by the Marine Corps JROTC Unit at

Ruskin High School on May 15, 2012 for outstanding drill performance and GPA scores.

Commander Michael Lundeen presenting the ROTC medal to Cadet William Keith.

<u>Wilhelmi Camp # 17 – Washington, MO</u>

On July 21st members of the Wilhelmi Camp participated in a Headstone dedication ceremony at the St. Francis Borgia Cemetery in Washington, Mo. The headstone was for Pvt. Dennis Durkin Co. M 54th E. M.M. who died in Nov. 1864. Commissioner Terry Wilson has worked to locate and replace the headstones for graves of veterans missing markers.



Congressman Blaine Leutkmeyer was the featured speaker. Brothers Glen Alsop, Jack Laubinger, Ajay Alsop and Ron and Pat Burke with Turner Brigade member Richard Black and 1st Mo. member Don



Calvin performed the ceremony. Father Brian Hecktor of St. Francis Borgia parish read the Chaplains part. The American Legion and V.F.W. also provided an Honor guard. Photo credit to Denise Beasley.

Upcoming Events

Wilhelmi Camp is working on a headstone dedication ceremony honoring the Last Surviving Soldier of Gasconade. It will be at 3p.m. at the City Cemetery in Hermann on Sept. 22.

<u>U.S. Grant Camp #68 – St. Louis, MO</u>

On July 21, the death of Civil War General and President Ulysses S. Grant was remembered at the Ulysses S. Grant Historic Site. US Grant Camp #68 SUVCW hosted the event. Seven members from the US Grant Camp were attendance. Brother from the Billy Yank/Sherman Camp #65 and Thomas Fletcher Camp #47 were also in attendance. The program included an address by National Commander in Chief and camp member Don Palmer.

Missouri was well represented at the National Encampment in LA. Westport Camp 64 was represented by Dale Crandell. The U. S. Grant Camp 68 had 5 members present, Donald D. Palmer, Jr. Commander-in-Chief, Junior John Palmer, Department Commander Marty Aubuchon, PDC Walt Busch and PDC Bob Petrovic. Cher Petrovic PAP of the Louisa Volker Aux 215 also was present.

Walt Busch received the Cornelius F. Whitehouse award, Brother of the year.

Dept Commander Marty Aubuchon accepted the Joseph S. Rippey award for the Most Outstanding New Camp for the Sigel Camp #41, Rolla.

A new award was established this year by Commander Palmer. It is the Dr. Mary Walker award. It is the Ladies Appreciation, National award. Three ladies received the award this year. One of them was Cher Petrovic of the Louisa Volker Auxiliary.









Phelps Camp #66 – Springfield, MO

SONS OF UNION VETERANS DONATE RARE ARTIFACTS TO WILSON'S CREEK NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD

Phelps Camp No. 66, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War recently donated a collection of rare Civil War artifacts to Wilson's Creek National Battlefield.

A tintype photograph, two discharges, and family genealogical information, relating to Union soldier Thomas Jefferson O'Neal, were presented to battlefield Superintendent Hillmer.

Thomas O'Neal, a native of Marshall County, Tennessee, moved to Springfield, Missouri, in 1858 and became a blacksmith. He enlisted in Capt. Holland's Company, Missouri Home Guard in June 1861. After his discharge that October, he enlisted in Phelps' Regiment, Missouri Infantry. After his service in Phelps' Regiment, O'Neal served in a third unit, the 6th Regiment, Provisional Enrolled Missouri Militia. According to family information, he also participated in the Battle of Springfield on January 8, 1863, and was wounded in the battle. Following the Civil War, O'Neal married and engaged in "mercantile pursuits." He died in 1901 and is buried in the Springfield National Cemetery.

"We are very grateful to the members of Phelps Camp for purchasing and donating these precious artifacts. Material relating to members of Phelps' Regiment is extremely scarce, and these items will be added to our museum collection, preserved in our climate-controlled storage area, and made available to researchers," said Superintendent Hillmer.

