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From Our Commander

“It’s That Time, Again”



Gentlemen of the Fourth,

I sincerely hope that you all were blessed by the love of family and friends throughout this just-past Holiday Season, and that “Santa” brought you everything on your lists...at least those of you who deserved more than the quintessential “lump of coal” that was the ever-present threat in my own household as a kid. And...coming from a family or

Iowa-Missouri-Illinois coalminers, I was never really sure that the threat wasn’t sincere.

As we head into 2015, it is time to recall several “duties” that we have in relation to our year-end activities as members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Yes...I’m talking about “reports”. They are due again. Let’s continue our tradition from last year and get them sent in to Captain Rittel as soon as possible so that he can tally his numbers and work his magic before we forward them on to our National Adjutant in advance of their due dates!

One favor....you Unit Commanders and/or Adjutants, please survey your unit members and ascertain from us how many of your personnel have served in the various and sundry branches of the United States Military at one time or another in their lives, and please make a note of them on a separate sheet. We just want numbers, not entire service records or even dates of service at this juncture. For the moment, I won’t disclose why we are seeking this data...but will suffice it to say that there is “method” in the madness. Just a number is all we are asking. (ie: “Total of 16 men in the unit, 4 of them served in the military”).

Second favor....IF you have personnel who are no longer planning to remain active in your unit activities and wish to leave, please notify Adjutant Rittel of the man’s desire to separate himself from active service with your unit. If the Commanding Officer of said unit believes the man to have served honorably and you would like for him to receive a Certificate of Honorable Service from the District, you will need to address a letter to the District Adjutant giving us the man’s full name, rank, unit, and dates of service (ie. 1988-2014 will suffice). We will then create a document and post it **TO THE UNIT COMMANDER** for formal presentation to the man at a unit function. If you have questions, call Me; 515-986-4825.

Third favor...As we move rapidly toward the sesquicentennial of the end of hostilities, please keep our illustrious PIO (1/Lt. Scheel) apprised of your planned unit activities surrounding same, so that he can disseminate the information.

Don’t forget that we have one of the two major SVR events **IN THE NATION** happening right here in our own District on April 11th in Springfield, Illinois, at Lincoln’s Tomb. Since this year marks the 150th anniversary of the assassination, it would nice to see as many of your smiling faces at that event as possible.

Also....there is the Lincoln Funeral Train event that will be taking place at the end of the first week in May. This is a “one shot” deal, guys...not like you will be able to make the one next year. Once again, IF you are going to that event as a member of the SVR, you need to be in touch with the District Chief of Staff, Captain Stahr (1cplstahr@gmail.com) and let him know your unit name, number, and how many you are bringing to the event. If you are going as a “re-enactor” with some other group with which you are affiliated, you need not notify Capt. Stahr...but you STILL must register with the event organizers and pay their fee. See the formal notice elsewhere in this newsletter.

One-hundred-and fifty years ago today, Federal forces were occupying the “Empress City” of Savannah, GA (one of the most beautiful cities in the nation, and I HIGHLY recommend a visit there if you haven’t been...even if you have, go back). Don’t know if it actually happened or not, but there is a local “story” still related over the occasional julep that when “Uncle Billy” was first talking with a group of local politicians from Savannah and assuring them that the Union boys occupying their city would be constrained and “gentlemanly” in their dealings with all, he is alleged to have commented that, “*had you folks melted down all of this wrought iron and made cannonballs of it, the war would likely last an additional year. And, if your lovely ladies had been fighting, it would go on for two.*”

That’s it for now...enjoy your time in “Winter Quarters” and keep your powder dry.

