



Past in Review

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From Our Commander

Greetings,

The winter was busy. On January 23rd, I along with members of Co. C 34th Regt. ILL Vol. Inf., Wm T. Sherman-Billy Yank Camp 65 SUVCW, Aux. to SUVCW and WRC removed the decorations from the graves of the unknown at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. We worked to refurbish or replace any damaged or worn out decorations to be ready for next year. On February 27th, the annual military swap meet was held at Jefferson Barracks County Park. There was a good turn out, giving Civil War re-enactors and members of SVR units a chance to buy and sell uniforms, arms and other military equipage. Information on the SUVCW and SVR were made available to the public at the event. The profits from the event went to the Friends of Jefferson Barracks.

On February 28th, I attended the annual Sherman Days ceremony at General William T. Sherman's grave site at Calvary Cemetery. I was pleased to see a good turn out from SVR units, SUVCW Camps, Allied Orders of the GAR and re-enactors, KETC-TV Channel 9, PBS sent a crew to cover the event for the LIVING ST. LOUIS program. The program was very well done. I worked on two projects to promote the SVR, Allied Orders of the GAR, Mollus, Dollus, SCV and UDC.

1. With the Civil War Roundtable of St. Louis to have members of these organizations come to a meeting, set up an exhibit table, meet and talk wit CWRT members before a meeting. This project worked well for all participants.

2. With the Friends of Jefferson Barracks by contributing GAR and Allied Orders of the GAR, SVR and Mollus items to the U.S. Military Veterans Organizations Exhibit at Jefferson Barracks Park Old Ordnance Room. The exhibit runs from February 3rd through June 6th, 2010. I helped to arrange and attended the exhibit opening reception where local veterans groups were available during the reception to supply membership information. From contacts with district units, it looks like we had a good SVR representation at the 54th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony at Springfield, Illinois on April 17th, 2010. I regret that I could not attend this year. As a Governor of the Company of Military Historians, I was required to attend their annual meeting in Reston, Virginia which fell on the same day. District Chief of Staff Major Stephen A. Michaels took over my duties at the event. I thank all SVR members who attended and did a fine job.

The School of the piece at Boscobel, Wisconsin went very well, 110 men and women went through training. Major Steve Michaels and HQ Company hosted the event. I thank them for a job well done.

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Headquarters Company, 4th Military District

4th MILITARY DISTRICT HOSTS ARTILLERY SCHOOL



Over 100 artillery re-enactors and hobbyists attended a “School of the Piece,” hosted by the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) and the National Civil War Artillery Association (NCWAA) at the Boscobel, Wisconsin, Sportsman’s Club on May 15th. Students, representing historical periods from the War of 1812 to the Civil War, participated in classroom and field drills. The artillery school’s curriculum was designed to promote the safe use of cannon in the re-

enacting hobby. Students received a 2-year qualification upon successful completion of the school.

Units and individuals from Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin participated. SVR Units attending included the 4th MD Headquarters Company, Cushing’s Battery (Battery A, 4th U.S. Lt. Artillery), the 3rd Iowa Lt. Artillery, and Co. A, 49th IA Vol. Inf. Boscobel is the site of the last surviving GAR Hall in Wisconsin. The Sons and WRC,

which formed a non-profit association, are responsible for the maintenance and upgrading of the hall. During the school, a contribution was presented. Over the last eight years, the 4th MD has donated over \$1,000 to the cause. The School has been held in Boscobel on even years since 2002. Next year’s school will be held at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis.



