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From Our Commander



Let's Talk Some Turkey

My Staff and I are rapidly coming up on seven months on the job...doesn't seem possible. It is said that "*time flies when you're having flies*"....and that certainly seems to be the case the older one gets, right?

It has been an interesting time, so far, and I anticipate that it is about to become more so...especially as we try to move the Fourth Military District forward on several fronts.

In late January, I sent letters out to five unit commanders from various units across the districts asking them to sit on an *ad hoc* Military Advisory Committee that will be reviewing several aspects of what we do as SVR units, and how we do them. The committee will then begin to formulate changes to either do away with things that we don't do particularly well; or, make the improvements that are needed to make certain that whatever we do is militarily appropriate, and done to the best of our abilities.

Sadly, three of those five units commanders contacted chose to ignore the communications altogether and didn't even extend the basic courtesy of responding to my request. That is a discourtesy that was noted, shall be remembered, and one that I trust will not happen again.

When I, or my staff officers, seek input from a unit commander it is being sought for a purpose, and we shall anticipate that future requests for whatever information is being requested will be forthcoming. If responses are not forthcoming, changes will be made in the command structures of those units until persons who actually understand the concepts of "command" are found.

Enough said on the subject.

Along the lines of giving unit commanders a bit of a "head's up" on the sorts of changes that are being examined, I can relate the following:

SVR units exist for one purpose, and one only. According to our own existing regulations (which, IMHO, are in need of some serious modification and expansion) we are to be a Uniformed, Ceremonial, Military based organization that functions within the SUVCW under our own command and control structure.

This would imply, to my mind, that anyone joining an SVR unit is doing so because they wish to, (a). Actually, be uniformed, (b.) actually participate in ceremonies while wearing said uniform; and, (c.) do so in a military manner.

Those are the elementals of participation that should be readily explained to anyone who is contemplating joining an SVR unit. If they do not wish to be uniformed, participate in ceremonies while wearing said uniform, and do so in a military manner, then they probably should reconsider their contemplated participation and seek to lend their energies to other aspects of the Order. Seems pretty straight-forward.

However, we all know that there exist within the SVR, “paper units” where we have rosters that are packed with people who do not own uniforms (other than the “bits and pieces” that many seem to like to wear with their civilian attire); have never actually participated in a ceremony, and have little or no interest in actually learning the military drill and ceremonies that should be the backbone of everything that we do. In those instances, men have likely been deliberately recruited into units for the sole purpose of allowing some individual to claim that he “commands” an inflated number of persons in order to allow him to wear a different set of shoulder boards, of chevrons on his sleeve.

Aside from the obvious things wrong with that picture, it speaks volumes about the lack of understanding of what “command” actually means on the part of the person who would do that. Command, gentlemen, is a two way street. It is something that is earned, not dictated. A commander’s first and last thoughts at the beginning of anything he undertakes (and asks his men to undertake beside him) should be the welfare of those who have placed their trust in him. Those of you who have actually spent time in the military will know precisely what I am talking about. Those who have not, seek out one of you brothers who has and ask him to explain it to you.

First and foremost in anything that we do should be the question, “*does this truly bring honor and credit to our ancestors who sacrificed to save this constitutional union during the Civil War?*” If we cannot answer that simple question with a resounding, “*Yes!*” then we probably shouldn’t be doing it.

So, one of the first things that the 4MD Military Advisory Committee will be looking at are ways to distinguish between personnel within the various units who are (a). Uniformed, (b). Equipped and trained to perform the ceremonial functions that we are tasked with; and (c). Actually attend a significant number of the unit’s annual functions to be considered to be “active”; and, those who do not meet those criteria.

It is anticipated that once we establish the guidelines that will allow us to determine those things, future unit promotions and duty assignments will be based upon the “active duty rosters” of the unit. Those who do not meet the criteria will be encouraged to either do so within a determinate period of time, or consider leaving the unit.

In all seriousness, gentlemen, the future absence of a now absent man doesn’t leave any greater hole in the ranks than the one that he is NOT filling now....it just means that his unit commander might not be quite so magnificently adorned with rank that he isn’t currently earning.

If that statement offends someone...it should. If it doesn’t...it should.

