



# Past in Review



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## *From Our Commander*

*Greetings!*

I have been busy in October with Civil War activities. Maggie and I attended the memorial ceremony for the Battle of Centralia, Missouri. The DUVVCW dedicated a monument to the Union soldiers who fought and died there. It was a pleasure to see a large attendance, at least 60 plus. We attended the meeting of the Central Region Association of the G.A.R. at Kokomo, Indiana. This organization does good work in aiding and improving the work of the five allied orders of the G.A.R. I recommend that each state in the Central Region send a person to represent their allied order.

We attended the 2009 Congress of MOLLUS at Fort Knox, KY. It was good to see friends that we had not seen in quite awhile. MOLLUS & DOLLUS have some great plans for the coming years after Lincoln's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Veterans Day we attended a ceremony at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, Remembrance Day 2009. This is an allied ceremony based on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September 1949 when 71 soldiers from the USA and 29 soldiers from Britain, the Netherlands and Australia were re-interred at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, MO. The soldiers died while in captivity between July 1944 and April 1945 in a Japanese prison camp or camps, in the Fukuoka Region of the Island of Kyushu. St. Louis was selected for the site of the mass burial due to its central location within the United States. Uniformed military personnel from the US, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and a civilian from the government of the Netherlands laid wreaths. It was very impressive. I attended two other ceremonies Veterans Day, one at a Lutheran School hosted by the school children and a Veterans Dinner at a Baptist Church.

I would encourage all 4<sup>th</sup> Military District Veterans to celebrate their time in service with other veterans and their families on Veterans Day.

On December 5<sup>th</sup>, Maggie and I participated in the annual observance of decorating the graves of the unknown. This was started just a few short years ago. There are approximately 3,000 unknown soldiers buried at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery of which there are approximately 1,300 from the Civil War.

We have a new SVR unit in the 4<sup>th</sup> Military District. Company F, 78<sup>th</sup> Enrolled Missouri Militia. The district has grown this past year and I look forward to the new campaign year and seeing what the new units and fresh troops bring to the district.

Myself and the District staff wish all of you and your families a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.

In F C & L

Lt. Colonel Jack G. Grothe,  
4th Military District SVR  
Cmdg.

# ATTENTION TO ORDERS

Pursuant to SVR General Order 2009-16, dated 21 November 2009, the following Staff Personnel are promoted as indicated below.

Captain Stephen Michaels to Major, serving as Chief of Staff  
Captain Robert Champlin to Major, serving as Adjutant  
Captain Emmett Taylor to Major, serving as Inspector General  
2nd Lt Randel O Baehl to 1st Lt, serving as Public Information Officer  
2nd Lt Jerome Kowalski to 1st Lt, serving as Chaplain

Pursuant to SVR General Order 2009-19, dated 29 November 2009, the following members of the Nebraska Rangers are promoted as indicated below.

1st Sergeant Marc D. Witkovski is commissioned a 1st Lieutenant, SVR. He will serve as Commander of the Nebraska Rangers, 4th Military District.  
Private Mark A. Glaubius is commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant, SVR. He will serve as Adjutant of the Nebraska Rangers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Major Robert Champlin  
Adjutant 4<sup>th</sup> Military District

## CHAPLAINS CORNER

*1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Jerome Kowalski*



Many of us have children, relatives or friends who are serving in the military. We get emails asking us to pray for our troops at least on a weekly basis. I propose to begin holding up to the Lord the names of our serving men and women in uniform. Every week I will send an email to people that I have asked to pray for special intentions. We are simply responding to Christ's message that whatever we ask of the Father will be given to us if we ask in Jesus name. Here is an opportunity for you to join the [chaplainsprayerwarriors@yahoo.com](mailto:chaplainsprayerwarriors@yahoo.com) Send me the name, rank and branch of service and we will hold them up in prayer. This is not a website it is an address. The only mail you will ever get from it are blind carbon copies. Please indicate if you would like to become a "prayer."

I have seen heart attacks turn out to be dehydration, brain tumors turn out to be sinusitis, marriages held together, gambling stopped, fathers and sons reunited, jobs found, lost children recovered, rain held back until the canvas was packed away. We have a mighty God. He is not limited by time, space, medicine or anything else. He simply wants to be asked. Do it now.