Major David M. Lamb
Inf., Commanding
4MD/SVR

National SVR General Orders Of 4th Military District Personnel

Sons of Veterans Reserve
26 October 2014

SVR General Order 2014-15

- 1. Effective this date Thomas G. Hauff is commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant Sons of Veterans Reserve. 2nd Lieutenant Hauff is Commander Officer of Battery L 1st Illinois Light Artillery.*
- 2. This commission remains in effect until 27 October 2017 or until properly relieved.*

Major General Robert Grim
Commanding Officer
Sons of Veterans Reserve

Attest:
Donald E. Darby
Colonel, SVR
Adjutant General

Notes Commander Lamb

Remembrance Day
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
November 15th, 2014

Individuals and units from the Fourth Military District/SVR were honored by the Commanding Generals and staff of the SVR at the annual SVR breakfast held in conjunction with the Remembrance Day activities at Gettysburg.

Lt/Col. (Ret'd) Jack G. Grothe was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal w/Gold Star for his more than twenty years of exceptional service to the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Captain Jerome Kowalski, Chaplain 4MD/SVR was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal w/Gold Star for his exceptional devotion to the spiritual needs of the members of this Military District and to the membership of our Order at large. This award mirrors the award that "Chaplain Jerry" received at the recent National Encampment in Marietta from PCinC Freshley.

Pvt. Nicholas H. Kaup, Battery L, 1st Illinois Light Artillery was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal w/Silver Star for his twenty-five years of outstanding service to the SUVCW and his active participation in his SVR unit as well as his work replacing military gravestones and working to preserve the Illinois monuments at the Vicksburg National Battlefield Military Park.

In addition to these individual awards, two SVR Units from our District distinguished themselves by garnering the Commander's Meritorious Unit Citation for 2014!

Company "B" 10th Iowa Volunteer Infantry and "Milligan's Battery", 1st Illinois Light Artillery were judged by our National Commanders to be the most outstanding units in the nation for this awards year.

On behalf of the Command staff, I offer our most hearty congratulations to these distinguished individuals and units! May they long continue to provide inspiration to us all!

Fraternally,

Major David M. Lamb
Commanding
Fourth Military District
Sons of Veterans Reserve

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SUVCW Charitable Foundation and Amazon.com

Among the core reasons for the existence of the SUVCW and SVR is to honor the service and sacrifices made by our own ancestors in their struggles to preserve this nation and our constitutional union during the Civil War. Before those ancestors shuffled off of this mortal coil, they went about the serious work of commemorating their own struggles by erecting thousands upon thousands of monuments to the labors of their youths. Monuments of all kinds, including the building and re-building of lives and families that are the only reason that you and I are here. Had they not been successful at those efforts, none of us would be reading these words.

But, for a moment, I want to talk about the physical monuments that they erected on distant battlefields, and nearby town squares. Those oft-overlooked, and sometimes seemingly forgotten edifices of carved marble, and granite, and limestone that we all work to see restored, resurrected, and replaced when and where we can do so. And upon whose plinths are carved the names and images of men now long gone from our sight, but yet alive in our hearts.

THOSE monuments are in constant need of us, and our help.

One of the ways that we provide that help is through the good works of our very own SUVCW Charitable Foundation. That entity that is an off-shoot of the SUVCW and provides thousands upon thousands of dollars every year for monument restoration. The SUVCWCT, as you know, raises it's monies through direct donations, capital investments, and sales of merchandise (like the collar eagle devices that many of us wear on our SVR uniforms, and other items).

Well, now there is another (and absolutely painless) way of supporting these good works that each and every one of us can take part in.

Most everyone on the planet has probably purchased something "on-line" in this day and age. And, if you have done so, you have probably visited the website of that gigantic on-line marketer known as Amazon.com.

NOW, each time you purchase something from the website at www.amazon.com, you can contribute (at NO cost to you!) one-half of one percent of your total purchase to the SUVCWCT! But you have to spend somewhere between thirty seconds and three minutes of your time to set it up.

Simply go to their website and log on to your account. If you don't have one as yet, that will take you the three minutes mentioned above. If you do, it will take you thirty-seconds. Look for the "Amazon Smiles" link on the website and either select or type in "SUVCW Charitable Trust" and viola....from now on everything that you purchase through Amazon.Com will result in our own SUVCWCT receiving a donation toward the work that they do.

