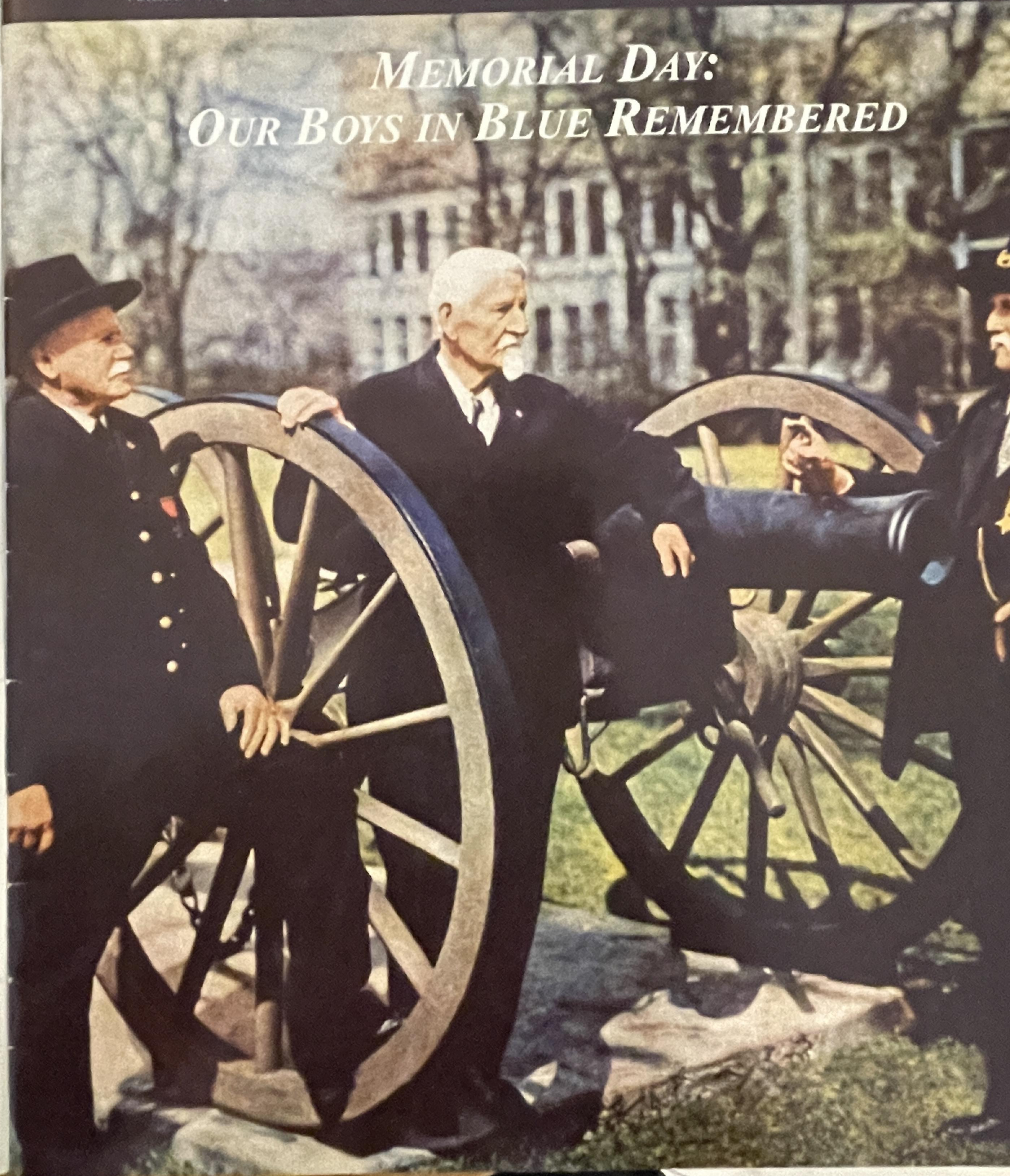


*MEMORIAL DAY:  
OUR BOYS IN BLUE REMEMBERED*





# ON THE MOVE WITH CINC MEDERT



*The Dept. of Tennessee's Encampment, hosted by the Fort Donelson Camp 62, was held at Ferguson Hall on the campus of the Tennessee Children's Home in Spring Hill, TN. Ferguson Hall served as the 1863 Spring Hill headquarters of Confederate MG Earl Van Dorn. Pausing under Van Dorn's Portrait: PDC Geoffrey Hintze (Pvt. Richard Taylor Camp 53), PDC Clyde Getman, (Sultana Camp 1), CinC Medert, Roger Tenney (Fort Donelson Camp 62) and DC Charlie Engle (Col. Robert Byrd Camp 8).*