Chaplain Jerry

# *Headquarters Company, 4<sup>th</sup> Military District*

## Order Mourns PCinC Charles “Chuck” Corfman



PCinC Charles W. Corfman passed away September 30th of complications after heart surgery.

Br. Chuck was born Oct. 8, 1931, in Newton Falls, OH, to Vernal Wingate and Florence Avinelle (Morgan) Corfman. At age 14, he joined the Warren Jr. Military Band. He graduated from Newton Falls High School in 1949 and from OSU in 1952, where he was a sousaphone player in the marching band. As a charter member of the OSU Alumni Marching Band, he dotted the "i" in

Script Ohio in 1982. Once a year, he marched with the OSU Marching Band Alumni in a half-time show.

PCinC Corfman was also a 50-year member of Wooster United Methodist Church, where he was a faithful member of the Chancel Choir. He performed in many Tuba Christmases and Handel's Messiah performances. He was active in community affairs and served as a 4-H Advisor and Advisory Council chairman, and Extension Advisory Council chairman.

He married Janice Mae Krimmer on July 17, 1954. She survives, along with a daughter, three sons, and two grandchildren. Janice is an LGAR PNP, and currently serves as Nat. Treas.

Br. Corfman joined Wooster, Ohio's Given Camp 51 as a Charter Member when the Camp was re-organized in 1974 and served in all Camp offices. He claimed his eligibility through Christian Curfman, 37th IA Vol. Inf.

He was elected Ohio Dept. Co. in 1981 and 1984. Nationally, he served on the Military Affairs and National Site Committees, as Patriotic Instructor, JVCinC, and SVCinC. He was elected Commander-in-Chief on August 16, 1989, at the 108th Nat. Encampment in Stamford, CT.

That same year, he was promoted to Lt. Col. in the SVR and appointed Deputy Exec. Commander and Chief of Artillery. He attended the organizational meeting of the Civil War Artillery Association. He also assisted in the organization of the 64th OVI at Mansfield. Prior to this, he had been a Sergeant and Asst. Chief of Artillery (1987) and promoted to captain (1988). At the 125th Anniv. Re-enactment of Gettysburg, he served as Deputy Chief of Artillery. BG Corfman served as commanding officer of the SVR from 1990 to 1996, after which he retired to the cadre and continued to instruct and advise artillery safety schools.

PCinC Corfman was self-employed, selling farm equipment and raising livestock for many years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and was successful on occasion.



## *Battery L, 1<sup>st</sup> Illinois Light Artillery Mulligan's Battery*

1st Illinois Light Artillery Battery L (Mulligan's Battery) at → Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Wheaton, IL May 23, 2009 taking part in a Memorial Service.

(Editorial Note) Since I cut off their heads last issue this is the whole picture. I apologize for not checking the last issue better





## *Company A, 49<sup>th</sup> Iowa Volunteer Infantry The Iowa Rifles*

**EVENT:** Re-dedication Ceremony for a Civil War US Army Nurse

**LOCATION:** Woodland Cemetery, MLK Parkway and Woodland Avenue, Des Moines

**DATE:** Veterans Day, November 11th, 2009  
On what can only be described as one of God's most perfect of fall days, Company A, joined by brothers of the Grenville M. Dodge Camp 75, the VFW, the American Legion, the Scottish-American Military Society, Public Officials and surviving (Photo by Miss Dana)



descendents and other guests gathered to pay tribute to one of this nations most cherished heroes of the Civil War.

**Sarah Graham Palmer Young**, re-dedication ceremony was held at the grave of this US Army Civil War Nurse who was a Private, 109th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment, on Veterans Day the same regiment her brothers were in. She was a widow with two young daughters, who decided to volunteer as a nurse leaving her daughters in the care of relatives. Sarah Young was one of only a small handful of women to have served as a nurse in field hospitals of the Civil War, and was a friend of Dorothea Dix, Clara Barton, Generals Grant and Sherman, and gave President Lincoln a tour of a field hospital just days before his assassination in April of 1865.

She would be nicknamed "Aunt Becky" by one of her young patients because she reminded him of a beloved relative back home. It was a moniker that would remain attached to her for the rest of her life.

(Editors Note:) To find out more about this and other information by this unit see the Iowa SUVCW web site at <http://iowavalor.com/>



## *Company C, 34<sup>th</sup> Illinois Volunteer Infantry Rock River Rifles*

Private Jeffery A. Funck a new recruit. He is wearing a Civil War Marine cap to honor his father who served in the USMC.

