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will have a happy New
Year!



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Events on the Horizon

March 14 – 10 am Business Meeting SUVCW – Jefferson City
 April 18 – Lincoln Tomb Cermonies, Springfield, IL
 May 25 – Memorial Day, Various Locations
 June 6 – Department Encampment – Bass Pro Shop, Independence, MO

Editor's Comments by Walt Busch, PDC

All Art Is Propaganda! – George Orwell Part 2

I couldn't think of a more appropriate title of what I was going to write about than the one I used in the last edition of the Unionist, so this is sort-of a part two. Just the other night I was watching on tv Robert Redford's movie, *The Conspirator*, a film about Mary Surratt and the Lincoln Assassination. I had seen it in the movie theaters when it came out in 2010 and as a person who wrote about one of the attorneys defending the conspirators, I didn't think too kindly about the movie. I thought too much artistic license was used in concentrating on Mary Surratt and not being factual in that all the conspirators were tried as a group. Watching it again has changed my mind. While not entirely accurate (what movie is?), it did a pretty good job of showing the way the trial was run and its effects. There was also a little fantasy about the Surratt's lawyer, Frederick Aitken, losing his girlfriend, friends and being driven from his country club because of his defense. To my knowledge, the attorneys may have suffered some derogatory comments, but not to the scale shown in the movie. Many of the arguments against the trial of the conspirators were the same ones used after 9-11 and during the trials by military courts of Islamic terrorists. This started to make me wonder...

Robert Redford created this movie, which lost money at the box office, as an argument against the military tribunals that were active after 9-11. The movie decried the lack of justice in such swift trials and showed Mary Surratt to be innocent of any part in the conspiracy, although it did show she apparently knew of the plans to kidnap the president and did nothing. So, my thoughts began to evolve around the recent impeachment trials. Would the liberally leaning Robert Redford decry the swift, one sided vote of House Democrats in impeaching a president with flimsy or no evidence? Check out <https://www.nbcnews.com/think/opinion/president-trump-s-dictator-administration-attacking-values-america-holds-dear-ncna1091156>. He says: "It's time for Trump to go — along with those in Congress who have chosen party loyalty over their oath to "solemnly affirm" their support for the Constitution of the United States. And it's up to us to make that happen, through the power of our votes." While the article is largely a call to get back to being a united nation, is his call that those "choosing party loyalty over their oath" aimed at only Republicans or at Democrats who blindly voted to impeach? He believes Trump should go and calls for people to vote him out of office in 2020. He doesn't specifically call for impeach now. His politics ring clear in the article. I don't think he would see the hypocrisy between his movie and his denouncement against those with party loyalty today.

Lynch trials regardless the defendant, political party, or even against war criminals are wrong. We all need to recognize the denials of liberties whenever they occur, regardless of our politics. Redford need not be ashamed of his movie, just his inconsistencies.

Collector's Corner

by

Douglas Roussin

The Forgotten World War 1917-1919

In the eleventh month, eleventh day and the eleventh hour of 1918, the guns of World War One fell silent after four long years of carnage. Never in the history of mankind had so many been killed. One soldier from the 35 division, when told the Armistice had been signed, was surprised the next morning when he heard artillery fire. But, at 11 o'clock the guns fell silent. It would take another year, 1919, before most of the soldiers would return home. This year marks the 100th anniversary of their returning.



The 35th division was made up of the Kansas (137th infantry) and the Missouri (138th infantry). Both of these units were National Guard regiments. Their combined units numbered about 25,000 men.

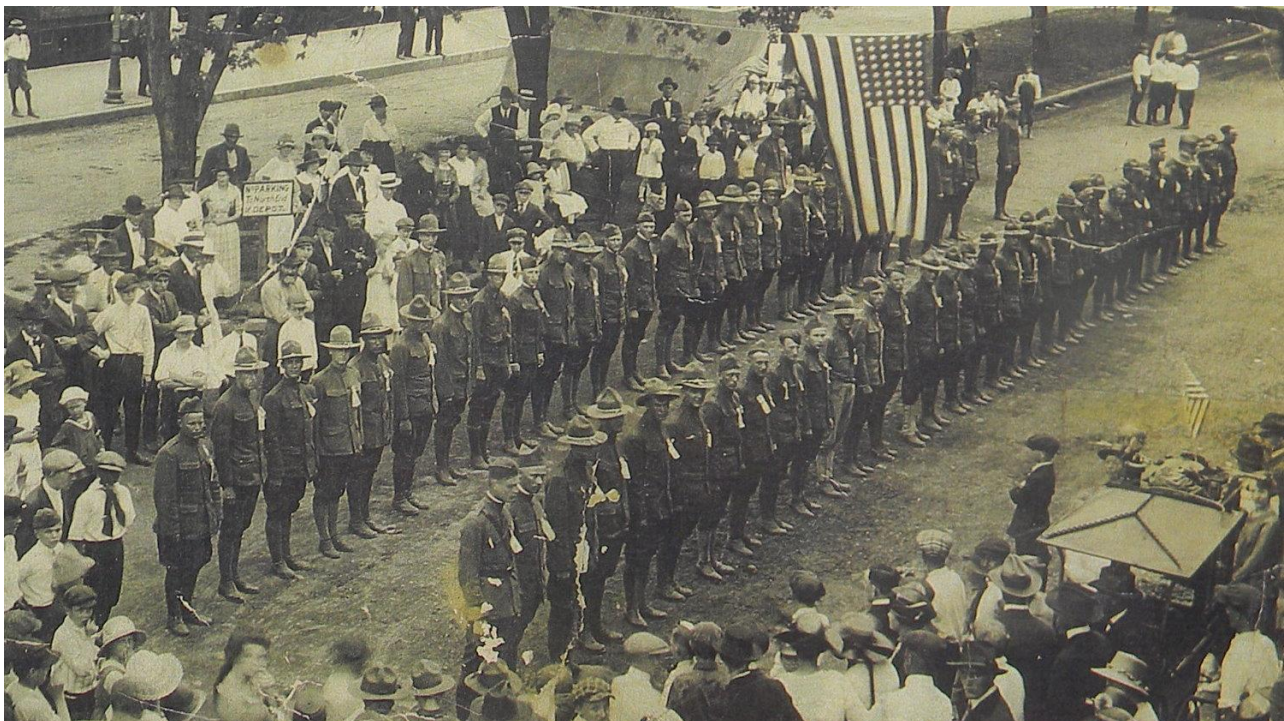


Pictured is the collar insignia of the 137th and 138th infantry with a 35 division patch.



This Collector's Corner will deal only with the few men of Company F, 5th regiment, 138th infantry, 35th division. This regiment is referred to as, "St. Louis's Own", because it was made up of men from St. Louis and the surrounding counties. Company F. was recruited from DeSoto, Mo. and the surrounding area. After war was declared on Germany, recruiters were sent to DeSoto to enlist young men into the Missouri National Guard. This was accomplished during the summer of 1917 and by August of that year a company had been formed. Before their departure the citizens of DeSoto held a reception at the Y. M. C. A. hall. The boys lined up on Main Street before departing on the train to Jefferson Barracks to be sworn into federal service. Company F lined up on Main Street, DeSoto. The author's uncles Clyde and Amos Roussin are number 8 & 9 in the first row. Note, each man has a small white tag attached to his uniform.

From Jefferson Barracks they were sent to Camp Doniphan, near Fort Sill, Okla. for basic. The winter at Camp



Doniphan was very harsh for the boys who were living in tents. Many tents did not receive stoves until late December and there was a great deal of sickness. In the spring, after much training, the boys were sent to France. Most arrived in France in April or May. They then marched to the southern part of France near the Swiss border. For the next several months they lived in trenches and endured artillery and small arms fire and participated in numerous fights. Their largest battle was the Meuse-Argonne offensive. It was here that they suffered the largest number of casualties. (both the author's uncles were wounded during this battle.)

Most people know that the war was over in 1918, but for the boys of the 35th division and Company F, it would take nearly a year (1919) before they would return home. When they did, they came home to a hero's welcome. There were parades in St. Louis and Kansas City, lined with tens of thousands of people.

Soldiers who got off the train in St. Louis were given a special souvenir cigarette lighter. It was a special thank you for what they had sacrificed.



On one side is the statue of St. Louis with the words "St. Louis to the Front". Below this is the patch of the 35th division, and the words, "1918- France, From a grateful city to her gallant Sons". The reverse has two Ladies Liberties holding a sword. One representing the U.S. and the other the Republic of France with the words, "Allied for Liberty". Today, this lighter is very rare.

were struck. One was for veterans who had served during the war, but not in the Guard.

The State of Missouri, like the other states, struck a Victory Medal with the emblem of the state. It has a red, white and blue ribbon. Pictures of two bears appear on the front with the words, "War with Germany" and the dates "1917-1919". Two versions made for the Missouri National Guard and the other



I knew that the state of Missouri, along with the other states produced medals. But, until recently, I was not aware that many counties and cities, both large and small, across the country also made and gave out Victory Medals to their veterans. Missouri was no exception.



I recently found this victory badge. The metal parts are quite tarnished but the ribbon is intact and is multi-colored. The front depicts the picture of a soldier with Lady Liberty leading the way. At the top is written, “the call, 1917” and at the bottom is 12th Engineers (railway). On the reverse is inscribed, “Presented to _____ by the citizens of Saint Louis in recognition of service in France, 1917-1919”. A castle, the emblem of the Corp of Engineers, is shown. Most Victory badges had a place for the veterans to put his name. Most veterans never inscribed their names and it is rare to find one of these badges with a name. The badge on the left seems to be a common design for many communities. This one is inscribed, “Presented by the People of Webster Groves, Mo. in grateful recognition of Patriotic services in the world war, 1917-1918”. Below is a gold ring with AEF (American Expeditionary Force) and a veteran stipe. Many veterans wore buckles like the one below. In the center is Lady Liberty holding a sword.





Amos Author Roussin



Clyde Otto Roussin & William Estes

Pictured above are the author's uncles, Amos and Clyde Roussin, and Clyde's close buddy William Estes. Both Amos and Clyde (Bud) Roussin survived the war though both were wounded in the Meuse-Argonne offensive of 1918. The United States Victory Medal and Purple Heart belonging to Amos Roussin is now proudly displayed in the author's home.

This Collector's Corner is respectfully dedicated to Amos and Clyde and all the men of Company F. for their sacrifice in the First World War.

Author of our
continuing series:
PCC Doug Roussin
of
Gen. Thomas
Fletcher Camp 47



[Civil War Photo Sleuth](#), a website that uses facial recognition technology, is a form of artificial intelligence (A.I.), to identify the men in Civil War photos. And in 2020 the site is planning to add a new feature, after a successful test: a way for users to get second opinions on potential photo matches.

The founder of Sleuth, Kurt Luther, a professor of History & Computer Science at Virginia Tech, got interested in Civil War photography in 2013 after he stumbled across a photo album containing an image of his great-great-great uncle.

