



## **SONS of VETERANS RESERVE 4<sup>th</sup> MILITARY DISTRICT**

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### **COMMANDERS COLUMN**

Brothers of the 4th Military District,

We are starting a new year. I hope everyone had a safe and a Happy Holiday season. I would like to commend all of the 4th. Military District units for getting your SVR form 3's in on time. It makes our job easier when this is done to get our reports in on time to the National SVR.

We will need every unit to do their 990N fillings by the 1st week in March. We will need your 990N receipts for our EIN report that has to be filed by March 15 to the National SUCVW and the National SVR. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. I will be sending a document that District Adjutant Kent Peterson and I developed for finding your 990N Receipt and retrieving it.

Lincoln Tomb Ceremony at Oak Ridge Cemetery will be April 15th this year It will start at 10:00am The SVR will march in from the Cemetery gate at that time. I would like to see a good representation of the 4th. Military District units attending this ceremony. Also, there will be a ceremony at Petersburg IL. Oak Hill Cemetery at 3:00 p.m. at the B. F. Stevenson Monument at the cemetery.

There will be a School of the Piece, Artillery training will be held in Missouri this year. More information is in the newsletter.

I would like to thank all of the units that contributed to our newsletter. Remember communication makes us a better group.

Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and B. F. Stevenson Ceremony  
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony starts at 10:00a.m.  
Military Parade will form up at 9:30a.m. near the front gate at

Oak Ridge Cemetery  
1414 Monument Ave. Springfield, Il.

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B. F. Stevenson Ceremony starts at 3:00p.m.  
at Oak Hill Cemetery Petersburg, IL.

In F, C, & L,

Lt. Col. Tom Brown, PDC

Commander of the 4th.Military District, SVR

Brothers,

The Winter is "almost" over, and Spring is just around the corner. Before very long we will see blossoms on trees, flowers and bulbs.

Shoveling snow and putting up with rain is not easy. But The Almighty has great plans for you and me. HE wants us to be **HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS**. All it takes is Faith, and reaching out to treat others - the same way we would like to be treated ourselves. Have a Positive Attitude and you will get Positive Results. If you agree with me, say AMEN.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty  
Chaplain Jerry

## CHAPLAIN COLUMN



## 47th MO INF CO. E

Left: 1st SGT Alan R Trodus, Co. E, 47th MO INF, SVR presented the raffle sword to winner Anita Otte of Union, MO at the Sandy Creek covered bridge in Goldman, MO. Anita, a member of the Franklin County Historical Society board, was thrilled to win the sword. She had made a donation to the General Thomas C Fletcher Camp #47 SUVCW at the Kirkwood MO Green Tree Festival, where the Camp had set up a Civil War encampment as an educational display.



## HEADQUARTERS COMPANY



On February 18, 2023, members of C. K. Pier Camp #1 with left to right, Colonel Steve Michaels, Tom Mueller, Lt. Colonel Tom Brown (in 1<sup>st</sup> SGT uniform), and Camp Commander Grant Johnson awarded Samuel Amundson (in the middle) an SUVCW Eagle Scout certificate. It was held in Franklin, Wisconsin at the Faith Presbyterian Church. Thanks to Steve Michaels



On the weekend of February 25 -26, Old Abe Camp #8 and Headquarters Company members manned the booth at the Echoes of the Past Trade Fair in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. From left to right are 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Kim J. Heltemes, Jim Schumann, Paul Waid, Lt. Col. Tom Brown and Kirby Scott. We try to recruit new members, help identify veterans for families, and help in getting new headstones if needed. The Camp has been doing this event for over twenty years.



## 2nd Regiment, Missouri Infantry, Co. A (1861)



By Private Walt Busch  
Adjutant

We've been very busy this past quarter. We started with several members attending the Central Region Association of the G.A.R. Allied Orders. In these meetings we meet with several of the women's organizations, visit historic sites, have a training session and a short meeting. We met in an old GAR Hall near Lansing, Michigan. Captain Robert Amsler, and Members James Pahl, Ed Krieser, Donald Palmer and Walt Busch.



Our annual ceremonies honoring the 56th US Colored Troops at their monument in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery was well attended this year as we had Historian Dorris Keevan-Franke speaking on one of her favorite topics Benjamin Oglesby – Private Co D, 56<sup>th</sup> USCT – Survivor. Several of Private Oglesby's descendants and KSDK Television were there for the event. Besides our color guard we also had a ROTC unit from Edwardsville, IL, performing military honors.

