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The 18th Annual Department Encampment is Coming!

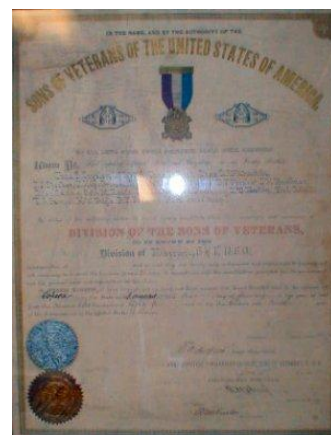


The Department of Missouri's 18th Annual Encampment is coming up on Saturday, June 1, 2013!

After many years, we are once again back at the Holiday Inn on Butler Hill Road in South St. Louis, Missouri. We will also be privileged and honored by having Commander-in-Chief, Perley Mellor, in attendance. Please see pages 5 – 8 for more information and a registration form.

Above: Elected Dept. Officers & CinC Jim Pahl at the 12th Annual Dept. of Missouri Encampment in 2007

Below: (Left – to – right: Missouri's Original G.A.R. Charter; Current SUVCW Charter; & the Missouri Division's Sons of Veterans of the USA Original Charter.





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contributions.



Letter from the Editor



Members of the Department of Missouri – S.U.V.C.W.:

My thanks goes out to all of the camps who have faithfully sent articles in for the “Missouri Unionist.” This is my last issue of the “Missouri Unionist” and I have been honored to have served as the editor for the last few years; thank you. Remember, this our newsletter, and it is our way of letting each other, the organization, and the public, know just what we do to honor the memory of our boys in blue and the G.A.R. Please continue to submit articles, photos, and events that your camp is participating in to the new editor (once they are appointed by the new Department Commander).

As I continue with my service towards the SUVCW, I encourage each of you to truly become involved with your camps and communities. The sesquicentennial is still upon us, and we need to work harder than ever to help our order to grow. Each of you has a special area of interest and talent. Use this to further our principles of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, and to let the public know that we are here to honor the sacred memory of our ancestors who fought to preserve the Union.

In closing, with taking another term as Camp Commander of the McCormick Camp, serving as Unit Commander of one SVR unit and adjutant of another, Camp Council of the Fletcher Camp, my wife Twyla and I are preparing for our first baby in December this year, and serving as Councilor of the Volker Auxiliary, my plate is very full at the present, and I humbly bid you adieu. I wish the incoming Department Commander and officers well, and will still be available in an advisory role, when needed. Also, I encourage the Department of Missouri to set some guidelines/job description for the new editor, as to assist him in his duties/responsibilities. Again, I do appreciate the honor of having served these last few years as the editor and all of those who have made the “Missouri Unionist” a worthy newsletter of our Department.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

In less than two weeks, the Department of Missouri will have their Department Encampment in St. Louis. Many thanks go to Encampment Site Committee members Robert Petrovic and Walter Busch, for their hard work in making final arrangements and their ability to adjust to necessary changes.

The date of the Department Encampment also signals the end of my term as Department Commander. It is hard to believe that almost a year has passed since the election and installation of officers. There is a saying that time flies when you are having fun. One of the greatest highlights this past year was the opportunity to visit the camps to meet the Department members and previous Past Department Commanders. Fourteen of the fifteen camps were visited this past year, and I was privileged to visit the McPherson Camp in Little Rock, Arkansas previously during my term as Senior Vice Commander.

Thank you to the camps for the educational activities, living history events, gravesite memorial ceremonies, participation in patriotic and community events, and other activities that promote the memory of our ancestors and those who fought in the Union Army to preserve the United States of America.

Thanks to all of the officers for their work and dedication this past year. The success of the Department depends on its members and its officers. Without your efforts, the Department would not exist. While every officer has performed their duties well, I would like to recognize especially:

Chris Warren, Editor of the Unionist.

Randal Burd, Secretary, who diligently followed up to obtain the Camps' completed reports.

Walt Busch, Interim Signals Officer, who got the web site updated.

One of our challenges is getting active participation at the business meetings. The Department needs your participation, your voice, your thoughts and ideas! The camps have many talented individuals and the Department needs your skills and your leadership in the future.

