



PAST IN REVIEW

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FROM OUR COMMANDER

16 June 2011

Greeting!

With the start of the Civil War Sesquicentennial we have an excellent opportunity to honor those who served during the Civil War. We have several events that are approaching just in Missouri and I encourage as many of you to participate as can.

I have received information from the following organizations inviting us to participate. Several of these events are SUVCW Sesquicentennial Signature events.

One such invitation to an event is from the Iron County Historical Society.

150th Anniversary of the promotion of Colonel Ulysses S. Grant to the rank of Brigadier General. This event takes place on 30 July 2011 at 11 a.m. on what now are the grounds of Ste. Marie du Lac Catholic Church in Ironton, MO. The U.S. Grant Camp #68 is one of the cosponsors of this event. They would like an RSVP by 8 July. Contact Walt Busch at webusch@suvchwmo.org

In F. C. & L.,
Lt. Colonel Jack G, Grothe, Commanding
4th Military District

Reconnaissance

July 9 & 10, 2011 Ste. Genevieve Civil War Camp
SUVCW Sesquicentennial Signature Event. We will be re-enacting the
150th Anniversary of the 15 August 1861 Merchant's Bank Raid
If you would like to participate please contact Gary L. Scheel at 888-
883-9397 or 314-623-2062 (cell) or somewhere1@sbcglobal.net

July 16 & 17, 2011 Battle of Wentzville, Missouri
SUVCW Sesquicentennial Signature Event. We will be re-enacting the
150th Anniversary of the 16 July 1861 Battle of Wentzville. If you
would like to participate please contact Emmett Taylor at
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Headquarters Company

Franklin, WI

MEMORABLE MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Members of the 4th MD Headquarters Company provided an honor guard for Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker and later fired a salute during the annual Memorial Day ceremony, hosted by C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 and Auxiliary #4 at Milwaukee's Calvary Cemetery. Over 560 people attended the Field Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Jerome Lisecki and the patriotic program which followed. Cpl. Kent Peterson, Company Adj. and Pvt. Pat Kulas, Cushing Battery served on the color guard, leading a procession, which included the 1st Brigade Band, the archbishop, the governor, and the public, to four Civil War veterans' graves, representative of the almost two hundred in the cemetery. Pvt. Dave Howard (Camp Commander) presented greetings and Gov. Walker was the keynote speaker.



Left to right: 1Sgt. Tom Brown, Pvts. John Thielmann, Jeff Lesar, Bill Doan Brian McManus, Todd Wilber, and Joe Fallon.



Salutes were fired by members of the HQ. Company, Cushing's Battery and American Legion Police Post 415. The Archbishop and the Governor each fired a salute from the cannon.

The Mass and Ceremony were planned by the HQ Company's Pvt. Dean Collins, who served as master-of-ceremonies and read Gen. Logan's General Order #11. Taps was sounded by a member of Post 415.

Gov. Walker addresses the public while Sr. Elise Oman, Pvt. Dean Collins and PDP Anne Michaels look on.

Photos by Mr. Don Lesar:

Members of the HQ Company marched in a parade, manned an information booth and provided a color guard at the grand finale of the 10th annual Reclaiming Our Heritage event on the grounds of the Milwaukee VA Medical Center. The event was held June 4-5. Since 2002, the multi-era living history and tribute to veterans has attracted thousands to the historic Soldiers Home on the grounds. The site was one of four original National Homes authorized by President Lincoln before his death. Twelve of the original buildings remain.

The HQ Co.'s color guard marches past Abraham Lincoln and General Grant during the Grand Finale of the 10th Annual Reclaiming Our Heritage on June 5th. Those serving are Pvt.'s Dean Collins, Brian McManus, Jeff Lesar, Dave Curran, Joe Fallon and 1Sgt. Tom Brown.



Battery L, 1st Illinois Light Artillery Mulligan's Battery Chicago, IL



Sherman (PCC), Bill Kummerow, Nick Kaup (PDC).
Not pictured: John Bigwood (PCC)

Firing of the Salute at dusk →

Field of Honor in Northbrook, IL. A five day observance of Memorial Day displaying 1901 American Flags.

They fired salutes for 5 consecutive evenings.
Pictured: Commander 2nd Lt. Tom Hauff (PCC), Evertt Nylund (PCC), 1st Sgt. Rob Hauff, Cpl. John Hauff, Don



Company A, 2nd Missouri Infantry St. Louis, MO

Memorial Day Ceremonies at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

Photo's by Anita Quick

← Pvt. John Avery and his period hearse.



2nd MO Inf
Color Guard



← SUVCW Ceremony in the Union Soldier's Section.