Another Sectional Association of the GAR

This page by Walt Busch, PDC

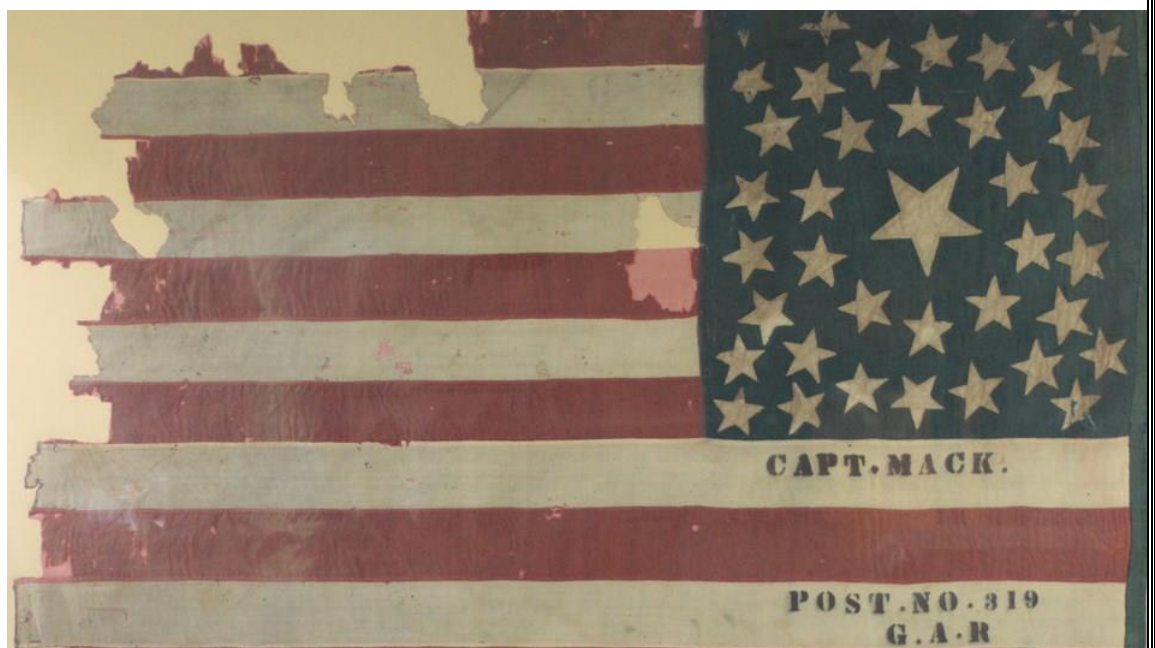
In the past several years during research, the editor has been able to bring information to you on the Southwest Veterans Association, the Gasconade Battalion, and the Ozark Battalion. All of these were groups that as far as we can tell were organized from several GAR posts in various areas of the state. I also found a similar organization in Kansas. This would be like the Fletcher Camp, Wilhelmi Camp and Grant Camp forming a Metro- St Louis SUVCW Association and occasionally holding meetings or doing projects.

While at PCC Doug Roussin's house recently, he was showing me some things he had purchased and among them were three ribbons (only two are shown to the right due to my poor photography). Apparently the 5 Grand Army posts of Dallas County around present day Pomme de Terre Lake formed their own association. As with the other groups, little is known. The only project that we know of any such association doing during their existence is that of the Ozark Battalion monument in a Salem, MO, cemetery.



Capt Mack No. 319 GAR Post Flag

While browsing the Wilson's Creek website to see if they had any upcoming events we could list in the newsletter, I came across this flag in their collection. The Capt. Mack Post was formed in Green Ridge, Greene County, MO., mustering in on May 23, 1887 with 15 members. Henry T. Howard was chosen as their first post commander. This information and much more about the GAR posts of the state of Missouri can be found at <http://www.suvcwmo.org/missouri-gar-records.html>



[The following is from a report I wrote recently for my German conversation class. I translated into English for you]

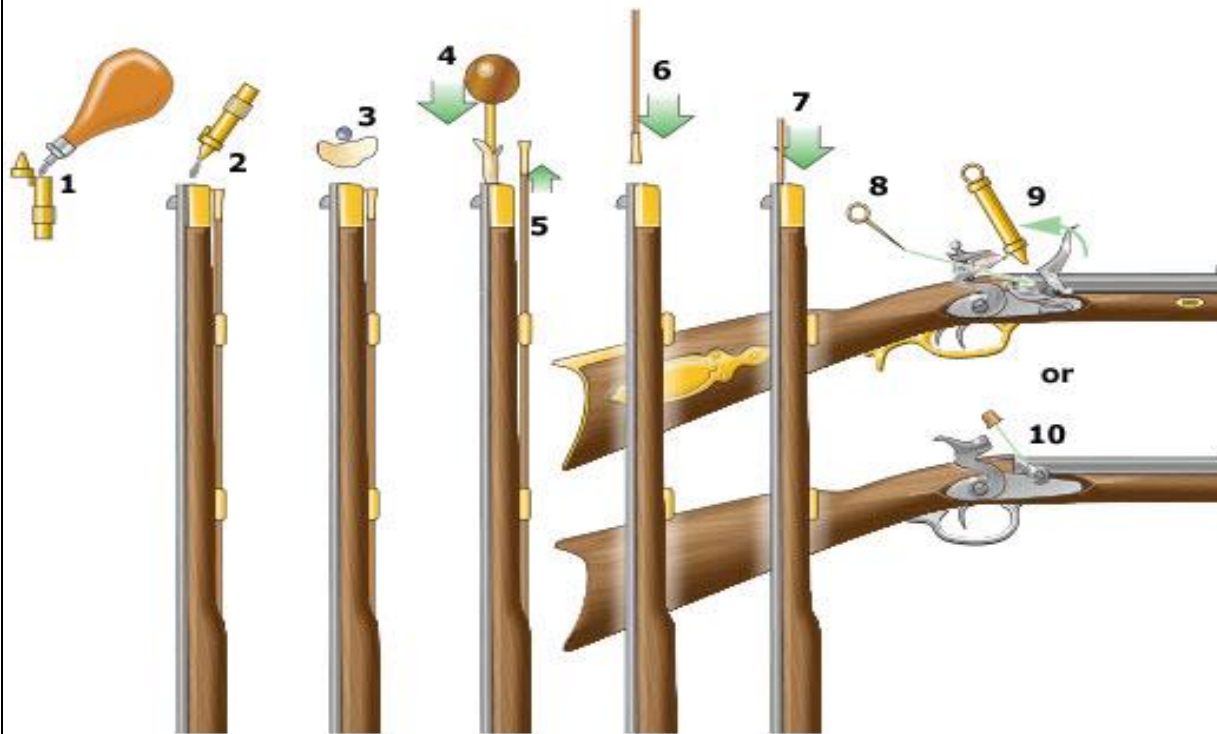
The Dreyse Zündnadelgewehr (The Dreyse Needle Gun)

By Walt Busch, PDC



Today, I am reporting about an important development in the art of weapons manufacturing. I am talking about the Dreyse needle gun. It was not so much a revolutionary development,

but an evolutionary one. But for a short time, this rifle was one of the most important developments in German military history.



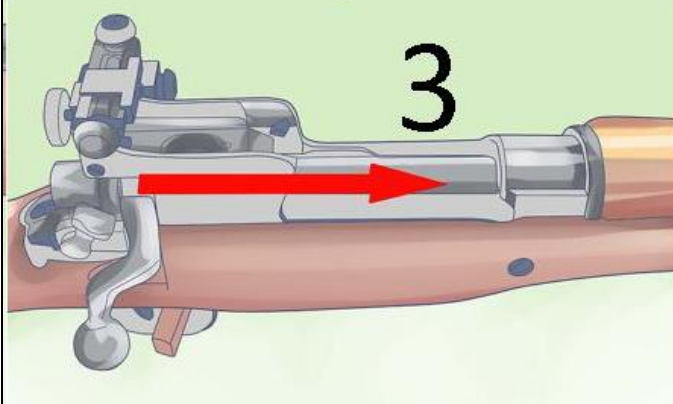
As the 18th century changed into the 19th, most of the long guns were muskets, that had to be loaded through the muzzle of the gun. The shooter had to load powder and then a musket ball, then put a firing cap opposite the trigger. When the hammer is cocked and the trigger is pressed, the gun would fire. At best, a

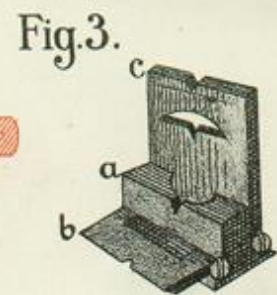
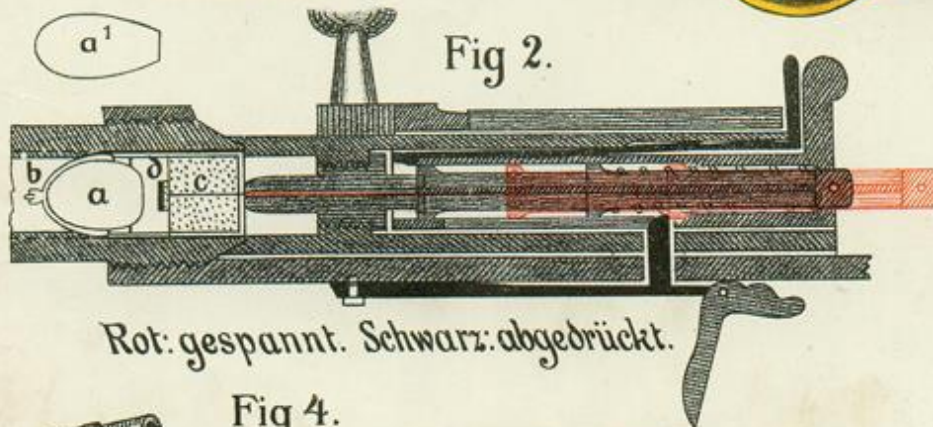
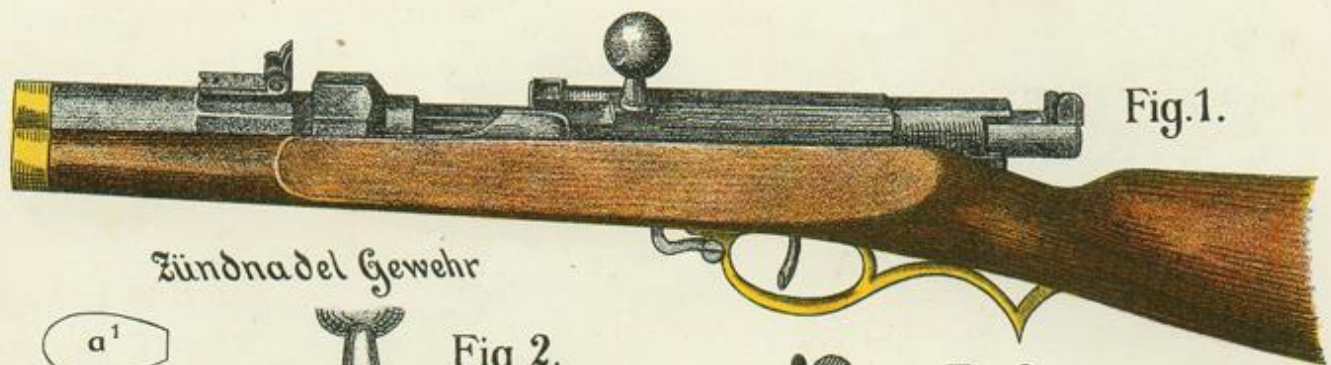
shooter could shoot three bullets per minute. In 1809 Swiss-born Jean Samuel Pauly, born as Johannes Samuel Pauli (1766 Bern – 1821), developed the first completely enclosed bullet cartridge that used a needle to discharge the primer. The weapon was also one of the first weapons that was loaded through the breech instead of the muzzle. Napoleon himself said that the Pauly-musket was before its time. It was never mass produced and I will not ramble on further about it.

