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C. Scott Brown Elected Camp Commander of Sigel Camp #614: Organization Concludes Award-Winning Year

Sigel Camp #614 ended a rewarding first year with officer elections on December 9, 2012. Rolla resident C. Scott Brown, a charter member of the group, was elected its new commander. He replaces Camp Commander Randal A. Burd, Jr., who organized the camp, which was chartered in December of 2011. Other officers elected for the coming year are: PCC Randal A. Burd, Jr., Senior Vice Commander / Signals Officer; Steve Allen, Secretary / Treasurer / Eagle Scout Award Coordinator; Reth Allen, Council / Patriotic Instructor / Graves and Monuments Registrar; Randal A. Burd, Sr., Council / ROTC Award Coordinator; and Milan Paddock, Council.

Sigel Camp #614 has had a busy schedule this fall. After having been honored this past August with the Joseph S. Rippey Award as the most Outstanding New Camp in the 2011-2012 administrative year, Sigel Camp #614 has done its best to continue to build on this achievement. The previous issue of this newsletter addressed the camp's activities from July to September of 2012. The camp remained busy into October with more community events.

The first weekend in October included Franklin County Day on October 6th at Meramec Caverns in Stanton, Missouri, where Sigel Camp members attended in force: Camp Commander Randal A. Burd, Jr., Chaplain C. Scott Brown and wife, Jenee, Secretary /



Then Chaplain C. Scott Brown of Sigel Camp #614 explains the artifact replicas on the table and their uses during the Civil War period. Events such as this Patriot Day Rally in Rolla, Missouri, provide opportunities for the Sons of Union Veterans to educate the community about the Union soldiers who fought in the Civil War.

Treasurer Steve Allen, Graves Registrar Reth Allen, and prospective junior member Holden Snyder were all present at the event. Brown and his wife dressed in period clothing and answered questions, while providing brave patrons with Civil War period pickled eggs and bologna to taste.

Brown and his wife, along with Steve Allen, also represented Sigel Camp at Old Ironworks Days, October 13th and 14th, at Meramec Springs State Park. Brown repeated his services of the previous event, complete with the Civil War News, pickled eggs, and pickled bologna, while Camp Commander Burd was performing his duties as Department Secretary at the Department of Missouri Business Meeting in Jefferson City, also on the 13th.

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Book Review by Steve Allen
Civil War Artillery at Gettysburg:
Organization, Equipment, Ammunition, and Operations
Cole, Phillip M. Colecraft Industries, 2002.

Civil War Artillery at Gettysburg is a rare example of a book that delivers more than it promises. Cole examines the role that artillery played at Gettysburg in the broad context of what artillery is, what it does, and how it does it.

The subtitle of the book lays out its organizational scheme. Cole covers each of the areas in depth and detail nearly unprecedented in any treatise on the subject. He begins with a study of the organization of artillery units and their command structures, including how those structures developed over time and how those structures influenced the way the war was fought, particularizing on Gettysburg.

Next, he studies the technology and the development of the equipment of an artillery unit, from the guns themselves down to the individual tools and implements that are used in serving and maintaining them. The level of detail is both useful and astounding. Again, Cole demonstrates how the equipment itself influenced the way battles happened, with focus (of course) on Gettysburg but more encompassing than just that great battle.

Ammunition is the next subject, and Cole does much to make clear how the various types and—perhaps more importantly—the varying quality influenced the outcome of numerous battles, Gettysburg especially.

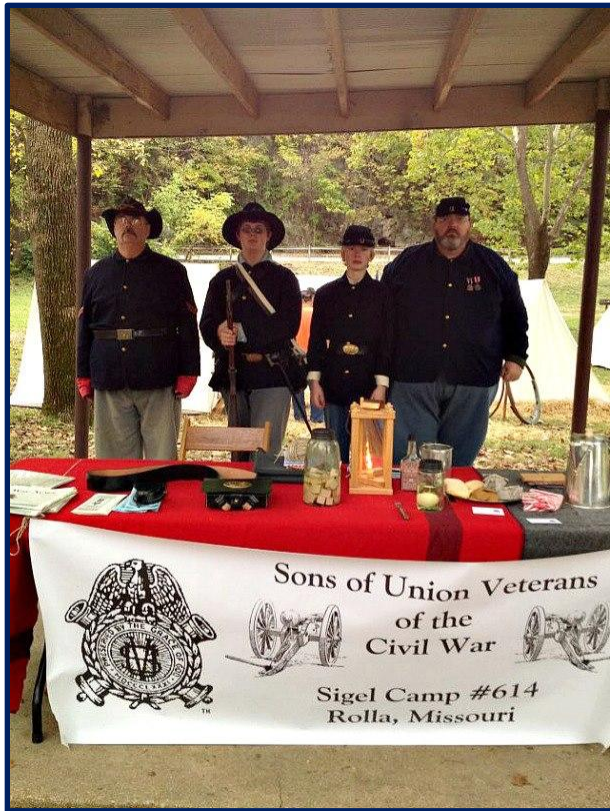
How the men fought their guns and who they were is the next subject Cole studies. This study reveals much about the effects artillery had on the battlefield as well as how the individual cannoneers influenced those effects, from the privates serving the guns to the general officers who commanded them.

