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COMMANDERS COLUMN

Brothers of the 4th Military District,

I hope everyone had a safe and healthy holiday season. I would like to commend all of the Units for getting their Form #3 's (Unit Applications) in on time. I would also thank 1st Sgt Bob Mann past commander of the Iron Brigade Guard for all the years that he served as Unit Commander. Sgt. Bob Mann has been put on the Inactive Reserved List with his current rank of 1st.Sgt. Again, thanks Bob for your leadership of the Iron Brigade Guard and congratulations. I would like to welcome a new unit from Kansas City Mo., the 2nd. Mo. Calvary (Merrill's Horse) Co. A. On behalf of the 4th Military District, Welcome. I look forward to seeing you at any of the upcoming events this year.

Just a reminder Captain Brian McManus is the chair of the Awards review board of the 4th Military District. He has sent out an email with the files with info on the criteria for the awards and nomination form to all the units, he will send it out again in the future. If a brother in your unit is doing something deserving an award, send in your nominations in for review.

The Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and the B F Stephenson at Springfield Il., and Petersburg,,Il, respectively. On 16 April 2022. The Lincoln Tomb will start at 10:00a.m. the SVR units will line up near the cemetery gate at 9:30 a.m. and the B F Stephenson Ceremony will start at 3:00p.m. It would be great to have a good representation of the 4th Military District at this event. You can access the information on the SUVCW website, current Winter Banner and in this newsletter. Pay attention to the due dates in the information. There are other motels in the area if you don't wish to stay at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel. Hope to see you there. Let me know if your unit can.

Note to unit commanders – if you would like to invite the District Commander, Lt. Col. Tom Brown, to an event, please contact his Chief of Staff, Capt. Brian D. McManus. His contact info is listed on the left side of the front page.

In F, C, & L,

Lt. Col. Tom Brown, PDC

Commander of the 4th.Military District, SVR

Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

All are invited to participate in the 66th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 157th 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 16, 2022.**

Headquarters Hotel: President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701.

The room rate is \$111.00 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 25, 2022. 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 16th.

Luncheon will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12:30PM. The luncheon program will feature TBD.
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 5th 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:

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**NOTE: Lt. Col. Tom Brown's email address was wrong on the original flyer for the Tomb Ceremony.
This is his correct address.**



THE DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS INVITES YOU TO THE ANNUAL DR. BENJAMIN STEPHENSON MEMORIAL CEREMONY



Master of Ceremonies - PDC James Lyons, Co-Chairman, Memorial Service Committee
CALL TO ASSEMBLY - Mike Carter, Menard County Honor Guard
POSTING OF COLORS - Battery "L", 1st Illinois Vol. Art. Rgt.
NATIONAL ANTHEM & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
INVOCATION - Chaplain Jerome Kowalski, NC
MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING ILLINOIS BROTHERS
SONG - AMAZING GRACE
GUEST SPEAKERS
Joe Hutchinson, Commander, Dept. of Illinois
Mr. Rick Snyder, Mayor, City of Petersburg, Illinois
Mr. Richard Moss, President, Menard County Council on Tourism
Mr. Mike Carter, Menard County Honor Guard Coordinator
PRESENTATION OF WREATHS
Joe Hutchinson, Commander, Dept. of Illinois
ARTILLERY SALUTE - SVR Battery "L", 1st Illinois Volunteer Art. Regiment
SONG - BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC
RIFLE SALUTE - Menard County Honor Guard
BENEDICTION - Chaplain Jerome Kowalski, NC
CLOSING CEREMONY/RETIRING OF COLORS - SVR Battery "L", 1st Illinois Vol. Art. Rgt.