Our members have participated in the following events.

September 26, 2009 Federal Monument and Medal of Honor Monument Dedications at the Battle of Lexington Historical Site in Lexington, MO.

September 27, 2009 Dedication ceremonies of the Union Soldiers monument at the Centralia Battlefield near Centralia, MO

Respectfully submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Charles Ed Funck III





## *Company B, 10<sup>th</sup> Iowa Volunteer Infantry*

Co. B, 10th Iowa has been quite active since the last newsletter.

On June 20-21, Co. B, 10th Iowa, held a living history event at the Dodge House Council Bluffs, former home of Maj. Gen. Grenville M. Dodge. On the evening of June 20, a special ceremony was held at the Col. William H. Kinsman Monument in Fairview Cemetery. Three members of the Kinsman family had traveled from Nova Scotia to be present.

On June 27th, Five members of Co. B, 10th Iowa attended the Dept. officers' meeting in Redfield. The purpose of the gathering was to get a group photo of Co. A, 49th Iowa Vol. Inf., SVR, the guard unit for the Dept. of Iowa, of which several members of the 10th are dual enrolled.

Aug. 15, saw six members of Co. B, 10th Iowa take part in the "Atlantic Fest" activities to raise funds for repairs to "Lady Liberty", an 15-foot bronze statue that graces the very top of the Cass County Civil War monument. The names of the Civil War veterans are on bronze plaques along the base. Atlantic's V.F.W. & American Legion were also present to help raise funds. "Atlantic Fest" was held at the city park where the monument is located.

On Sept. 20-21, Eight members of the unit took part in a 2-day living history program at Green Ridge Days at Irwin, IA. A ninth member of the unit also arrived as a spectator.

That Sunday, Sept. 21, 2nd Lt. Carr and Pvt. J. Braden attended the SUVCW Dept. picnic in Eldora.

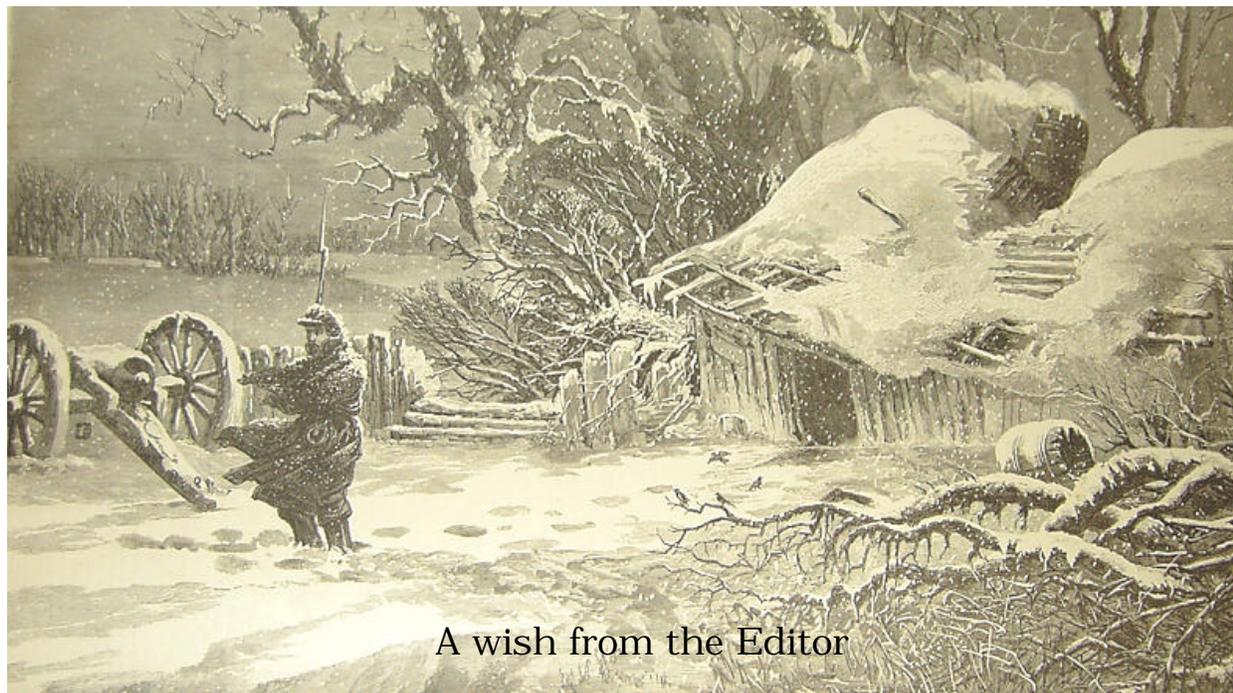
Six members of the Company took part in the Nov. 7 Council Bluffs Veteran's Day parade, with the color guard being featured on the front page of the Council Bluffs Daily Nonpareil newspaper.