Finally, Cole turns to greater depth of study of the 3rd day at Gettysburg, drawing together all the various threads of the book. His argument maintains its strength throughout, and the focus is clear.

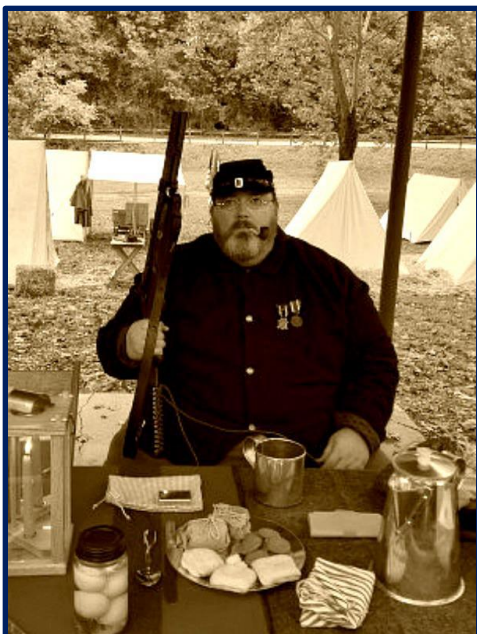
The book is well illustrated with pictures—both photographs (period and modern) and drawings—and five useful maps. Appendices on types and numbers of cannons and batteries gather these useful statistics into a single location, and the notes are mercifully gathered at the end rather than left to clutter up the pages of the text. The glossary is useful to the new student; the bibliography is extensive and current (as of the publication date); and the index is effective.

In sum, this volume is an excellent study of how one branch of the Army influenced the outcome of what most historians call the most important battle of the war, it serves as a thorough introduction to Civil War-era artillery in general, and it provides useful information to experienced as well as novice historians and re-enactors. It belongs on the bookshelf of anyone interested in artillery, the Civil War as a whole, and Gettysburg in particular.

Activities of Sigel Camp #614



Sigel Camp members at Franklin County Day, Meramec Caverns, Stanton, MO. (Top) Left to Right: Steve Allen, Reth Allen, Holden Snyder, and C. Scott Brown. (Bottom) C. Scott Brown poses with a period shotgun.



6 Oct 2012 – Sigel Camp #614 sets up a table at the 2012 Franklin County Day at Meramec Caverns in Stanton, Missouri. Attendees include CC Randal A. Burd, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer Steve Allen, Chaplain C. Scott Brown, Council Reth Allen, and Pending Junior Member Holden Snyder.

13-14 Oct 2012 – Brown and his wife, along with Steve Allen, represented Sigel Camp at Old Ironworks Days, October 13th and 14th, at Meramec Springs State Park. Brown repeated his services of previous events, complete with copies of the Civil War News, pickled eggs, and pickled bologna, while Camp Commander Burd was performing his duties as Department Secretary at the Department of Missouri Business Meeting in Jefferson City, also on the 13th.

CURRENT MUSTER ROLL

15 JAN 2013

Camp Commander	C. Scott Brown
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Council	Randal A. Burd, Sr.
Council	Milan Paddock
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Pending Application	Dave Moffett
Pending Application	J. T. Nagle
Pending Application	John Petersen
Pending Application	Holden Snyder
Pending Application	John Travis, Jr.

Activities of Sigel Camp #614 (cont.)

Tentative Meeting Schedule 2013

~~13 Jan, 3pm, Columbia College~~

10 Feb, 3pm, Columbia College

09 Mar – MOSUVCW Bus. Mt.

17 Mar, 3pm, Columbia College

14 Apr, 3pm, Columbia College

12 May, 3pm, Columbia College

01 Jun – MO ENCAMPMENT

09 Jun, 3pm, Columbia College

14 Jul, 3pm, Columbia College

8-11 Aug, NAT. ENCAMP.