Please attend the business meetings and if you have any inclination for being an officer or serving on a committee, please inform a Department officer. You will be appreciated.
Finally, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Department Commander this past year.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Martin Aubuchon, Commander

Department of Missouri's 18th Annual Encampment

2013 MISSOURI DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

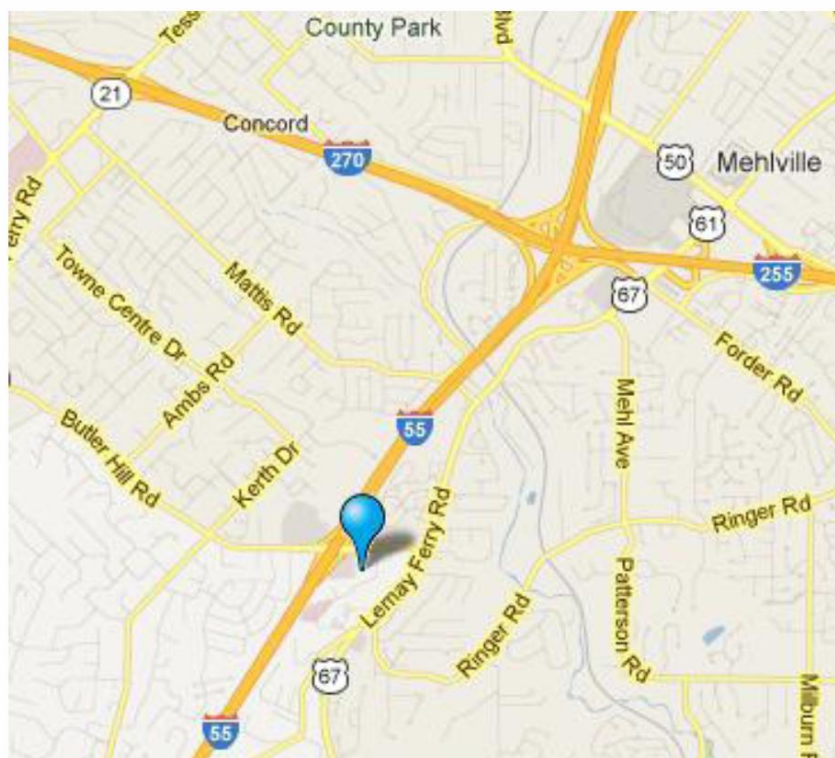
SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2013 – MEHLVILLE, MISSOURI



Holiday Inn - South

4234 Butler Hill Rd.
St. Louis MO 63129
(800) 785-2328

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After several years away from the Holiday Inn – South St. Louis we are returning, because this year we are being honored by having both the National Commander-in-Chief SUVCW Perley Mellor and the President of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW Jane Graham at our Encampment.

Friday, 31 May 2013

6:00 PM – Social Hour

7:00 PM – Dinner with Commander and President

Saturday, 1 June 2013

Agenda

7:30 - 9:00 am Registration

9:00 am - Department Business Session I

12:00 noon – Lunch

1:00 pm - Department Business Session II

4:00 pm - Elections/Officer Installation

5:00 pm – Adjourn

6:00 pm - Dinner with Commander and President

TO ALL CAMPS:

Camps wishing to have a brag board must create their own. Also camps wishing to sell camp items may bring them for display..

Currently the following will most likely have items for sale.

1. Department of Missouri
2. SUVCW Foundation – Assorted items.
3. US Grant Camp –Grant Challenge Coins & Battle of PK 2014 Medallion Set

**2013 Missouri Department Encampment
Pre-Registration Form
(Please Return Forms by May 25, 2013)**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE _____

DEPARTMENT _____

CAMP NAME NUMBER _____

CURRENT/HIGHEST PAST OFFICE/DELEGATE/ALTERNATE _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Please return this form and check payment made out to **Dept of Missouri SUVCW** to:

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

Registration Fee (\$7 each / \$10 at the door) = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Notes :

1. The department will provide soft drinks, water and coffee.

Questions? Please contact:

Walt Busch (314) 630-8407 wbusch@suvchwmo.org

NOTE: Attendees MUST present a signed credentials card & membership card at the Encampment in order to complete the registration process and be admitted. Credentials cards should be provided by your Camp Secretary.