Faternally,

Major. David M. Lamb
Inf., Commanding

Headquarters Company

Franklin, WI

Headquarters Company Honors Veterans



Brian Craig and Jeff Graf.

The 4th Military District's Headquarters Company braved cold winds as it marched in the Milwaukee's 51st annual Veterans Day Parade last November 8th. Brothers of C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Auxiliary 4 filled out the ranks. The parade, which last 16 blocks, ended at Veterans Park on Milwaukee's lakefront.

On December 13th, the Headquarters Company, along with Co. A, 28th Wisconsin Infantry, participated in the annual Wreaths Across America program at Wood National Cemetery.

Shown in the parade are: Brs. Pat Kulas (US Flag), Brian McManus, PCC Tom Brown (Camp Flag), PCinC Steve Michaels, Brs. Jeff Lesar,

Shown saluting in formation are (front row): Brs. Dan Palama (28th WI), Dean Collins, Jeff Lesar (both HQ Co.), PCCs Craig Wheeler, Bob Mann, and Allen Keinert (all three 28th WI), Sisters Linda Brown and Kathy Anderson. Back row:



Brs. Brian McManus (HQ Co.), Richard Gross (28th WI), Patrick Lynch and PCC Tom Brown (both HQ Co.)



Shown saluting at gravesite: PCC Tom Brown, Brs. Jeff Lesar, Rick Gross and Patrick Lynch.

Mulligan's Battery

Company L, 1st Illinois Light Artillery

Glenview, Illinois



Mulligan's Battery at
Stephenson Monument,
Petersburg, IL April 12,
2014



Aurora West Cemetery May
25, 2014



Mulligan's Battery and
Custer) at Rosehill Cemetery
the Rock of Chickamauga

SUVCW Camp #1 (Camp
Memorial Day ceremony at

Mulligan's Battery firing a salute at the Rock of Chickamauga Monument Rosehill Cemetery on Memorial Day.



Company B, 10th Iowa Vol. Infantry

Council Bluffs, IA

Sept. 27th, 10 members of Co. B, 10th Iowa and 6 ASUVCW #23 members assisted in re-dedicating Civil War monuments in Bedford (Taylor County), Mt. Ayr (Ringgold County), and Creston (Union County). The ceremonies were well attended by the public on a perfect fall day.

Oct. 11th, four members of the 10th Iowa and four members of ASUVCW #23 traveled to Bloomfield to take part in the 150th anniversary Davis County Raid Sesquicentennial event. Co. B was honored to receive the Commanding Officer's Unit Citation in November. The award was presented by Major Lamb, C. O. of the 4th Military District at the Dept of Iowa Sesquicentennial Committee meeting held at Ankeny, Iowa in early December.

Captain Mike Carr
Commanding

37th Iowa Infantry Regiment

Activities of Company A, 37th Iowa Infantry for 2014

Blairstown, Iowa Memorial Day:

On Monday, May 26, the 37th Iowa was invited to participate in the Memorial Day services at Blairstown, Iowa. The day's event began with the annual program at the American Legion Hall in Blairstown, where 1stSgt Dave Thompson and Corporal Danny Krock spoke of Iowa's and Benton County's role in the Civil War, a short biography of the 43 Civil War Veterans buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery and the events leading to Coxswain John C. Hayes receiving the Medal of Honor aboard the USS Kearsarge.

The ceremony moved to Pleasant Hill Cemetery where the



37th Iowa rededicated the Civil War Soldier's Monument, originally unveiled in 1907. Immediately following the rededication, we conducted a graveside memorial for John Hayes, two weeks short of the 150th anniversary of his actions in the sinking of the CSS Alabama.

Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis June 12:

On Thursday, June 12, members of the 37th Iowa SVR had the honor of providing the Color Guard for Seventeen Veterans of the United States Military at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri. Their remains had gone unclaimed and forgotten for the past



half century and more. The 37th was unable to attend the services of June 11 that were held for Twelve other such Veterans. In all, twenty-nine had been identified by members of the Missing In America Project at Valhalla Cemetery and Funeral Home in St. Louis. The escort to Jefferson Barracks was provided by the Patriot Riders; rifle salute provided by various members of the 4th Military District.