On Nov. 11, five members who are also members of Co. A, 49th Iowa, SVR, took part in Veteran's Day ceremonies in Des Moines. At 11 AM, the combined units attended the ceremony at Veteran's Auditorium and at 3 PM took part in the dedication of a new monument to "Aunt Becky" Palmer Young, one of the first Civil War nurses. This was held at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Lastly, on Nov. 21, two members of Co. B, 10th Iowa attended the Remembrance Day ceremonies in Lincoln, NE and participated with several members from the Dept. of Nebraska.

(Submitted by 2nd Lieutenant Mike Carr, Company B, 10th Iowa Volunteer Infantry)

May your Winter Quarters be Warm with Family Near



A wish from the Editor



# Company C, 5<sup>th</sup> Missouri Cavalry Regiment

## Sergeant Harold James Represents Missouri SVR

On October 10, 2009 the remains of a casualty of the battles near Franklin Tennessee were buried. The funeral of this Civil War soldier who was found a few months ago south of Franklin, Tennessee attracted re-enactors and interested people from far away. As it was not discernible as to what side he fought for, both the US and CS flags were laid on his coffin and reenactors from both sides participated.

The event drew thousands of spectators and two Real Sons of a Union soldier and a Confederate soldier. Both men can be seen in the photos a number of times.

Members of the Clarksville, Nashville and Franklin CWRTs participated as did Sons Of Union Veterans members and Sons of Confederate Veterans members. David Fraley, interim director of the Carter House, gave one of the eulogies.

**October 10, 2009:** Harold W. James, PCC and his wife Jeanette of the Nancy A. James of the Auxillary repressed the Gen Alexander S. Asboth Camp at the burial of unknown soldier who died at the Battle of Franklin

←Harold and Jeanette pay honors to the unknown  
Harold pours Missouri battlefield soil into grave of unknown →

To see additional photos go to the web site listed below



<http://awphotos.zenfolio.com/p496066309/h196573fc#h5bd866>

## Company F, 78<sup>th</sup> Enrolled Missouri Militia

Company F, 78<sup>th</sup> Enrolled Missouri Militia formally came into existence on October 13, 2009. The Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp # 326, Department of Missouri SUVCW voted to form Company F.

We participated in the Christmas Parade in Ste. Genevieve on December 5<sup>th</sup> was a cold morning and the parade started at 11 a.m. This was the largest Christmas parade that most people in town can remember. We received a call from the parade organizer asking us if we would like to participate. We had previously on participated on November 11<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion ceremony.



L-R: 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Jerry Kasten, Pvt. Gary Scheel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Marty Aubuchon 2<sup>nd</sup> MO Inf., Pvt. Paul Cameron, Pvt Tom Farlow and Pvt. William Zoughaib (Our Drummer)

We were in Section D, entry # 64. The parade route was about a mile and we all admitted after the parade that our drummer stole the show.

That was our first community event. We agreed to participate knowing that we were still pretty new at this kind of activity.



# Company E, 47<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry

The 47th Missouri Infantry, Co. E - SVR held a ceremony on the 145th anniversary (September 27, 2009), honoring those Union soldiers who died at the Battle of Pilot Knob, MO. The 47th (along with members of Sherman & St. James Camps) provided an honor guard/firing salute and the ladies of the Louisa Volker Auxiliary 215 placed flowers and a U.S. flag at the Fort. This was held in conjunction with the chartering of the Volker Auxiliary.



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Also, one of our unit's members (Pvt. R. Keith Coplin) has returned for another tour of duty in Afghanistan with the National Guard. Keith is serving his country as a Chief Warrant Officer, and we would like to take this opportunity to honor him and all of our SUVCW / SVR members that our serving the United States of America around the world.

