



SONS of VETERANS RESERVE 4th MILITARY DISTRICT

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COMMANDERS COLUMN

Brothers,

I hope everyone had a Safe and Happy Holiday season. The new year is upon us. I would like to commend all the units for getting their form 3's in on time. It makes it our job easier when the reports come in on time so we can file them with the National SVR.

We will need every unit to do their 990N filings by first week in March. We will need your 990N filing receipts for our EIN Report that has to be filed by March 15th with the National SUVCW and the National SVR. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. WE sent out to all units a document for retrieving your 990N receipt, if you need another copy of the file, please send us an email to Adjutant Kent Peterson at kapeterson0681@gmail.com. or Tom Brown at tjbcarver@sbcglobal.net. And we will be happy to send it to you. If you have any questions contact adjutant Kent Peterson.

The Lincoln Tomb Ceremony is Sat. April 13, 2024 at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield IL. It will start at 10:00am. The SVR will march in from the gate area, we will form up at 9:30am. I hope that we see a good representation of the 4th. Military District Units in attendance. Also, at 3:00pm. The annual B. F. Stevenson Ceremony at Oak Hill Cemetery in Petersburg IL. More info in the newsletter.

There will be a School of the Piece, Artillery training in Boscobel Wi. May 11th. 2024. Flyer and info are in the newsletter. The last time we had one was 2012. We hope this event will be a success.

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

Respectfully, Lt. Col. Thomas J. Brown
SVR4th Military District Commander and Event Coordinator

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

***APRIL 13, 2024**

**LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
B. STEPHENSON G.A.R. MEMORIAL CEREMONY**

***MAY 11, 2024**

SCHOOL OF THE PIECE BOSCOBEL, WISCONSIN

CHAPLAIN COLUMN

Below: National Chaplain and HQ Company member Jerry Kowalski opens the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Albert Woolson monument with an invocation.

Brothers,

Does God ever talk to you? If He did, would you recognize His voice? Does He tell you to do Good Things for others, or does He tell you that \$ and rank are more important? When you Cross Over the River what will you tell Him? How many times you failed to do what He has told you to do in the Scriptures?

I pray every day for us to move closer to The Lord, so that we will spend all eternity with unfathomable JOY. If you agree with me, just say AMEN.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty
Chaplain Jerry



Fourth Military District Unit Commanders and Adjutants:

I'm writing to cordially invite your unit to the 2024 Sons of Veterans Reserve "School of the Piece" on May 11th, at Boscobel, Wisconsin. Please forward this email to members of your SVR unit.

The National Civil War Artillery Association has again generously agreed to provide instructors for our event. Training is open to all interested men or women, regardless of Flag or historical period. Younger members may participate in the training; however, they may not qualify in certain positions. The training is conducted with a full scale Civil War gun, but can be modified for the Mountain Howitzer and smaller guns for earlier periods. The same safety standards apply to all artillery pieces. Various problem scenarios will be covered with training to correct or solve them. The safety qualification, which each student receives upon successful completion of the course, is valid for two years.

Period camping is available on site. A list of off-site accommodations is also enclosed. When completing your registration, please indicate how many of your personnel will be camping on-site. Meals will be the responsibility of the participants. Saturday breakfast and lunch will be provided at a nominal fee. If not cooking on-site, your unit may wish to patronize one of several reputable eating establishments in town.

Uniform wear is recommended as a means for maintaining discipline and unit integrity.

There will be no firing/target practice this year, due to the cost of insurance. Powder/blanks may be fired at times designated by the event coordinator. Bringing powder/blanks are at the unit commander's discretion and are the financial responsibility of the unit. No bounties or reimbursement for powder will be issued. There is no curriculum or qualification requirement that cannons be fired during the training.

Registration fee is \$20 per person, payable to "HQ 4th Military District SVR." Fees and registration need to be sent by Unit Commander before April 27th to me at: 5025 N. 105th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53225-3900

The fee will be \$25 at the gate. If you need further information, please don't hesitate to call me evenings at (414) 429-8979 or email me anytime at tjbcarver@sbcglobal.net.

If you are in contact with other artillery units, which would be interested in this training, please pass the word. If you'll provide me with their name and address, I'll be happy to send them a mailing.

Thanks very much for your support of this important training event. I look forward to seeing you in Boscobel in May

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY



Right: Major General Robert Grim, PCinC, former SVR Commanding Officer (at right) recognized LTC Tom Brown for his work as SVR 4th Military District Commander at 2023 Remembrance Day in Gettysburg. Tom received the certificate with a gold star.

Major Leo F. Kennedy is looking on the presentation in the middle.



Left: More than 90 people attended a ceremony to unveil headstones for six Civil War Union veterans and one Spanish American War veteran buried on the grounds of the former Milwaukee County Poor Farm. They are among thousands who were previously buried without markers and remain unmarked in three cemeteries on the grounds. Inspector General and HQ Co. member Steve Michaels, PCinC presents a US Flag to descendants of some of the veterans.