Pauly had an employee...Johan (because every German in the 18th century was named Johann something) Nikolaus Dreyse. Nikolaus (because the Germans use the second name of a person otherwise you would hear on the street, "Hello Johann," "How are you doing Johann?" "Good, and how is your brother Johann and your sister Johanna?" and so on), was born in 1787 in Soemmerda, in the Archbishopic of Mainz, Germany.

In 1836, Nikolaus produced his first mass produced needle gun. But the gun still had to be loaded through the muzzle. In 1841, he produced a model that used the bolt action loading-locking principle. A bullet is loaded through an opening behind the barrel. The Dreyse bullet consisted of a lead bullet with a primer cap immediately behind it. A paper casing enclosed the primer and powder inside it. When the shooter pulled a trigger, a needle is pushed through the paper and through the powder and when it made contact with the primer, the bullet shot out of the muzzle.

The British army tested the 1841 model and found that the weapon could shoot 6 bullets per minute. It was even fairly accurate up to 1100 meters (3300 feet). But the British thought that it was not built strongly enough to withstand the demands of battle. The Prussian army thought otherwise. It was used during the German Revolution from 1848 to 1849 in fighting and proved its battle survivability during the Dresden May Uprisings. Many German states then bought the new weapon and that is the reason that many old muskets (like the Dresden or Saxon muskets) came from Germany to America in our civil war.





Visiereinrichtung.



Dresden Uprising – Prussian and Saxon Troops in the Dresden New Market. And silver commemoration medallion for the Saxon soldiers.

During the time of the wars during the 1860s known as the Bismarck wars (instigated with the help of Prince Otto von Bismarck, the German Prime Minister in an effort to build up the German nation). the opponents of German were still using muskets that fired 2 or 3 rounds per minute while the Prussians could fire 6 rounds per minute. This helped tilt the scales to Prussian winning in 1864 against Denmark and in 1866 against Austria. Bismarck rocked!



2nd Schleswig War or the German – Danish War of Feb to Oct 1864

In 1870, the German states battled the French. The French army had just developed a new type of weapon, the Chassepot. This was a little better than the needle gun in operation, and a little sturdier. Nevertheless, Dreyse's invention was still good enough and Germany finally was victorious.



Prussian-Austrian War or the Seven Week War of 1866

The needle gun was not revolutionary because its development came too late in the development of guns. Samuel Colt had already developed a repeating pistol capable of rapid fire. Metal bullet cartridges were in production by 1861 for Smith & Wesson and used in their Model 2 revolver. By 1860, Benjamin Tyler Henry had produced his repeating rifle. The time for the needle gun was passing by. But it was good enough for Germany to be victorious in the Bismarck Wars and the Franco-Prussian War and had a role in uniting the German Nation in 1871 after their victory over the French.

1870-71 Franco-Prussian War – The Battle at Sedan

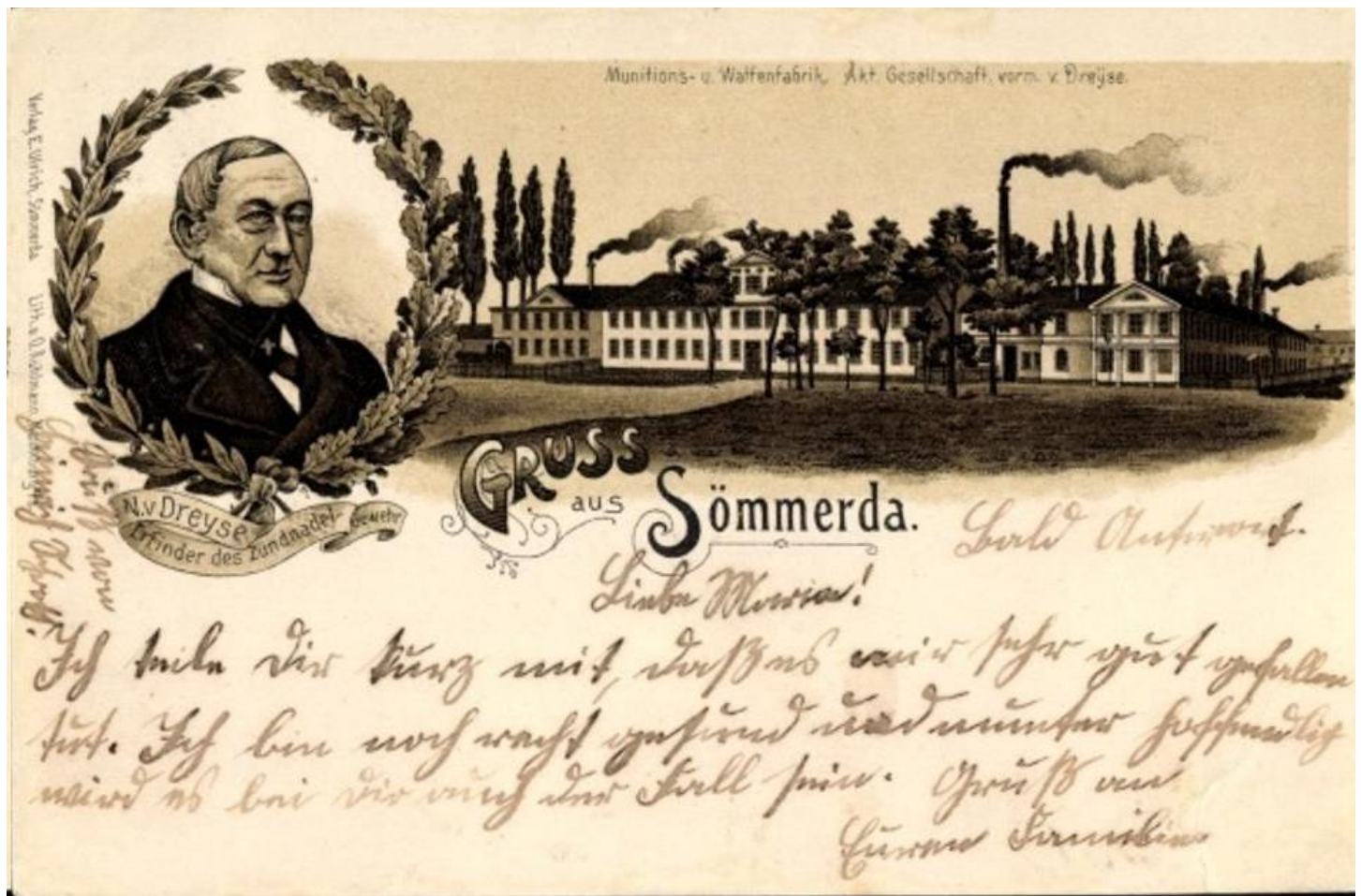


Crowning the Kaiser in the Palace of Versailles near Paris in 1871 – The Birth of the German Nation

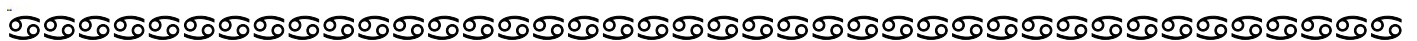
In 1864, Johann Nikolaus Dreyse was ennobled (similar to being knighted) and became Johann Nikolaus von Dreyse. He died in Soemmerda in 1867.

Why is this important to Civil War history? It isn't really. The American military observers had seen the needle gun being used in the 1840s and 50s and wanted to purchase some, but they were considered a military secret by the Germans. They refused to let copies come into America. That doesn't mean that some might not have made it here, but I haven't found a reference stating that such was the case.

The gun, however, did allow for a lot of rifled percussion muskets to be imported and although not necessarily the most modern weapon, it was a style of weapon many farmers turned soldiers would have been use to using. These imports made a difference in the early days of the war as American military production was not operating at full steam. So, the Dreyse needle gun influenced not only the German wars of unification, but also to a small extent, the American Civil War.



A Postcard issued in Honor of von Dreyse



The Last Cave Made During the Civil War at Vicksburg has Collapsed



During the siege, over 500 caves were made in the loess soil around Vicksburg. This unusual soil is not a good soil to make caves in, but survival during the siege required desperate actions such as the example of a Vicksburg cave shown to the left.

Missouri has this type of soil as does China along the Yangtze River. In Missouri, drivers on I-70 between Boonville and Columbia can see loess soil faces on top of the bluffs in the notch where the highway crosses the river near Rocheport.

Westport Camp Member Leads Tribute to Colonel Edward A. Kutzner

(see webpage for a full article <https://www.memphisdemocrat.com/memphis-cemetery-hosts-tribute-to-civil-war-union-colonel-edward-a-kutzner/>)

Colonel Kutzner was the organizer and leader of the 39th Missouri Infantry and that unit is best remembered as being at the wrong place at the wrong time when Bloody Bill Anderson decided to attack Centralia. Between Centralia and other actions during the fall raid of CSA General Sterling Price, the 39th lost 2 officers and 114 men.



Westport member Kris Lancaster (left) planned and organized the event that was held in Kirksville, MO, which is 4 hours from his camp's area. He presented a GAR grave marker to Verlee Dauma (right), Kutzner's oldest living descendent to be placed on his gravestone. Kutzner was a charter member of the GAR post in Memphis, MO and also served as the post's chaplain.

Lancaster was assisted by local VFW members and re-enactors.