Phelps Camp, the local chapter of the national Sons of Union Veterans organization, was formed in 1994. The Sons of Union Veterans is a patriotic and educational organization, founded on November 12, 1881 and incorporated by Act of Congress August 20, 1954. One of the purposes of the organization is to preserve the memory of those who saved the Union from 1861 and 1865. Phelps Camp has donated a number of Civil War documents and artifacts to public collections where they can be enjoyed by visitors and studied by scholars.

Administered by the National Park Service, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield preserves the site of the first major engagement of the Civil War in the West, site where the first Union general was killed in the Civil War and evokes the rural character experienced by the combatants. The site is considered to be one of the bestpreserved battlefields in the National Park System. Wilson's Creek National Battlefield is located 10 miles southwest of

August 2012		Civil War New

CWRT Donation HARRISBURG, Pa. -Harrisburg Civil War Round Table donated \$4,000 to the Civil War Trust to preserve Virginia battle land. President Douglas Gibboney said the group chose two battlefields it had visited on field trips - \$3,000 went towards the purchase of Jackson flank attack land at Chancellorsville and \$1,000 for acreage at Mount Defiance in Middleburg, site of cavalry action early in the Gettysburg Campaign.

Hartford Show

Convention Center.



HARTFORD, Conn. - The New ARTIFACTS DONATED - Phelps Camp No. 66, Sons of Union England Arms Society's 14th annual Veterans of the Civil War, recently donated a tintype, two discharges Hartford Show has a new date and and family genealogical information for Union soldier Thomas location — Aug. 4 and 5 in downtown Jefferson O'Neal to Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. Hartford at the Connecticut Superintendent Ted Hillmer Jr., center, and librarian Jeff Patrick, right, received them from commander Greg Wait, left. A native of Marshall For information about the show, County, Tennessee, O'Neal moved to Springfield, Mo., in 1858 and which features pre-1946 memorabilia, became a blacksmith. He enlisted in Capt. Holland's Company, including Civil War, and a discount Missouri Home Guard, in June 1861; in Phelps' Regiment, Missouri coupon go to www.hartfordshow.com. Infantry; and then the 6th Regiment, Provisional Enrolled Missouri Militia. O'Neal was buried at Springfield National Cemetery in 1901.

Springfield, Missouri, at the intersection of Highway ZZ and Farm Road 182. To receive more information call (417) 732-2662, extension 227.

Phelps Camp #66 – Springfield, MO (Continued)

CAMP COMMANDER WAIT REPRESENTS SUV AT WILSON'S CREEK BATTLEFIELD

Camp Commander Wait represented the SUVCW at the Wilson's Creek battle anniversary ceremony on Friday, August 10, 2012. In his remarks, Greg explained the history of the organization and highlighted our recent efforts to honor those who saved the Union. In addition, camp members Larry Toll and Todd Wilkinson were in attendance. Larry commanded the living history color guard, and Todd represented the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

SEPTEMBER 22 CEREMONY NEAR ELKLAND

On Saturday, September 22, we will help the descendants of Union Corporal Thomas Keeling, 46th Missouri Infantry, dedicate a new headstone in his honor on private property near Elkland. Phelps Camp members are urged to attend, wearing membership medals, and those with living history clothing are encouraged to come in 1860s period attire. In addition, we need members with appropriate Union infantry uniform, accoutrements and weapon to volunteer for the color guard.

The ceremony begins at 11 a.m., so camp members are asked to be at the cemetery no later than 10:30 a.m. The ceremony will last approximately one hour, and immediately following the event all camp members are invited to a potluck dinner at a nearby church.

Here are the particulars:

To get to the Orten-Tippin Cemetery-

From Springfield—Take I-44 East to the Marshfield exit. At the top of the ramp, turn left and pass over I-44. At the traffic light, turn right on Highway W. Travel 11.3 miles to Sunrise Road. Turn right at the "Y" in the road, stay to the right, and travel across the creek and through the woods to the property owner's driveway. The address is 635 Sunrise Road, Elkland, Mo.

From Elkland—Take EE east to Highway W, then north (left) 2.2. miles to Sunrise Road. Turn right at the "Y" in the road, stay to the right, and travel across the creek and through the woods to the property owner's driveway.

Watch for "Keeling" signs!