**Members should wear membership badges, Department officers are
required to wear them.**

Miscellaneous

There will be no pre-registering for meals. You can decide at the last minute if you wish to attend them or not and can order off the hotel restaurant's menu. However, the restaurant is closed in the afternoon on Saturday, so in the morning a list of meals will be sent around that each person can check off if they desire. These meals will be then provided at lunch. Cost for these meals will be around \$11. If this is not agreeable, Hardees, Waffle House, Burger King, Frailey's Pub, and 2 Chinese restaurants are within 2/10th mile on Butler Hill Rd.

If you desire a hotel room, the price we have for people is \$94 at the Holiday Inn. This price is only valid until 30 April. Have them refer to "Sons of Union Veterans" for the price when making reservations. There are other hotels in the area including a Hampton Inn directly behind the Holiday Inn.

The Department of Missouri would like to encourage members to bring their families. The hotel has an indoor pool area and there are many attractions for family members to enjoy while SUVVCW members are attending the business sessions.

Some of the more popular attractions include:

US Grant National Historic Site (White Haven)
Jefferson Barracks County Park and Cemetery
Gateway Arch
Grant's Farm
Mastodon State Park

http://www.grantcamp.org/public_html/SUV2007_Places_of_Interest.pdf
has a listing of many local St. Louis attractions.

Phelps Camp #66 – Springfield, Missouri

“1863” LECTURE SERIES THIS SUMMER

Members of Phelps Camp have agreed to sponsor one of the speakers at the upcoming summer Civil War lecture series at the Springfield-Greene County Public Library. In return, Phelps Camp will be allowed to have a recruiting table at the talk and briefly address the audience on the mission of the SUVWCW. Topics for the July series will include Honey Springs, Baxter Springs, U.S. Grant, Vicksburg, Guerrilla Warfare, George Meade, and many others. The final schedule is all but “set in stone,” with many great programs scheduled at the Springfield Library Center from July 10-20. Phelps Camp will be sponsoring our own Michael Price’s presentation on Friday, July 19 at 6:30 p.m. Michael’s program, “Victor of Gettysburg: George Meade and Civil War History” promises to be both enlightening and entertaining.

Saturday, May 18, 11 a.m.—Dedication of the new Jasper County park commemorating the 1863 massacre of Union African-American soldiers at Sherwood. Phelps Camp members were urged to attend wearing membership medals (no living history clothing required).

Here’s more on the event from Kip Lindberg:

On 18 May, 1863, a Federal foraging party from Baxter Springs was at the farm of a Confederate soldier named Rader, in the community of Sherwood, which was the fourth largest community in Jasper County.

While removing forage from the Rader Hone, the Federals were set upon by Confederate guerillas under Thomas Livingston. Fifteen men of the 1st Kansas Colored Infantry, and three men of the 2nd Kansas Battery, were either killed or murdered after capture. Some mounted members of the 2nd Kansas Battery escaped back to Baxter Springs, and by the time a reinforced expedition could return to Sherwood, the bodies of the dead had been stripped and mutilated. A local man, John Bishop, was found nearby, wearing bloody clothing, and thinking him one of the executioners, the Federals killed him. His body, with those of the 1st Kansas Colored, were thrown into the Rader home, and burned.

This event also commemorated several Civil War events in the area, and honored the Federal, Confederate, and civilian dead, as well as drum up support and awareness of the project to recreate the Rader Farm as a living history park, to commemorate the Civil War events of Jasper County. When rebuilt, the farm will offer a unique location for future living history events. The program started at 11A.M. The location for the Sherwood commemoration was just north of West Fountain Road and North Peace Church Road, which is about two miles west of Hwy 43, and about 3 miles south-west of the Joplin Regional Airport.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, June 1—Fort Scott National Historic Site, Fort Scott, Kansas—Timeline (Parade of the American Soldier) event (time TBA).