In Memory of Donald P. Alwine

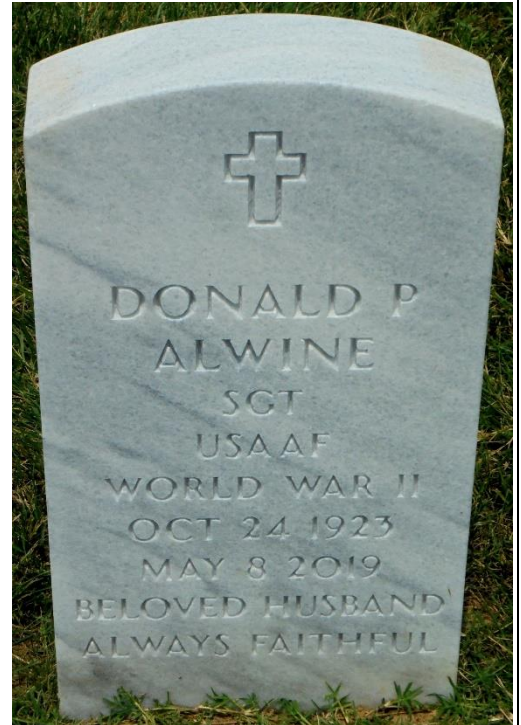


Donald Alwine, member of Grant Camp 68, had been a member for several years, joining us in the later part of his eight decade. Before and after meetings he would regale us with stories from WW2 and aviation, especially about his favorite B-17 bomber. Occasionally he would hint at service with some secret government organization also.

Don, born 24 Oct 1923, was a WW2 sergeant with the US Army Air Force. He spent most of his service training B-17 radiomen and gunners.

He was married to Rosemary Helen Day,

who passed away 20 twenty years ago. Don passed away on 8 May, 2019 and no one told us! Hence, no department order in his memory. He was a member of Seven Holy Founders Roman Catholic Church in Affton, MO and services were held for him there. US Grant Camp sent a donation to the church in honor of Brother Alwine. He is buried alongside his wife at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery Plot 1D-0-845.



If you want to hear him talking about some of his experiences including meeting Amelia Earhart, click this link....

<https://vimeo.com/164112132>

Lest We Forget!



Check out the *Daughters of Union Veterans Museum* in Springfield, IL. They have it very nicely set up. They are off the main historical trail and therefore possibly don't get as many visitors perhaps as the Women's Relief Corps Museum with is right near the Lincoln's Home in town. But both are definitely worth a trip to visit in Springfield.

Pictured left from the DUVCW Museum is Julius Heinrich and a doughboy (probably son). Julius was a member of Ransom Post 131 in St. Louis and a veteran of Company G, 40th Missouri Infantry.

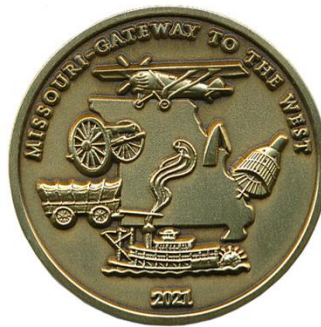
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THE 2021 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT NEWS!

MEDAL SET NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!

We still need people to **buy loyalty bonds**, but for those who want something tangible for their money right now, here is the new challenge coin/medal set we are selling for the 2021 Encampment. **You can get yours now!**

2021 National Encampment Medal & Coin set



This is the official encampment medallion. A souvenir one is also going to be made and is available only to those attending. However, one more medallion is planned. If we get the permission from the other groups joining us at the encampment (Daughters, Auxiliary, etc.) we plan on producing a special edition GAR- Allied Orders Medal in limited edition.

The pictured set can be ordered by sending a check written out to "Department of Missouri SUVCW and mailing it to:

Walt Busch
1240 Konert Valley Dr
Fenton, MO 63026

If you have any ideas for inexpensive products we can make for the encampment, please contact Bob Petrovic, chairman of the committee, at rpetro7776@aol.com or Walt Busch, sec-treasurer of the committee at wbusch@suvcmo.org.

\$35.00 + s/h

1 - \$5.00

2 - 4 -\$8.00



2020 Department Encampment Registration



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CAMP: _____

Highest Ranking In Org: _____

E-MAIL or Phone No: _____

Registration for Meeting (number paying for) _____ X \$7.00= _____
TOTAL: \$ _____

Note: Registration at the door costs \$10.00

FORM 2a "SUVCW ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT CREDENTIAL CARD" as found on the suvcw.org website is required for members representing their camps and must be signed by their camp secretary. Exceptions to this are all PCCs, PDCs, and department elected and appointed officers. While they may not be entitled to vote, all members of the department of Missouri may attend and participate in the meetings.

Location: Bass Pro Shop Conservation Room, 18001 Bass Pro Dr, Independence, MO 64055

The lunch is from their restaurant and we can order off the menu. Orders will be submitted about 2 hours before lunch. Each member will be responsible for his own bill. Costs are as little as under \$5 for a small salad, to \$12 for a burger plate to \$21 for a salmon dinner. Beverages must be purchased from the facility. The department will supply some refreshments during breaks.

For those that don't want the catered lunch, there are a couple restaurants nearby. Chinese, Mexican and Pizza as well as a few others without having to get on the highway. See Map on next page.

Lodging

Independence has several hotels. The Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center is next to Bass Pro. There phone number is 816-908-9600. INFORMATION ABOUT SPECIAL PRICING IS NOT YET COMPLETED. YOU WILL RECEIVE AN UPDATED FORM WHEN WE GET THE INFO!

Camping

Trailside RV Park, 1000 R D Mize Rd, Grain Valley, MO 64029 816-229-2267

- rates under \$40 for full hookup.

The Campus RV Park, 500 West Pacific St, Independence, MO 64050 816-254-1815

- rates under \$35

Preregistration must be completed by May 20, 2019. Mail check written to "Department of Missouri SUVCW" to: Walter Busch, 1240 Konert Valley Dr, Fenton, MO 63026. Registration at the after May 20 or at the door is \$10/member.

For the Family ---

Bass Pro Shop

Harry S Truman Home and Presidential Library

Rheinland German Restaurant

Casinos (Harrah's, Ameristar & Isle of Capri)

Waterfall Park

Gates BBQ

Negro League Baseball Museum

Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

Worlds of Fun/Oceans of Fun Park

American Jazz Museum

Civil War Trail in Independence

Independence Jail

KC Royals Games

The Arabia Steamboat Museum

Battle of Westport Museum (if open)

KC Area Civil War Roundtable Battle Trail

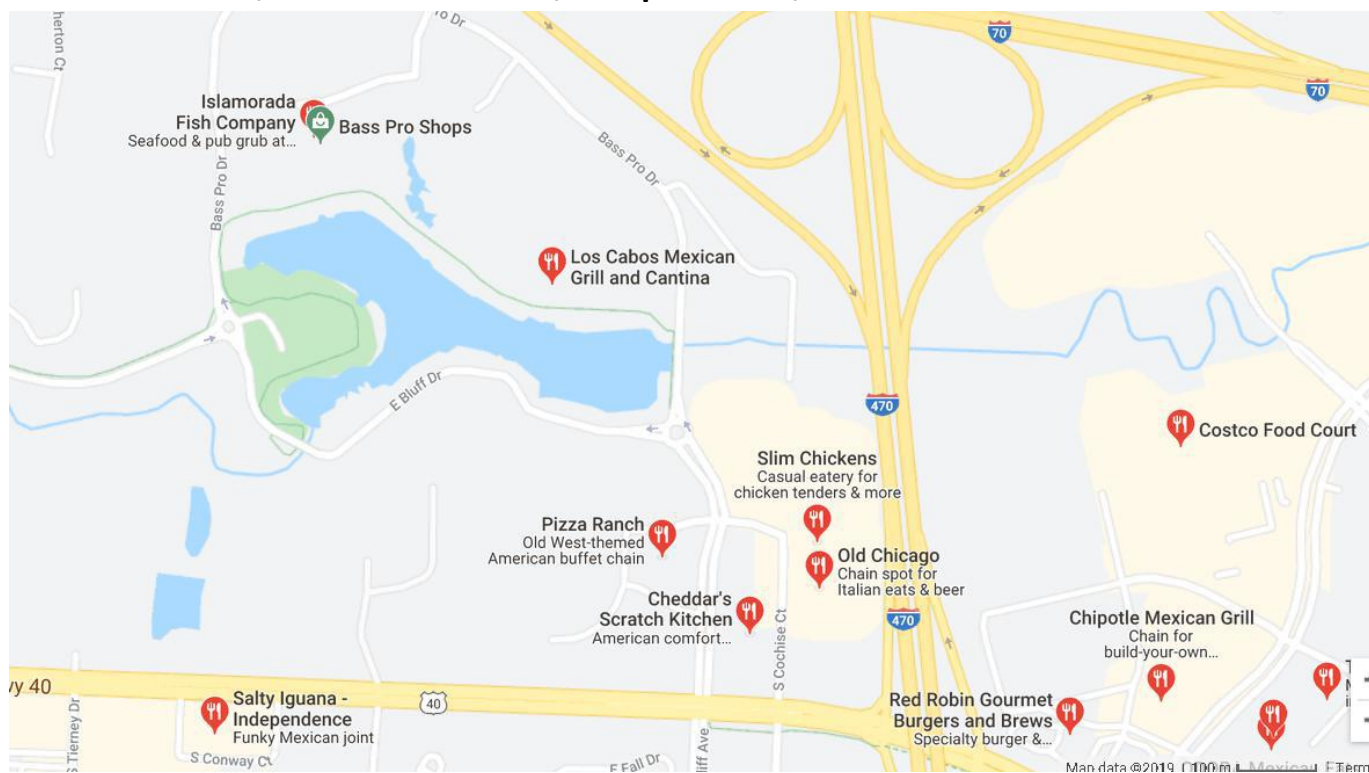
National World War I Museum

National Museum of Toys and Miniatures

Thomas Hart Benton Home and Studio

KC Royals Hall of Fame

BASS PRO SHOP, 18001 Bass Pro Dr, Independence, MO 64055



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Commander's Message

Hoping your holiday season is providing you time and opportunity to celebrate with family and friends. I caravanned with my siblings through much of Southern Missouri these past two months. The highlight was venison steak in Elk Creek, Missouri (prize to the first brother who knows where Elk Creek is without an internet search).

The custom of making a New Year's resolution dates to the Babylonians and it is unclear if our Civil War ancestor engaged in this annual tradition. Regardless, I would like to challenge you to include the SUVCW and your Civil War ancestors this year. My challenge is to find a new SUVCW activity in 2020. We have many national and local programs that just need a volunteer, most only require a few hours.

But first a word about **Membership** – If every member came up with one new member this year, it would double our membership and increase the activities done by every camp. It would also help prevent the demise of camps. Since 2010 we have lost 5 camps. One was reestablished and one of those could have been saved with just a little effort from camp members. Contact JVC Joseph Rainey (McPherson Camp) at jvc@suvchwmo.org for help with membership.

Civil War Monuments – help identify and document the condition of the Civil War and GAR monuments. Missouri has the claim of having documented all of its known Civil War monuments, but few from Arkansas have been identified. Whether known to unknown in the SUVCW database, each monument needs regular update reports on its condition. Contact Walter Busch (Grant Camp) at wbusch@suvchwmo.org.

Eagle Scout Program – help a local Boy Scout with a service project or participate in an Eagle Scout Court of Honor with presentation of the SUVCW's commendation and Department's recognition coin. Contact Thomas Greminger (St. James Camp) at tbgreminger@att.net.

