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COMMANDERS COLUMN

Brothers,

I am honored to be appointed the commander of the 4th Military District SVR. All unit commanders and adjutants should have received info to send in Unit applications by Jan. 15th. Also, I sent contact information for the staff of the 4th. Military District to all units. A Standard Operating Procedure document was sent to all unit commanders and adjutants. It doesn't replace the SVR Regulations; it complements the national regulations to help further understand them.

This is our first newsletter; we will have quarterly newsletters sent to all units. Unit Commanders please forward it to all of your members. 2nd LT Kim J. Heltemes is our Public Relations Officer. He will ask all units to submit photos and articles on your activities throughout the year for the newsletter.

All National General orders will be forwarded to all unit staff and should be forwarded to your members as well as an occasional District General Order. We are going to communicate to all units. If you have any questions you can contact me or members of my staff to get answers. Unit commanders, if you didn't get the staff contact list call me at 414-429-8979 or e-mail me at: tjbcarver@sbcglobal.net

I want to visit units at one of their events I want to make 2 or 3 a year. I will be visiting the Artillery School of The Piece on June 29th. of June at Beaufort, Missouri. I any unit would like me to visit contact Brian McManus, my Chief of Staff to set up a visit. I hope to see some of the units at Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and B. F. Stevenson Ceremony at Springfield, IL. April 13, 2019.

In F, C, & L,

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

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY



Left: Headquarter staff were in the St. Francis Day Parade on Saturday, September 1, 2018, in St. Francis, WI. Inspector General Col. Steve Michaels is on the far left and Major Tom Brown is on the far right.

Below: Major Tom Brown doing a presentation on loading and firing a musket at the Oak Creek Historical Society. Adjutant Kent Petersen gave a presentation on headgear and the Hardee hat.



Left: 2LT Kim J. Heltemes helped with Wreaths Across America at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King on December 15, 2018. He was at the grave of Moses Ladd, a scout for General Sherman during the March to the Sea. Moses was later the Chief of the Menominee Tribe in Keshena, WI. while President Grant was president. He died at the Home in 1923.

CHAPLAIN CORNER

During one of the three stays at my local hospital for heart stints and pain mediation late last year and early this year - I had a "God Moment." I had several hours between heavy tests, and a medical technician came in to draw a blood sample. She began talking about her two tenants at home, a three and two year old daughter. They both prefer shouting, screaming and negative remarks, to such an extent that the nurse has to occasionally hide in the bathroom to keep her sanity.

I told her the story of the "anxiety" I had with my only son. Many years ago I pissed him off so much that he told me he never wanted to see me or talk to me again. Several months later I went to Kentucky for the funeral of my Mother in Law. While I was there I had brunch at Cracker Barrel with a cousin and their Pastor. I told him my tale of woe, and he gave me the following instructions: "Start Praising and Thanking God for the solution He has worked out for the trouble you and you son have." I had never heard this concept before, and it not only intrigued me - it moved me. I started doing it. Every day I thanked God for the solution He was going to give me to the problems my son and I have. Four months later, on Mother's Day, my son came to my home to give his Mother a bouquet of red roses. I stood in the dining room while they spoke in the parlor. Then he turned and looked at me, I smiled and looked back at him. He ran over and hugged me tightly, and we have been as close as any father and son - ever.

She had tears in her eyes when I finished my story, and said that she needed to hear what I had just said, and that she needed to bring God more deeply into her family life.

Just as aside, I told this story, about thanking God for what He is going to do to the Department of Texas when I went to their annual Encampment, representing the Commander in Chief. You see they were having trouble getting new members to join. They did. The Department of Texas won the Nation Award for percentage of new members for the next three consecutive years.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty
Chaplain Jerry

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 29, 2019, on the grounds of St. John's Lutheran Church, 2149 Lutheran Church Road, Beaufort, Missouri 63013. (Click here for map.) The program is presented by the National Civil War Artillery Association (NCWAA) and the Sons of Veterans Reserve of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SVR). 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, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Cannoneers successfully completing the course will be issued an NCWAA 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 Capt. Steve Allen at (573) 585-5822, email steveallen855@centurytel.net, for registration materials. Registration forms are also available online at <http://home.earthlink.net/~ncwaastl/>. Checks for the \$20 registration fee should be made payable to "HQ 4th Military District, SVR" and should be submitted with registration forms by June 8, 2019.

Camping will be permitted on site. Signs will be posted with directions from the intersection of U.S. 50 and Highway 185 in Beaufort. Water, straw, firewood, 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 modest cost.

Please pass this announcement along to others you know who could be interested.

Steve Allen, Mike McCubbins, Bruce Clark
Co-Chief Inspectors, Region XII
National Civil War Artillery Association

SVR 4th MILITARY DISTRICT GENERAL ORDER #1 – 2019

Unit Commanders, Adjutants and members,

My Name is Tom Brown I am the new commander of the 4th. Military District SVR. I have been a member of the SUVCW for 16 years and a member of the SVR 14years, a camp commander and a department commander. Also, as unit commander and adjutant, and Chief of Staff of The Fourth Military District.