St. James Camp # 326 – Ste. Genevieve, Missouri



On March 17th, William Zoughaib was awarded his SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate by Bob Hammack who is also an Eagle Scout. Also in attendance for this event was Tom Greminger who is an Eagle Scout, Samer Zoughaib father of the Eagle Scout, Paul Cameron, Bob Mueller and Gary Scheel. It was a great day and William was the recipient of a proclamation from Missouri Representative. We were all proud of him.

April 9th we were present at St. Agnes School in Bloomsdale. We had six different stations Station 2. Civil War era games which was conducted by four ladies of the Ladies Auxiliary, Station 3. Tom Greminger presented

different
weapons
and

equipment of the Civil War. Station 4. Bob Schmidt presented different uniforms that the soldiers wore. Many of the students tried on the uniforms as Bob described them. Station 5. Paul Cameron gave a presented life as a Civil War sketch artist. Station 6. Jerry Kasten drilled the students using our wooden rifles. Station 7. Under the command of Tom Farlow, Joe Williams, William Zoughaib, Larry McDowell and Bob Mueller demonstrated loading and firing rifles. The finale of the day was the cannon firing demonstration by Jerry Kasten and Tom Farlow, Tom Greminger, William Zoughaib, Joe Williams, Larry McDowell. Gary Scheel was time keeper to make sure that the six groups of students rotated on a regular bases. Camp member Ed Millinger is shown taping the firing. He was



there all day and taped all the activities and his work can be found on stegentv.com. Thanks Ed.

In March we placed Civil War related items in three display cases at the new Performing Arts building on the Ste. Genevieve public school campus. Photo to the left is Tom Greminger and teacher Cheryl Cooper who was responsible for getting us permission to put them up. Her Independent Study Class performed a play entitled "Battle Drum." The play was on April 4, 5 & 6 and we were allowed to hand out brochure to advertise the Ste. Genevieve Civil War Camp on May 4 & 5. The following members participated in distributing brochures. April 3rd was Ed Millinger and Tom Farlow, April 4th Tom Farlow and Bob Schmidt, April 5th Bob Mueller,



Gary Scheel and Ladies Auxiliary member Mary Scheel. The Ste. Genevieve visitors center allowed us to place a Civil War related theme in the Chamber of Commerce display case.

May 3, 4 & 5, was our scheduled Ste. Genevieve Civil War Camp. May 3rd was scheduled for local schools to learn about the Civil War but due to weather conditions it was canceled. It rained all day and the temperature hovered in the low to middle (L-R Gary Scheel & Bob Mueller) forty degree range. We had a real good day on Saturday but because of the forecast the sutler and re-enactors left Saturday. We canceled Sunday due to the forecast and no re-enactors. It did rain all day on Sunday.



Grant Camp #68 – St. Louis, Missouri

Since the last newsletter, the Grant Camp was represented at several events. A list of the activities and the camp members in attendance are listed as follows:

In April, the Grant Camp presented Eagle Scout Commendation Certificates to Eagle Scout Jacob Frost and Eagle Scout David Marshall.



Jacob Frost, shown in the left picture, received his certificate during his troop meeting. David Marshall, shown in the right picture, received his certificate during his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. David Marshall is also a member of the Grant Camp. Camp Commander Mark Coplin, PCC and camp member Martin Aubuchon, PCC made the presentations.



On Saturday, April 13, 2013 camp members John Avery, PDC, PCC; Robert Aubuchon, James Egbert, Don Palmer, P C in C, PDC, PCC; and Martin Aubuchon, PCC and current Department Commander attended the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois.

On Friday, April 26, 2013, a cadet from a Junior Air Force ROTC Unit, located at three different high schools, received a JROTC award from the Grant Camp. The high schools are Marquette High School located in Chesterfield, MO; Lafayette High School in Wildwood, MO and

Grant Camp #68 – Continued

University City High School in University City, MO. Since each ROTC unit had their dining out ceremony the same night, this presented a challenge.

This year, the Grant Camp presented the ROTC unit commander with a plaque that will display the names of the previous cadets that have received the JROTC award. The ability to present this plaque is due to the generosity of the family of George Williams. George Williams was a Real Son and a member of the Grant Camp. The ROTC units at Marquette High School and Lafayette High School received a similar plaque in a previous year. Camp member John Avery, PDC, PCC presented at Lafayette High and Martin Aubuchon presented at University High School.