Company E, 47th Missouri Infantry SVR

We have participated in the following activities this Spring of 2010:

March 6th – Participated in Antique Treasures “March Back in Time” event & History Day, Leadington, MO

March 14th - Gravestone Dedication for Simon Conrad, St. Louis, MO

March 25th – Medal of Honor Day Ceremony, CPL Pearsall Platt, Doe Run, MO

April 9th – Civil War School Day at Fort Davidson SHS, Pilot Knob, MO

April 10th – Turner Brigade Spring Drill at Fort Davidson SHS, Pilot Knob, MO

April 17th – Lincoln Day Ceremonies, Springfield, IL & McCormick Camp/Volker Auxiliary trip to New Salem, IL

April 28th – JROTC Award Ceremony, Farmington, MO

April 29th – JROTC Award Ceremony & Dinner, Fredericktown, MO

May 7th – Pioneer Day (Civil War Education), 4th Grade-District wide, Roosevelt Elementary, Farmington, MO

Submitted by 2nd Lieutenant Chris Warren, Commanding





Company A, 49th Iowa Volunteer Infantry The Iowa Rifles

As a unit, the most significant thing that we did was to field a full Honor Guard for the Lincoln's Tomb Ceremony in Springfield in April (Attached photo). We have also done two re-dedications of CW gravestones for members of the 1st Iowa and 7th Iowa Cavalry Regiments; provided the Honor Guard for the 126th Encampment of the Department of Iowa; provided a uniformed Honor Guard detachment for the interment of the remains of a WWI soldier



whose cremated remains had been lost on a funeral home shelf since his death in 1974; taken part in three events at the Iowa State History and, we have placed over 800 flags on graves in the Des Moines area for Memorial Day. Next quarter we will be really busy.

One of the missions of our Regiment is to record the final resting place of EVERY CW soldier that we can find who rests under Iowa soil by the end of the Sesquicentennial. Because of that, all 23 of my guys are in Iowa cemeteries every week recording names and while there, we are going to try to restore some uniformity to the placement of grave-markers by using the "calibration stick" method that I talk about here to at least see to it that the markers are at a uniform height

Technically, these markers should be precisely 6 inches out from the front-left corner of the marker and should be standing exactly perpendicular to the ground at a height of precisely 13 inches (to top of the "star" from ground level). When the markers are appropriately placed and bearing flags they make for a truly magnificent display of the colors.

This is easily accomplished by making yourselves a "calibration stick" (old broom or shovel handle, or scrap piece of 2 x 2) with a line painted on it 13 inches up from one end works great. I made one that is about 30 inches in overall length and drilled a hole through the "top end" to facilitate a leather shoe lace wrist strap so that I can easily place the stick behind a marker with one hand and raise or lower the marker with the other by pushing it down or pulling it up as the case may be. Works great!

Best regards,

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Veteran Volunteer Infantry Regiment
"The Governor's Own Iowa Rifles"
Honor Guard for the Department of Iowa
2009-2010-2011



3rd Iowa Infantry Regiment

On Friday 14 May 2010 about 6 PM, I arrived at Motor Mill Iowa to ready myself for a minor onslaught of the public and to join fellow Living Historians in portraying members of the C Company 3rd Iowa Regiment of Volunteer Infantry. The evening was beautiful and the location tranquil and relaxing a precursor of things to come for the rest of the weekend. I tossed my dog tent on the ground and placed my blankets atop and had a fairly comfortable sleep under an incredible star lit sky.

The purpose of the Motor Mill Living History is to give the public one more reason to visit the site and help raise awareness of the sites history and of those people who made the area a viable farming community.

This year due to past experience with getting the public to our camp and the knowledge that attendance by Living Historians would be limited I chose to set our campsite between the Ice House and the Inn and utilized the Icehouse as an impromptu armory. With a pair of shelter tents and the Icehouse we had a small but nice looking camp. What I was unable to do was get an official authorization to place a fire pit at this location so we had a dry camp. With the exception of the marked lack of coffee no one suffered unduly with ample breakfast pastries provided by Court Stahr's lovely and devoted wife Janet. With such pleasant treats I can certainly understand how men found themselves with a set of stripes during the Civil War.

The 2010 event was attended by Shane Christen portraying a 3rd Sgt and Regimental Armorer. David Christen with his excellent Pioneer impression brought along an original M1863, P58 and M1816 percussion conversion as well as functional tools that dated to the period. Brandon Fox presented the medical side with his Hospital Steward impression but was willing to switch to Infantry as needed. Court Stahr arrived with another original M1816 Percussion conversion with Tanner Creery in tow as a Second Sgt.