Well, the 47th Missouri Infantry, Co. E - SVR; the General James R. McCormick Camp 215 - SUVCW; and the Louisa Volker Auxiliary 215 - ASUVCW, want to extend warm wishes for a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.



Your Obedient Servant,  
2LT D. Christopher Warren

## Reconnaissance

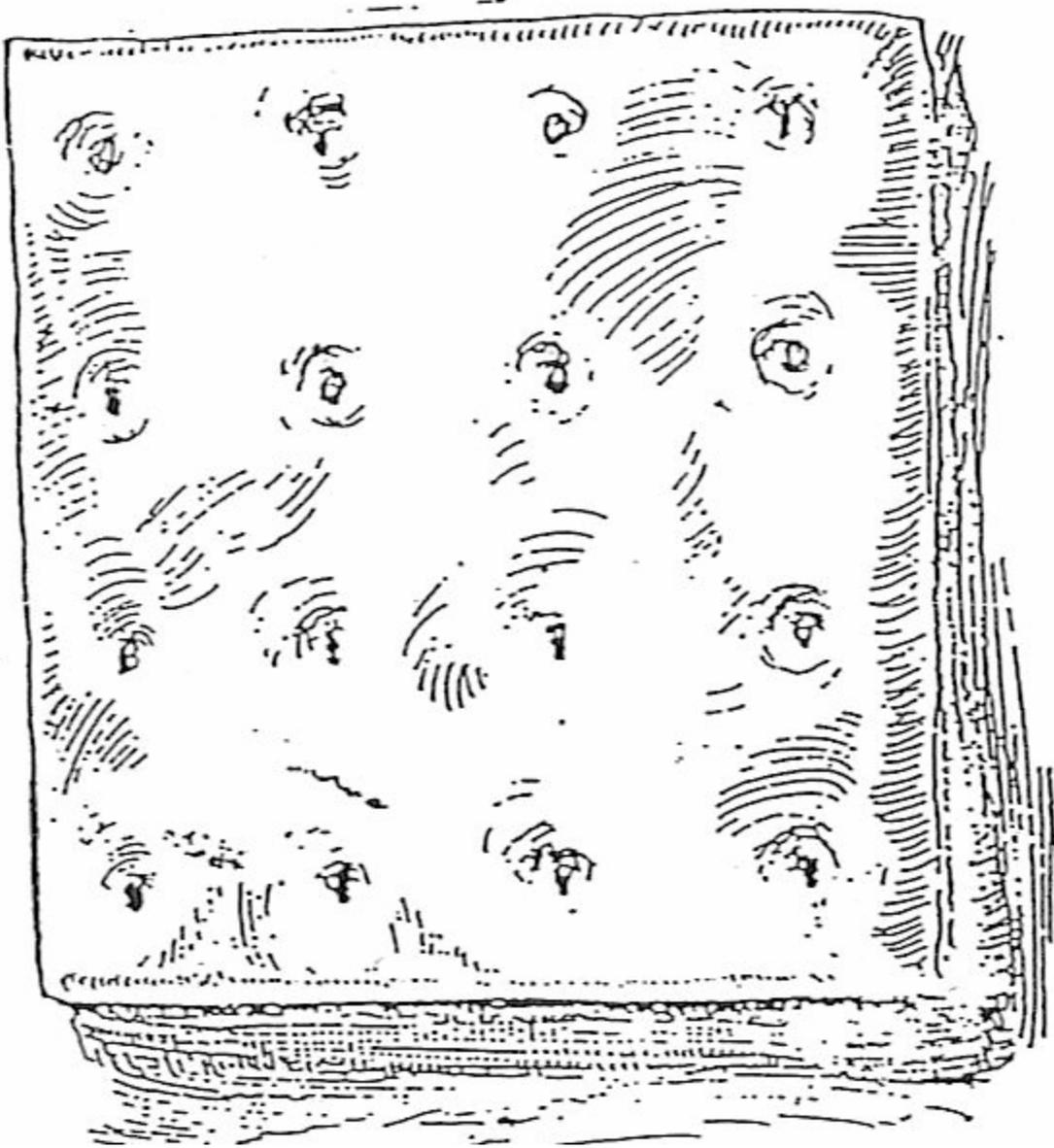


February 28, 2010 Sherman Days at Calvary Cemetery Annual Ceremony at the grave site of General William T. Sherman. This ceremony is sponsored by the William T. Sherman Camp # 65. Ceremonies start at 2 p.m. with the assembly of SVR Units at 1:30 p.m. at the entrance to the cemetery.