Camp member Martin Aubuchon, PCC attended the Living History Event in Ste. Genevieve, MO. that was organized by the Lt. Colonel Felix St. James Camp No. 326. The event commemorated the raid on the bank of Ste. Genevieve. Union forces took the bank safe and sent it to St. Louis for safe keeping.

Camp members Robert Petrovic, Walter Busch, and Martin Aubuchon traveled to Bardstown, Kentucky to make arrangements for the Central Region of the Allied Orders conference.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, May 27, 2013 - Memorial Day ceremony in the Civil War grave section of the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery located in St. Louis, MO. This is joint participation with members of the William T. Sherman Camp No. 65

Saturday, July 20, 2013 – Grant Death day remembrance ceremony at the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site in St. Louis, MO.

August 9-11, 2013 – National Encampment in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

October 5, 2013 – Central Region of the Allied Orders Conference in Bardstown, Kentucky.

Sigel Camp #614 – Rolla, Missouri

Sigel Camp #614 Presents ROTC Award in Rolla and Waynesville

Sigel Camp #614, Missouri Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, recently presented the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War ROTC Award to a cadet from each of Missouri S&T's ROTC programs and one from Waynesville High School JROTC. The awards were presented to Cadet Hector Cruz of Army JROTC on April 25, Cadet Rex D. Stanton, Jr. of Army ROTC Stonehenge Battalion on May 7, and to Cadet Jacob Francka of Air Force ROTC Detachment 442 on May 11. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War ROTC Award is presented to a cadet who ***“shows a high degree of patriotism to his/her Nation and has demonstrated a high degree of academic performance and leadership.”*** Randal A. Burd, Sr., ROTC Award Coordinator for Sigel Camp #614, presented the awards during each unit's respective awards ceremony.

The Civil War was a profound influence on the formation of ROTC programs. It was on July 2, 1862, in the midst of the second year of civil war, that President Abraham Lincoln signed the Morrill Art, which provided federal land to aid in the formation of colleges which emphasized education in agriculture, engineering, and military tactics. In the model of Captain Alden Partridge's "American System of Education," ROTC realized the vision of creating citizen-soldiers who would become leaders in industry, commerce, government, and agriculture in peacetime and skilled military leaders during war.¹

The National Defense Act of 1916 established the United States Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC). High schools were authorized, under the provisions of the Act, the loan of federal military equipment and active duty military personnel received assignments as instructors. The Vitalization Act opened JROTC up to the other services in 1964, and retirees replaced most of the active duty instructors. According to Title 10 of the U.S. Code, "the purpose of Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps is to instill in students in United States secondary educational institutions the value of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment."²

The SUVCW is committed, by honoring deserving cadets such as Cadet Hector Cruz, Cadet Rex D. Stanton, and Cadet Jacob Francka, to recognizing those who have stepped forward to accept the challenge of leadership in defending our Nation's flag, principles, and freedoms. It will be these young people who will eventually serve in our Nation's military, under the flag our forefathers fought to preserve.

Sigel Camp #614, Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, is excited to add the aforementioned three programs to those included in the Department of Missouri's ROTC recognition efforts.

1. <http://suvchw.org/ROTC.htm>
2. https://www.usarmyjrotc.com/jrotc/dt/2_History/history.html



Tiger Camp #432 – Columbia, Missouri

Students learn about Civil War through mock battle

As the sun shone brightly overhead, a group of students in blue Union hats and blue shirts with gold buttons responded to a call of "forward, march" and moved to the beat of drums that rang out over the clinking sound of the supplies moving around in their knapsacks. Some of the students held flags with a circle of stars, and a few were dressed in full Union uniforms. Eventually, the kids marched from Midway Heights Elementary School to a nearby field where they met a group of their peers dressed in gray Confederate uniforms, and the two armies engaged in mock battle. The youngsters held up their wooden muskets and shouted, "Bang!" as soldiers in the opposing army fell to the ground, some more dramatically than others.

