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## Memorial Day 27 May 2013



### Iowa Monument Vicksburg National Park



### Wyuka Cemetery, Nebraska



### Rosehill Cemetery, Illinois



### Memorial Cemetery, Missouri







# From Our Commander

Greetings,

We are now 6 months into the third year of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War. Units of the 4<sup>th</sup> Military District are taking part in various historical projects, living history presentations, re-enactments etc. Since my last report I have taken part in the following activities.

February 23-SVR recruiting at a Military Swap meet at Jefferson Barracks County Park, St. Louis, Missouri

February 24-Sherman Day at General William T. Sherman's Grave site at Calvary Cemetery St. Louis, Missouri

March 9-Inter-vets meeting, St. Louis Missouri, Plans for Memorial Day activities.

April-Seminar on Missouri Lutherans thoughts and part taken in the Civil War. St. Louis, Missouri.

May 18-19-Artillery School at Jefferson Barracks County Park, St. Louis, Missouri (62 went through the school)

May 25-27- The rededication of the Iowa Monument, Vicksburg, Mississippi (Great effort and work by the State of Iowa of which the 49<sup>th</sup> Regt. Iowa Vol. Infantry SVR played a very important part)

May 27-Memorial Day Ceremony at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri. (I was in command of the casket guard made up of members of various veterans organizations. I also gave a talk at the Union Civil War Veterans Monument in the cemetery. Members of the SCV did a service at the Confederate Monument following the Union service.

I missed the Lincoln Tomb ceremony in Springfield, Illinois on April 13<sup>th</sup>. On April 12<sup>th</sup> Maggie and I were in a car accident in which our car was put out of commission and Maggie received some injuries. She is doing better now. I received information that 4<sup>th</sup> Military District Units did very well.

In F, C & L,

Lt. Col. Jack G. Grothe  
Commander  
4<sup>th</sup> Military District

Prayer at the start of Artillery School. Lt. Col. Jack Grothe SVR, Capt. Randy Baehr, NCWAA (1<sup>st</sup> Sgt SVR), Capt. Ethan Barnett NCWAA



# Headquarters Company

## Franklin, WI



The Honoring America's Fallen Heroes-- First time since 1995, Milwaukee's SUVWCW and ASUVWCW Memorial Day Tribute was held indoors, due to weather. Archbishop Jerome Listecky presided over Mass, followed by Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and noted Civil War author Lance Herdegan's reflections. Music provided by the 1st Brigade Band and Mother of Good Counsel Choir. Hundreds then filed from St. Vincent

Palotti's Church to witness the AL Post #415 and Camp #1 firing squads, and Cushing's Battery fire three salutes each and to place flags on veterans' graves at Calvary Cemetery across the street. Each year, our Chaplain, Dean Collins, coordinates a superb program, Photos and story are on Memorial Day and the participation of C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1, Auxiliary 4 and the members of the 4th MD HQ Company



## Mulligan's Battery (1<sup>st</sup> Illinois Light Artillery)



Mt. Greenwood Cemetery April 27 dedication ceremony (no photo)

Rosehill Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony

At the Rock of Chicamauga Standing: Dept. Chaplin Jerry Kowalski, PCC Tom Hauff, Dave Nolan, Everett Nylund, Rob Hauff, Mike Gregory, Nick Kaup, John Bigwood. (kneeling: Ron Vallone , Bill Birzetis, Stuart Stefany, John Hauff

Firing the cannon salute at Rosehill Cemetery. Photo by T.G. Davison

# Company B, 10<sup>th</sup> Iowa Volunteer Infantry

## Council Bluffs, IA

Spring is a very busy time for us. We've added three new members to our ranks and lost one, Pvt. Bruce Norris (Commander of Kirkwood Camp #4) to Final Muster. This has meant that there has been a change in the Company Roster in the way of promotions, which by a quirk of fate were given out on D-Day (June 6).