March 25, 2010 National Medal of Honor Day. March 25th was picked because it was on March 25, 1863 the first six Medal of Honor were presented to six members of Andrews' Raiders. Honor a Medal of Honor recipient at his grave site.

April 17, 2010 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois. The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. and you are encouraged to arrive early. See notice earlier in this issue.

From the Kitchen of Chef (Lt. Col.) Jack G. Grothe



← Actual size of a piece of hard tack.

### RECREATING HARDTACK TODAY

3 Cups white flour  
1 ½ Teaspoon of salt  
1 to 1 ½ Teaspoon of baking powder  
1 Tablespoon of oil  
Enough water to form stiff dough

Roll out to a thickness of about 3/8"  
Cut into three-inch squares  
Make 16 holes (4 rows of 4) in each square with a nail or other pointed object.

Bake on the middle rack of a 350 degree oven for 45-60 minutes. Crackers should not be brown or they will probably be too hard to eat. Yields about 10 crackers.

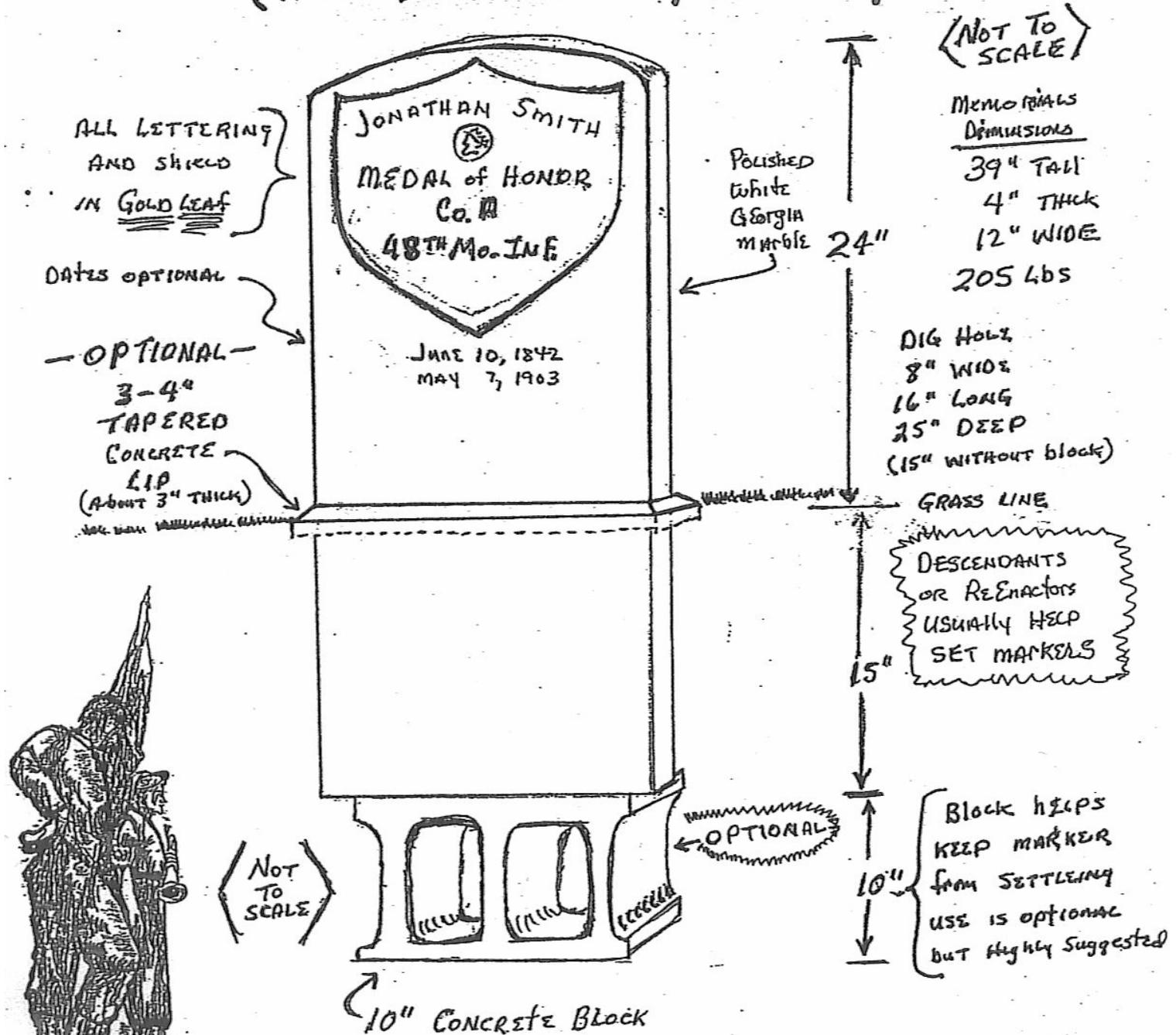
Weevils, worms and mold are optional.