*CinC Medert congratulates new Department of California & Pacific PDC Jerry Sayre on completing a successful term, during the Department's recent Encampment in San Luis Obispo.*



*CinC Medert visits with Ohio's Enderlin Camp 73 CC Don Martin (center) and DC Craig Keller (right) during a recent Camp meeting.*



*L to R: PDP Helen Geppi (Aux. & WRC), Aux. NP Jan Harding, CinC Medert, WRC NP Marcia Butgereit and PDP Carol LaRue (Aux. & WRC)*

## CINC MEDERT'S 2009 TRAVEL SCHEDULE

24 January	Dept. of Indiana Mid-Winter Meeting	Huntington, IN
31 January	Dept. of Tennessee Encampment	Spring Hill, TN
12 February	Lincoln Birthday - Lincoln Birthday	Washington, DC
6-8 March	Dept. of California & Pacific Encampment	San Luis Obispo, CA
18 April	Lincoln Tomb/GAR Founder's Ceremonies	Springfield & Petersburg, IL
25 April	Dept. of Michigan Encampment	Lansing, MI
25 May	Memorial Day (observed)	Washington, DC
30 May	Memorial Day (traditional)	Arlington, VA
6 June	Dept. of Missouri Encampment	St. Louis, MO
13 June	Dept. of Florida Encampment	St. Cloud, FL
25-28 June	Dept. of Pennsylvania Encampment	New Oxford, PA

Various Nat. Officers will represent CinC Medert at the Encampments and events not listed.





## WELCOME NEW CAMPS

**Kennesaw Mountain Camp 3** – Marietta, GA, Department of Georgia/South Carolina (Organized by Br. Ernest Blevins) Date of rank: 17 Nov 07

**Frederick W. Lander Camp 5** – Lynn, MA, Department of Massachusetts (Organized by DC Kevin Tucker) Date of rank: 04 Feb 08

**Gen. William Harney Camp 8** – Casselberry, FL, Department of Florida, (Organized by Br. William Cavins) Date of rank: 12 Feb 08

**NC Union Volunteers Camp 5** – Morehead City, NC, Camp-at-Large, (Organized by Br. Bryan Salter) Date of rank: 12 Apr 08

**Jacob Parrott Camp 33** – Kenton, OH, Dept. of Ohio, (Organized by Br. Robert Davis) Date of Rank: 2 Sep 2008

**GAR Post 2 Camp 299** – Philadelphia, PA, Dept. of Pennsylvania, (Organized by Br. John Hart, Jr.) Date of Rank: 04 Nov 2008

### NEW CAMPS IN PROGRESS

The following Camps have submitted Charter applications (Form 55):

**Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp 326** – Ste. Genevieve, MO, Department of Missouri (Organizer – Br. Gary Scheel)



(L to R): PDC Robert Petrovic (Nat. CofA), Don Schweiss (Guest), JVC Thomas Greminger, CC Paul Cameron, Sec/Treas. Gary L. Scheel, SVC Thomas Farlow, Dr. Donald Palmer (Nat. Sec.) and Council Member Bob Schmidt. Not shown: Council Member Wilfred Bauman and Clarence Hill. Photo by SVC Martin Aubuchon (U.S. Grant Camp 68 SVC).

#### INTERESTED IN ORGANIZING A NEW CAMP?

Once authorized by your Dept. Commander, contact your Dept. Secretary for their necessary forms and instructions. A minimum of five members with lineage, not counting Juniors, is required. See Form 50 for specifics.

The following Camps have been given permission to form (approved Form 51 on file):

**Col. James Crowther Camp 89** – Tyrone, PA, Department of Pennsylvania (Organizer – Br. Robert Hileman, Jr.)

**John B. Anderson Camp 223** – Columbus, IN, Department of Indiana (Organizer – Br. Bret Caldwell)

There is also interest in forming Camps in Alaska, Mexico, Oregon and Washington.