Following the ceremony, the potluck luncheon will be held at the St. Luke Church. To get there from the cemetery, turn left on Sunrise Road to Highway W. Turn left and go about 4.4 miles south on Highway W to Highway Y. Turn left. The church is about ½ mile on the right side of the road.

Those attending the ceremony (non-camp members) are urged to bring a lawn chair if they cannot stand. There are no restroom facilities at the cemetery.

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RESEARCH CENTER

OLLA

SUV donates Cape Girardeau record book

On May 10, 2012, Commander Greg Wait of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUV) John S. Phelps Camp (Springfield, MO) visited the Research Center-Rolla bearing a donation-a record book of the women's auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans camp in Cape Girardeau.

The 152-page volume, rescued from a southwest Missouri antique shop close to the Springfield camp, contains minutes of the fortnightly meetings of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary No. 7 of the William T. Stewart Camp No. 14 (Cape Girardeau, MO) from 1920 through 1929. Auxiliary No. 7 and its counterparts in the Missouri Division and elsewhere in the United States represented the distaff side of the Sons of Veterans organization. Founded in 1878 as the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America (SV), the patriotic and fraternal organization was associated with the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and its female auxiliaries and participated in many of the same activities, including Decoration Day (now Memorial Day) and July 4th commemorations. The two organizations also shared elements of fraternal life such as patriotic rituals, regalia, life insurance plans, and state and national meetings called encampments. The groups never merged, but when the GAR officially disbanded in 1956, it designated the Sons of Veterans (renamed in 1925 the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War) as its legal successor.

Unlike the GAR, which became a political force to be reckoned with in the late nineteenth century, the SV was primarily a social organization based on commemorative and patriotic themes, a character reflected in theminutes of the Cape Girardeau auxiliary.

> **Official business** transacted at most meetings was brief and generally included communiqués from

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Greg Wait, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War John S. FPhelps Camp commander (left) with John F. Bradbury, assistant director, SHSMO Research Center-Rolla.

state and national headquarters and patriotic readings. The gatherings were frequently given over to reports on the welfare of sick or absent members, socializing, and fundraising through guilt raffles, ten-cent sales, ice cream socials, and euchre parties to meet expenses for hall rental, regalia, Memorial Day decorations, and per capita taxes paid to the state department. The significant affairs were the annual installation of the Auxiliary's officers in January, celebration of Abraham Lincoln's birthday in February, and in cooperation with GAR and Sons of Veterans delegations, public ceremonies on Memorial Day. There is no roster of the Auxiliary, but those women who can be readily identified appear to have been the wives of men who traced their lineage to Union soldiers from Cape Girardeau and Perry counties. During the period for which the minutes exist, Lillie Markhart, Lydia Schneider, and Emma Thilenius were among the most active members, serving long terms as president and secretary of the Auxiliary.

National interest in the SUV has revived in recent years, and the organization is thriving again. Many new camps formed in the last three decades, including several in Missouri. The minute book of the Auxiliary of the SUV post at Cape Girardeau joins other records in SHSMO collections dedicated to the commemoration of those soldiers who fought during the Civil War, including those of the Grand Army of the Republic and the SUV's Department of the Missouri, as well as records of the United Confederate Veterans.

<u>McPherson Camp #1 – Little Rock, Arkansas</u>



The MG J.B. McPherson Camp #1 in Little Rock, Arkansas, celebrated Memorial Day by holding a service (and recruiting table) at the Minnesota Monument at the Little Rock National Cemetery. On September 8, 2012, we'll be supporting a marker dedication at the old Searcy Landing site on the Little Red River near Searcy, AR., as well as presentations to several Civil War Roundtable groups during September.

McPherson Camp at Little Rock National Cemetery on Memorial Day, 2012. L to R: Ellen Lewis, Steve Shore, Ed Williams, Jeffrey Stewart, Tony Woodruff, David Casto, Tom Ezell, Karen Woodruff



<u>Tiger Camp #432 – Columbia, MO</u>

On Saturday June 16th, 2012 the Tiger Camp #432 was represented in the Hallsville Heritage Days parade in Hallsville, Mo. The members present from Tiger Camp was camp JVC James R. Dixon and camp Sec/Tres Bryan Bradford, PCC. The parade was on a nice warm and sunny day, with a large crowd attending. The Tiger Camp was joined by a member of the Elijah Gates Camp SCV of Fulton on horseback. There were two ladies that joined as well, and all had a great time. The town enjoyed seeing a Civil War group attending, and we hope to get a bigger turnout next year.