Saturday afternoon David Christen provided his original M1863 for live fire with the target being a stump set at approx twenty five yards. Those who were willing and able were given an opportunity to fire a live round down range. This was a novel experience for many and an opportunity for the senses to experience the sight, sound and smell of powder pushing lead down range. The target, a large piece of red elm was bisected by David Christen and the bullets retrieved which graphically showed the damage civil war arms were capable of inflicting. This was very well received by a sizeable crowd who freely expressed their appreciation.

Five men, four of them SUVCW members, provided a small window into the life of a soldier of the 3rd Iowa Infantry as they appeared in the field in the spring of 1863. This was clearly well received by the public who attended. Those of us who participated as Living Historians enjoyed the pristine location and the ability to show a small slice of life in such a way that, I hope, the soldiers of the time were both honored and honestly portrayed.

The location is a splendid one. The Clayton County Conservation Board partnered with the Friends of Motor Mill do a superb job of maintaining and restoring the Mill itself as well as preserving the surviving buildings and surrounding landscape. The damage caused by the most recent flood has given them much to work on but they have the dedication and knowledge to repair it.

I can hope that this event will continue to raise awareness of Civil War veterans from the area. It also acts to plant the seed of an interest in history in minds both young and old. For that I extend my heartfelt thanks to all those who attended as Living Historians, the volunteers at the Mill and the public for all of their efforts.



Company C 34th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Rock River Rifles

The St. Louis Civil War Round Table in their monthly meetings had several different organizations that represent Civil War organizations to display articles and the representatives were there to answer any questions that members of the CWRT might have. On this night representatives of MOLLUS, DOLLUS and SUVCW were present. L-R: Lt. Col. Jack G. Grothe, John Voehl (Abraham Lincoln), Ruth Funck, 1st Lieutenant Charles Funck, Corporal Gary Scheel and Sgt. Walt Busch (not in photo). President of the Civil War Round Table is Bill Jackson of the Wm. T. Sherman Camp # 65.



On 25 March 2010, Medal of Honor Day, the following participated in the marking of the final resting place of Civil War Medal of Honor recipient William Giles Hills at Hillcrest Crematory. (Back Row L-R) Keith Brown, Joe Difani Sr., Major Robert Champlin, 1st Lt. Charles Funck III, unknown, Bugler & Bagpiper Wayne Davis. (Front Row L-R) Major Emmett Taylor, Bill Groth, Lt. Col. Jack Grothe and 2nd Lieutenant Martin Aubuchon.

On 31 May 2010 at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery Memorial Day Observance. Photo to the right, 1st Lt. Charles Funck, officer of the Casket Guard with Private William L. Groth G.A.R. Members of the guard were VFW and artillery and Infantry units representing a respectable military presentation.





Company B, 10th Iowa Volunteer Infantry

Co. B, 10th Iowa's busiest time is in the spring. We have held and assisted at numerous events the past few months.

Starting on March 23, Brother Dave Burkett, provided a Civil War Program for the Kimballton, IA, Historical Society. There were 18 members there. He talked about Iowa's role in the war, the life of the soldier, about the SUVCW and the SVR. On March 28, he and 1st Sgt. Dennis Sasse provided the 4th graders at Rockwell-Lytton Elementary School, with a short program.

On April 9-10 several members attended the 126th Annual SUVCW Encampment in Des Moines. We are proud that our Dept. Commander is from our unit.

Six members of the 10th visited Atlantic Middle School on April 21. There were approximately 100 students present. Those in attendance were 2nd LT Mike Carr, 1st Sgt. Dennis Sasse, Corporal Henry Krecklow, and privates Dave Burkett and Glenn Kelley.

Five members of our unit, assisted by several brothers from the Nebraska Rangers, SVR, and re-enactors from the Western Iowa Brigade, the 1st Nebraska and Fremont Pathfinders attended the Spring Camporee at the Little Sioux Scout Ranch near Little Sioux, Iowa on April 24. While there, the attendees held three "Schools of the Soldier" and three mock battles. The Scouts also got to do artillery drills. The event ended with a night firing of muskets and artillery. Over 300 Scouts and adult leaders took part in our program.