Also to be considered will be the requirement that unit commanders, their adjutants, and all supervisory personnel within their units formulate written Rules and Regulations for the conduct of business within their respective units. These will need to encompass such things as *Mission Statements* that define why the units exist, and outline what sorts of activities the units will participate in that will forward the causes of the Order at large. They will need to set strict standards of attire, uniform and equipment maintenance, training and discipline within the ranks and lay out for the members of the unit exactly what will be expected of them in terms of their participation in unit activities. It should give them guidance in any aspect of belonging to their units and set goals and guidelines for them to follow to be a productive members of same.

That is part of being a commander.....setting standards and seeing to it that they are attained and maintained over time.

We need, as a whole, to determine what it is that SVR units should look like. Are we to look like units of Mr. Lincoln's Armies that have just completed six weeks in the field during the Peninsular Campaign...with medals? Or, are we to try to exude a more military appearance and present ourselves to the public as being a neat, clean, and polished entity that looks and acts like we know what we are doing and why we are doing it. Which image suits our mission best?

Uniformity should be key in all that we do as an organization over the months and years to come. Both from the aspect that every man in the ranks should, to the greatest extent possible, look precisely like the man standing next to him; and, that one unit performing a ceremony at any geographical point within the district, should perform it in pretty much the same manner and any other unit at any other point would do it. We should strive to be as "cookie cutter same" in all that we do as is possible.

No one, in any unit, should wonder about what collar brass they should wear, or where they wear it; do the chevrons go at the bend of the elbow or centered on the upper arm, does my brass get polished and my leathers polished and buffed, or not? What hat do we wear in this unit? Cap brasses or no brasses? Sack coat, shell jacket, or frock coat? Leg stripes for NCO's or not? Service and war stripes, or not? How do we wear these medals, and how many of them can I wear at once and on what occasions? And above all else, if one guy wears it everyone wears it, or he takes it off. One man who is representing any unit, and who is not uniform in his appearance to those around him, is not wearing a "uniform". He is then wearing a "costume"...and we do not wear costumes in the SVR. Costumes are for actors.

The bottom line is that we have chosen to wear what amount to facsimiles of the uniforms of the United States military services during the Civil War. They should be worn with the pride that they deserve, and at all times by men who are cognizant of the sacrifices worn by our own ancestors while wearing those uniforms.

These are all things that need to be spelled out...and followed by all as we move forward.

Now, lest you think that this communication has been totally negative in tone, let me assure you that it is not intended to be so. It is simply that we have a great deal of work to do to effect some positive changes, and we will need the collaborative efforts of everyone to do these things. And, I believe in calling a spade a shovel. And my own experiences in life have pretty much borne out the old adage that says, that *"when you find yourself at the bottom of a hole, you'll usually find that you are holding a shovel."* So....time to dig ourselves out.

It is all about improving who we are and what we do...and that should be a positive experience for all of us. I have seen some extraordinary examples of dedication to doing things the right way over the years on the part of many in the SVR, and there are none of us who cannot benefit from some efforts to improve from time to time, so what we have ahead of us should be nothing but positive opportunities to improve.

One area where improvement will be difficult would be to beat our own record of being the first military district in the country to have all of our annual unit reports filed with Headquarters. That is a huge positive, and one that we can all be proud of achieving. Again, thanks to all of you Commanders and Adjutants for making this so...well done!

Onward and upward, gentlemen!!

Major David M. Lamb
Inf., Commanding
Fourth Military District/SVR

SPECIAL ORDERS

Headquarters
Fourth Military District/Sons of Veterans Reserve
P.O. Box 30008, Johnston, Iowa 50131

District Special Order 2014-1

TO: All Unit Commanders within the Fourth Military District

SUBJECT: Dressing your SVR Unit's Colors in "Mourning" for public appearances.

DATE: 8 April, 2014

Gentlemen,

WHEREAS, from time to time, Temporary General Orders are issued by the Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, ordering that for a determinate period of time (usually commencing with the issuance of his Order and extending for a period of thirty-days hence) that the Charters of the individual Camps within the Order; and, the personal membership badges of the members should be "draped" in honor of the passing of a brother member of the Order; or other person of significance thereto.