Evidence indicates that hardtack was leavened, i.e., made with flour that had baking powder added during the milling process. The use of "self rising" flour seems to be confirmed by examination of Civil War era hardtack and a period account of the manufacturing process. Only the oil cannot be accounted for, but seems necessary to make an eatable cracker.

# HOW TO PLACE A MARKER TO HONOR A CIVIL WAR VETERAN

Submitted by Lt. Col. Jack G. Grothe

## SETTING MEDAL OF HONOR MARKERS (ALSO WORKS ON ANY MILITARY MKR)



CIVIL WAR - AS SHOWN, DATES ONLY IF BOTH ARE KNOWN.

INDIAN WARS - STYLE I: WORN INDIAN WARS UNDER SHIELD  
STYLE II: NO SHIELD

SPANISH AM WAR - SAME AS SHOWN WITH SPAN-AM WAR IN SHIELD.

# NATIONAL EVENTS



## 54th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony



Sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS



***Join us at Oak Ridge Cemetery on April 17, 2010 at 10:00AM for the annual ceremony honoring the memory of our 16th president, Abraham Lincoln. There will be a military parade, commemorations by SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy and MOLLUS Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison, and wreath presentations by members of the Allied Orders of the GAR.***

***A luncheon will follow at the State House Inn, 101 E. Adams St., with Mr. & Mrs. Max Daniels, Abraham & Mary Todd Lincoln portrayers. Advance reservations are required. For more information, contact: Robert M. Petrovic, PDC - committee chairman, at 636-274-4567 or by e-mail at [rpetro7776@aol.com](mailto:rpetro7776@aol.com)***

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# Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

All are invited to participate in the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, commemorating the 145<sup>th</sup> 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 17, 2010.

**Headquarters Hotel:** State House Inn, 101 East Adams St. Room rate is \$97.99 for double or single, suite is \$107.99. A full breakfast buffet is included. Call 1-217-528-5100 for reservations and mention "**Sons of Union Veterans**". **Reserve your room by March 16, 2010.** After this, the remaining blocked rooms will be released. Ground level parking near the lobby and across 1<sup>st</sup> Street is free. **Shuttle service** will provide transportation between the tomb and the hotel.

**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 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Luncheon** will be held at the State House Inn (Headquarters Hotel) at 12 noon. The luncheon program will feature Mr. & Mrs. Max Daniels, Abraham & Mary Todd Lincoln portrayals. Luncheon cost is \$25 per person. Send registration form below to:

**Robert M. Petrovic, PDC**

**6519 Cherokee Lane**

**Cedar Hill, MO 63016-2527**

Make check payable to "**National Organization, SUVCW**". Cancellation of lunch reservations must be made by no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The **Dr. Benjamin Stephenson Memorial Service**, hosted by the Dept. of Illinois, will take place at his grave in Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, IL, at 3 PM. The cemetery is located on IL Hwy. 123 on the east side of town. Traveling to Petersburg from Springfield, use Hwys. 29 and 123 or 97. Additional information will be available at the hotel and luncheon.

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

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## 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 listing in program, this notice MUST be received no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> at the address shown above.

I would like to reserve \_\_\_\_ seats on the shuttle bus from headquarters hotel to Tomb Ceremony and return to hotel.

Please circle YES or NO if you will ride the bus to the Dr. Benjamin Stephenson ceremony near Petersburg after the lunch.

## 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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Include remittance of \$25.00 per person for each lunch reservation payable to **National Organization SUVCW**.

**Reservations must be made by April 1<sup>st</sup> 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.