**Satuit Camp 3188** in Scituate, Massachusetts, was organized by Br. Conley Ford and started with 27 applications for membership. The initiation and installation ceremony on October 23rd was held in the newly renovated (ca. 1826) GAR Hall, which is owned by the Scituate Historical Society. One of the prized positions in the GAR Hall is a print of the Battle of Gettysburg signed by General George Meade. As of this writing, Camp 3188 has 38 Brothers and continues to grow.



From left: Camp Historian David Corbin, JVC Stephen Litchfield, Council Member Francis Litchfield, Patriotic Instructor Jan Ford, CC Conley Ford, SVC Alerton Bonney and Sec/Treas. Elsworth Spear are the officers for the new Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Satuit Camp 3188. MA DC Perley Mellor, Jr. on right, helped perform the Installation ceremony. Photo courtesy of CC Conley Ford.



#### "Before Manassas, there was Mexico"

Many Civil War leaders like Grant, Sherman, McClellan and others they commanded saw action in the Mexican War.

The Descendants of Mexican War Veterans is an organization of men and women who have an ancestor or interest in the Mexican War of 1846-1848.

Visit [www.dmwv.org](http://www.dmwv.org) or send request SASE to: D.M.W.V. Membership Dept., Box 830482, Richardson, TX, 75083

**Descendants of Mexican War Veterans**



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Jonathan Slaughter's project was featured in earlier editions of the Banner. On Saturday 28 February 2009 Jonathan had his Court of Honor and was officially awarded the title of Eagle Scout. During the ceremony, Buckhannon Camp 49 Sec/Treas. Mike Phillips presented Jonathan with an Eagle Scout Certificate and spoke about the SUVCW's efforts to keep alive the ideals of the Union soldiers.

Jonathan was the fifth Eagle Scout that Camp 49 has recognized since its chartering. Jonathan plans to continue his education and pursue a career in agriculture.

#### Yokum's New Headstone

7th.WV Inf. Camp 7 Br. Josh Ours and CC Randy Ours (far right), along with members of the local Landes Ruritan Club, and family members cleaned up a Petersburg, WV, cemetery and placed a new headstone on the grave of Pvt. John Yokum of Capt. John Bond's Company of WV State Troops (Union Home Guard). Pvt. Yokum was killed June 19, 1864 in a skirmish with McNeill's Rangers. Ruritan Club & family members are from left: Dave Stump, Lonnie Borrer, Jr. Hedrick and Mike Reel.



#### MICHIGAN

Recently, Centreville's March to the Sea Camp 135, assisted by Kalamazoo's Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20, rededicated the restored GAR monument located in the Centreville's Prairie River Cemetery.

The monument was erected ca. 1896 in honor of local men who served in the War of the Rebellion and for those who served in Mexico in Co. E, 15th Inf. under Capt. I. D. Toll. After the turn of the 20th century, about 15 inches of the rifle barrel was broken off. Unfortunately, the monument was not repaired and the broken piece was lost.

In 2007, March to the Sea Camp 135 undertook the restoration of the monument to its original glory. Grants