11 Aug, 3pm, Columbia College

15 Sep, 3pm, Columbia College

12 Oct – MOSUVCW Bus. Mt.

13 Oct, 3pm, Columbia College

Tentative Meeting Schedule 2013 (Continued)

10 Nov, 3pm, Columbia College

08 Dec, 3pm, Columbia College

All meetings are located in Rolla, Missouri, unless otherwise indicated. Department Business Meetings take place in the Missouri State Capitol Building in Jefferson City. The National Encampment for 2013 will take place in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

This schedule is subject to change. Camp members will be notified via email of changes.

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CIVIL WAR EXTRACT OF COFFEE RECIPE

½ cup instant coffee crystals

1 can of Borden's or Eagle brand condensed milk

1 tsp water

For use in a modern-day encampment; a close copy may be made by combining instant coffee and Condensed milk. Condensed milk is the original, thick, heavy-sugar product invented by Dr. Borden in the 1830s. Although other brands may be found, I like to use "Borden's" brand condensed milk. It brings me just a little closer to the original. Do not use evaporated milk. It is not thick enough and does not contain sugar. (Might work for a diabetic, though.)

After unsuccessful experiments with liquid coffee and Italian espresso, I tried present day instant coffee mixed directly with Borden's or Eagle brand condensed milk. I think that this mix makes a very close copy of the original.

Place one half cup of instant coffee crystals in a cup and add a few drops of boiling water.

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CIVIL WAR EXTRACT OF COFFEE RECIPE (continued)

Use as little water as possible, adding just a few drops at a time. It doesn't take much water to break down the coffee crystals. When the crystals have barely dissolved, you should have no more than a teaspoonful of water mixed into the half cupful of coffee powder. You can mix the dry coffee crystals directly into the condensed milk but this makes the extract look spotty and it takes more labor to mix.

Next, empty one can of Borden's condensed milk into a suitable bowl. You may heat the condensed milk slightly in the microwave or on the stove. This is not necessary but will help with the mixing. Now mix the coffee paste into the condensed milk until it is all blended together.

The resultant Extract of Coffee will be a thick paste that looks like liquid fudge. Pack the Extract of Coffee in any suitable container.

One tablespoon of the Extract of Coffee, mixed into a tin cup of hot water will produce Civil War instant coffee, as made from Professor Tilden's original Extract of Coffee, one of the most popular but long-forgotten food items issued to the Federal troops.

Submitted by C. Scott Brown

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All past, present, and future department orders are available at <http://www.suvcwmo.org/orders.php>

Commander's Corner

Question: Where do you recommend I purchase reenactment and SVR gear?

Commander C. Scott Brown: I've bought from various vendors. All my trousers came from Stony Brook out of New York. My sack coat, vest and shirts came from Morris Clothiers out of PA. Leather belts and buckles came from Duvall Leatherworks. Forage Caps came from Dirty Billy's in Gettysburg. Kepi, canteen, wallet, hat brass and gum blanket/poncho all came from The Regimental Quartermaster in Gettysburg. Eyeglasses came from Historical Eyewear Co. Boots and Brogans came from Missouri Boot and Shoe. Tentage was purchased from The Maryland Sutler. Coffeepot, tin cup and silverware came from The Village Tinsmith. Haversack, iron tent hooks, wooden lantern, beeswax candles and gray/black issue wool blanket came from James Country Mercantile. Red artillery blanket came from Amana Woolen Mills. Hardtack box from Chris Henderson out of GA. Wooden Camp Cook table and iron flagpole holder came from Possum Holler Sutlery. All of my grandson's stuff came from Crescent City Sutlers.

I would avoid Fall Creek Sutlery if at all possible. They are rude and obnoxious, and it takes forever to get your order.

If you want really good, period correct stuff then visit the approved vendors list on the Authentic Campaigner website. That's how I hooked up with Morris Clothiers, Stony Brook Trousers, and Duvall Leatherworks.

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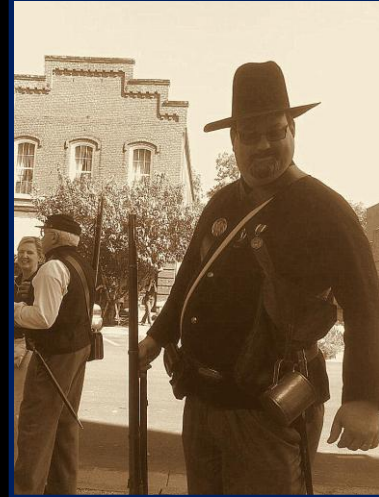
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Sigel Camp #614 members are also members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR). Currently, we are enlisted through the 1st Missouri Tigers Militia in Columbia, Missouri.

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