GAR Records – an untapped treasure are GAR records. These records, often in an old box ended up in a member's estate sale or kept by a family member, dropped off at a local library or historical society, and sold in antique stores and internet auctions. Contact Walter Busch (Grant Camp) at wbusch@suvchwmo.org.

Grave Registration Program – help identify and document the grave site of our Civil War veterans (Union and Confederate). If you are driving past an older cemetery: stop, walk through and document a Civil War era headstone. Contact Gary Scheel (St. James Camp) at somewhere1@sbcglobal.net.

Medal of Honor – there are 34 recipients buried in Missouri and 3 buried in Arkansas. Each one needs adopted to ensure the soldier's story is documented, his gravesite preserved, and his service honored. Contact Randal Burd, Jr. (Fletcher Camp) at raburdjr@gmail.com.

Missouri Unionist – are you a writer, have some Civil War or GAR history to share? Consider contributing an article to our Missouri Unionist. Contact Walter Busch (Grant Camp) at wbusch@suvchwmo.org.

Promotion – have experience promoting events, working with the press, or working with social media? The SUVCW needs help promoting its events. Contact James Dixon (Tiger Camp) at signal.suvchwmo@hotmail.com

ROTC – less than half of the 122 JROTC/ROTC programs in Missouri and Arkansas participate in our awards program that presents the SUVCW's medal to a local cadet or midshipman. Participation by a local high school or college involves contacting and supporting the local unit through our process. Contact Dale Crandell (Westport Camp) at deptrote@suvchwmo.org.

Finally, (and a little off topic) forms are now due by Camp Secretaries and Dues are due by Members! The Election of Camp Officers form is due by mid-February and the Per Capita is due by the end of March to our Department Secretary, PC-in-C Ed Krieser (Phelps Camp) secretary@suvchwmo.org. You can write him for help or Assistant Secretary Walt Busch wbusch@suvchwmo.org can help as well.

Wishing All A Healthy and Successful New Year!
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Dale Crandell, PDC





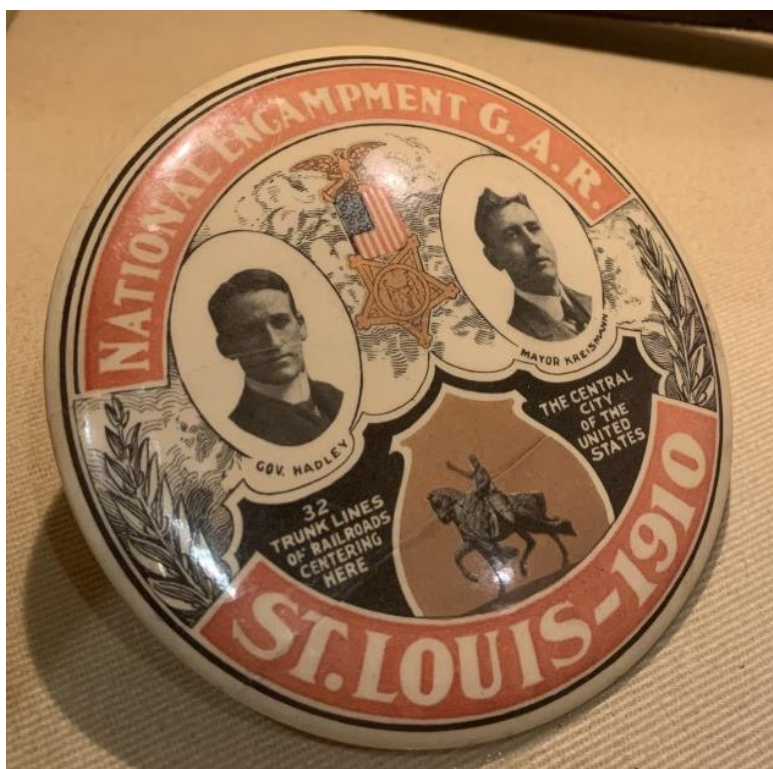
*From Our
Commander:*

*Thomas Nast's
1864 illustration in
Harpers Weekly
comparing
celebration of the
New Year in the
North and South.*

SIMPLE ERROR OR SLOPPY RESEARCH?

If you stop by the Missouri History Museum in Forest Park, St. Louis, MO (and you should sometime), on the second floor are two galleries about St. Louis History. On the back wall of the west gallery is the button pictured on the right. The label next to the button states: "Badge from GAR Encampment, 1910 – Made by Steiner Engraving and Badge Company, St. Louis."

Another part of the sign does describe what the GAR was, but there is one simple problem with this button. St. Louis had the national encampment only once...in 1887. St. Louis tried several times to have one. 1904 during the World's Fair and this time in 1910 are examples. The button was a promotion. This was one of the ways a group would promote the idea that they wanted to hold an encampment in the hope that delegates would vote for the site. This is not being too picky as a simple search of the Library of Congress website would have shown that Atlantic City, NJ was the encampment city in 1910.



Words are the most important communications medium to get our messages across. That is why we must be careful about our exhibits when we promote the organization and our historical markers when we create them. The above requires a simple correction, but an improper phrase like one of our monuments suggesting the "Lost Cause" was just or righteous and that error takes ages, if ever, to correct.

CAMP DISPATCHES

Fletcher Camp 47

Fletcher Camp and Volker Auxiliary Participate in the Fletcher Ghost Walk Tour, Hillsboro's Heritage Days, and more!

The Camp and Auxiliary arrived in force at the annual Fletcher House Ghost Tour. The cool weather didn't dissuade our camp from attending on October 18, even if the number of people who attended this year seemed to be down. Those who persevered till the end were able to take home some stew made by Carmelita, the event's organizer. YUM! Attendees included Colissa and Steve Alexander, Mark Arbuthnot, Susan Breland, Sumner Hunnewell, Don Lillicrap, and Kathie and Doug Roussin.

We also took part in what looks to be an annual event, the Hillsboro Heritage Days. A Civil War encampment was set up on October 5. Dr Cecil Hampton gave the camp a book he authored *The Devil Rides With Me*. The book is about his great-great-grandfather, Sgt. Edmond Hampton, Co. E, Missouri 6th Calvary.

Members of the Camp took part in the First United Methodist's Community Days on October 13. Our Camp and Auxiliary regularly meet at this Festus church.

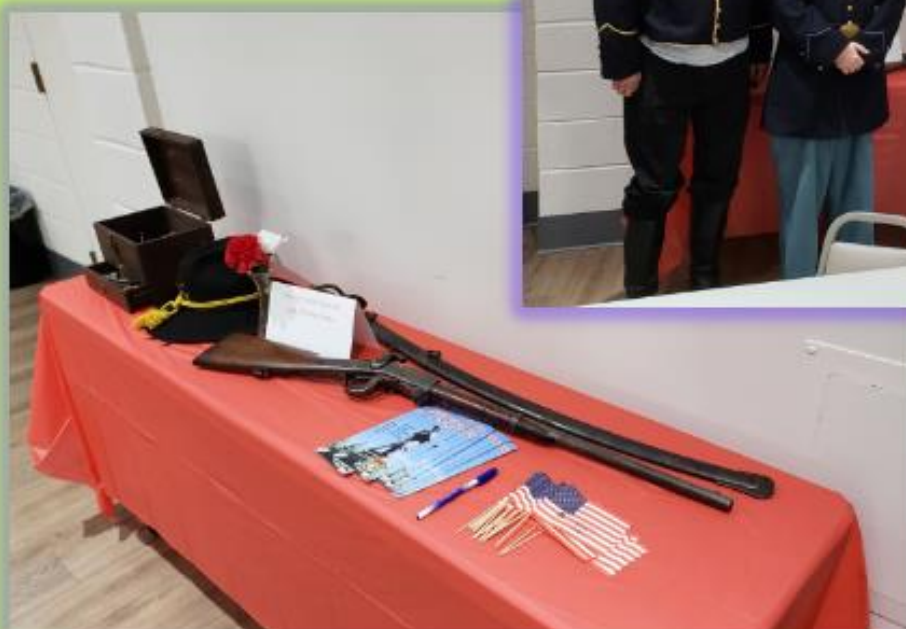


Brothers Arbuthnot
and Lillicrap
prepare for the
crowds.

Watch these men.
They aren't from
our Camp.



Hillsboro Heritage Days



**Community Days at
First United
Methodist Church**

Fletcher Camp and Volker Auxiliary Attend “Historic Christmas”

The weekend of December 14-15 was a busy day for the members of the Camp and Auxiliary. Many members attended “Historic Christmas” at Fort Davidson State Historic Site in Pilot Knob.



Fr. Christmas surrounded by members of the Camp and Auxiliary (as well as Brother Scheel from St. James Camp)

Annual Christmas Party

The Camp and Auxiliary celebrated with a party and swearing-in ceremony at the De Soto Community Center on December 14. Nearly 30 members and guests attended at this new venue. The food was plentiful and very good with the Auxiliary providing the cake.

This was also Abby Warren's sixth birthday, so she was sworn in as a junior member of the Auxiliary.

PP Kelly Noack provided these photographs.



One of the newest Auxiliary members takes her oath

Ringin' Bells at Wal*Mart for Food Pantry

Sister Noack and Brothers Trodus, Roussin, and Arbuthnot braved the poor weather and ice storm to ring bells on December 15 at the De Soto Wal*Mart. Brother Trodus believes that \$200 was collected for the De Soto Contact Food Pantry.

Brothers Roussin and Arbuthnot doing good deeds for the community.



Grant Camp 68



Brother Craig Mathews presented a Grant Camp Certificate for Continuing Service in Support of US Veterans to Josh Wolz, a teacher at Marquette High School.

Josh has been leading the Veteran s Day program for 6 years. The program begins with a breakfast for the veterans and their family. Veterans are led into the gym by an organization that he sets up – USMC, St Louis County Police Bagpipes, ROTC, etc.

He uses the Marquette ROTC, BSA, etc for folding the Flag &/or showing the POW/MIA table – both have students reading the meaning of each fold or item. He has a student speaker and a veteran keynote speaker. He designates Veteran s Day a day to learn about veterans and what it means to be a veteran.

He also has special projects. Last year, they collected money for Honor Flight and this year, they are supporting the Jefferson Barracks Food

Pantry.

Besides the certificate, Wolz was presented with a set of US Grant coins that the camp produced a few years ago.

PDCs Marty Aubuchon & Walt Busch have joined the ranks of **life members** in the SUVCW. Now Grant Camp has 5 life members. More than any camp in the state! You too can become a life member! You not only save on national dues, but Missouri doesn't charge dues to life members either (neither does Grant Camp). So Walt is saving \$35 per year in dues. <http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Form-9-Rev-04-2017.pdf>.

Brother Bob Aubuchon (third from left) marches in the Veteran's Day parade with other SVR members and reenactors, led by Brother Greg Zelinske from the Bellville IL Camp

The December 4 Grant Camp Dinner Meeting and Initiation of Officers at the Greenbriar Country Club. This is the annual dinner in which wives are invited to attend. This year, Brother Jim Gallen (pictured below right) stepped in at the last minute when our guest speaker cancelled and gave a presentation on Civil War soldiers who also served in the Spanish-American War.