"The re-enactment was really fun. It's not really what it did feel like, but it kind of gives you an idea of what it did feel like," said Grant Elementary School fifth-grader Alex Ossana-Galen. Students from Grant and Two Mile Prairie elementary schools traveled to Midway yesterday for the annual Civil War Day, which culminated with a battle re-enactment. Midway has had a Civil War Day for about 15 years with Two Mile Prairie joining in on the events a few years later, followed by Grant about seven years ago. "I think it brings history to life. It shows this real perspective you can't get out of a book," said Janet Swope, who teaches fifth grade at Midway.

The students enthusiastically agreed that they prefer more hands-on activities to reading history books.

"You actually get to do something physical and go outside," said Grant fifth-grader Silas Kluever.

Silas also said he learned much throughout the day, such as what technology was like during the Civil War and how technology often evolves during war. Before the battle, several learning stations were set up around the school on topics including technology, camp life, music during the Civil War, a writing station and an artillery station that included some math lessons.

During the re-enactment, students could choose to be soldiers, nurses, surgeons, map makers, sketch artists or reporters. After the re-enactment, Larry Dietzel of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War talked about the seriousness of war. "This is not to glorify war," Grant teacher Matt Kuensting said. "We emphasize to students that if they were wounded, they wouldn't be back in class tomorrow. It's kind of sobering. It brings home the point that there were people that were not brought back home."

Dietzel also stressed to the kids the importance of knowing their country's history.

"I think seeing it gives them an idea of what the soldiers did daily ... and gets them to realize they were real people," he said.

Students also learn about the Civil War's impact in Missouri, such as the Battle of Centralia. In years past, students have even visited the battlefield.

"We want them to know history takes place all around them. It's right here," Two Mile teacher Rob Allen said.

Three elementary schools take part in re-enactment. Larry Dietzel, a Civil War reenactor with the Sons of Union Veterans Tiger Camp 432, instructs fifth grade students from Midway, Two Mile Prairie and Grant Elementary Schools how to fall in formation before a battle reenactment begins near Midway Elementary School. Charles Cunningham, a member of the Missouri Brigade Medical Services, hands out muskets to the troops.



Tiger Camp #432 – Continued

Union troops take aim with their muskets at approaching Confederate troops. Students portraying Confederate soldiers charge the Union line on Tuesday after the first volley was exchanged during a battle re-enactment at Midway Heights Elementary School. Fifth-grade students from Midway, Two Mile Prairie and Grant elementary schools participated.



Union and Confederate troops clash. Dead and wounded Union troops lay on the ground as Confederate troops retreat. Union troops celebrate their victory after the second skirmish. Nurses remove wounded Confederate soldiers from the battle field. Larry Dietzel thanks the students after the reenactment.



McCormick Camp # 215 – Farmington / Park Hills, Missouri

The months of April and May were once again busy with Civil War activities. On April 4th, Camp Commander (Chris Warren) was asked to present a program titled “Civil War Flags of Missouri & Arkansas” to the Hillsboro, MO Historical Society. Members of the camp, auxiliary, & SVR unit also came. Then, on April 10th, camp member, Bob Schmidt presented an SUVCW ROTC award at Farmington, MO High School. This was followed by Chris Warren & Bob Schmidt presenting another SUVCW ROTC award on April 16th at Fredericktown, MO High School. Members of the camp joined the Fletcher camp for a Living History at the Governor Thomas C. Fletcher House in Hillsboro, MO on April 20th as well. This was also followed by camp member, Michael Comer, presenting another SUVCW ROTC award to a cadet at New Madrid, MO High School on April 25th. Finally, April came to a close with the camp, auxiliary, and SVR unit participating in a Civil War day at Antique Treasures in Leadington, MO on April 27th. Next, May began to become busy as well. The weather caused us not to be able to attend the Living History at Ste. Genevieve, MO on May 4th. However, on May 9th, Camp Commander & Auxiliary President (Chris & Twyla Warren) participated in Farmington, MO Elementary’s 4th Grade Pioneer Day (this was Chris’ 13th year in a row of presenting a Civil War soldier). Our camp and auxiliary was also once again asked to join the Fletcher Camp in marching in Hillsboro, MO’s Armed Forces Day Parade on May 18th. In closing, June and July also hold several activities and events for us.