AND, whereas in compliance with the aforementioned Temporary General Orders, uniformed members of the various and sundry SVR Units within the several Districts of the overall body of the Order do, also, in compliance with those directives;

TRADITIONALLY AND CUSTOMARILY, place upon their individual membership medals of the Order the mandated black band to signify that the individual wearer is "in mourning" when wearing their medals upon the uniform of their various and sundry SVR Units. ***HOWEVER***, it has been noted that the SVR Units aforementioned do not, at present, make efforts to signify that the unit as a whole has entered into a State of Mourning by signifying that state in any tangible way when displaying the National Colors in the form of the American Flag; Regimental Flags; and/or Guidons of their units.

AND, Whereas long-standing military tradition and Federal law embodied in **4 U.S. Code chapter 7**, mandate that during declared periods of "mourning" the flag should be flown at "half staff";

AND, Whereas, the flag when being carried, and/or displayed, on a staff cannot feasibly be flown in such a manner;

AN acceptable alternative to such mandated display, being for the flag to be "Dressed in Mourning" by causing to be affixed to the top of the staff, below the Eagle device that should adorn all National Flags being carried by uniformed units of the SVR;

A single ribbon of silk, satin, muslin, or crepe du' chein material, being ***BLACK*** in color, and of the exact length and width of one of the longest stripes embodied on the National flag when measured lengthwise from the hoist end, to the fly end of said flag. (This procedure being the precise method of displaying a military state of mourning that was uniformly practiced during the days and months following the assassination of President Lincoln in 1865); and, is therefore, precedential to this current matter).

THEREFORE, all units within the Fourth Military District, SVR, shall adopt as Standard Operational Procedures for their units when appearing in public under colors during declared periods of mourning, the "Dressing" of their National Colors when said colors are being carried, or statically displayed, at any and all public appearances or functions, in the manner described above.

FURTHER, it is ordered that in addition to those periods when the Order is placed into mourning by order of the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; that all units of the Fourth Military District shall likewise dress their National Colors when appearing in public during any and all declared periods of mourning when ordered by the President of the United States acting in his capacity as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the nation; and/or

at the mandate for public periods of mourning as ordered by the Governor of the states within which the unit is headquartered;

AND, on any and all appearances of said units in uniform on **MEMORIAL DAY**; and at any time when said unit or units are on the grounds of **OAK RIDGE CEMETERY, IN SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**, which is the final resting place of the Sixteenth President of the United States, the Honorable Abraham Lincoln.

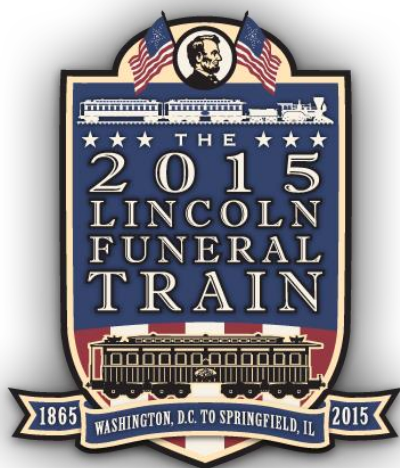
This District Special Order shall be mandatory and binding upon all units within the Fourth Military District, commencing upon the Fifteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two-Thousand and Fourteen, by order of the Commander, Fourth Military District as witnessed by his signature and that of the District Inspector General, below;

Dated at Headquarters in the City of Johnston, County of Polk, State of Iowa this 10 day of April, 2014.

Maj. David M. Lamb
Inf., Commanding
Fourth Military District/SVR

Attest:

Captain Richard D. Grim
Inf., District Inspector General
Fourth Military District/SVR



Lincoln Funeral Train Event

Lincoln Funeral Train Event
May 1st through 3rd, 2015

Participation by SVR Units of the Fourth Military District

Gentlemen,

We have now passed the “one-year and counting” mark for the historic re-creation of the funeral of President Abraham Lincoln that will be taking place in Springfield, Illinois over the course of the first weekend in May of 2015. (Visit their outstanding website at www.The2015LincolnFuneralTrain.com. to read all about this historic undertaking).