The people in the picture are from left to right.... Sheila M. Pauley, Bryan P. Bradford, PCC, and James R. Dixon

Sigel Camp #614 – Rolla, MO

37th Annual Newburg Days Address, 9 June 2012 Randal A. Burd, Jr. Camp Commander, Sigel Camp #614, SUVCW Secretary, Department of Missouri, SUVCW

Welcome. Kevin Olson and his committee have done an outstanding job organizing this 37th Annual Newburg Days event. Sigel Camp #614, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, is honored to have been invited by Kevin to co-sponsor this event, approved by our National Headquarters as a Sesquicentennial Signature Event, remembering places and events of special significance in the 1861-1865 American Civil War. We, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, are descendants of those who fought to preserve our Union. Our mandate is to educate the public about their bravery, and their sacrifices. But as many Missourians, I am a descendant of the blue and the grey. Our ancestors on both sides of the war were, with few exceptions, good people who shared our sacred values of God, Family, and Home.

I had intended to read from a list the engagements in the area, but was unable to decide what the boundaries of this area should be. Soldiers camped near the future site of Newburg, preventing Confederate access to Rolla. Just this past Thursday marked the June 7, 1862 anniversary of Col. Albert Sigel and his 13th Missouri capturing the town of Waynesville. Sigel Camp #614 is named for Col. Sigel and his brother, General Franz Sigel, who occupied Rolla on June 14, 1861. Confederate bushwhackers rebelled against this occupation. Some, such as Bill Wilson, took sides only to avenge tragedies inflicted on his family. These bushwhackers kept Union forces engaged throughout the war. Missouri is third, behind Virginia and Tennessee, for the number of engagements fought on its soil, and this does not take into account those many exchanges of bullets too small to be considered engagements.

This country is not ours because those alive today created it. It was passed down to us, formed by the choices and the sacrifices of those often forgotten, just as we will pass it to our descendants, altered by our choices, shaped by success and suffering, and sanctified by the blood of those willing to give all. We must not forget that we are not owners, but stewards, of a nation with values which have withstood turmoil and transcended time.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is the legal heir and representative of the Grand Army of the Republic, a fraternal organization composed of veterans who fought to preserve the Union. General John Logan of the GAR established Memorial Day, first called Decoration Day, as an annual day of remembrance of Civil War veterans, blue and grey, to be first celebrated on May 30, 1868. Memorial Day expanded after World War I to include all our brave soldiers who gave their lives that this nation would endure; however, it is imperative we do not forget its origins, nor limit ourselves to one day to remember our history and the relevance it still holds.

It is our hope in your experiences here today, you realize the Civil War was not merely a chapter in your history textbook. These were real people with real convictions, bleeding real blood, feeling real loss. Abraham Lincoln stated, "If destruction be our lot we must

ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of free men we will live forever or die by suicide." Never were we closer to this suicide than during our Civil War. Our citizens are tempted from time to time, in alarmist tones, to warn of our imminent demise. Especially in this and every election year, people fret that the compromise and equilibrium of shared values which make our democracy great will fail with the election of a candidate whose

<u>Sigel Camp #614 – Rolla, MO (Continued)</u>

vision of the future differs from our own. History shows us our division could be far more bitter, the cost of such bitter division is too great, and even from those depths, we can overcome.

At this time, throughout this day, and through the months and years ahead, remember these ancestors of the blue and the grey. Their sacrifices are relevant. We are here remembering their sacrifices, because we believe ours was and continues to be a nation worth saving. Please join me in honoring our Civil War veterans.

*The Newburg Event was an approved SUVCW Sesquicentennial Event.







Also, on August 26, 2012, Department Commander Martin Aubuchon presented members of the Sigel Camp #614 with the Joseph S. Rippey Award for Most Outstanding Camp 2011-2012.