Company C, 5th Missouri Cavalry Regiment Wentzville, MO



The annual Memorial Day Ceremonies at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, eleven troopers were present. We felt humbled to have opportunity to pay honor to those who served and died our great nation.
(Photo by Anita Quick)

On 16 April 2011 We put on a cavalry exhibition at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Private Paul Sheltley was the organizer of this → event. He did an outstanding job. He expressed in an e-mail, “I want to thank you all for participating in the event. The reenactors were the most popular part of the event, and of course the Cavalry was the most popular part of the reenactors.” Thank you, Pvt. Sheltley for another job well done.
(Photo by Private Paul Sheltley)



Lieutenant Gregory Decker was married on May 28th. We wish the best for them. Lieutenant Decker is preparing for deployment in September. He will start his training sometime in July. Please remember him and his wife in your prayers.



On May 29th several of our members helped man a booth for the Ribfest in St. Louis. We purchased a banner that has the SVR emblem on it and the words, “Remembers Our Nations Veterans.” We use this day to raise money to help finance some of our activities. (Photo furnished by Captain Emmett Taylor)

We are sponsoring the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Wentzville, Missouri. If you are interested in participating please contact Captain Emmett Taylor.
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Company B, 10th Iowa Volunteer Infantry

Council Bluffs, IA

April, and especially May, were busy months for our unit.

On April 15, members Jim Braden, Mike Carr, and Alan Kirshen of our unit traveled to Peru State College at Peru, NE, to assist our brethren in the Nebraska Rangers put on a presentation for their annual history symposium. Despite very wet, cold conditions, the day was a success. The next day, nine members traveled to the Little Sioux Scout Ranch for the Boy Scout Spring Camporee. We, in turn, were assisted by several members of the Nebraska Rangers. Those in attendance were Jim & Andrew Braden, Mike Carr, Vern Damgaard, Glen Kelley, Alan Kirshen, Henry Krecklow, Dennis Sasse and Dean Thompson. We worked with over 400 Scouts and their leaders while there.

On May 21, three members, Dave Hancock, Dennis Sasse and Dan Yowell were presenters at Atlantic Iowa's annual Military Commemoration Days. Over 800 students passed through our display.

Our commanding officer, 1 LT Mike Carr, was the guest speaker at Lenox Iowa's Civil War Sesquicentennial commemorative banquet. The \$100-a-plate meal was well-attended with over 40 in attendance.

May 1 started our very busy month. Six members traveled to Minden, IA, and participated in a double gravestone dedication ceremony for Sgt. Mathias Blair (34th IL Inf.) and Pvt. Joe Hardymartin (72nd IL Inf.). The ceremony was under the able direction of Sgt. David Burkett, the Dept. of Iowa Graves Registration Officer.

May 4th started our spring school program season. We traveled to the Atlantic Middle School where we gave a 2-hour program in all things Civil War to about 90 8th-graders. Those in attendance were Jim Braden, Mike Carr, Glen Kelley & Dennis Sasse. May 6th was the first Friday in May, which is the day we travel to the "Hitchcock House Under-ground Railroad Station". We had 8 groups of 4th graders visit with us over a 4-hour period.

Nishna Valley Middle School was our host on May 12th. All four grades (5th-8th) totaling about 180 students participated. Those participating were Jim & Andrew Braden, Mike Carr, Glen Kelley, Alan Kirshen and Henry Krecklow, Dennis Sasse and Dean Thompson. Our next stop was Lewis Central Middle School in Council Bluffs on May 17. Our usual crew was there to run 280+ students through their paces. The day finished with a mock battle.

May 25th saw our valiant troops at Kirn Jr. High School in Council Bluffs. Here, we presented to 320+ students on a very pleasant afternoon. On May 26th, 1st Sgt. Sasse assisted another group in a school program at Treynor, IA.

We ended our month with a very rewarding experience at the Memorial Day Ceremony in Atlantic. The ceremony began with firing of a cannon by Battery K, 4th US Light Artillery, SVR, 1st Sgt. Glen Kelly, commanding. The colors were then posted by Co. B, 10th Iowa under the leadership of 1st Sgt. Sasse. Following a medley of military tunes played by the Atlantic High School Band and a fly-by by a WWII fighter plane, a venerable P-51, the keynote speech was presented by 1 LT Mike Carr. Following the main ceremony, we adjourned to the GAR plot where we dedicated a new flagpole erected by efforts led by Pvt. Dave Hancock. The ceremony was conducted by Corp. Vern Damgaard, our Camp Commander and 1 Sgt. Sasse, our Camp Chaplain. Those in attendance were Jim Braden, Mike Carr, Vern Damgaard, Dave Hancock, Glen Kelley, Henry Krecklow, Dennis Sasse and Dean Thompson. We were also graced by the presence of the members of the Auxiliary: Sharon Braden, Bev Carr and Denise Sasse.