Left: National Wreaths Across America Day took place at over 4,225 participating locations across the country, including Wood National Cemetery in Milwaukee, on Saturday, December 16, 2023. Uniformed attendees included Headquarters Company Commander Sgt. Tom Brown along with Iron Brigade Guard members Craig Wheeler and Allen Keinert.

THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION
and the
SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
present a

SCHOOL OF THE PIECE

MAY 11, 2024

on the grounds of the Boscobel, Wisconsin, Sportsman's Club



A Qualification Program for Re-enactors and Living Historians

NCWAA staff will instruct and qualify.

Crews and guns from all muzzle-loading periods (Civil War and earlier) and under all flags are welcome and encouraged to attend

Fee: \$20/person, payable to "HQ 4th Military District, SVR"
(\$25/person at gate)

For registration information, contact:

Lt.Col. Tom Brown, SVR, at (414) 429-8979 or email: tjbcarver@sbcglobal.net

Hosted by the 4th Military District Headquarters Company, SVR

Registration Deadline: April 27, 2024

Sportsman's Club BOSCobel, WISCONSIN

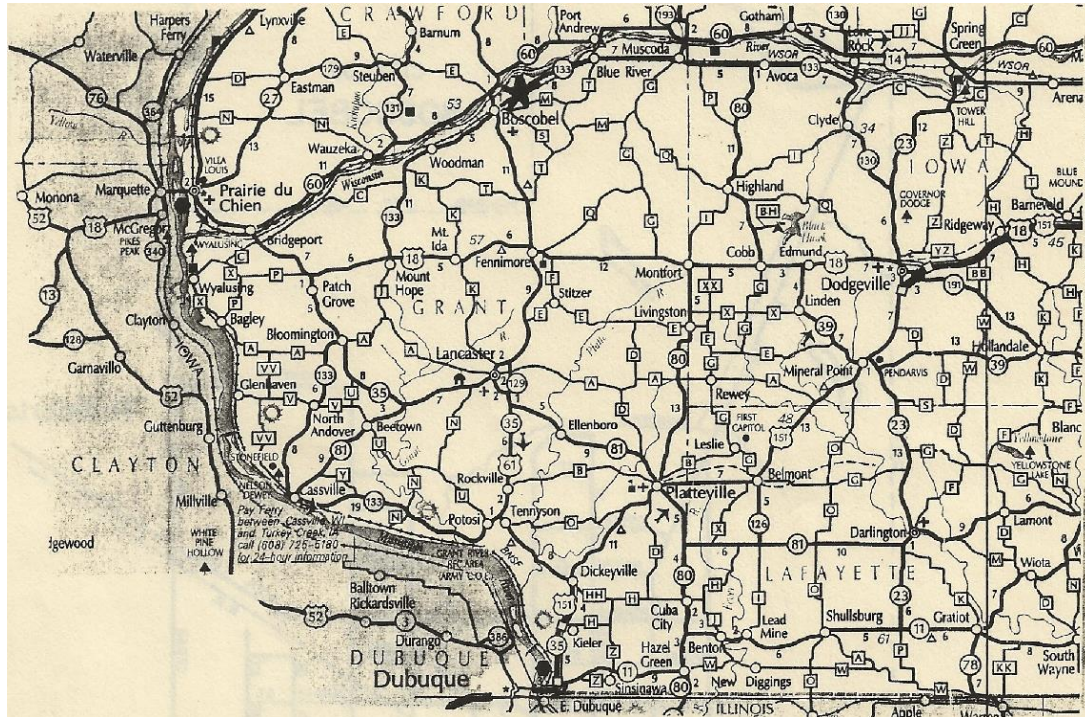
60 minutes from Dubuque

75 minutes from LaCrosse

3 hours from Milwaukee

90 minutes from Madison

4 hours from Chicago



**Limited Camping Sites are available without electric hook-up at
the Boscobel Sportsman's Club**

Contemporary Lodging:

AmericInn by Wyndham (formerly River Inn, formerly Super 8)

1700 Elm Street

Boscobel, WI 53805

1-855-516-1090

www.americinnboscobel.bookonline.com

Sands Hotel

300 Elm Street

Boscobel, WI 53805

1-888-833-4167

www.sandshotelboscobel.com

THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION
and
THE SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE of the SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

SCHOOL OF THE PIECE

May 11, 2024

On the grounds of the Boscobel Sportsmen's Club, 4982 Hwy. 133, Boscobel, WI 53805

REGISTRATION FORM

Unit Name _____

Period/Flag: _____

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please indicate which Drill versions you wish to be qualified on:

☐ Field Gun Drill (for 57" wheel guns)

☐ Mountain Howitzer Drill (Field Gun style [lanyard pulled from the left], for mixed-size batteries)

☐ Mountain Howitzer Drill ("Florida drill" [lanyard pulled from the right], for batteries of all smaller guns)

Please list the names of the members of your unit who will be attending the school:

Name, Rank, and Email Address	
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Registration is \$20 for each participant seeking qualification, which includes a 2-year membership in the National Civil War Artillery Association. Please include check made out to "SVR 4th Military District"

Submit to: Lt. Col. Thomas Brown, 5025 N. 105th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53225

ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

All are invited to participate in the 68th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 158th 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, 2024.