McCormick Camp # 215 – Farmington / Park Hills, MO

The McCormick Camp #215 has been extremely busy since the Spring issue of the *Missouri Unionist*. A few of the activities we have participated in and some photos follow.



On Sunday, May 27, 2012, in the tradition of the G.A.R., Chris & Twyla Warren presented a Memorial Day Sunday portion of their

church service in Desloge, MO, with patriotic speeches, the history of Memorial Day and the G.A.R., and more. Then, on Memorial Day, members of the McCormick Camp and Volker Auxiliary assembled at the

gravesite of James R. McCormick and held a traditional G.A.R. Memorial Day ceremony.



Next, June 2nd saw the Department of Missouri's 17th Annual Encampment. Members of the camp were in attendance, and member Chris Warren completed his term as Department Commander (and was elected to the Dept. Council). Also, the Volker Auxiliary 215 & St. James Auxiliary 326 held a Ladies Tea.



The following Saturday, June 9th, saw camp members (along with members of the Fletcher Camp) assisting the new Sigel Camp with an SUVCW Sesquicentennial Event in Newburg, MO. Members presented colors for the opening ceremonies, marched in the local parade, and set up a Civil War camp display, in addition to promoting the SUVCW and trying to recruit new members for the Sigel Camp.

Next, on June 16th, members of the McCormick Camp and Volker Auxiliary joined the Fletcher Camp in presenting a Civil War encampment and soldiering demonstrations for the Moses Austin Heritage Festival in Potosi, MO. The Mine Au Breton Historical Society had specifically extended an invitation to our groups after the two or three programs we



had presented at their meetings.

Then, July did not slow down either; the McCormick Camp also presented an SUVCW Eagle Scout Award to Frank Nash in Pilot Knob, MO on July 1st. A couple days later, camp members were once again doing another Civil War program (assisted by the Volker Auxiliary) titled "Missouri's Unknown Heroes & Heroines" for the Iron County Genealogical Society in Ironton, MO. Also, members of the camp and auxiliary once again joined the

Fletcher camp in another parade (Fourth of July Parade in DeSoto, MO).

McCormick Camp # 215 - Farmington / Park Hills, MO

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Also, on July 8th and 22nd, meetings were held at the Gen. James R. McCormick House in Farmington, for an upcoming living history and house tour event. This event was held on August 11th with over 162 people attending! Camp members, along with Fletcher Camp & Volker Auxiliary, set up a Civil War encampment, soldiers' demonstrations, cooking displays in the summer kitchen, and Chris & Twyla



Warren portrayed James R. McCormick and his wife Susan Elizabeth Garner McCormick (with period home life demonstrations inside the home).

Finally, as August started to slow down just a bit, members stayed active by attending (at the invitation of the Fletcher Camp) an open house of the DeSoto Historical Society (on August 14th). This was followed by a special program on the life of William J. Hinchey at the Hinchey House in DeSoto, MO, on August 16th. Paul Cameron portrayed Hinchey and explained the role of an artist correspondent during the Civil War. The month concluded with Chris & Twyla Warren presenting a program titled "The Civil War in St. Francois County, Missouri: The Events and Its Legacy" for the St. Francois County Rotary Club on August 27th.





<u>Fletcher Camp #47 – De Soto, MO</u>

The Fletcher Camp has been very bust as well since the last issue. Along with participating with the McCormick Camp in several events, the camp has had some events of their own.

May 19th – Marched in the Hillsboro, MO Armed Forces Day Parade.

May 28th - Memorial Day Service at James R. McCormick's

Grave, Farmington, MO

June 2nd – Members attend the 17th Annual Department of Missouri Encampment in Ste. Genevieve, MO.

June 9th – Newburg, MO Days / Sigel Camp SUVCW Sesquicentennial Event & Parade

June 15th-16th - Moses Austin Heritage Festival in Potosi, MO

July 4th - 4th of July Parade in DeSoto, MO

July 22nd – Meeting for McCormick House Event in Farmington, MO

July 10th – Set up for McCormick Event and July 11th McCormick House Event

July 14th - DeSoto Historical Society Open House

July 16th - Special Program at Hinchey House in DeSoto, MO

Other Department News from the Department Commander

The Medal of Honor Ceremony was organized by Brother William L. Groth, Jr., PCC William T. Sherman Camp No. 65, and Department Medal of Honor Officer.