On May 4th, Underwood Iowa's Middle School hosted six members of our unit for an afternoon of Civil War history talks and demonstrations. There were approximately 110 students in the 7th and 8th grades taking part. Next, on May 7, Four members attended the Pioneer Days at the Hitchcock House, an underground railroad 'station'. We had around 200 4th grade students from all Cass County, Iowa schools visit with us. The following Friday, May 14, some 95 7th and 8th graders from Riverside Middle School at Carson, IA were given a full afternoon of instruction on various aspects of the Civil War. Again, this was attended by 4 members of our unit.

Five members of the Company, plus two living history presenters, traveled to Lewis Central Middle School May 18th, 280 8th graders were given a full afternoon of instruction on various aspects of the Civil War. On May 25, a very hot, muggy day, the same five members of the Company, plus our two living history presenters held a program for the 310 8th graders at Kirn Jr. High in Council Bluffs. The next day, May 26, we traveled to Bridgewater, Iowa's Nodaway West Elementary School to give a presentation to 90 4th and 5th graders. Five members of our unit were present for an interesting afternoon of Civil War activities.

Over 1,400 students, plus numerous adults attended our living history programs.

Our most important outing was held on May 29. Several members of the 10th, traveled to Sioux City to assist in joint dedication of a military headstone for Corp. Daniel Houser, Co. H, 7th Iowa Cav. 2 LT Michael Carr, Co. 10th Iowa, served as Master of Ceremonies. Large contingents also attended from the 49th Iowa and Nebraska Rangers, SVR were also in attendance. In total, 28 SVR members were present from the three units.

On May 31, Memorial Day, ten members of the unit participated in the Atlantic Memorial Day Ceremonies. The wreath for the G.A.R. was laid by Corporal Damgaard, our Camp Commander. The wreath for Six members of the 10th Iowa, all of which are also members of the 49th Iowa, traveled to the State Historical Museum in Des Moines on February 12 to attend festivities commemorating President Abraham Lincoln's birthday.

Your obedient servant,

2 Lt Michael Carr, C.O.

Co. B, 10th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, Sons Veteran Reserve



Mulligan's Battery (1st IL. Light Artillery)

Son Rob Hauff did presentations at several area schools on the Civil War this spring



Don Sherman, Mike Gregory, Rob Hauff, John Hauff, Tom Hauff, Everett Nylund (on other evenings Stewart Stefany, John Bigwood, and Nick Kaup also participated) in firing salutes for five consecutive nights at the traveling VietNam Wall in Northbrook, IL.



No photo available but Mulligan's Battery also fired a salute at Rosehill Cemetery on Memorial Day.



1st Missouri State Militia, Columbia Tigers

Members have been active this year.

Starting in April on the 17th 1SG Larry Dietzel and PVT James Dixon traveled to Springfield Il. to participate in the 54th annual Lincoln Tomb ceremony.

Proceeding Lincoln Tomb ceremony the 1st MSM Columbia Tigers traveled to the ceremony honoring Dr. B.F. Stephenson the founder of the G.A.R at Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, Ill.

On April 25th 2010 the 1st MSM Columbia Tigers traveled to Mexico MO to participate in a tombstone dedication for Cpl Walker Lillard of the 68th U.S. Colored Troops.

On May 20th Camp Commander Bryan Bradford, Brother Robert Allen, 1sg Larry Dietzel, Pvt James Dixon, Pvt Allan Bowling, Pvt Wayne Sampson of 1st MSM Columbia Tigers presented the 5th annual Civil War day for three Columbia Public Schools. The day consisted of a power point presentation of Civil War Technology, Civil War Soldiers Life, School of the Soldier and a Battle Reenactment with 5th grade participants.