This is an excellent website where you will find considerable information about period camping, set up for RV's, hotel/motel reservations, satellite events such as lectures, theater productions, concerts, etc.

Another excellent source for information on the event and registration can be found at http://lincolnfunealtrain.org/participant_info.php.

The organizers of the event in Springfield have asked that the Fourth Military District/SVR co-ordinate with them to determine how best units of the District may assist as *PARTICIPANTS* in some of the scheduled events

that will include the arrival of the reproduction funeral train at the current Amtrak station and a processional to the old Capitol building; candle-light vigil there, processional along the route of the original funeral to Oak Ridge Cemetery, and manning the various venues associated with the event.

IF YOUR UNIT wishes to go and PARTICIPATE in this event, please be thinking about two things:

1. Each individual who wishes to take part in the events will need to Pre-Register and pay a fee to the coalition. You can do this by going to their website and clicking on the link for “*Registration*”.
2. Unit Commanders are encouraged to notify Capt. Court Stahr, Chief of Staff, 4MD/SVR that your UNIT is planning on attending and wishes to play a participatory role in the event.

Please contact Capt. Stahr at 1cplstahr@gmail.com. and let him know that your unit is planning on going and how many personnel from your unit you will be bringing to the event.

Further information will be forthcoming in this newsletter as we draw nearer to the dates of the event.

See you in Springfield next year!

Maj. David M. Lamb
Inf., Commanding
Fourth Military District/SVR

CIVIL WAR VETERAN CEREMONY JEFFERSON BARRACKS NATIONAL CEMETERY Private Francis M. Tuttle and Private Augustus Granville Whitcomb

One of the rarest privilege's we have as a Civil War organization is to attend a memorial service to honor a Civil War Veteran whose remains have never been interred. One such opportunity afforded itself to the members of the 4th Military District. Two veterans of the Civil War, Private Francis M. Tuttle and Private Augustus G. Whitcomb, remains had been left on a shelf since their deaths in 1925 and 1926 waiting for someone to give them the final honor having been denied them for nearly ninety years.

On 6 May, Major Robert Champlin (Inactive Reserve) received an e-mail about this

opportunity and forwarded it to several members of the Department of
← **Private Augustus Granville Whitcomb Co. E, 6th Massachusetts Infantry**



Missouri SUVCW. Don Gerspach, the Missouri State Coordinator for the Missing in America Project, Veteran Recovery Program, in his e-mail stated that one of his volunteers had found the remains of a couple of Civil War Veterans and wanted to know if our organization would be interested in participating in the ceremony.



Private Francis M. Tuttle, Company B, 44th Illinois Infantry →

He stated that he would like four members of interested Civil War groups to carry the flags and the urns of these two veterans. E-mails began to be sent back and forth and given plenty of notice of the day of the ceremony over twenty members of the

Sons of Veteran Reserve, Civil War Reenactors, and ladies in period dress were present to pay their respects and take part in this historic opportunity.



On 12 June at approximately noon we started to assemble at the admin building and parking lot. At 12:45 p.m. we started the one-third march to Chapel #7 to await the arrival of the hearse bringing the remains. The remains were escorted by the Patriot Guard Riders and arrived around 1 p.m.

←37th Iowa Infantry Color Guard was the color guard for the Civil War procession. (Photo by Denise Nutter-Beasley)

There were seventeen urns containing the remains of veterans who served during WWI and WWII. There were members of all branches of the service to carry the remains of the veterans who had served in that branch. Each name and date of service was read and their remains were brought in and placed on the memorial display.

Privates Tuttle and Whitcomb were the last remains to be transported to the memorial display for the ceremony.



←1st Sergeant David Thompson carried the flag and Sergeant John Avery carried the urn of Private Francis M. Tuttle.

Seaman Noel Stasiak carried the flag and→ Private Glennon Alsop carried the urn of Private Augustus G. Whitcomb. (Photos by Denise Nutter-Beasley)



The great-Grandson of Private Augustus G. Whitcomb was present for the ceremony and received the flag of his ancestor. He said that

his great-grandfather was forty-four when his grandfather was born and that his father was forty when he was born.