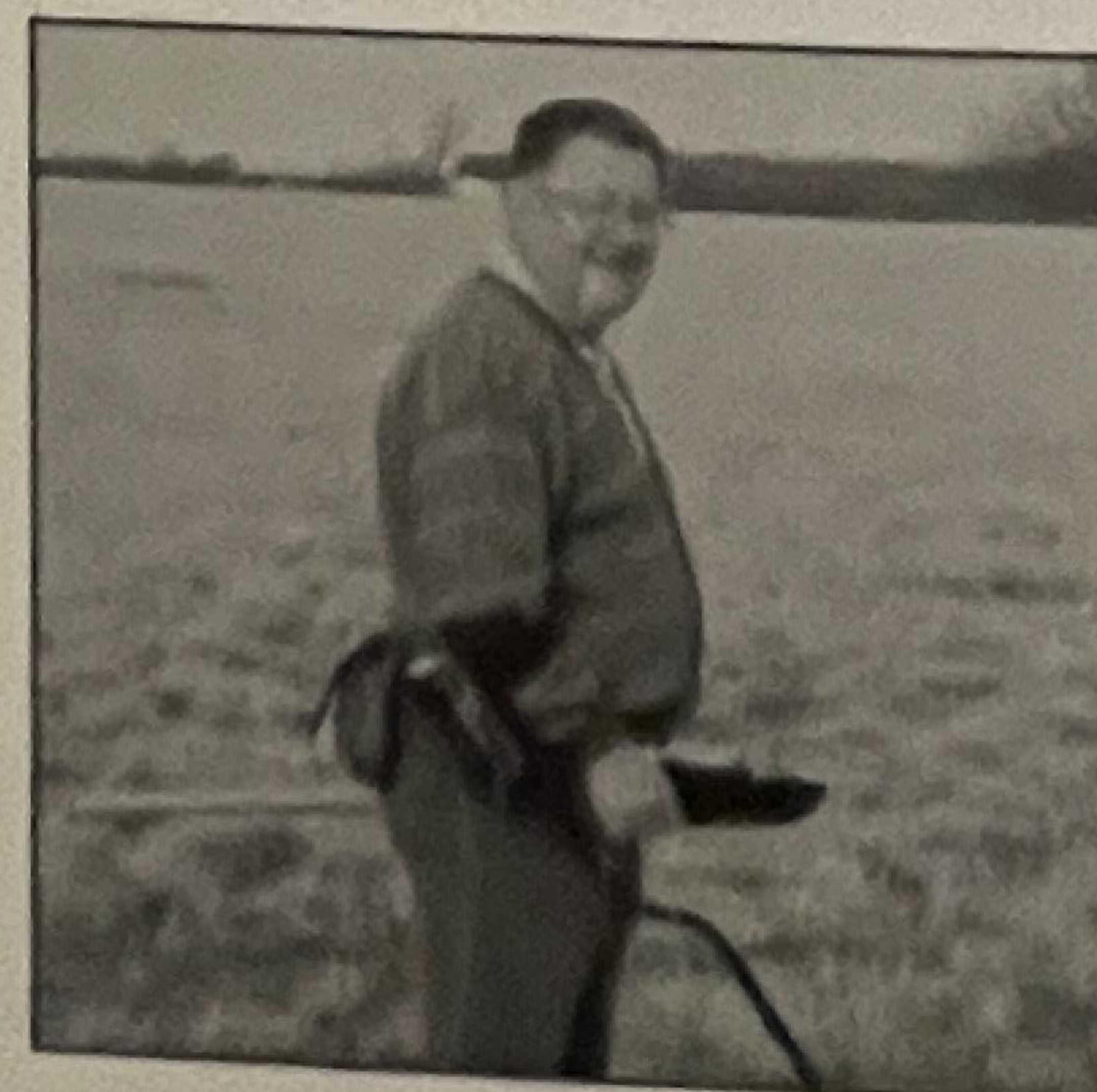


from the SUVCW National Memorials Grant program, Camp 20, and donations from the community funded the project. Two local sculptors were able to create and install a nearly perfect match for the broken piece out of granite.

The re-dedication was carried out in nearly perfect weather with a crowd of over 50 attendees, including many Allied Orders members from across the state. The featured speaker was State Senator Cameron Brown, a brother of Camp 135, who ably summed up the importance of our stewardship of our nation's history of freedom and liberty.

#### MISSOURI

PDC Walt Busch of U.S. Grant Camp 68, Brs. Rod Price and Doug Roussin of Gen. McCormick Camp 215 and their wives have formed an ad-hoc group of camping enthusiasts, which meets twice a year to go to some Civil War related site in the Midwest. In early March, they and their metal detectors were invited by the National Park Service and other agencies to participate in an archaeological survey on recently acquired battlefield. After hours, the "Missouri SUV-RV'ers" gather around the fire or in an RV. Interested parties from outside Missouri are welcome.