After social hour, dinner and the presentation, camp officers were sworn in for the year. PCC Robert Amsler, Jr is once again commander, PCC Sumner Hunnewell is SVC and Craig Mathews is JVC. Walt Busch is still stuck with Secretary-Treasurer duties. Bob Petrovic, Marty Aubuchon and James Stebbings are elected as camp councils.



We had a small turn out and plan on making it better next year for our **Sherman Remembrance Day**. Walt Busch presented excerpts from a book written by famous men from the 1890s on their thoughts about General Sherman.

The Sherman Camp previously held this event, but the camp has now closed. Still their camp flag flew at the ceremony and Grant Camp plans continue to fly it at future events. Members of the A-SUVCW and DUVCW (Julia Dent Grant Tent) as well as the WRC were present. Thanks to Greg Zelinske (Hecker Camp), Glenn Alsop and Randy Baehr (Wilhelmi Camp) Gary Scheel (St. James Camp) , Chris Warren (Fletcher Camp) and members of the Turner Brigade for being the honor guard.

The camp has voted to begin a special awards program to present people we want to honor with a flag that has flown over Sherman's grave. We can do this as we are responsible for the flagpole at the site. We had a request from the War College to provide them a flag and we are going to do so. We are also discussing completing the late Lt. Colonel Jack Grothe's plan to place bricks below the flagpole and offering bricks for sale to support flagpole repairs and replacement flags. A few of us are also considering trying to come up with a memorial bench at the site.

Above Left: PDCs of the Department Present:

L-R: Glenn Alsop, Chris Warren, Current DC Dale Crandell, Martin Aubuchon, and Walt Busch

Felix St. James Camp 326

UNION ARMY INVADES FESTUS MIDDLE SCHOOL.

On October 16th members of our camp participated in the school's annual Missouri Days.



We had four different stations that included artillery, Infantry weapon firing and commands demonstration, Equipment of a soldier and maps, and 1st Day in the Union army school of the soldier. Being outnumbered 240 to 6 the Union troops were finally able to out maneuver the opposing force with a display of superiority by firing the cannon.



The opposing forces soon sat down and surrendered. Present for duty from our camp was Ed Millinger, Tom Greminger, Jerry Kasten, Gary Scheel, Mike Schaaf, and Paul Kist.

Special Thanks to Ruth Kasten and Carol Kist for supporting us.

U.S. GRANT CAMP #68 HONORS THE MEMORY OF MAJOR-GENERAL WILLIAM T. SHERMAN

Sherman Camp #65 for many years a ceremony to honor General Sherman in February. This year on November 16th, Grant Camp #68 picked up the flag to carry on. It was a great ceremony and a touch of class was demonstrated by the Grant Camp. They flew the Sherman Camp flag during the ceremony. HUZZAH, HUZZAH, HUZZAH, Grant Camp.

Ceremony was MC'd by Brother Bob Amsler, Jr., Grant Camp Commander. Brother Walt Busch gave a speech that was very interesting. Present was Department Commander Dale Crandel and laid a wreath at the grave site. The honor guard commanded by Captain Greg Zelinske, commander of Company G, 17th Missouri Infantry Regiment (Reenactors) of the Turner Brigade.

Members of the Honors Squad, under the command of Captain Zelinske. Gary Scheel from St. James Camp #326 participated in this part of the ceremony. He is the fifth from the left.

Afterwards Captain Zelinske complemented us for firing in unison for three shots.



CIVIL WAR VETERAN, PRIVATE ALEXANDER WERTH, 9th New York Cavalry, FINALLY at REST

November 30th at the I.O.O.F. cemetery in Washington, MO, a ceremony was held to pay final respects to Doctor Alexander Werth. Private Werth ashes were found in a warehouse because no one had ever claimed his remains. He was buried in a family plot in the cemetery.

Brother Glen Alsop of the Major Franz Wilhelmi Camp #17 put out a call for all members of the SUVCW Camps in the area who were able to please come and participate.



Members of the I.O.O.F. held a small ceremony in the pavilion at the cemetery and the honor guard, commanded by Private Glen Alsop, fired three rounds.

Private Werth's urn is behind the flag. SUVCW members present for the ceremony were all members of the Wilhelmi Camp #17 except Gary Scheel, third from the left, who is a member of St. James Camp #326.



2020 ELECTED CAMP OFFICERS

Camp Commander – Ed Millinger
Senior Vice Commander – Michael Schaaf
Junior Vice Commander – Tom Greminger
Secretary – Robert Mueller
Treasurer – Gary Scheel
Counsel of Administration Members
Jerry Kasten
Paul Kist
Tom Greminger

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

War never changes. Remember those who are away from home and looking, trying to see those he loves at this time of year.

Francis Wilhelmi Camp 17

On November 30th, Brothers of the Major Francis Wilhelmi Camp #17 and Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James #326 with members of the Turner Brigade participated in a ceremony to honor Civil War Veteran Dr. Andrew Werth of the 7th New York Cavalry, who enlisted in the regiment soon after emigrating. After the war he made his way west and practiced in Washington MO. He retired and moved to St. Louis where he passed away in 1911. His remains lay unclaimed at Missouri Mortuary, then Valhalla Mortuary until Paul Annable and the Missouri Chapter of Missing in America located his remains. Dr. Werth was buried at the Wildey or Odd Fellows Cemetery in Washington near his first wife's family.

A Short History of the Wildey or Odd Fellows Cemetery of Washington, MO.

The Pacific Lodge #86 Independent Order of Odd Fellows was organized in 1855 and decided to acquire a tract of land for a cemetery. The 4-acre lot was bought in 1865 and opened in 1866. The first of the over 2700 interments began. Some of the movers and shakers of Washington's history found their final rest here from inventor George Bergner to veteran and surveyor Francis Wilhelmi.

This article will concentrate on the Civil War veterans buried here. These veterans include Colonels, privates, Confederates and militia.

Robert M. Armstrong *Captain C.S.A. wounded 3 times, captured and held at Johnson Island*
 George Arnold *Co. A Franklin County Home Guard*
 James S. Ball *C.S.A. Co. B 8th Missouri Infantry*
 Herman H. Bienke *Co. A 1st Missouri Infantry*
 George Bergner *1st Lieutenant Co. A and C Franklin County Home Guard. An inventor who won an award at the 1876 Philadelphia Exposition for an improved apple paring device. He also worked on a velocipede but was unable to perfect the brakes. It is on display at the Washington Historical Society.*
 John F. Bihr
 Ernest A. Bosse
 Nelson A. Bradley *U.S. Navy served on the Sangamon and Ohio*
 John B. Busch *1st Lieutenant Co. L 54th E.M.M. Older Brother of Adolphus Busch of Busch beer fame.*
 Chester Clawson *Corporal Co. K 111th Pennsylvania Infantry*
 Charles Cole
 John P. Coleman *Lieutenant Colonel 6th U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery*
 Julius Conrads Sr. *1st Sergeant U.S.R.C. and Corporal Co. C 4th Missouri Infantry*
 John Datweiler *Co. E Franklin County Home Guard*
 John Eichenlaub *Corporal Co. G 1st New York Cavalry*
 Henry Eitzen *Sergeant Co. A Franklin County Home Guard and Private Co. A. 54th E.M.M.*
 Charles Evertz Sr. *Co. C 4th Missouri Infantry*
 August Fischer *Captain Co. G 17th Missouri Infantry*
 Adolphus Frick *Captain Co. D Franklin County Home Guard and 1st Lieutenant Co. G 31st Missouri Infantry*
 Daniel Q. Gale *Colonel 54th E.M.M. 1st lawyer in Washington, 1st to live in a brick home, Judge, Circuit Attorney, U.S. Assessor and Postmaster. His son Oscar Gale served in the Confederate army and came back to Washington during Price's Raid.*
 John Gehlert *Co. C 54th E.M.M.*
 Arnold Godt *Co. G 17th Missouri Infantry, Composer musician, painter and Railroad Contractor*
 Charles Godt *Co. A 1st Missouri Cavalry. Died at Rolla of dysentery in 1862*

Charles Mayn *Quartermaster Sergeant Co. E 54th E.M.M.*
 Helmuth Mayne *1st Lieutenant 54th E.M.M.*
 John Motz *Co. A Franklin County Home Guard*
 Ferdinand Muench *Co. I 3rd Missouri Infantry & Lieutenant Co. A 59th E.M.M.*
 Ludwig Muench *Co. A Franklin County Home Guard*
 Christian Mullgardt *Saddler*
 Charles Myohl *Sergeant Co. B 10th Missouri Cavalry*
 Benjamin Osterwald *Co. A Franklin County Home Guard*
 Charles Osterwald
 James W. Owens *Colonel of Militia, lawyer, 49er, State Legislature, judge. In 1865 he drafted the ordinance of emancipation that was passed by the State Convention.*
 Heinrich Poppenhusen *Co. I 3rd Missouri Infantry and 2nd Lieutenant Co. K 54th E.M.M.*
 Jacob Raesner *3rd Sergeant Co. E Franklin County Home Guard*
 Edward Reichard
 Robert Reichard *Musician Co. F 17th Missouri Infantry Captain Co. A 54th E.M.M.*
 George Handy Ross *C.S.A. Lieutenant and Captain Co. A 3rd Tennessee. Paroled 1865*
 Adolph Ruge *1st Sergeant Co. I 54th E.M.M.*
 Ludwig (Louis) Ruge *Contract Surgeon Benton Barracks and Co. E Franklin County Home Guard*
 William G. Ruge *1st Lieutenant Co. C 3rd Missouri Infantry*
 Henry Schaller *Co. G 5th Missouri Infantry*
 Joshua Schmalz
 Eberhard Schreiber *Co. E Franklin County Home Guard and Co. G 17th Missouri Infantry*
 Gustave Schulze *Co. C 33rd New Jersey Infantry*
 Heinrich J. Schulze
 August Steinhaus *Co. C 3rd Missouri Infantry*
 Henry Straatmann *Sergeant Co. M 2nd Ohio Cavalry*
 Henry Stumpe *Co. G 17th Missouri Infantry*
 Herman Vitt *Co. D Franklin County Home Guard Co. M 2nd Missouri Light Artillery*
 William Vitt *Co. D Franklin County Home Guard*
 Henry Vogt *Corporal Co. A 54th E.M.M.*

Frederick A. Godt *Co. G 31st Missouri Infantry*
 August Goebel *Co. D Franklin County Home Guard*
 Ferdinand Hausgen *Co. A Franklin County Home Guard*
 Philip Hendrich *Home Guard and Machinist*
 Robert Hoffman *Co. L 55th E.M.M.*
 John Henry Holtgreive *Co. G 17th Missouri Infantry*
 August Issermann *Co B 32nd Missouri Infantry*
 Adolph Kaiser *54th E.M.M.*
 John Kossman *Corporal Co. E Franklin County Home Guard*
 Albert Krog *Co. A Franklin County Home Guard*
 Henry Krog *Sergeant Co. E Franklin County Home Guard*
 August Krumsick *Surgeon 3rd Missouri Infantry*
 George Krumsick *Colonel 55th E.M.M.*
 John Lay
 Joseph Lay *Co. E Franklin County Home Guard*
 August Leonhardt *Co. E Franklin County Home Guard*
 Phillip Mayer *Franklin County Home Guard*

Robert Voss *Co. D 5th Pennsylvania Militia and Co. D 5th New York National Guard*
 Louis Wehrmann *Co. A Franklin County Home Guard*
 Bernard Weise *1st Lieutenant 54th E.M.M.*
 George Wessener *Corporal Co. E Franklin County Home Guard*
 Franz Wilhelmi *Captain/Major Co. G 17th Missouri Infantry. Graduate Polytechnic Institute of Karlsruhe & surveyor for the Pacific Railroad. After moving to Washington, he was a Deputy Sheriff and Deputy Assessor. After the war he returned to surveying.*
 Julian Wilhelmi *Adjutant 54th E.M.M.*
 Julius Wurll *Sergeant Co. F 17th Missouri Infantry and Captain Co. D 54th E.M.M.*
 Anton Zoff *Musician Co. A 2nd Missouri Infantry*



In 2017, The Department of Missouri SUVCW worked in conjunction with the National Park Service to rededicate the Missouri Monument at Vicksburg. – We still have a few coins and ribbons memorializing that event on our sutler shop webpage.