Each of the Veteran's cremains was escorted by members of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines. 1st Sgt. David Thompson had the honor of carrying the Service Flag for Private Francis F. Tuttle, Veteran of Company B, 44th Illinois Infantry. Other members of the 37th present were: Commander Kenneth Lindblom, Corporal Danny Krock and Private Ronald Deal.

Redfield, Iowa June 28:

On Saturday, June 28, members of the 37th Iowa Infantry participated in Redfield's annual Old Settlers celebration. Members rode in the parade and then set up at the GAR Hall, where we held a living history for the townspeople. A talk was given at the Legion Hall about the conditions the soldiers experienced during the Civil War and Private John Keller performed several songs on the violin.

Montezuma, Iowa July 5:

On Saturday, July 5, the 37th Iowa, with the assistance of the 10th Iowa, rededicated the Civil War Monument and two cannons on the Courthouse Square in Montezuma, Iowa. The Monument until recently had stood across the street in front of the Montezuma GAR Hall. A pouring rain postponed the 10:00 ceremony to until 2:00. There attended by a large populace of the city.

Centralia, Missouri September 26:

At Noon, Friday, September 26, members of the 37th Iowa Infantry conducted a remembrance ceremony in front of the Train Station Memorial to remember the twenty-two Soldiers murdered during what is known as The Centralia Massacre. Eleven of these were returning home to Iowa, seven were members of the 1st Iowa Cavalry. These men were killed shortly after Noon, September 27, 1864. Most of the Iowans are buried at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.



Redfield, Iowa September 27:

On Saturday, September 27, Lieutenant Ken Lindblom, John Keller and State Senator Dennis Black, along with the Redfield American Legion held a remembrance ceremony for Colonel James Redfield. Colonel Redfield was killed at the Battle of Allatoona Pass, Georgia on October 4, 1864. His daring in action was essential to the Union Victory. The town of Redfield was established by him and the citizens had chosen this day to remember the 150th anniversary of his death.

Centerville and Knoxville, Iowa October 4:



On Saturday October 12, members of the 37th Iowa Infantry held remembrance ceremonies at the graves of John L. Bashore, Centerville and Josiah M. Woodruff, Knoxville. Both of these Veterans while serving as Provost Marshalls for the 4th District of Iowa, were killed in the line of duty, 150 years earlier, on October 1, 1864. John Bashore was taken to the home of James A. Craver, where he died four to five hours later. A descendant nephew of J. A. Craver was present at the Centerville Ceremony.

Bloomfield, Iowa October 12:



On Sunday, October 12, members of the 37th Iowa paid their respects by placing wreaths and reading passages at the graves of the three people murdered during the Davis County Raid on October 12, 1864. Confederate Lieutenant James “Bill” Jackson along with twelve Missouri Partisan Raiders dressed in Union uniforms entered Van Buren County and proceeded to Davis County, Iowa. These Guerillas embarked on a 30 mile long wave of robbery, kidnapping and the murder of

three men. Killed that day, were: Thomas Hardy, Eleazer Small (3rd Iowa Cavalry, he had been discharged on September 13, 1864), and Philip Bence (30th Iowa Infantry wounded at Atlanta on July 28, 1864, and was home on furlough).



Company F, 78th E.M.M.

Ste. Genevieve, MO

On 26 October during Rural Heritage Days Company F set up a display which included weapons of the Civil War, a knapsack display, and a list of over eight-hundred names of men who served in the Civil War from Ste. Genevieve County. Information about the SUVCW was available as well.

In the photo front to rear is Privates Jerry→ Kasten, Clarence Warfield, and in the rear is Corporal Tom Greminger explaining the life of a soldier to some teenagers who stopped by our booth.