Brothers from the General Alexander S. Asboth Camp No. 5, U.S. Grant Camp No. 68, and William T. Sherman Camp No. 65 were in attendance.

Medal of Honor Ceremony Honoring Charles W. Bieger Pvt., Co. D, 4th Missouri Cavalry For action at Ivy Farm, Mississippi February 22, 1864

Ceremony Sunday, March 25, 2012 2:00 P.M. Mt Hope Cemetery 1215 Lemay Ferry Road St. Louis, MO





Alexander S. Asboth Camp No. 5.

Memorial Day Ceremony Jefferson Barracks National Ceremony St. Louis, MO.

On Memorial Day, Brothers of the SUVCW gather to honor the Civil War Soldiers who are buried in the Jefferson Barracks National Ceremony. The ceremony is organized either by the U.S. Grant Camp #68 or the William T. Sherman Camp #65 in alternate years.

Pictured here are brothers from the Francis J. Wilhelmi Camp No. 17, U.S. Grant Camp No. 68, and William T. Sherman Camp No. 65. Not pictured are members of the General Brother Randy Baehr and his artillery unit. Members of the the reenacting unit 17th MO Infantry, and the SVR Calvary Unit of the Asboth Camp No. 5.

Civil War History by Bob Schmidt



Why Brig. Gen. James R. McCormick Enrolled Missouri Militia, Third Military District (1824-1897)

Explored here are opinions as to how the premier officer in the Enrolled Missouri Militia (E.M.M.) for the 3rd Military District achieved that position. Granted, it was a political appointment, as this manner of Missouri troops were under the direct control of the Governor, yet the curiosity remains, as it always does, when facts are not obvious. Perhaps these few paragraphs will start the discussion.

The Rebellion brought all manner of commanding officer ¹ into the Union service in Missouri, their education coming from several different institutions. Within this group, with those prominent in Southeast Missouri, were the West Point men, Samuel R. Curtis, Henry W. Halleck, Ulysses S. Grant, William P. Carlin and John M. Schofield. From the Military Academy: William S. Rosecrans, James Totten and John W. Davidson. Others were schooled in law: Francis P. Blair, Jr. at Princeton, John Scott at Franklin College, Chester Harding, Jr. at Harvard.

Of the commanding officers of Missouri's Volunteer regiments, some had educations preparatory for professional careers as physicians, lawyers, engineers, etc. while many learned trades from family owned businesses such as merchandising, publishing, etc. Other than the few foreign-born who brought with them a military background to America, most future Missouri officers had no military experience. Nobody did. Necessity was the reason most of these latter men entered the military, their experience in organization, administration and other qualities learned in the practical world, adapted them for the military service.²

This paper seeks to examine the background and career of James R. McCormick, Brigadier General of the 3rd Military District for the Enrolled Missouri Militia in order to answer the question of why he was chosen for this command. McCormick's education and profession was as a physician. His earliest military duty was as a Surgeon in the 6th Missouri Infantry. This came about as a result of Provisional Governor Hamilton R. Gamble's call of August 24, 1861 for 42,000 six month militia, seventy-five per cent infantry the remaining as cavalry. Response to the call was unfavorable, barely 6,000 men enlisting and, with the Missouri State Militia favored in early 1862, recruitment for the former organization ceased. These men were mustered-out January 25, 1862. Little remains to explain their service.

The Enrolled Missouri Militia, where McCormick is best known, was authorized by a series of orders beginning with July 22, 1862. As further Orders reveal, all men, loyal and disloyal alike, were to present themselves for enrollment at locations within their communities. Some of the earliest enrollments are observed that same month, probably by those who had advance knowledge. McCormick (also seen as McCormack) was assigned to Co. A Batt'n. A 64th Enrolled Missouri Militia at his enrollment August 10, 1862 at Conrad's Mill Perry Co., Missouri. He entered as a Pvt. At the same time, McCormick ran for a seat in the Missouri State Senate from the 26th District, 22nd General Assembly for which he was successful. His only known prior service in a legislative body was his election to the Missouri Convention which convened February 28, 1861.