Headquarters Hotel: President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701. The room rate is \$117.00 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, 2024.** 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 TBD.
Luncheon cost is \$45.00 per person.

For event info, go to the SUVCW web site (suvchw.org) or contact Robert Petrovic at: HYPERLINK
"mailto:rpetro7776@aol.com"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 \$45.00 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:

ROBERT M. PETROVIC

6519 CHEROKEE LANE, CEDAR HILL, MO 63016

P# 636-274-4567

For Military Parade Information, please contact:

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P# 414-462-0492 Email: tjbcarver@sbcglobal.net



47th MO INF CO. E

To honor our veterans, our unit (once again accompanied by our Volker Auxiliary Sisters) participated in 2 Veterans Day Parades - the first in Farmington, MO and the 2nd in DeSoto, MO. During the DeSoto Christmas parade on December 2, we had the special privilege of the military doing a special flyer over of a Stealth Bomber to honor our veterans.



Upper left: Unit Commander 1LT Warren reads SVR unit citation at banquet in DeSoto, MO - Dec 8, 2023
 Upper right: Members of the 47th MO INF Receive SVR Unit Citation Badges - Dec 8, 202

47th MO INF CO. E

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Upper left: Farmington, MO Veterans Day Parade - Nov 3, 2023.
Right: Unit Commander 1LT Warren gets pinned with SVR Unit Citation by his wife Twyla - Dec 8, 2023.

The 47th Missouri Infantry, Company E has been extremely busy these past few months. First, I was immensely honored to be asked to come out of retirement and elected to assume command of this SVR Unit (which I had the honor of starting back in 2008). Our unit activities became quite numerous, but I will share only a few that we have participated in these past three months. October found us busy in Caledonia, Missouri at a historic/heritage festival called Caledonia Pumpkin Fest where we set up a small Civil War camp, and provided historic demonstrations and answered the public's questions about the boys in blue. Our camp was a stone's throw from the original route that Union troops took when they evacuated Fort Davidson in September 1864 and headed towards Rolla, Missouri. Next, we were asked to set up an encampment, provide history demonstrations, and do some Civil War living history at the historic Gov. Thomas C. Fletcher House in Hillsboro, MO. This was a treat because it was Thomas C. Fletcher who raised the original 47th Missouri Infantry during the Civil War. This event is referred to as the annual "Ghost Walk" but is completely historical in its programming. Following this, we marched in two different Veterans Day parades – one in Farmington, MO and the other in DeSoto, MO. We always allow our sisters in the Louisa Volker Auxiliary #215 – ASUVCW to join us whenever possible. After this, we had a true honor which was that our unit was recognized for its numerous efforts over the years in the SVR with a National SVR Unit Citation (certificate & badges). I was truly honored to have the privilege to present these to the men under my command, on behalf of Lt. Col. Brown, during our annual Camp/SVR/Auxiliary Christmas banquet. Our members were extremely surprised at this special award. Following this, our unit always likes to give back and help our communities in any way that we can, and so we once again rang bells at our local Wal-Mart to raise money for the DeSoto Food Pantry. To end our year's activities, we marched in our uniforms in the DeSoto Christmas Parade to the cheers of happy onlookers. As we take a short break to recuperate from our busy last three months, we also anxiously await a new year and the start of activities in March 2024.

1LT Warren

Thank you to all of the units that submitted articles for the newsletter.

IRON BRIGADE GUARD

Right: Brothers from the Iron Brigade Guard and the Colonel Hans C. Heg, Camp #15 laid wreaths at Wisconsin Veterans Cemetery in Union Grove, Luther Parker Cemetery in Muskego and at Norway Lutheran Cemetery in Norway. Photo on the right is the wreath on Colonel Hans C. Heg's grave.

Photo by PDC Jeff Graff

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

1st Missouri Light Artillery Company M



NEBRASKA RANGERS



The Nebraska SAR along with the Department of Nebraska SUVCW and DUVCW 1861 - 1865 a grave marking ceremony for one of its founding members and 2nd Nebraska SAR President, Thomas Alfred Creigh. He was also a veteran of the Civil War, Company C, 126th PA Infantry, and is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Omaha. The grave marking was held on Sunday, Oct 22, 2023.



District #4 at Remembrance Day Gettysburg, PA

**Left: Check presentation to
Gettysburg National Military Park**
Each year, the proceeds from the
previous Original Civil War Ball are
presented in the form of a check to the
Gettysburg National Military Park for
monument preservation on the
battlefield. Inspector General PCinC
Steve Michaels made the presentation.



Remembrance Day Parade on November 18,, 2023

Behind the provosts, the banner and the color guard, Inspector General PCinC Steve Michaels and 4th Military District Commander Tom Brown take their places. National SUVCW Commander Peter J Hritsko is center front on the right hand side of Colonel Steve Michaels.

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