On May 31st 2010 1sg Larry Dietzel, Pvt James Dixon served as Honor guards on the Boone County MO. Civil War monument at the Columbia MO. 2010 Memorial day celebration. A wreath was placed by the Columbia Tiger camp 432 and SVR on the monument honoring all Civil War veterans from Boone County. The Columbia Tigers are looking at the following up coming events in Boone County June 17-20, 2010 Hallsville MO Heritage Days, July Boone County Fair, September-Columbia MO. Nifong park Annual Heritage Festival, September -Mexico MO. Walk Back in Time.





Company F, 78th Enrolled Missouri Militia

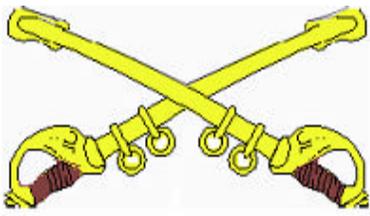
On Memorial Day five of our members attended the ceremony at the VFW Hall in town. Also in attendance was a member of Company E 47th Missouri Infantry. We then reported to Memorial Cemetery where we placed flags at the graves of the two Civil War veterans buried there. The next part of our ceremony was conducted at the grave site of Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James where a wreath was placed to honor his sacrifice. He was mortally wounded at the Battle of Shiloh on 6 April 1862 and died two days later in Savannah, TN.



← Newest Member of our unit, Private Jonah Robinson placing the flag at the grave site of Corporal Augustin Schweiss. He is the Grandson of Private Gary Scheel. Private Robinson's mother made him go to the ceremony at Memorial Cemetery because he didn't want to go. By the time the ceremony was over and he got home he wanted to be a member of the SUVCW and the SVR.

On March 25th, National Medal of Honor Day, members of both Company E, 47th Missouri Infantry SVR and Company F, 78th Enrolled Missouri Militia assembled at the grave of Corporal Platt Pearsall, Co. C, 30th Ohio Infantry. Corporal Pearsall was awarded the Medal of Honor for action on 22 May 1863 at the Siege of Vicksburg, MS. This was our first activity together. In the photo above to the right is Brother Bob Hammack and Ladies Auxiliary President Cherri Cameron laying a wreath at his grave site. (Photo courtesy of Chris & Twyla Warren)





5th Missouri Cavalry Regiment SVR

On 15 May members of various SVR units assembled in Hermann, MO to honor Captain Charles Manwarring of the 34th Enrolled Missouri Militia. The cemetery where he lays is on the property owned by Mr. Jim Dierberg. His tombstone was laying on the ground and severly broken. On 14 May, 1864 he was killed by Guerillas in the streets of Hermann while trying to arrest the guerillas. The VA provided a tombstone to replace this one.

It was a rainy day and many of the activities that were planned for outside were held inside at the Hermann Farm and Museum.

Major Emmett Taylor presented to Jim Dierberg, of Hermann, a cavalry saber on a saber board to show our appreciation for allowing us to pay this honor.



Reconnaissance

With the start of the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War less than a year away it is the desire of Lt. Col. Jack Grothe that we have a great opportunity to participate in Civil War re-enactments in each of our areas.

If you know of any activities that are upcoming please contact Gary Scheel at somewhere1@sbcglobal.net

BATTLE OF PILOT KNOB, MISSOURI

September 25 & 26 in Pilot Knob, Missouri. This event is sponsored by the Friends of Fort Davidson.



General Order 2010-6

04 April 2010

Sons of Veterans Reserve

2. Effective this date, the Commanding General, SVR, welcomes the ten members of the 1st Missouri Engineers to the ranks of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, Fourth Military District. 1st Sgt. Martin Aubuchon, commanding. Pvt. Chris Warren, Adjutant.

Brigadier General Robert E. Grim
Commanding Officer
Sons of Veterans Reserve

4th Military District SVR Activities



← 49th Iowa Infantry weapons display.

1st Missouri State Militia, Columbia Tigers →



← Mulligan's Battery (1st IL Light Artillery)

Company E 47th Missouri Infantry

&

Company F 78th Enrolled MO Militia