Company C, 34th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry “Rock River Rifles” St. Louis, MO

Cpl. Vern Stottlemyre and his squad dedicated a Civil War Colored Infantry soldier in his area.

April 15th and 16th found men of Co. C, 34th at Springfield, Illinois for Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and G.A.R. Founders ceremony in Petersburg, Ill.

St. Louis Rib-fest found men and their wives volunteering at the veterans booth.

Memorial Day observation in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, Commander Charles Funck again was the officer in charge of the casket guard. Men of various units participated including American Legion Post, VFW Post and the National Guard. Post ceremony was Civil War Dedication Day at the Civil War grave sites and again our men were there. Boonsville, Mo. was the site for DUVCW Missouri Department annual convention. Greetings was given and escorting the ladies to various battle sites. I noted none of the sites had any markers.

Submitted By 1st. Lt. Charles Ed Funck III Commander

37th Iowa Infantry (Gray Beard) Des Moines, IA

James Hawk, Larry Brewer and John Keller members of the 37th Iowa ("Gray Beard") unit, participated on Memorial Day at a living history in Johnston, Iowa north of Des Moines. It was held at Camp Dodge where they have a fantastic Gold Star Museum; the event honored veterans of all wars. In attendance were the governor of Iowa, Des Moines radio celebs., several thousand people and many reenactors in period uniform. Also there were fly-overs by WWII planes.

Company F, 47th Missouri Infantry Regiment

Bonne Terre, MO

The last few months have been quite busy for the 47th MO INF. First, on Saturday, April 17, 2011, members of the unit participated in a living history at Fort Davidson State Historic Site in Pilot Knob (Photo, Left-Right: CPL Andrew Warren, PVT Kaleb Erwin, Chris Warren - 1LT but portraying a CPL, 1SGT Tom Farlow -78th EMM

commander, PVT Connor Pyatt, and Keith Coplin -2LT but portraying a CPL. This was the first time for the unit two Junior members, Kaleb Erwin and Connor Pyatt, to serve as "powder monkeys" and get a taste of what it was like during the Civil War. Next, on April 13th and April 27th, members LT Chris Warren, 1SGT Bob Schmidt, and CPL Andrew Warren, presented two JROTC Awards and U.S. Flags, in Civil War uniform, to a cadet at Farmington and Fredericktown High Schools in Missouri. Then, on May 10, 2011, Twyla Warren (Volker Auxiliary



215), Chris Warren (47th MO INF) - 1LT but portraying a CPL, and Mark Coplin (2nd MO INF), set up a living history encampment on the lawn of St. Louis University Campus, during the afternoon, and then along with several others, participated in a sesquicentennial memorial of the "Camp Jackson Affair" during the evening.



Next, unit commander Chris Warren, and his wife Twyla, completed a day of Civil War education at Roosevelt Elementary's "Pioneer Day" in Farmington, Missouri on May 13, 2011. This is an annual event where the entire fourth grade from the district is bused to Roosevelt, and then they spend the day going through various "history demonstrations" for 30 minute intervals, all day long. Finally, LT Warren has recently

completed a Master of Arts Degree in Civil War Military History, and was asked to give a presentation at the May meeting of the Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp 326 in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. His special presentation was on the topic of Civil War flags from Missouri and Arkansas, and went very favorably, with a guest from the Cape Girardeau Civil War Round Table arranging for him to give this same program at their group's June meeting. .

Company A, 49th Iowa Volunteer Infantry

“The Governor’s Own”

Des Moines, IA



April 12th was a big day for us as the attached story might reflect. The truly neat thing about this is that now we have a second proclamation naming our SVR Unit to be the official Honor Guard for Iowa's sitting Governor, and this one is of the opposite political party from the last. So far as we know this is a first in the history of the SVR as is the proclamation that we had Governor Branstad issue naming April 12th to be henceforth "SUVCW Day in Iowa".

In addition to receiving these honors from Governor Branstad, we also received a letter of commendation from United States Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA), as we played host to the State of Iowa's official commemoration of the firing on Fort Sumter, SC on April 12th, 1861 which kicks off our states Sesquicentennial observances.