Your 4th Military District officers are as follows:

Commander: Major Thomas J. Brown
Chief of Staff: Captain Brian McManus
Dist. Adjutant: Captain Kent A. Peterson
Inspt. General: Major Thomas Hauff
Public Information Officer 2nd Lt Kim J. Heltemes
Chaplain: 1st.Lt Jerome W. Kowalski

All units should have received contact information for the 4th. Military District Staff, if not please contact me at tjbcarver@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 414-429-8979.

I look forward to seeing you at unit event or national event (Remembrance Day-Gettysburg or Lincoln Tomb Ceremony-Springfield, IL.

The District Staff wants to keep the lines of communication open to all units. We will have a Quarterly Newsletter, you will be notified by District Information Officer 2nd. Lt Heltemes for pictures and articles on your units' activities to put in the newsletter.

Sorry about the delay of this District order, it took time to get my staff together and get organized and set to hit the ground running.

Hope to see you soon,

In F, C, & L,

Major Thomas J. Brown, PDC Commander Fourth Military District, SV



Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

All are invited to participate in the 63th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 154nd 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 13, 2019.

Headquarters Hotel: President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701. The room rate is \$102.00 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 22, 2019.** 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 13th.

Luncheon will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12:30PM. The luncheon program will feature a talk by Mary Todd Lincoln on "My Side of the Story". 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 1st 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:

ROBERT M. PETROVIC
6519 CHEROKEE LANE
CEDAR HILL, MO 63016
P# 636-274-4567

For Military Parade Information, please contact:

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CUSHING'S BATTERY

On a chilly morning in Ozaukee County, Wisconsin, four brothers of Lt. Alonzo H. Cushing Camp #5, also members of Cushing's Battery, SVR, and Department of Wisconsin Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, along with members of Cedarburg American Legion Peter Wollner Post 288 Honor Guard, members of the Cedarburg Boy Scout Troop, and an assortment of interested citizens of the Village of Cedarburg, gathered in Hilgen Cemetery.

The date was April 14, 2018 at 10:00 am. The temperature was in the low 30's. The wind was gusting between 30 and 40 miles per hour. A cold drizzle pelted the attendees. The drizzle later turned to freezing rain and snow. The reason for the gathering of these citizens was the Last Soldier Ceremony of Ozaukee County in honor of Pvt William Lehmann. Lehmann was born on March 25, 1840 in Germany and came to this country in 1854. William Lehmann enlisted in Co. C of the 34th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment. After he completed his military obligation, he spent the rest of his life in Cedarburg where he joined the Hancock Post of the G.A.R. When the Hancock Post was disbanded, he joined the E.B. Wolcott Post of Milwaukee. He passed away on March 31, 1933.

There are three interesting modern connections with the 1933 burial of Pvt. Lehmann. The original obituary of William Lehmann was reported in the same local newspaper 85 years ago as the current story on the ceremony honoring him as the Last Soldier from Ozaukee County. According to his obituary, "Members of the Wolcott Post G.A.R. attended in a body." The four current members of Camp #5 SUVCW represented those original G.A.R. members. The obituary also stated that the "American Legion served as a guard of honor and conducted the ritual of salute and farewell over the grave." The same American Legion Post Honor Guard and bugler that fired the salute and taps on this chilly morning was the same Legion Post as years ago.

Even though it was an uncomfortable cold morning, a majority of the local citizens stayed after the conclusion of the ceremony to ask questions

We, SVR Brothers Ron Aronis, Andrew Bollen, Ron Miswald, and Richard Rohan, of Lt. Alonzo H. Cushing Camp #5 were honored to be the presenters of this ceremony on a cold but heart-warming morning in mid-April, 2018.



Above: Cushing's Battery under the command of Rich Young (between the tree and flag) at Wade House at Greenbush, WI. Right: The crew of McAllister's Battery look for the camera, SUV members Matt Arndt waving on the left, Bill Parker waving in the middle, and 2nd LT Kim J. Heltemes with the beard.

Below: Major Tom Brown mans the cannon in the number 3 position.

Photos used with permission from SUV member Kirby Scott.



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NEBRASKA RANGERS

On December 15, 2018, Nebraska Rangers SVR members and members of Shiloh Camp #2, Victor Vifquain Camp #1 and Harrison Camp #53 - 2 participated in Wreath Across America Ceremonies in Lincoln, Omaha, Wisner and Pilger, Nebraska. The picture of the firing line was taken at Wyuka Cemetery in Lincoln where over 1,900 wreaths were placed on veteran's Graves. The other two photos were taken at the Wisner and Pilger cemeteries in Nebraska along with numerous wreaths that were laid. Wreaths were also laid at Forest Lawn, Shipley, Mormon Trail Center, Prospect Hill, and Evergreen cemeteries in Omaha. The Department of Nebraska SUVCW has been participating in this annual remembrance since 2011.

Gage Stermensky
Adjutant
Nebraska Rangers



Reminder – dues
should be paid to
Adjutant Kent Petersen
by April 1, 2019