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Left: SVR Musician Dan Jackson, donning traditional Scottish grab, did his usually great job not only playing the bag pipes, but also sounding Taps.

Below right: Member Sumner Hunnewell looked as spiffy as ever in his honorable order of some type of artillery unit from New England. Who can keep track of all his organizations, hats, and medals? Huh? I mean really!

Left bottom: Duncan Noack of Fletcher Camp did a great job of playing the fife. He is pictured next to Captain Greg Zelinske, SVR, who I understand may be retiring from his many years of SVR and reenacting services. He has always put out a great effort and his services will be truly missed, if the news of his ending retirement is true.





## NEBRASKA RANGERS

On December 17, 2022, members of Victor Vifquain Camp #1 and Shiloh Camp #2 Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Wyuka Cemetery in Lincoln Nebraska. The Wreaths Across America event takes place at 11:00 am to coincide with the main ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.



## 1st Missouri Light Artillery, Company M

Brother Lt. Rob and Brother Major Tom Hauff, Battery L, 1st Illinois Volunteer Light Artillery received the recognition award for their contributions to the regional camps.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Illinois held their joint camp luncheon on Saturday, January 21st. Angelo's Restaurant in Elmhurst, Illinois.

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

Brother Nick Kaup



## 1st Missouri Light Artillery, Company M

### School of the Piece

A School of the Piece, a muzzle-loading artillery safety qualification program for re-enactors and living historians, will be held June 24, 2023, on the grounds of St. John's Lutheran Church, 2149 Lutheran Church Road, Beaufort, Missouri 63013. The program is presented by the National Civil War Artillery Association and the Sons of Veterans Reserve of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. A registration fee of \$20 per participant seeking qualification should be prepaid. This fee includes a two-year membership in the NCWAA.

NCWAA staff members will instruct and qualify. Cannoneers successfully completing the course will be issued a qualification card valid for two years.

Crews and guns from all muzzle-loading periods (Civil War and earlier) and serving under all flags are welcome and encouraged to attend. Re-enactors who regularly serve artillery are urged to attend, and those who do not regularly serve artillery but who wish to extend their knowledge are also encouraged to participate.

Interested individuals and units should contact Steve Allen, Turner Brigade, at (573) 578-5822, email [spallen@ccis.edu](mailto:spallen@ccis.edu), for registration materials. Registration forms are also available online at <http://www.turnerbrigade.org/ncwaastl.htm>. Registration will close on June 9. Checks for the \$20 registration fee should be made payable to "HQ 4th Military District, SVR" and should be submitted with registration forms by the close of registration.

Camping will be permitted on site. Signs will be posted with directions. Water and indoor sanitary facilities will be provided free. The nearest motels are about 20 minutes away in Union for those participants who do not want to camp.

Due to the limitations of the event insurance, we ask that no other firearms be brought to the school other than muzzle-loading artillery.

A Friday evening meal, a Saturday breakfast, and a Saturday lunch will be offered by the ladies of the church for a free will offering





## HEADQUARTERS COMPANY and IRON BRIGADE GUARD



The Headquarters Company was at the Milwaukee Wood Cemetery for Wreaths Across America on December 11, 2022.

On the left, Col. Steve Michaels lays a wreath at the grave of General Kilborn Knox.

Below, members of Iron Brigade Guard were at Attention as the ceremonies were done. In the group is Dean Collins, Robert Mann and Craig Wheeler. Craig is wearing the Iron Brigade badge with the red ribbon. Lt. Col. Tom Brown was on the far left but covered so he is not shown.

Photos by Danielle Michaels







Left: Col. Steve Michaels delivered the Chaplain blessing at the Remembrance Day SVR breakfast in Gettysburg, PA as Major General Robert Grimm stands near.

(photo by Danielle Michaels)

Below:

Lt. Col. Tom Brown is shown on the far right as the troops line up for the Remembrance Day parade starts.

MG Robert Grimm is in the front left of C-inC Frail



## ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

All are invited to participate in the 67th 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 15, 2023.

**Headquarters Hotel:** President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701. The room rate is \$114.00 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, 2023. 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 15th.

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

Luncheon cost is \$45.00 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Beef Pot Roast \_\_\_\_\_ 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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