*Br. Doug Roussin is seen with his metal detector*



## NEW LIFE MEMBERS

694. Todd D. Holton  
Austin Blair Camp 7  
Department of Michigan

695. Hugh D. Montgomery  
Lt. Ezra Griffin Camp 8  
Department of Pennsylvania

696. Robert A. Sulger, Jr.  
Lt. Ezra Griffin Camp 8  
Department of Pennsylvania

697. Adam W. Gaines  
National Membership-at-Large  
Membership-at-Large Department

698. Alfred C. Carty, III  
Joel Searfoss Camp 273  
Department of Pennsylvania

699. Richard W. Penland  
Co. Edward D. Baker Camp 6  
Membership-at-Large Department

700. George C. Williams (Real son)  
U.S. Grant Camp 68  
Department of Missouri

701. Charles M. Hopkins  
Curtenius Guard Camp 17  
Department of Michigan

702. Michael S. Long  
Lt. Ezra Griffin Camp 7  
Department of Pennsylvania

## HONOR ROLL

In Memory of Pvt. Charles Wilkinson  
Co. A, 195th Regiment Ohio Infantry  
by the Br. William E. Little Trust

In Honor of W. J.T. Adams  
Co. C, 1st MD P.H.B. Vol. Inf.  
by Br. William R. Adams

In Honor of Capt. Philp J. Wang  
Co. D, 107th Ohio Vol. Inf.  
by Br. Samuel D. Wang

In Honor of Alvin Ackle Caulkins  
Co. A, 7th Minnesota Infantry  
by Br. Jack A. Searle

A tribute is placed when a contribution (\$10 min.) is made to the SUVCW Permanent Fund.

## NOMINEES FOR NATIONAL AWARDS SOUGHT

The Commander-in-Chief is seeking recipients for the following awards to be given at this year's Nat. Encampment:  
**U.S. Grant Cup** (est. 1939)—presented to the Department with the greatest percentage growth in membership during the last year.

**Augustus P. Davis-Conrad Linder Award** (est. 1969)—presented to the Department with the greatest numerical growth in membership during the last year.

**Marshall Hope Award** (est. 1992)—presented to the Camp and Department with the most outstanding newsletters.

**Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief Award** (est. 1994)—presented to the CinC's choice for the most outstanding Camp during the year.

**Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award** (est. 1994)—presented to the CinC's choice for the most outstanding brother during the last year.

**B.F. Stephenson Award** (est. 1996)—presented to the brother, who is the top recruiter during the last year.

**Founders Award** (est. 1998)—presented to non-Allies Orders group or individual, who performs outstanding service in memory of Union soldiers, sailors and marines. Concurrence of the Council of Administration required.