Upcoming Events:

June 1, 2013 – Annual Department of Missouri Encampment in St. Louis, MO

June 17, 2013 – “Civil War Flags of Missouri & Arkansas” program to be presented at Park Hills, MO library

June 22, 2013 – GAR Campfire Program at Fort Davidson State Historic Site in Pilot Knob, MO

July 4, 2013 – Independence Day Parade in DeSoto, MO (with Fletcher Camp)

July 13, 2013 – Grave Dedication Ceremonies for two Union Soldiers in French Village, MO

Fletcher Camp #47 – De Soto, Missouri

We participated in several events since the last issue. First, we were invited to attend a program called “Civil War Flags of Missouri” by Camp Council member, Chris Warren, on April 4th. Our Camp Commander, Doug Roussin, while at this event, was also asked to give a talk in the future for the local Archeology Society about his Civil War relic hunting. We also held a Living History weekend at the Governor Thomas C. Fletcher House in Hillsboro, MO on April 20th & 21st. We met several people and have the potential of some new members from the event. The following weekend, on April 27th, we joined the McCormick Camp and participated in the history day at the Antique Treasures mall in Leadington, MO. We set up displays about the Civil War and GAR (and SUVCW), talked to people, and demonstrated what a Civil War soldier did. Also, we were once again asked to march in Hillsboro, Missouri’s Armed Forces Day Parade on May 18th. Unfortunately, we have had some difficult times during the last few weeks. Camp Commander, Doug Roussin, lost his younger brother; member Mark Arbuthnot lost his mother-in-law; and Camp Secretary, Leonard Wright became ill and was in the hospital. We are doing better, and look forward to several upcoming events over the next couple of months.



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Sherman Camp #65 – St. Louis, Missouri



**Sunday, Sept. 29th,
2013 11:AM
St Stanislaus Church
St. Louis, MO.**

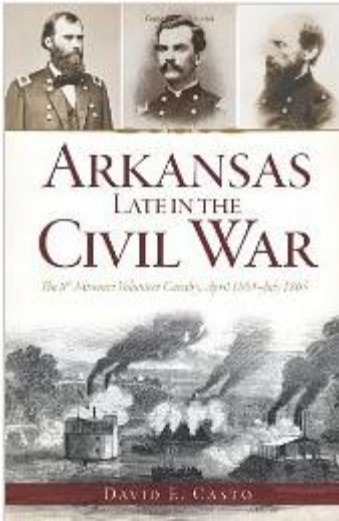
**William T. Sherman Camp #65 will be honoring the first Union
Calvary Officer killed in the Civil War, Capt. Constantine
Blandowski.**

**This will be a Sesquicentennial event with a monument
dedication and static displays, food, refreshments, period
music and Fashion Show.**

For info: Camp Cmdr. Noel Stasiak 314-540-6472

McPherson Camp #1 – Little Rock, Arkansas

The Major General James McPherson camp #1 met Saturday, March 30th to discuss our upcoming Memorial Day Remembrance event at the Little Rock National Cemetery.



Camp secretary/treasurer David Casto has a book due out any day now. It is called "Arkansas Late in the Civil War: the 8th Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, April 1864-July 1865.

It can be viewed on Amazon:

http://www.amazon.com/Arkansas-Late-Civil-War-Sesquicentennial/dp/1626191077/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1367614356&sr=8-1&keywords=david+casto.

Westport Camp #64 – Kansas City, Missouri

Westport Camp presented eleven (11) ROTC/JROTC awards in 2013, including our first college-level ROTC unit. Four (4) camp members assisted with the presentations, with thanks to Brother Rodney Terry for supporting the Kansas City Public School District's five (5) awards. An SUVCW Form 7 was completed for each award, for submission to the National Quartermaster, Brother Danny Wheeler.