We were further honored to have in attendance at our ceremonies, the Lieutenant Governor, the deputy Adjutant General of Iowa, Iowa State Senator (and Civil War author/historian) Dennis Black, Department of Iowa Commander (and member of the 49th Iowa) James Braden, and SUVCW Commander-in-Chief the Honorable Brad Schall. The event was attended by several hundred members of the public and carried on Iowa Public Radio and Television.

We will be playing a key role in the state of Iowa's Flag Day observances on June 11th at the State Historical Society of Iowa when the 49th Iowa re-created the "trooping of the colors" by the Civil War veterans in 1894 when they turned in their battle flags to the care of the state of Iowa. Our unit will lead a parade across the Iowa State Capital grounds to the State Historical Museum where we will symbolically turn our colors over to the staff of the Iowa Battle Flags Project to kick off the days event.

David M. Lamb
Volunteer Conservator & Iowa Battle Flags Projects



On Saturday night, May 14th, eight members of the *Governor's Own* presented ourselves at the Stoney Creek Inn in Johnston, Iowa, where the surviving members of the 561st and their families were holding their reunion. There we met with Mr. Holliday and John Rogers (another son of a veteran of the Regiment) and one of the organizers of the reunion event. During the opening remarks for the evening, Mr. Rogers told those gathered for their evening meal that there was to be a “special presentation” to the Regiment by “an Honor Guard from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War”.

We had positioned ourselves in the hallway outside of the dining room and just out of sight of the diners; and, upon hearing our “queue” given by Mr. Rogers,

we marched in and took up positions flanking the shrouded colors that had been delivered earlier by Mrs. Hanke and Sarah Carlson and placed on a display easel at a back corner of the dining room.

We announced to the gathered veterans and their families who we were and briefly recounted the events that had led up to this evening, and then unveiled the refurbished and mounted flag to the applause of all present. We introduced the gathered veterans and their families to Sheila Hanke and had her talk briefly about the restoration process used to make this magnificent flag whole again.

We thanked the veterans for their service and their sacrifices and left them to their meals.

Company F, 78th Enrolled Missouri Militia

Ste. Genevieve, MO

May 30th, the date Major General John Logan proclaimed Decoration Day, members of Company F participated in two separate memorial ceremonies in Ste. Genevieve, MO.

At 11 a.m. four members of Company F, attended the ceremonies at the VFW Hall in Ste. Genevieve.

At 2 p.m. eight members of Company F, which included all three of our Junior Members gathered at Memorial Cemetery to honor those who served in the Civil War. We had several members of the community attend.

Private Jerry Kasten of Company F participated in Memorial Day ceremonies at Fort D in Cape Girardeau, MO.

L-R: Pvt. William Zoughaib, Pvt → Bob Hammack, Pvt Gary Scheel, Pvt Jonah Robinson, Pvt. Noah Robinson, Cpl Paul Cameron, 1st Sgt Tom Farlow, Cpl. Tom Greminger.

We are standing at the site of Lt. Col. Joseph Felix St. James who was mortally wounded at the Battle of Shiloh. The SUVCW Camp in Ste. Genevieve is named after him. Nine of eleven members of Company F participated in Memorial Day services.



Rockford Zouaves

Rockford, Illinois

Photos of the Ellsworth Sesquicentennial. Leonard Cassaro (the skinny guy in the picture) and I were the only two 4th MD people there that I know of. Greg Carter and Leonard Cassaro with CinC Schall. Picture 128 shows us with the Salem Zouaves from Massachusetts.

Greg Carter
1SG
Rockford Zouaves



Nebraska Rangers



← Saturday May 28, 2011 a headstone dedication for a Paul Dishong at Wyuka Cemetery in Nebraska City, NE. Had 3 of his great-great grandchildren there, Linda Wostrel, Stanley Wostrel and wife, Leonard Wostrel. Paul Dishong served in the 187th PA. Infantry, Co. K.

Monday May 30, 2011 a Memorial Day celebration at Palmyra, NE. An Eagle Scout, Micah Hadley, as his eagle scout project refurbished the canon at the Palmyra Cemetery and clean

the soldiers stones in the cemetery. He was honored by the American Legion and the SUVCW for his work. He is also a member of the SUVCW Shiloh Camp 2 in Lincoln, NE →



← Monday May 30, 2011 a headstone dedication for Isaac Stewart at Park Hill Cemetery in Syracuse, NE. He was a former slave that joined the Union Army. Isaac Stewart served in the 60th USCI Co. B.

Sunday June 5, 2011, a grave → dedication at Holland Cemetery in rural Lancaster County, N E. Garrett Van Der Beek served in the 32nd Wisconsin Infantry, Co. A. Several of his descendants were at the dedication.