**Joseph S. Rippey New Camp Award** (est. 2003)—presented to the most successful new Camp.

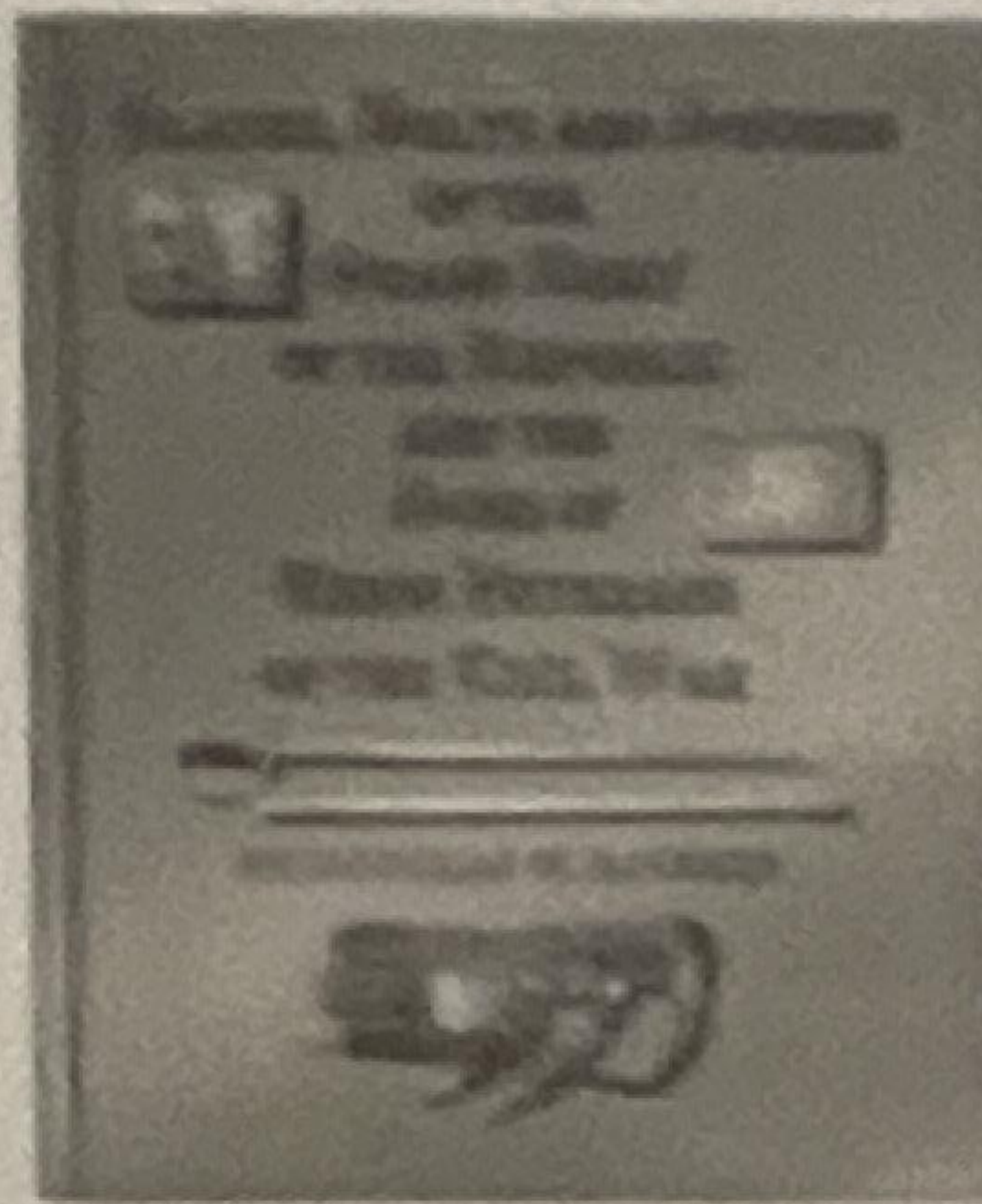
**Meritorious Service Award - with Gold Star** - presented to a brother or brothers, who served the Order for an extended period of time in an outstanding and exemplary manner. Concurrence of the Council of Admin. required.

Nominees may be submitted to CinC David V. Medert via email at [cinc@suvcw.org](mailto:cinc@suvcw.org)



# SUVCW Charitable Foundation

## "NEW ITEMS"



**Plates, Belts, and Swords of the Grand Army of the Republic  
and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
by: Douglas W. Roussin

The standard reference for swords, belts and plates of the GAR and the Sons of Veterans, this work will help anyone who desires to collect or learn more about the equipment used by this most visible of Civil War veteran groups, as well as their S.O.V. heirs. Includes over 150 examples which have been photographed and documented, as well as an easy-to-use rarity scale and standardized numbering system.