←Photo are some children becoming familiar with Civil War drill. They are being instructed by members of Company F.

In town was a member of Company F walking through town asking questions about the Civil War in Missouri, answering questions and directing people to the display.

11 November six members of Company F, participated in the ceremony at the American Legion Hall in Ste. Genevieve. Members who were present were 2nd Lieutenant Tom Farlow, Corporal Tom Greminger, Private Bob Mueller, Private Joe Williams, Private Bob

Hammack, Private Ed Millinger and Private William Zoughaib.

2nd Lieutenant Tom Farlow in command of Company F participates in the annual Holiday Christmas Festival Parade on 6 December 2014. Participating in the parade, left to right Private Clarence Warefield, 1st Sgt. Gary Scheel and Private Joe Williams. In the back Private Ed Millinger.





On 13 December at 4 p.m. members of Company F participated in an Eagle Scout Award Ceremony for three recipients in Perryville, Missouri. The members present were 2nd Lieutenant Tom Farlow, Corporal Tom Greminger who received his Eagle Scout Award fifty-five years ago, and 1st Sergeant Gary Scheel.

Nebraska Rangers Lincoln, Nebraska



On Sunday August 24 the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Nebraska, SVR Rangers once again answered the call to duty. New headstones were dedicated in the rural Best Cemetery near Battle Creek. The Civil War veterans so honored were Marsee J. Best Pvt. Co. I 8th Iowa Cavalry and John T. Wollert Pvt. Co. A 141st Illinois Infantry. Marsee Best mustered in at the age of 18 for three years at Davenport, Iowa 7 August 1863 and mustered out 13 August 1865 at Macon, Georgia. John Wollert enlisted in the Union Army 9 May 1864 at Camp Kane, Elgin, Illinois. He was placed on Surgeon's leave in September due to disability.

Over fifty relatives from both families gathered for the dedication ceremony. Eighty-Two year old DUVCW Donna Besst Chellew traveled from California to honor her ancestor. Representing the Nebraska Rangers 1st Platoon (Wollert headstone photo lt-rt) Sgt. Rick Marx, PDC/CC Norm Weber, Chris Weber, Audie Tejkl, DC Bill Dean, Lt/PCC Mark Glaubius, Trent Bosler, Chaplain Glenn Kietzmann, Phil Hart, Damien Knight, Battle Creek American Legion Color Guard, Tom Hughes OD.



On September 6, 2014 members of the Department of Nebraska and Iowa Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1st Nebraska Infantry Volunteers dedicated a headstone to Gottlieb Hoyer born in Prussia in 1822, came to the US in 1840 at age 17. He enlisted in the 9th New Jersey Infantry as a bugler and served in several companies and mustered out with distinguished service. He was also a band director for the regiment. His regiment served in the Carolinas and Virginia. He moved to Omaha after the war was active in entertainment and musical circles in Omaha. He died on August 31, 1875. The dedication was

at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Omaha, Nebraska.

Stephenson Memorial Fundraiser, Petersburg, IL



Department of Illinois Dr. Stephenson Memorial Project

Brothers and Sisters of Our Order

The Sesquicentennial of Doctor Benjamin Franklin Stephenson's creation of the Grand Army of the Republic on April 6, 1866, will be upon us before we know it. Although a beautiful monument was erected at his gravesite in 1894, in the Rose Hill

Cemetery in Petersburg, Illinois, the grounds around it are in need of improvement. What we are proposing is a Memorial Plaza, a paved signature brick plaza that is consistent with memorial designs of the Grand Army of the Republic from the 1880's to 1920's. Signature bricks can be purchased in three sizes, 4 x 8, 8 x 8 & 12 x 12. The goal is to have the Doctor Benjamin F. Stephenson Memorial Plaza completed by the Sesquicentennial year of 2016.

Through our efforts dear Brothers and Sisters we can create a fitting memorial site to do honor to the man who created the organization to which we owe our very existence.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

The Doctor Benjamin F. Stephenson Site Committee

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