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COMMANDERS COLUMN

Brothers,

The summer season is over, we are into fall but the weather isn't acting like it, with snow and January cold temperatures. Hopefully all units had a great summer. I am looking forward to seeing pictures and stories from our units documenting their activities.

I will be going to Remembrance Day at Gettysburg in about a week. I hope to see some of our Units there. I would also like to congratulate Captain Randy Baehr on his commission and appointment as Inspector General of the 4th. Military District and also thank Major Thomas Hauff for his service as the Inspector General of the 4th Military District. Major Hauff is on the reserve retired list as per his request.

Every Unit will be reminded to submit your Unit Applications for the 2020 year soon. You will hear from District Adjutant Kent Peterson on that subject, he will send out an e-mail reminder. On another note 4th Military District Chaplain Jerry Kolwalski had by-pass surgery last month. Please keep him and his wife, Joellen, in your thoughts and prayers, for a speedy recovery.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

In F, C, & L,

Major Tom Brown, PDC
Commander of the 4th. Military District, SVR





*Hope everyone had a
Happy Thanksgiving.*

COMPANY M, 1st MISSOURI LIGHT ARTILLERY



Left:

Company M, of the 1st Missouri Artillery was involved in the Sherman gravesite ceremony conducted by the U.S. Grant Camp #68 on November 16, 2019 in Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis, MO. The photo shows the honor guard, including SVR Co. M member Glen Alsop, third from the left.

Below The photo shows Walter Busch, at right, giving the address during the ceremony. Commander Randy Baehr is at the left next to the flagpole.



CHAPLAIN CORNER

Chaplain Jerry Kowalski had heart bypass surgery late this summer and has been out of commission. Hopefully he will have a column in the next newsletter.

IRON BRIGADE HONOR GUARD



The Iron Brigade Guard has been busy this past summer. The Guard hosted a Headstone ceremony at Oak Knoll Cemetery in Mukwonago, Wisconsin. The Mukwonago Historical Society worked cooperatively with Camp #4 Major General John Gibbon SUCWV honoring Charles Dillenbeck, Augustus Cohen, and William Stickles. Society members Henry Hecker, Penny Honeter, and Robert Bartlet, presented biographies of these veterans. A roll call of the Civil War veterans interned at Oak Knoll was read and a musket salute was fired by the Iron Brigade Guard and the local American Legion Post. This was followed by bugler Bill Seaman playing a moving performance of Taps. The Department of Wisconsin was well represented at the ceremony by Chaplain Dean Collins, Signals Officer Kent Peterson and Graves Registration Officer Tom Mueller and PC-in-C Steve Michaels,.

The Iron Brigade Guard was also actively involved with Germanfest and Irish Fest activities. Both events involved the Guard for three days in their Ancestry tents. We shared time with many of the attendees. It was a great opportunity to share the SUCWV goals with the public. We had many conversations, in which people shared their family stories and family recollections. We spent a great deal of time researching the military service of their ancestors, a truly rewarding experience.



Company E, 47th Missouri Infantry

The boys of Company E, 47th Missouri Infantry have been very busy this summer and fall. Members have participated in various activities in Jefferson and the surrounding counties. Beginning in July, member formed to march in the annual DeSoto 4th of July parade. They were assisted by the Louisa Volker Aux. The day was very warm but people lined the streets.

Here are some of the other activities various members of Company E participated in:

July 6 - The grave dedication of a Civil War soldier.

July 20 - Grant Remembered Day.

August 10 - DeSoto Train Day. This was sponsored by the DeSoto Historical Society.

September 14 - The Great Ste. Gen. Bank Raid.

October 5 - Heritage Day Festival in Hillsboro, sponsored by the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce.

October 18 - Ghost Walk at the home of Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher. This is an annual event for Company E.

November 2- Company E. marched in the Farmington Veteran's Day Parade

The boys of Co. E have a few more activities to round out this year. On November 10, the commander will give a presentation to students at the Farmington Library on the life of the Veterans of the Civil War after the war was over. This will include organizations like the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Commander is pleased to announce the wedding of one of our members. Mr. Duncan Noack will wed Miss Hannah Harper on November 9, 2019, in Arnold, Missouri. Company E. wishes Duncan and Hannah all the luck in the future.

The members of Company E will in December, ring bells to help raise money for the DeSoto Food Pantry. This is an annual event for our group. To finish off this year, members will have their annual Christmas Banquet.

Company E.
47th Missouri Infantry
2nd LT Douglas Roussins



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1st Illinois Battery L



Left:

On July 27, 2019, Adjutant Rob Hauff, on the right, of the 1st Illinois Battery L, had a display at the Kenosha Civil War Museum, Kenosha, WI. Rob is an experienced artillerist and has a nice display of artillery shells. 4th District Commander, Tom Brown, on the left met Rob at the museum and got a chance to see the collection and talk to Rob.

Rob has recently been promoted to the 1st LT of the unit, replacing his retiring father, Thomas Hauff.

Below: Rob got to talk to people as they viewed the collection. Some of the shells can be seen in the background.

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STORIES.**



NEBRASKA RANGERS

Below: On August 24, 2019 members of the Nebraska Rangers SVR participated in a headstone dedication honoring Dr. Aurelus Bauer, 2nd Nebraska Cavalry Regiment who served at the Battle of Whitestone Hill. He was a charter member of the SAR, Surgeon General SAR.



Below: On Saturday August 10, 2019 the Department of Nebraska Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War with the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861 - 1865 participated in a joint remembrance ceremony with the Sons of American Revolution honoring Champion Spaulding Chase, who was a Civil War veteran and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Chase served 4 years with the Union Army, starting with the rank of Major of Cavalry, and was involved in the sieges of Knoxville, Mobile, and Vicksburg. He spent 2 years headquartered in New Orleans, and received a commission of Lt. Colonel from President Andrew Johnson in late 1865. He was honorably discharged in 1866.

He became the State Society President when the Nebraska SAR was formed in April 1890. He was the 1st Nebraska State Attorney General, when Nebraska became a State in 1867. He served 4 terms as Mayor of Omaha beginning in 1873 and ended in 1884.

The ceremony was held at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Omaha, Nebraska. The Nebraska Rangers SVR fired volleys at the ceremonies and laid wreaths with the SUVCW, DUVCW, and the SAR.



NEBRASKA RANGERS *continued*



Left:

On October 20th at 3:00 pm the Nebraska Rangers of Harrison Camp 53-2 Wisner of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (Department of Nebraska with North Dakota and South Dakota) met in Wayne, Nebraska to dedicate a new headstone for a Civil War veteran. The effort to replace the damaged headstone was led by former Wisnerite Steve Gross. The dedication ceremony honored Pvt James Phalen, Company K, 12th Vermont Infantry. He was born in Urlingford County, Kilkenny, Ireland in 1843. He enlisted in the Union Army August of 1862 and was discharged in July of 1863. His 9 months of duty was as a hospital nurse. He died in Wayne, Nebraska 1886. Pvt. Phalen was the first Civil War veteran interred in the Greenwood Cemetery of Wayne. Assisting with the dedication was Frank Novotny, Glenn Kietzmann (Chaplain), Reid Weber, Bob Ens (bugler), Rick Marx, Wayne American Legion Post Color Guard, Mark Glaubius,, and Norm Weber (Camp Commander).

Below: On Saturday November 16, 2019, members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department of Nebraska including the Nebraska Rangers SVR, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861 - 1865 and Auxiliary of the SUVCW participated in a ceremony at the State Capitol in Lincoln, NE observing the Gettysburg Address given by Abraham Lincoln on November 19, 1863.



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