Promotions went to 1 Lt. Carr (to Captain), Corporal James Braden (to Sgt.) and Privates Rittel and Kirshen (to Corporal).

On May 10th, seven members of our Camp, plus one from Kirkwood #4 held our 5th annual school program for about 90 8th graders at the Atlantic Middle School. And, as usual, it was chilly and rained a bit.

We repeated our performance on May 11th when the same seven members of our Camp, plus one member of the ASUVCW held our 6th annual school program for about 280 8th graders at the Lewis Central Middle School in Council Bluffs.

Our biggest, and perhaps most prestigious event of this entire year was held May 18th when fourteen members of our unit, assisted by members of the 49th Iowa and the Nebraska Rangers, participated in the re-dedication of the Col. William H. Kinsman Monument in Council Bluffs in a Nationally recognized Sesquicentennial Event. This was done on the actual sesquicentennial of the Colonel's death leading a charge of the 23rd Iowa at the battle of Big Black River Bridge, MS.

The ceremony was attended by about 160 people. Among the dignitaries were Dept. Commander Grim, Council Bluffs Mayor Tom Hanafan and Kori Nelson, Director of the General Dodge House Museum and keynote speaker Janet Mulshine, Great-great granddaughter of Colonel Samuel Glasgow, Kinsman's successor in command, the event also celebrated a refurbishment and repair of the monument

Those participating from Co. B, 10th Iowa were: Pvt. Charles Boeck, Corp. Andrew Braden, Corp. James Braden, 1st Lt. Michael Carr, Corp. Vern Damgaard, Pvt. Dave Hancock, Pvt. Charles Harmon, 2nd Lt. Glen Kelley, Pvt. Alan Kirshen, 2nd Sgt. Henry Krecklow, Pvt. Roy Linn, Pvt. Bruce Norris, Pvt. Dan Rittel, and 1st Sgt. Dennis Sasse.

Heavy rain struck SW Iowa on May 26-27. Due to bad weather, the event was held at the Atlantic High School Auditorium. Eight members of Co. B attended the Memorial Day ceremonies, and has been customary the last three years, served as the Color Guard. Privates Kirshen and Hancock laid the wreaths for the GAR and WW II respectively.

On June 14th, six members of the Unit took part in the Sesquicentennial celebration and dedication ceremonies held at Nevada, IA. They were: Capt. Mike Carr, 1st Sgt. Dennis Sasse, 2nd Sgt. Henry Krecklow, Corporals Andrew Braden and Dan Rittel and Pvt. Roy Linn. Capt. Carr, acting as Officer of the Guard, and Sgt. Sasse, in his position as Dept. Chaplain, assisted Dept. Commander Grim in dedicating a plaque pertaining to 1st Lieutenant Ferguson of Co. D, 12th Iowa Infantry, first man killed from Story County during fighting at the Hornet's Nest at Shiloh.

On June 29th, we will be doing a double ceremony. At 11 AM, we will dedicate the new gravestone of the great-grandfather of two of our members at the Charter Oak Cemetery. At 3 PM, we will dedicate a plaque and gravestones of Georgia McClellan and her husband, John McClellan, at the cemetery in Denison. Georgia, a Past National President of the WRC, was the sister of Jennie Wade of GetOur unit is still in "Winter Quarters", but our schedule for the rest of the year is filling up fast. We will add to these as the year progresses

-1 LT Michael Carr



# Company E, 47th Missouri Infantry

## Park Hills, Missouri

The 47<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry, Company E has been very busy since the last issue. First, the second half of the month of April saw us continuing our hectic schedule. On April



16<sup>th</sup>, members presented an SUVCW ROTC Award in their SVR uniforms to a deserving cadet at Fredericktown, MO High School at their unit award's banquet. This was followed on April 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> with a Civil War