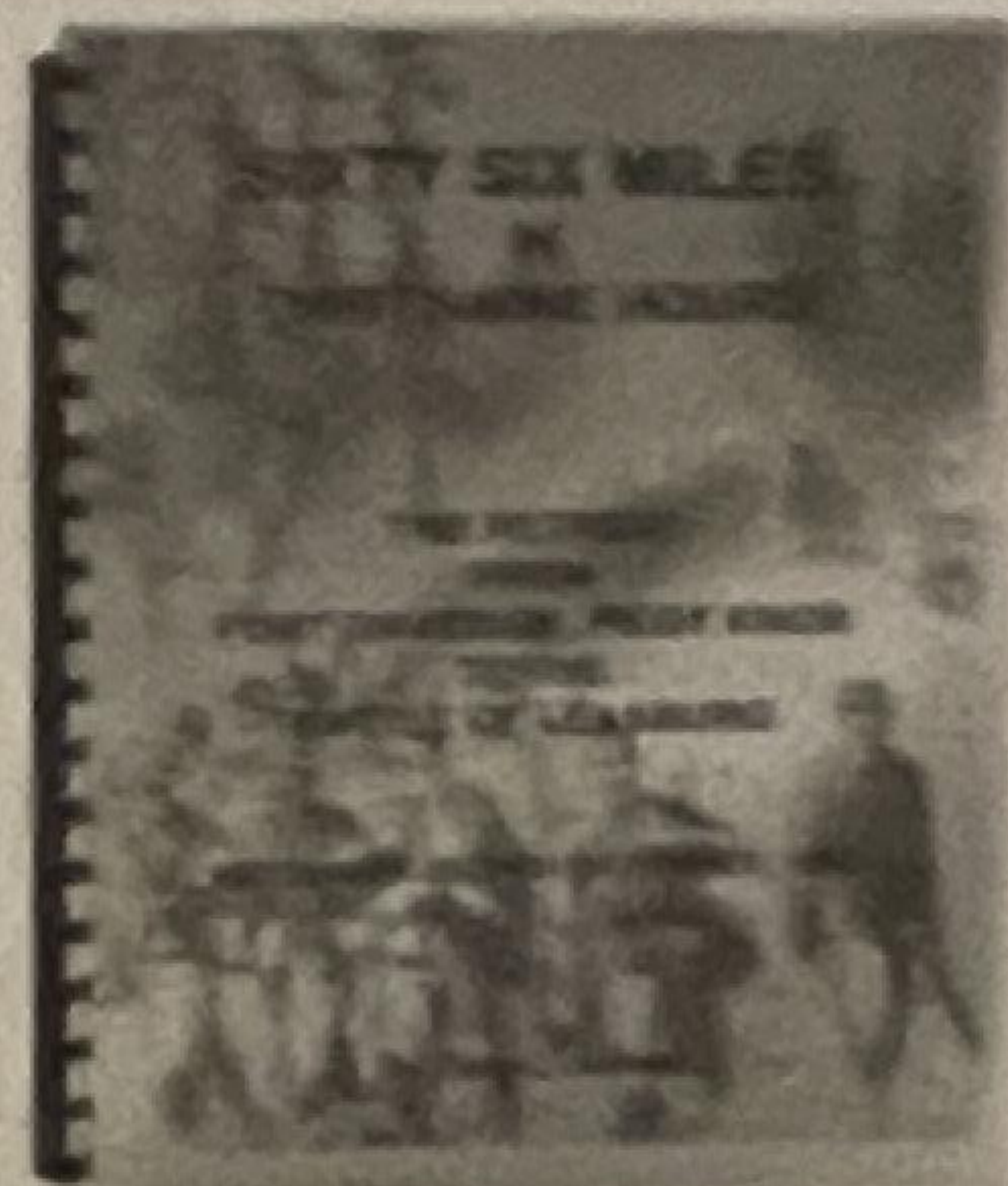
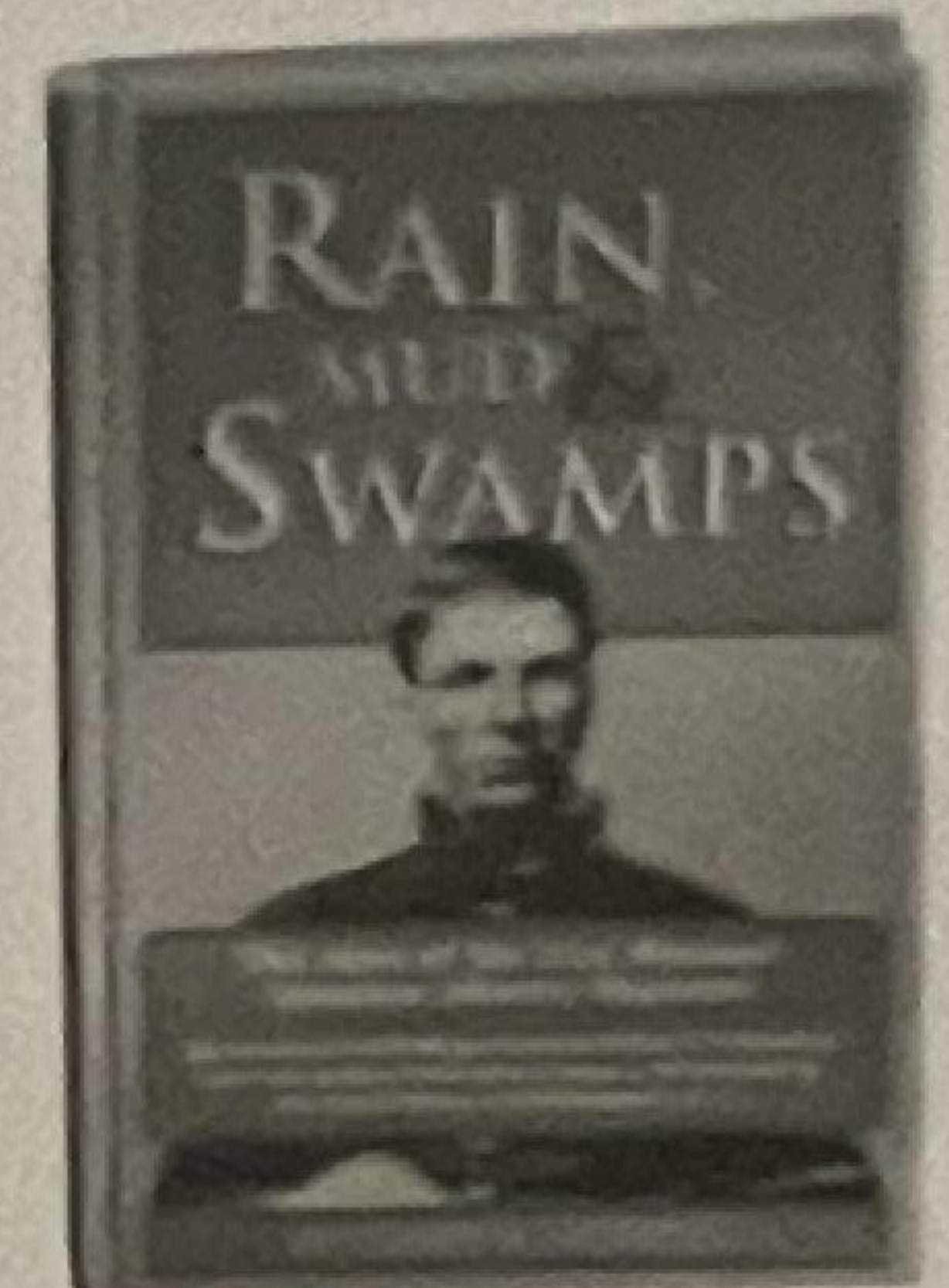
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**Rain, Mud & Swamps**  
the story of the 31st MO Volunteer Infantry Regiment  
by: Gary L. Scheel