The question must now be posed as to why James R. McCormick was recommended by Governor Gamble to command the E.M.M. in the 3rd Military District. Conclusions of this nature can never be reached with certainty but from presently seen documentation, it is theorized that Governor Gamble's decision was based on three considerations. One, though nearly every aspect of their background was different, it is supposed that Gamble became acquainted with McCormick at the Missouri State Convention in the pre-war. While the Journal of the initial Convention, and those that followed, provide no indication that any manner of relationship

existed between the two, one must begin somewhere. When the decision was made for McCormick's appointment, Gamble may have reflected on this, their perhaps passing acquaintance, in a favorable light. Two, it is wondered if Gamble, by now, a weakening pro-slavery man prone to gradual compensated emancipation saw in McCormick a feature that would preserve some peace amongst those of similar persuasions in Southeast Missouri. McCormick's precise views on slavery, though a slave holder himself, cannot be predicted but he likely tailored them to keep that property secure and may have mirrored those of John W. Noell, then in the US Congress. This brings us to the third offering, that it was on the recommendation of Noell to Gamble that McCormick was the best man for the post of Brigadier General of the E.M.M. Noell, like McCormick was a Perry County slaveholder. If such be correct, then Noell did not live to see Gamble's proposal, he dying in Washington March 14, 1863, two days prior to Gamble's communication to the Missouri Senate.⁵

As Brig. Gen. 3rd Military District, McCormick commanded these regiments of Enrolled Missouri Militia: 32nd, 56th, 64th, 68th, 78th, 79th and the Mississippi County Regiment. ⁶

Endnotes

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³ History of Southeast Missouri pg. 653 Goodspeed Publ. Co. Chicago 1888 Reprint Southern Historical Society Press, Inc. Greenville, SC 1990. Biographical sketches in this volume were self-written, this one compiled during McCormick's lifetime, it is the only source seen to date that gives this data, the muster rolls not having survived. McCormick declared he served in the 6th Regiment, which predated another of this name commanded by Col. P. E. Bland. Other sources do not mention the 6th to which McCormick claimed to have served. See also *The War of the Rebellion* (Official Records) *Series III Volume I pg. 795-797* as quoted in *Missouri Troops in Service During the Civil War, Letter From the Secretary of War.... pg. 18-20* Government Printing Office Washington 1902. McCormick's claims to the contrary, it is suspected that this service was in (Samuel P.) Simpson's six Month Militia, also seen as the 4th Infantry, which had enlistments in Perry Co., Missouri in the fall of 1861. See, *Service Cards Missouri Digital Collections Simpson's Regiment Six Months Militia*.

⁴ For background of the E.M.M. from wartime documents, see *Missouri Troops in Service During the Civil War*.... It is available in an on-line version. McCormick's service cards are at *Missouri Digital Collections* also on-line (shown as 'McCormack'.) Co.'s A, B and C 64th Enrolled Missouri Militia were later transferred to the 78th E.M.M. in nearby Ste. Genevieve County with staff officers of the 78th commissioned following McCormick's appointment/nomination as Brig. Gen., 3rd Military District. The 64th filled a second Co.'s A, B and C. See *Annual Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Missouri For the Year Ending 1863, 1865, 64th E.M.M. and 78th E.M.M. McCormick ran for the Missouri Senate on the Unconditional Union ticket. <i>8/23/1862 Perryville Union.* This newspaper also promoted fellow countian, John W. Noell, for Representative in the US Congress. See also *Journal of Proceedings of the Missouri State Convention Held at Jefferson City and St. Louis March, 1861* George Knapp & Co., Printer, St. Louis 1861 for McCormick's service in this body. ⁵ Boman, Dennis K., *Lincoln and Citizens' Rights in Civil War Missouri—Balancing Freedom and Security pg. 195-96* Louisiana State Univ. Press. For Gamble's communication to the Missouri Senate on the McCormick

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