NEBRASKA RANGERS



Above, on Saturday November 13, 2021, members of the Department of Iowa, the Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas , VFW Post 5060 and the General Society of the War of 1812 dedicated Hull Cemetery in Madrid, Iowa. Among those honored in the cemetery were War of 1812 and Black Hawk War: George Hull, Mexican War Zachariah Jackson Vontrees Co. C 2nd Indiana Infantry, Civil War: Lycurgus Erastus Cromwell Co. H Regiment 12th Iowa Infantry, Thomas Jefferson Cromwell Jr. Co. D 12th Iowa Infantry, Maximillian Shephard Cunningham Co. D 16th Iowa Infantry, Henry Wilton Hull Co. F 13th Iowa Infantry, Jackson Hull Co. D 16th Iowa Infantry, James Hull Co. D 10th Iowa Infantry, Charles Mills (aka Calvin Figgins) 135th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Zelotus John Stewart Co. F 134th Pennsylvania Infantry. WWI: William Emery Gibson, Theodore Porter Gifford Co. F 133rd Infantry, 24th Division, John Andrew Maddux, Joseph Redmon, WWII: Dalr Richard Pierce, Harold Albert Shearer, Korean War: Archie R. Rhodes - Marines, Korea - Vietnam: US Navy Phlbert James Stoneburner, Cold War: Lt. Jack Charles Zenor, Gerald Howard Stoneburner US Navy.



On Saturday October 30, 2021, members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Departments of Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861 - 1865 participated in a funeral service for Benton Kinkead, born February 1, 1845 and passed away November 8, 1916. Benton Kinkead at the age of 16 served with Company D of the 77th Ohio Infantry until December of 1864. His ashes were recovered in Seattle Washington and brought back to Plattsmouth Nebraska so he could be laid to rest by his wife at Oak Hill Cemetery. Also the VFW Lepert-Wolever Post #2543, American Legion Post #56 both from Plattsmouth and the American Legion Post #237 from Weeping Water participated along with 40 Freedom Riders on motorcycles.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Brothers,

Sitting in my living room and looking south, through large windows, you can see a host of trees; beech, chestnut, oak and maple. The green leaves will be coming this spring, and you can see some of the trees budding. But in the late autumn and winter - the leaves descend to the ground, and the trees are bare. It is during this time that we can see The Squirrels. More than a dozen live across the street, in hollow trunks and branches; brown, black, and one that seems to have yellow at the beginning of the tail. One thing that they all have in common - is that they all chase one another, up and down and across the limbs and trunks. Seldom do you see one traveling alone, but 9 out of 10 times the one wagging it's tail will stop to let the pursuer catch up. The mating ritual seems to never end.

All of this activity reminds me of our need for physical exercise. Little children run and play, but seniors - like many of us - tend to sit. We watch the idiot box, play games and work our fingers on our computers, and find excuses why we shouldn't go out for a walk, or do simple exercises. Maybe I realize this because I am in Cardio Physical Therapy, as ordered by my doctors, and when I finish I feel tired, but much more energetic. We all need exercise to stay healthy and happy. The Almighty has put all sorts of reminders out there for us - like The Squirrels.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Chaplain Jerry

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Last summer, Pvt. David Howard and 1st Sgt. Tom Brown of HQ Company spoke to the members of the public about the Civil War at the annual Old Falls Village Civil War Weekend in Menomonee Falls, Wis.



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Left: Pvt. Leonard Hinkley and Commissary Sgt. John Roberts both served in the 24th Wis. Infantry. Their graves in Milwaukee's Forest Home Cemetery had been unmarked until last fall, when they received new military headstones. Members of Headquarters Company participated in the dedication ceremony. Salutes were rendered during the playing of Taps by 4th Military District IG Steve Michaels, Pvt. Dean Collins who served as Chaplain, and Pvt. Patrick Fallon.

Right: Members of the SVR, SUVCW, SAR, Civil Air Patrol and the general public assembled at Wood National Cemetery on December 18th for the annual Wreaths Across America wreath-laying ceremony. Fourth Military District members participating included (left to right) Pvt. Dean Collins and 1st Sgt. Tom Brown from Headquarters Co., and 2nd Lt. Craig Wheeler and Cpl. Alen Keinert of the Iron Brigade Guard.