Rain, Mud & Swamps is a meticulously researched account of one of the most durable Missouri regiments to serve the Union cause. Even though the unit fought with Gen. Sherman in such places as Vicksburg and Missionary Ridge, remarkably little has been written about it. This book offers the reader never before published letters, diaries and other material about the regiment as well as a complete roster of all the men who served.

A must read for those interested in Missouri Civil War history.

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**Sixty Six Miles in Thirty-Nine Hours**  
the Retreat from Fort Davidson, Pilot Knob  
to the Battle of Leasburg  
September 28 thru October 1, 1864  
by Gary L. Scheel

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**Merits & Mistakes - General Thomas H. Ewing**  
by: Walter E. Busch

When Gen. Thomas Ewing declined going on Sherman's march, his adjutant and his wife both told him that he had made the mistake of his life. Incorporating an overview of Gen. Ewing's life, this manuscript highlights his relationship with Sen. James Lane, his imposition of Order No. 11 to depopulate four MO counties, his legal defense of Dr. Samuel Mudd, his public defense of Pres. Andrew Johnson, and his political campaigns of the 1870's. By reviewing the normal source documents and sources not commonly examined when writing about the General, this manuscript shows the traditional view of his political demise, which is commonly attributed to a propaganda campaign initiated by George Caleb Bingham, Missouri artist, to be wrong. Instead, Ewing's loss in 1879 can be attributed to other reasons. In examining these highlights, the key mistake he made in his life is explained.

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