School	Unit	Presenter
Lee's Summit West High School	Air Force JROTC	Michael Lundeen
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Central Academy of Excellence	Army JROTC	Rodney Terry
East High School	Army JROTC	Rodney Terry
Lincoln College Prep Academy	Army JROTC	Rodney Terry
Northeast High School	Army JROTC	Rodney Terry
Southwest Early College Campus	Army JROTC	Rodney Terry
Blue Springs South High School	Air Force JROTC	Donald Kelsay
Missouri Western State University	Army ROTC	Dale Crandell
Ruskin High School	Marine Corps JROTC	Dale Crandell
Van Horn High School	Army JROTC	Michael Lundeen

Westport Camp identified and invited fifteen (15) ROTC/JROTC units in northwest Missouri to participate in the 2013 SUVCW ROTC/JROTC awards program. Only four (4) ROTC/JROTC units did not reply to our invitation.

School	Unit
Blue Springs High School	Air Force JROTC
Excelsior Springs Technical High School	Navy JROTC
Lee's Summit North High School	Air Force JROTC
University of Central Missouri	Army ROTC

Westport Camp adopted a sponsorship program this year to support the purchase of the ROTC medals (\$5.50 each). Brother Donald Kelsay is our first sponsor; he sponsored the Blue Springs South High School award.

Central Region Association of the Allied Orders Conference **October 5, 2013 in Bardstown, KY**



Pictured: While organizing the conference, Bob Petrovic and Marty Aubuchon are pilloried after suggesting that the Kentucky Hot Brown sandwich would be better with hot sauce.

The Central Region Association of the Allied Orders is having their conference in Bardstown KY this Oct 4 & 5. Why Bardstown? Because it's a neat place (I grew up in the 50s, therefore I'm allowed to use phrases like 'neat place').

For a town of 4,000 people, you can spend a week and not see everything. The town exudes a wonderful mix of ante bellum and Victorian houses. Some of the things include: Civil War Museum of the West, Women's Civil War Museum, 1840s Village, Wildlife Museum, Veterans' Museum, Whiskey Museum, Bourbon Museum, The Proto-Cathedral, The Old Talbott Tavern, My Old Kentucky Home State Park, Dinner Train Ride, a corner drug store with soda fountain, not to mention all the tours of distilleries. There's more but why go on. Well, just two more things. In the summer, there is also a great Stephen Foster play and the Kentucky Railroad Museum is just 15 miles away.

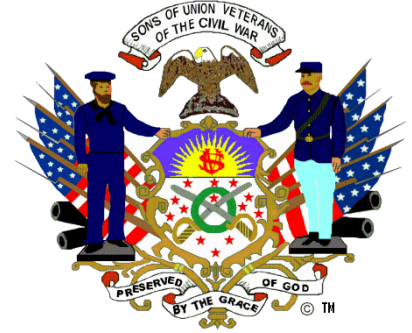
The conference is a regional meeting for the sons, daughters, ladies of the GAR, women's relief corps, and our auxiliary. There are no dues, only a conference fee. The organization was founded in the 1930s and its geographic area consists of Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado. While voting membership at the conference must come from those states, we certainly welcome brothers and sisters from other states as well.

This year's conference meeting starts off Friday night at the Old Talbott Tavern. The tavern has played host to Daniel Boone, Presidents Lincoln, W.H. Harrison and Jackson, Lewis and Clark, a king of France, Henry Clay, and Jesse James. Just to name a few. Order what you want, none of the food during the conference is going to be banquet food, so feel free to eat-up or pick a salad.

The next day the group will tour the Civil War Museum (3 other museums can also be toured for the same cost, but you'd be pushing it to get through 2 of them). Following the tour, the group will lunch on their own, in case some want to stay longer at the museums. Then, past C-in-C Jim Pahl will provide an informative talk about Robert's Rules of Order. There is none better in our organization to provide us with this information which governs our meetings. After his talk, the group will have a brief business meeting and elect officers for the next year. An informal dinner banquet follows at Mammy's Kitchen, a local favorite. Tim Downey, a member of KY-SUV, will be guest speaker for the dinner providing us a vignette of Kentucky during the war. After dinner, for those wishing to still gather, our conference room at the hotel will be available for us until 11 pm.

The group will be staying at the Hampton Inn, Bardstown, KY, 502-349-0100 at a rate of \$99/night. The rate is guaranteed through Sept 1. The registration forms will be up on the website by June
http://www.grantcamp.org/public_html/centralregionassoc.htm

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