Living History at the Thomas C. Fletcher House in Hillsboro, MO. Fletcher was the Colonel of the 47<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry, and then was elected Governor of the State of Missouri after the Battle of Pilot Knob, in the Fall of 1864. Members portrayed Col. Fletcher, one of his recruiting officers, and some



of the new recruits, while performing drills and demonstrations for the weekend. Next, on April 27<sup>th</sup>, we were once again asked to set up Civil War displays and soldier demonstrations for the annual "March Back in Time" event for the Antique Treasures (antique mall) in Leadington, MO. The weather once again decided not to cooperate, and we were forced to do most of our day inside the store. Next, May did not slow down either. On May 4<sup>th</sup>, the unit was scheduled to assist with a living history in Ste. Genevieve, MO; however, only a couple of members were

able to go do to the inclement weather and heavy rainfall (and some areas even flooding again). Fortunately, the weather took a turn for the better a few days later, and on May 9<sup>th</sup> members once again participated in the Farmington, MO school district's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade "Pioneer Day" event (teaching about the lives of Civil War soldiers. This was our unit commander's 13<sup>th</sup> year in a row of participating in this event. Next, the weekend saw us marching in an "Armed Forces Day" parade in Hillsboro, MO, to the cheers of crowds along the town's streets. Our unit was also planning on attending an event at historic Fort D in Cape Girardeau, MO on Memorial Day weekend; unfortunately, the Missouri weather struck again (more heavy rains and floods in our area) and we were forced to cancel last minute, with members taking it upon themselves to honor "Memorial Day" in their own individual ways.



Finally, June came, and several of our members were in attendance for the Department of Missouri – SUVCW's annual Encampment in St. Louis, MO (with Corp. Douglas Roussin having a special display of actual GAR memorabilia). Then, on June 17<sup>th</sup>, unit commander, Chris Warren, was once again asked to present his popular program "Civil War Flags of



Missouri & Arkansas" at the Park Hills Public Library. Members came in uniform and assisted by presenting Civil War soldiers equipment and uniforms for the crowd. To end the month, on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, members of the unit were invited to portray GAR members and Sons of Veterans members at a recreation of a GAR Campfire Reunion at Fort Davidson State Historic Site in Pilot Knob, MO. Members Chris Warren (portrayed Capt. Thomas Macklind) and Doug Roussin (portrayed an old GAR veteran) as well as Duncan & Colton Noack (who portrayed SofV young men), joined with others to sing patriotic songs, and tell stories of their "wartime" experiences.



# 49<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry Regiment

## Iowa

*Vicksburg Is Ours and Fairly Won*

*Iowa Monument Re-Dedication 24 and 25  
May, 2013*

On Friday and Saturday of Memorial Day weekend guardsmen of the *Governor's Own Forty-Ninth Iowa* took part in the ceremonies re-dedicating the newly refurbished monument to Iowa's participation in the Battle of Vicksburg, Mississippi, that culminated in its surrender on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1863.



Years of efforts by a transplanted Iowan, Col. Robert L. Pitts; followed by the skillful statesmanship shown by Iowa Senator Dennis Black and Representative Jeff Kaufmann who authored the legislation signed into law by Governor Terry Branstad; and long months of planning by the Governor's Committee for the Re-dedication, and the Herculean efforts of National Park Superintendant R. Michael Madell and his Operations Chief, Rick Martin, combined to bring us to this place on the high bluffs overlooking the "Father of Waters".

Planned as the centerpiece of the National Military Park's Memorial Day Observances, and coinciding perfectly with the sesquicentennial of the beginning of the forty-seven day long siege that led to the capitulation of John Pemberton's army, the hour-long ceremonies at the magnificently restored monument was the capstone of moving and memorable events that will make for the "armchair memories" of the thirteen guardsmen and their families.