Here is a medal from the original 1917 dedication of the Missouri Monument. The hard to read text says 1863-1917 – 54th Anniversary Siege of Vicksburg”

The original is owned by the National Park Service.

The badge is a stamp that was used by the Whitehead & Hoag Co., Newark, N.J. The reason I mention that is one that is exactly the same except that it marks the “50th Anniversary – Battle of Gettysburg” in 1913 was for sale elsewhere on the web.

Both the Gettysburg one and this one are considered rare! So will our challenge coins for the 2017 event be someday! Get yours before they are gone.

Gen'l James McPherson Camp 1

For the past 5 years the General McPherson Camp No. 1 has been taking part in the Wreaths across America at the Fayetteville National Cemetery. Thanks to Walmart, Tyson and J.B. Hunt there have been extra Wreaths left over. The General McPherson camp has been taking these to the GAR Cemetery in Sulphur Springs, AR. This year we were able to take 50 wreaths and place one on all the Veterans Graves there.



The GAR Cemetery in Sulphur Springs is unique in that the majority of the graves are of Veterans and their wives. 50 graves in a cemetery that is about 1/4 acre. There are veterans of the Civil War, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam and the First Gulf War. Also it has the Grave of Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. Waldo Hatler. As one of our members said "What a great way to spend an afternoon"

Below Right: Department JVC Joseph Rainey – pictured to left.



GENTRY COUNTY GAR MONUMENT

Local members, the McPherson Camp and a gift from the Department of Mo were used to help with some repairs to the GAR Monument in Benton, AR. The funds will be used to fill cracks and repair the bullet shrike. It will probably be done after the New Year,

weather permitting.

Above: Joe Rainey, Camp Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans Receives check from Leah Whitehead of the Benton County Historical Preservation Commission.

Tiger Camp 432

Brother James Dixon's father has passed away and the camp commander requests we all keep the family in our prayers.

Westport Camp 64



Grand Army of the Republic 1916 Kansas City National Encampment

The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) held their National Encampment in Kansas City, August 28 through September 3, 1916, meeting at this site in the Old Kansas City Convention Hall. The GAR was a fraternal organization composed of soldiers and sailors from the Union Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Revenue Cutter Service that served during the American Civil War, 1861-1865. At its peak in 1890, the GAR had over 490,000 members and 7,000 local posts, including eight posts in Kansas City: Admiral Farragut Post #3, McPherson Post #4, G.H. Thomas Post #8, Charles Sumner Post #9, General Shields Post #15, Hightower Post #231, N.M. Gwyanne Post #265, and Buford Veteran Post #381.

The 1916 National Encampment was special, being their 50th anniversary and Golden Jubilee Reunion. It was also the era when an aging GAR was losing thousands of members each year. The Kansas City Journal reported during the encampment that "ninety older soldiers hear taps each day" referring to the 33,000 Civil War veterans that died in 1915. Even with members in their 70s and 80s, 4,000 veterans from the GAR accompanied by 6,000 from military bands, the Sons of Veterans, Woman's Relief Corps, and Ladies of the GAR paraded through 12 blocks in downtown Kansas City to a crowd the Kansas City Star reported at over 100,000.

Placed by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

500% 103219065 PY 12/19/19, 12/23 PY 36" X 36" SL LASER EMBLEM

Westport camp is nearing the end of the process to install this marker where the 1916 GAR National Encampment was held in Kansas City.

Christmas Dinner with the DUVCW

Westport Camp #64 closed 2019 with its traditional Christmas dinner with the DUVCW Macklin Tent #24, held at the Islamorada Fish Company Restaurant on Wednesday evening, December 4, 2019. 19 members, family, and guests attended the festivities. Andrea Scheer was the guest speaker. She read from the letters and diary of her ancestor, a Quaker woman who volunteered at Union Army field hospitals. Many women of the Quaker religion were encouraged to keep spiritual journals to share their faith and missionary service.



[RIGHT:
Harpers Weekly
1862 illustration
from "The
Influence of
Women" article.
Source: Indiana
Historical
Bureau:
<https://www.in.gov/history/3035.htm>]



Above left: New Westport Commander Kenneth Bailey with DUVCW Missouri President Dee Wolfe and SUVCW Missouri Commander Dale Crandell.

Photo Credit: Bob Steiert.



Welcome to New Member, Brother Timothy Alvis, who was mustered into Westport Camp #64 at our camp meeting on 2 October 2019. He joins to honor of his ancestor Private Edward Thompson, Company D, 39th Iowa Infantry .

The Iowa 39th was organized in 24 November 1862 and was in combat throughout Tennessee, Georgia, and the Carolinas: Battle of Parker's Cross Road, Battle of Resaca, Battle of Allatoona, March to the Sea, Campaign of the Carolinas, and Battle of Bentonville. The Regiment participated in the Washington Grand Review on 24 May 1865 and mustered-out on 2 August 1865.

39th Iowa reunion held October 1898 at Madison County, Iowa. Source: IAGenWeb Project:
http://iagenweb.org/madison/military/american_civil_war/39th_iowa_infantry.html

Westport Camp 2020 officers:

Commander – Kenneth Bailey	◆	Senior Vice Commander – Kevin Miller
Junior Vice Commander – J Purkapple	◆	Secretary-Treasurer – Dale Crandell
Council – James Beckner	◆	Council – Rodney Terry
Council – Daniel Martin		

Do you think it irked General William Rosecrans that his signature had to be affixed to this \$5 Silver Certificate with a picture of President Grant on it? Especially after Grant's recommendation that Rosecrans be removed for botching the pursuit of Confederate General Sterling Price in 1864? We will most likely never know. What we do know is that this sold for more than a quarter in a garage sale. Value at sale: \$26,400.



\$5 1886 Silver Certificate
 Fr#260 Rosecrans | Hyatt
 S/N B8845914 pp B

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Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

All are invited to participate in the 64th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 155th Anniversary of President Lincoln's death. It will be held at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL at 10 AM on Saturday, April 18, 2020.

Headquarters Hotel: President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701. The room rate is \$105.00 for single - quad. A 10% dining discount at Lindsay's Restaurant is included. Call 1-866-788-1860 for reservations and mention "**Sons of Union Veterans**". **Reserve your room by March 27, 2020.** After this, the remaining blocked rooms will be released.

Wreaths may be ordered from local Springfield florists. Instruct the florist to have the wreath delivered c/o the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, by 9 AM on Saturday, April 18th.

Luncheon will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12:30PM. The luncheon program will feature "Songs That Lincoln Loved" with Miss Pattie Ecker, singing and speaking about the songs of the era that dealt with Lincoln. Luncheon cost is \$35.00 per person.

For event info, go to the SUVCW web site (suvchw.org) or contact Robert Petrovic at: rpetro7776@aol.com or 636-274-4567.

OBSERVANCE WREATH PRESENTATION (please print clearly)

Organization name in full: _____
Name & title of wreath bearer: _____
e-mail address: _____
if no e-mail, home address: _____
City, State, & Zip code: _____

To insure being recognized in the program, this notice MUST be received no later than April 1st at the address shown below.

OBSERVANCE LUNCHEON

Please accept _____ luncheon reservation(s). Please list name, e-mail address, home address & phone number of person responsible for picking up tickets at the door. **PLEASE PRINT.**

Name: _____ E-mail: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
City, State & Zip Code: _____

Abe's Braised Short Ribs _____ Roasted Turkey _____ Vegetarian _____

Include remittance of \$35.00 per person for each lunch reservation payable to **National Organization SUVCW.**

Reservations must be made by April 6th and cancellations by the same date in order to receive refund. There will be no extra tickets sold at the door. Make a copy of this form for your records and send original with remittance to:

SEND TO:

ROBERT M. PETROVIC
6519 CHEROKEE LANE
CEDAR HILL, MO 63016
P# 636-274-4567

_ For Military Parade Information, please contact:

Thomas J. Brown, Commander 4th Military Dist. SVR
5025 N. 105th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53225
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Email: tibcarver@sbcglobal.net



Allied Orders & Coming Events

The 79th Conference of the Central Region, Allied Orders

Location to be determined

Mark your calendars for October 2-3, 2020

The Central Region – Allied Orders of the Grand Army meets once a year. At the meetings, the group usually has a historical presentation (and tour) along with a presentation designed to improve a member's skills within the Allied Orders, of which the SUVCW is a part. A very short business meeting follows. This group has been in existence since 1940 and carries on the tradition of regional meetings of all the groups. The Central Region and the Northeast Region are the only two still in existence!

More information is posted on the website <http://www.craalliedorders.org/>.

All SUVCW, DUVCW, WRC, LGAR & A-SUVCW members are entitled to show up at these meetings, learn and make friends in the other organizations. Members of any of these organizations within our recognized boundaries (see map on website) are entitled to vote at meetings. For more information, contact Walt Busch wbusch@suvcwmo.org

As of October 2019, Missouri SVCW SVC Sumner Hunnewell assumes the mantle of Commander of the Central Region – Allied Orders. Currently he plans to hold the conference in the Murphysboro IL area, the home of General John Logan. That is, however, subject to change.