Submitted by Cpl. Kent Peterson, Headquarters Co. Adjutant



Left: Headquarters Company participated in a 150th anniversary ceremony commemorating the first burial at Wood National Cemetery. Pvt. John Afton died in 1871 at what was then the Northwestern Branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, and was the first man buried at what is now Wood National Cemetery.

Some of Afton's descendants from Michigan attended the event. Included in the group photo (left to right), 4th Military District Inspector General Steve Michaels, HQ Company Adjutant Cpl. Kent Peterson, Pvt. Dean Collins as Chaplain, and at far right, 1ST Sgt. Tom Brown.

IRON BRIGADE HONOR GUARD



Brothers,
Here is a picture of PDC Brian McManus, on the right, presenting Bob Mann with his SVR Past Unit Commander badge.

His service to the 4th Military District's Iron Brigade Guard was exceptional.
Captain Jeff Graf is now the Iron Brigade Guard Commander.

In F, C, and L.
Brian D. McManus
Iron Brigade Guard
1st Sergeant, Adjutant



Bottom: Our new Detachment of the Iron Brigade Guard participated in the Last Soldier Dedication in Otter Tail County, MN on October 9, 2021 at the Lakewood Cemetery, Battle Lake, Minnesota. The event was well attended by community, to include Otter Tail County Commissioner Kurt Mortenson and Minnesota State Representative Jordan Rasmusson (District 08A) and wives. Adding to the ceremony were a re-enactor who was the bugler, a 12-pound Mountain Howitzer provided by a re-enactor, the American Legion Honor Guard and Jay Johnson, great grandson of "Cap" Colehour with the Spencer rifle.

This ceremony was to dedicate the final resting site of the Last Soldier from Otter Tail County. James "Cap" Colehour served in Company I of the 92nd Regiment of Illinois Volunteer Infantry (mounted with the new Spencer repeating rifle), which earned the name Wilder's Lightning Brigade. Colehour was wounded in both shoulders and was later discharged in 1865. He died on December 25, 1938. Following the ceremony, the members had the opportunity to visit the Prospect House & Civil War Museum www.prospecthousemuseum.org that has the Spencer rifle and other memorabilia from "Cap" Colehour. SVR Participants included Gary Carlberg, Jimmy Johnson and Doug Urbanski.

By Gary Carlberg. 1st Lieutenant

IRON BRIGADE HONOR GUARD, *continued*



Colehour survived the Civil War partly because his unit was one of the few with the Spencer rifle, which allowed soldiers to reload while lying down, rather than the usual method of standing up to reload a musket. Prospect House Museum



Shown above in "Rest on Arms", from (L to R) are re-enactors Patrick Chase and John Taylor (1st MN Volunteer Infantry), Gary Carlberg (SVR member in Honor Guard Color Sergeant uniform), and Commander Doug Urbanski (SVR member and Camp Commander). Man with SUVCW medals and VFW hat (Civil War uniform ordered had not arrived yet) is SVR member Jimmy Johnson.

More HEADQUARTERS CO.



Left: Private Kim J. Heltemes helped a prospective new member with application papers at Old Abe Camp #8's table at the Oshkosh, Wisconsin, "Echoes of the Past" trade fair held the last weekend of February 2022.

Photographed by Kirby Scott



Left : Lithograph and photographs from the Civil War may be difficult to find in nice condition but the Library of Congress can be used as a nice source for those hard to find items like the Lincoln family of 1861 as shown. I found several great looking lithographs of the Lincoln family.

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Remember to send your newsworthy articles to 2nd Lt. Kim J. Heltemes at heltemesk@centurylink.net

Your unit cannot be posted in the newsletter unless you send in the photos and captions.

Please note: Lt. Col. Tom Brown would like to try to have a staff and unit commanders meeting for those attending the Lincoln Tomb ceremony on Friday April 15, 2022. All SVR ,embers are invited to attend. Details will be announced as we get closer to the date.