On Friday night, Dr. Robert and Mrs. Joyce Clingan opened their beautiful home in the historic city to host a reception for the crowd of approximately two-hundred Iowans who made the journey to Vicksburg to be a part of these events. Exhibiting every ounce of the charm and grace that might be imagined of the Southern Gentleman and Lady, the Clingans and their son, Wayne Mansfield, served up a sumptuous meal on the shade-drenched front lawn of the Great Hope Manor which is the Clingan home.

Before sitting down to the sumptuous feast (see menu accompanying) that was catered from the nearby Walnut Hills Restaurant (owned by Mrs. Clingan) attendees were addresses by Superintendent Maddell, Mr. Mansfield, PCinC of the SUVCW Dr. Donald Palmer, CinC Jeffry Burden of MOLLUS, DC Richard Grim, Governor Terry Branstad and Iowa's Adjutant General, Major General Tim Orr.

Following the reception, many of the delegation returned to the National Military Park Visitor's Center to enjoy an open-air concert given by the Navy Band Mid-South

On Saturday morning, while many of the delegation attended a welcoming breakfast at the Vicksburg Convention Center members of the 49<sup>th</sup> Iowa reached the site of the Iowa Monument at 8:00am to begin the two-hours of preparation before the opening salvo by the Vicksburg National Military Park Gun Crew would sound at 10:00am.

The 49<sup>th</sup> Iowa would provide both the Official Iowa Honor Guard for Governor Terry Branstad and Major General Tim Orr, Iowa's Adjutant General; and, we also constituted the official Color Guard for the presentation of Colors at the opening and closing of the National Park's Service official observance of the Sesquicentennial of the beginning of the Siege of Vicksburg (which commenced on this date, one-hundred-and fifty years ago). The Regiment was deeply honored to have Lt/Col. Jack

Grothe, Commander of the Fourth Military District fall in beside his Guidon on the field with us on the morning.

Ever mindful of the historic significance of this day, Superintendant Madell had artfully crafted the events of this ceremony in such a way as to follow as nearly as possible the program for the original dedication of this monument by another delegation of Iowans (many of whom had fought here in their youth) in November of 1906. Ladies of the 49<sup>th</sup> Iowa dressed in period clothing handed out copies of the original programs from that event to the arriving guests.

Immediately following the roar of the twelve-pound Napoleon cannon signaling the opening of the event, National Park Superintendant Michael Madell welcomed everyone to this historic re-dedication, before the National Colors were marched on by *The Governor's Own*.

As the highest ranking member of the United States military in attendance, Major General Orr paid us the extreme honor of assuming temporary field command of the regiment by issuing the orders of "*Present Arms*" that brought us to the salute for the singing of the National Anthem by a choir of Vicksburg School children; and then returned it to the officers of the regiment with his order of "*Order Arms*". To our knowledge, General Orr's assumption of field command of the regiment, thus making the 49<sup>th</sup> Iowa the only SVR Unit in the history of our Order to be under the direct command of a serving Adjutant General.

After the formal marching on of the colors of the National Flag, the 49<sup>th</sup> Regimental, the flag of the State of Iowa, and the Department of Iowa SUVCW were then stood to by the guardsmen for the remainder of the events.

Rev. Tim Brown from the First Presbyterian Church of Vicksburg invoked the Divine Blessing upon the event.

A crowd estimated to be in excess of four hundred persons heard from Iowa Governor Branstad, former Mississippi Governor Haley Barber, Iowa Senator Dennis Black, former Representative Dr. Jeff Kaufmann, and Mr. Shawn Benge, Deputy Regional Director for the National Park Service. Each of the speakers eloquently related parts of the story of the events that had transpired to bring us to this place in the warm Mississippi sun on the piece of hallowed ground.

The Vicksburg School Children choir treated us to a beautiful rendition of "*America*" at the mid-point of the program.