Friends of Jefferson Barracks Swap Meet 2020

Date: March 14 2020 Time: 9 am – 3 pm

Location: The Pavilion At Lemay, 305 Gregg Rd., St. Louis MO 63125

For more information contact Michael Pierce at 05 Royal Ave., Ferguson MO 63135-1922 OR at stlreb@att.net

Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfJeffersonBarracksSwapMeet>

Northwest Arkansas Civil War Roundtable – 1st Meeting of 2020

The Bella Vista Civil War Round Table will meet 2 Jan at 7:00 PM

at the Bella Vista Historical Society Museum. The museum is located at 1885 Bella Vista Way (Highway 71) next to the American Legion.

Dale Phillips, co-founder of the round table and retired NPS supervisor, will be our guest speaker. Dale's talk is entitled "Ben Butler and the Occupation of New Orleans in the Civil War". Butler was a colorful general who was often referred to as "Spoons" or "The Beast" and whose likeness adorned the bottom of many a chamber pot in New Orleans during the war. This is the 2nd of 4 parts that Phillips will present on New Orleans during the Civil War. Dale was assigned to New Orleans for many years while working for the National Park Service and has done extensive research on that area.

St. Louis Civil War Roundtable

January 22, 2020 @ 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

The Industrial Resources of the Confederacy: Their Extent in 1861, Their Expansion, Their Use, and Their Destruction by Charles Knight. The conventional wisdom says that the Confederacy was an agricultural area with little industry. Maybe the conventional wisdom was wrong. Come hear Charles Knight speak about "The Industrial Resources of the Confederacy: Their Extent in 1861, Their Expansion, Their Use, and Their Destruction," on January 22, 2020.

February 26, 2020 @ 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

David Keller "Civil War Prisons"

March 25, 2020 @ 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Laurence Schiller "Buford and the First Day of Gettysburg"

April 22, 2020 @ 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Gordon Ramsey "Civil War Balloons"

May 27, 2020 @ 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Terrianne Schulte "James Longstreet"

From Len Eagleburger's *Ozark Civil War Weekly*

Talk about Hazards on the Job...Death by Jury

Demonstration-- After the Civil War, controversial Ohio Copperhead politician Clement Vallandigham, who had to temporarily flee the North or face arrest for treason, became a highly successful lawyer who rarely lost a case. In 1871, he defended Thomas McGehan who was accused of shooting one Tom Myers during a barroom brawl. Vallandigham's defense was that Myers had accidentally shot himself while drawing his pistol from a kneeling position. To convince the jury, Vallandigham decided to demonstrate his theory. Unfortunately, he grabbed a loaded gun by mistake and ended up shooting himself! By dying, Vallandigham succeeded in demonstrating the plausibility of the accidental shooting and got his client acquitted.

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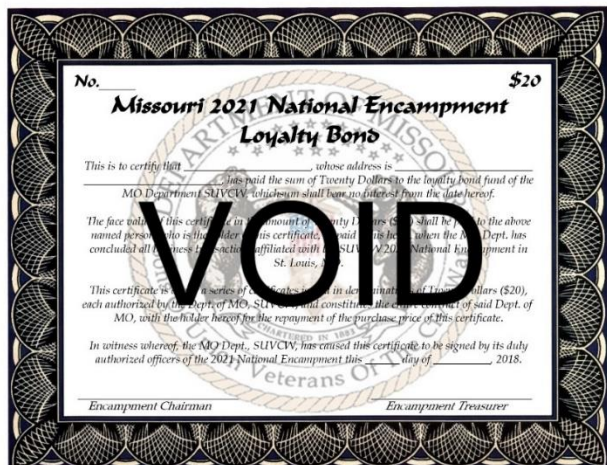
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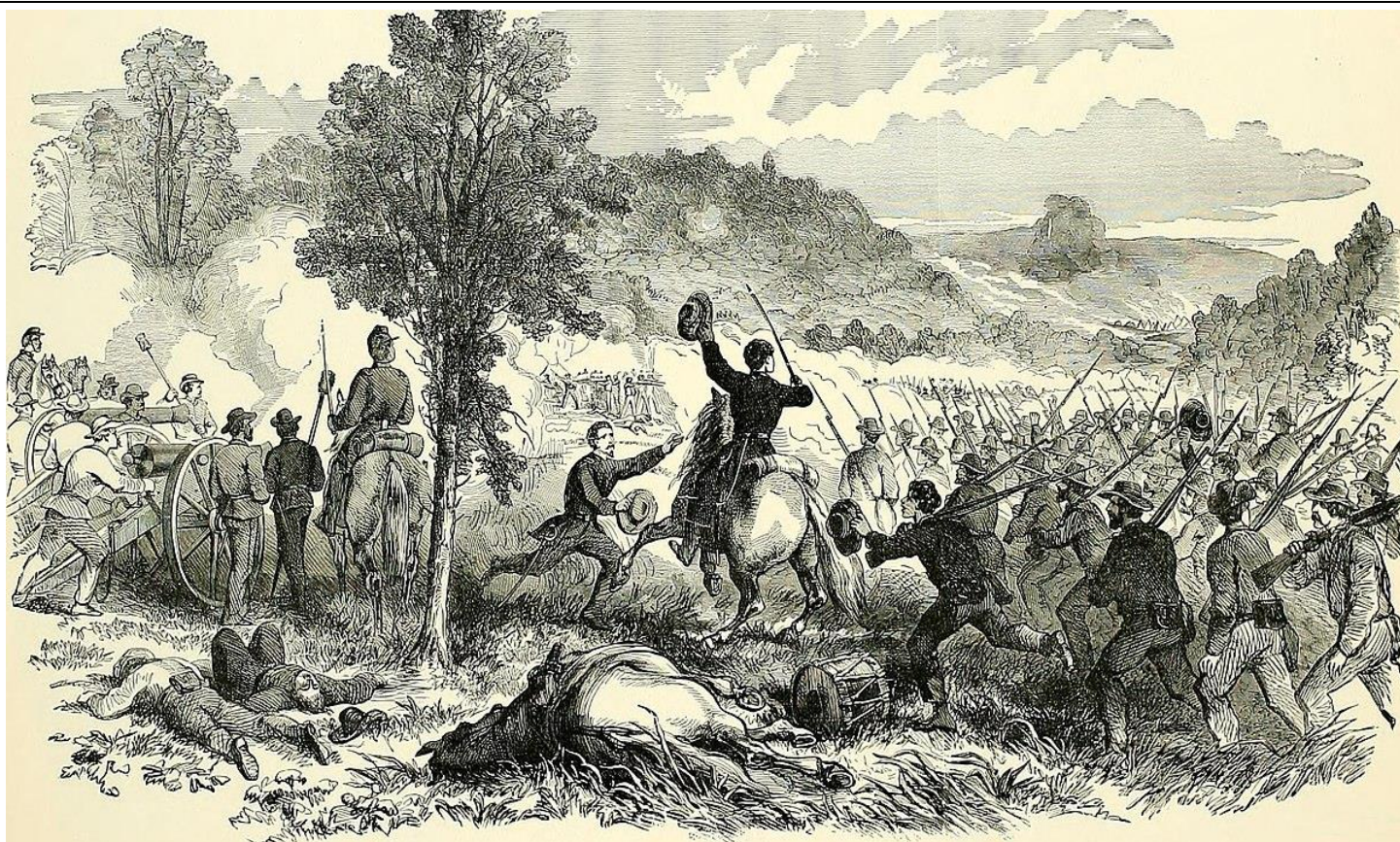
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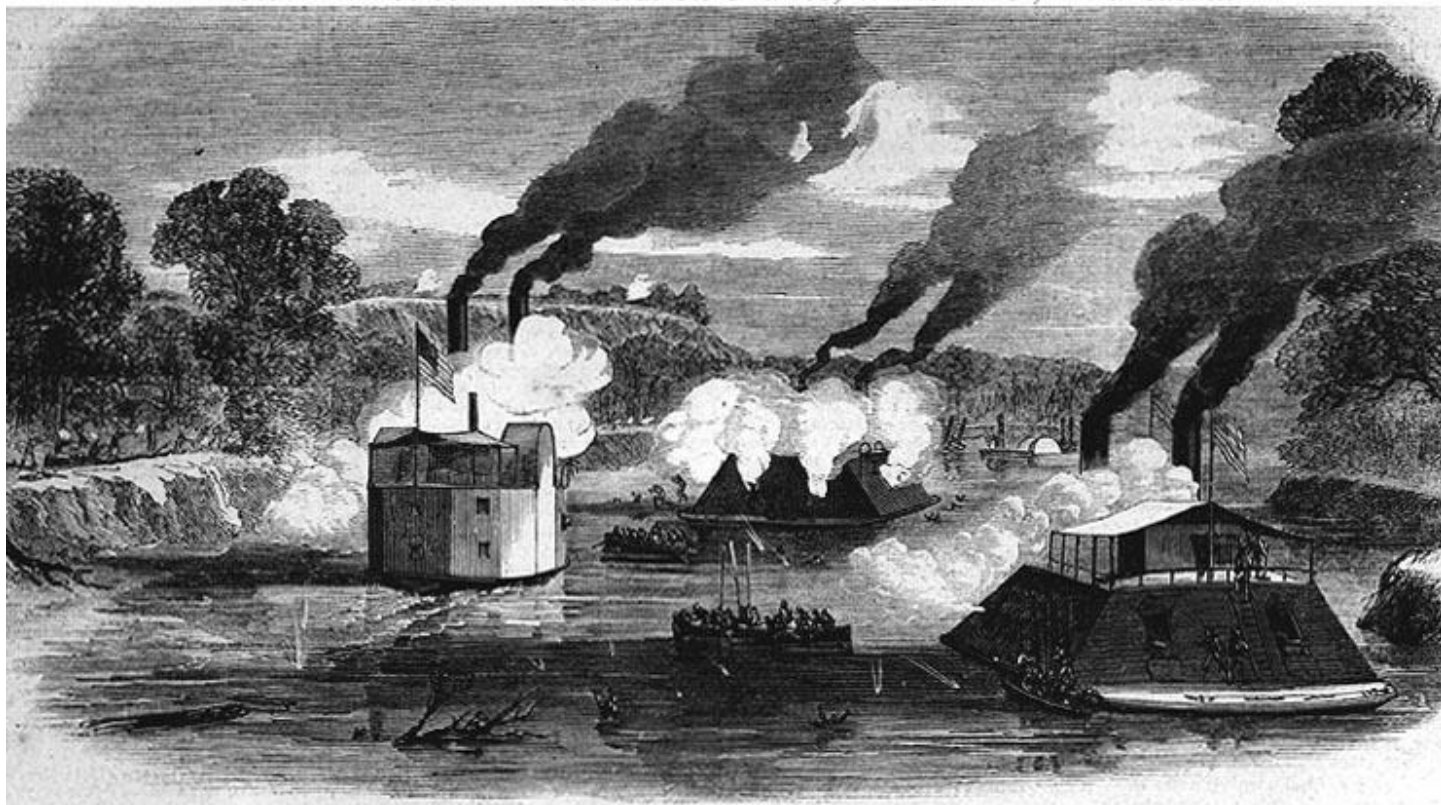


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