At the close of remarks, Governor Branstad, Governor Barber and Director Benge laid a wreath in remembrance at the foot of the monument and the two Governors then signed a commemorative proclamation at a desk that had been hand-crafted by an Iowa soldier as a gift to a Southern family in the weeks following the capitulation of the city. Some of the wood of this very table, hewn from the tree under which Generals Ulysses Grant and John Pemberton negotiated the terms of surrender that would end the longest siege to take place on American soil.

Rev. Debra Schindler-Grim (a "*Daughter of Forty-Ninth Iowa*" and spouse of Color Sergeant Richard Grim) of Bloomfield, Iowa, offered the Benediction that closed the ceremonies.

With the roar of the field piece again echoing over the hills of this high bluff upon which stands our magnificent monument, the ceremonies were brought to a close.

For me, personally, to have been involved in the planning and execution of this celebration of the works that went into the refurbishment of the monument; and being afforded the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to walk on ground that three of my Great-grandfathers may well have trodden in those harrowing days of war was one of the greatest honors of my lifetime. To stand upon this ground and see the vistas that they would have seen looking toward the 2<sup>nd</sup> Texas Lunette in the distance brought me a very real connection to ancestors whom I never knew. To feel the warm welcome and to bask in the generous hospitality of the many Vicksburgers that we met on this Southern Sojourn was incredibly humbling. We were definitely left with the impression that the citizens of Vicksburg were far happier to see Iowa boys dressed in Union Army blue than they had been a century and one-half ago, and we shall never forget their many kind acts and words of welcome.

In many ways, the echoes of the American Civil War are with us yet, perhaps reminding us that we need to continue to strive to fulfill the promise that this nation makes to the rest of mankind. But, also those same echoes can serve to remind us of the terrible consequences that can befall us if we



ever again lose sight of the sacrifices of our ancestors to make this nation whole again after we had lost our ability to come together on the issues that divided us one from another. May we ever hear those echoes, and may we ever heed their solemn warnings. And, may we never forget.

With unbounded pride in the accomplishments of *The Governor's Own Iowa Rifles* (whom I have the honor to command and the greater honor to call 'my brothers') I remain,

Respectfully,  
1/Lt. David M. Lamb  
Commanding

As a follow-up to this story, Col. Robert. L. Pitts, of Cabot, Arkansas, has submitted his paperwork to join the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and will soon become a member of the Major General Grenville M. Dodge Camp # 75, located in Des Moines, Iowa. During the Vicksburg celebrations Col. Pitts was "inducted" into the 49<sup>th</sup> Iowa as an "Honorary Color Sergeant of the Regiment" before being presented with the Medal of the Army of the Tennessee for his tireless efforts to see this major Iowa monument restored to it's original glory.

## Company F, 78<sup>th</sup> Enrolled Missouri Militia Ste. Genevieve, MO



activities. The Girl Scouts had their regional meeting that weekend and the 17<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry is shown teaching some of them drills. The re-enactment of the

On May 4<sup>th</sup> we hosted the Ste. Genevieve Civil War Camp. It had rained on Thursday & Friday and again on Sunday. We canceled the school day on Friday and Sunday.

Many citizens from the surrounding area attended and enjoyed the



Merchant Bank Raid. Photos

courtesy of Linda Mueller.

Memorial Day was observed by three members of the company at the VFW Hall in Ste. Genevieve. The next ceremony occurred at the Memorial Cemetery where five Civil War veterans are buried. Burials were ceased in 1883. Present at the Memorial Cemetery observance was 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Tom Farlow, Cpl. Tom Greminger, Pvt. Joe Williams, Pvt. Bob Mueller and Pvt. Gary Scheel. Also present were several people from the community as well as Mary Scheel a member of the Ladies Auxiliary.

← Flag being raised at the cemetery (Photo by Linda Mueller)





# Nebraska Rangers

## Lincoln, NE



Kietzman, Rick Marx and Trent Bosler. Also the American Legion Carl Mogensen Post #119 color guard was in attendance.

On Sunday May 26, 2013 members of the SUVCW Department of Nebraska Harrison Camp #532 dedicated a gravestone to Civil War Veteran William Tolman Howsman who served with the 96th Ohio Company C and was also a prisoner of war. The family replaced a deteriorated gravestone. In attendance from Harrison Camp were Norm Weber, Mark Glaubius, Nate Raabe, Robert Gablenz, Glenn



On Friday May 24, 2013 members of the SUVCW Nebraska Rangers from Shiloh Camp, Victor Vifquain Camp and Wellstedt Camp dedicated a GAR marker to Pvt.

Joseph Teachman from the 15th New York Engineers Co. H at the New Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Ceresco, NE. Joseph's father Luke Teachman who also served in the Civil War is buried in Wyuka Cemetery in Lincoln, NE. From left to right: color bearer Stan Hollinsworth, NE Rangers

Cpt. Marc Witkovski, 1st Sgt. Gage Stermensky, Sgt. Paul Hadley, 2nd Lt. Keith Rockefeller and musician and relative Eric Bachenburg.

On April 27, The Rangers marched in the Arbor Day Parade in Nebraska City, NE. On May 18th they helped Iowa rededicate



the Kinsman Memorial in Council Bluffs, IA. On Monday May 27th they marched in the Wyuka Cemetery parade and participated in several Memorial Day activities in Lincoln, NE. On June 3rd Shiloh 2 CC Bill Dean stood guard at Brother Charles Lambrecht's funeral at Schuyler, NE. On June 22nd they participated in the 1812 Plague ceremony at Central High in Omaha, NE.

On May 1, 2013 Omaha, NE Captain Marc Witkovski presented Airforce JROTC cadet Allen Fleming the SUVCW ROTC medal, certificate and ribbon at the Plattsmouth High School ROTC presentation. This was one of several ROTC ceremonies that were performed by the Department of Nebraska whose department ROTC coordinator is Steve Bauermeister.





# Rockford Zouaves

## Rockford, IL



The Rockford Zouave' SVR of Rockford, Ill. have been busy over the Memorial Day weekend taking part in Rockford's Memorial Day Parade which included President Teddy Roosevelt leading the parade in a horse drawn carriage. At the conclusion of the parade route which ended at Rockford's G. A. R. Memorial Hall, President Roosevelt portrayed by Mr. Joe Wiegand gave the original dedication speech which was recited in 1903 when he was the sitting President and came to

Rockford to dedicate the Hall which was erected to the memory of all Winnebago County Civil War soldiers and veterans living and deceased.

Current Mayor Larry Morrissey and Winnebago County Board Chairman Scott Christianson also recited speech's from the period. During these festivities, Ladies from the Mary Logan Camp Auxiliary SUCVW held an ice cream social and members of the John A. Logan Camp #26 SUCVW were there to hand out programs. This dedication service was held on the front lawn of Memorial Hall as it was originally done in 1903.

After the outdoor service, many of the spectators moved inside to hear a number of talks relative to the Civil war and of President Roosevelt's stopover in Rockford.

In May, four of our members took part in Memorial Day service at the Drake Cemetery in Boone County. This cemetery had been neglected for many years and in rough shape. A local Boy Scout, spent several hours with the help of his Troop and local Township to clean and restore the cemetery which contains the final resting place of three Civil War Soldiers. This was his Eagle Scout project. On June 30, 2013, the Rockford Zouaves, John A. Logan Camp #26 SUCVW and the Mary Logan Auxillary, will rededicate a cannon in front of the Flagg Township Historical Society in Rochelle, Ill. This will make their ninth restoration in the past five years.

I would like to welcome our newest Zouave member, Bro. Brandin Lyon of the Gen. E. F. Dutton Camp #49 in Sycamore, Ill. As this brings our Unit strength to twelve members, we have the opportunity to now elect two Corporals at our next meeting.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,  
Steve Aarli,  
1Sgt Rockford Zouaves.