← Sgt. John Avery presenting the flag to the great Grandson of Private Whitcomb. (Photo by Denise Nutter-Beasley)

Members of the 4th Military District who saluted during the placing → of the seventeen veterans on the Memorial Display. (Photo by Denise Nutter-Beasley)



Members of the 4th Missouri Infantry salute. Sergeant this happen. Prior to being considered to under the command



Military District and 17th Regiment firing three round John Avery helped to make his intervention we were not perform this honor. They were of Captain Greg Zelinske, 17th

Missouri Inf. and they fired as one man. (Photo by Anita Quick) Taps was then sounded by two bugles echoing which sounded great.



Members of the 4th Military District (Photo by Cher Petrovic)

12 June 2014 Civil War Veteran Memorial Ceremony Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

Following units who are represented in this photo. 4th Military District Staff, 2nd Missouri Infantry, SVR; 5th Missouri Cavalry, SVR; 34th Illinois Infantry, SVR, 37th Iowa Infantry (Color Guard), SVR; 47th Missouri Infantry, SVR; 78th Enrolled Missouri Militia, SVR; Ships Company USS Carondelet, SVR; and members of the 17th Missouri Infantry Regiment, USA (Reenactors)

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I recently had an opportunity to conduct classes for high school Air Force JrROTC cadets here in the Midwest. The topic of my presentation was: "Leadership and Discernment in the Civil War." I told them about the discernment gentlemen from the South had to make in deciding whether they would resign their Commissions in the United States Army, which they had obtained by "promising to defend and protect the Constitution against all foes - foreign and domestic," or remain faithful to those oaths they took as they advanced in rank. I asked if they had ever had to discern the correct course of action in their own lives. I used the example of a train viaduct, with water under it, that you had never been through before; how do you make a decision whether to drive your carriage into it, or not? Some of the questions were - what are other carriage drivers doing, - if you get stuck, how will your old man/dad react, - is there another way to get around it, - can you see the top of another carriage beneath the water, - what does your gut tell you? I received many and varied answers.

My object was to get them to think.

I asked them who their "heroes" were. I asked them if they believed that History repeats itself. I asked them to remember the men who severed during the Civil War, and all the wars in which this Nation has been involved. I was honored to be allowed to speak to these

young men and women who in the very near future will lead our Nation, and be joining our Order.

I always introduce myself as the Chaplain for THE ORGANIZATION THAT STARTED MEMORIAL DAY. Maybe we should all fall back on that - since few of our fellow citizens know anything about the GAR, SUVCW or the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty
Chaplain Jerry

Headquarter Company Franklin, WI

Memorial Day Observed

President Lincoln is escorted by HQ Company

Members of the 4th MD Headquarters Company provided an honor guard for President Lincoln 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 360 people attended the Field Mass, celebrated by Rev. Daniel Pekarske and the patriotic program, which followed.



Cpl. Kent Peterson, Company Adj. served on the color guard, leading a procession, which included the Regimental Volunteer Band of Wisconsin, Camp and Auxiliary, and the public to four Civil War veterans graves, representative of the over 250 in the cemetery.

CC Thomas S. Mueller presented greetings, President Lincoln recited the Gettysburg Address, and keynote speaker American Legion PDC Wayne Jensen provided appropriate remarks.



Members of the HQ Company, Cushing's Battery (SVR), and American Legion Police Post 415 fired salutes.. HQ Company members also provided security around the firing zone.

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

Company C, 5th Missouri Cavalry

Wentzville, MO

6th Missouri Cavalry Regimental Flag Repatriated

Members of the 5th Missouri Cavalry recently participated in a very special event: the repatriation of a Civil War battle flag. This flag that once flew at the head of a column of the gallant men of the 6th Missouri Cavalry during the Civil War, returned again to the battlefield at Pea Ridge, Arkansas. For three days in March of 1862, the flag waved in the wind guiding a long blue line of Yankee troopers as they clashed with the Confederate army threatening Missouri's southern border.



The flag was not captured in the Battle of Pea Ridge, but stayed with the Regiment until the end of the war, when it returned home with Colonel Thomas Clark



Write, the Regimental Commander. Over the decades it passed through many hands and was nearly lost to history before being donated to the Arkansas Historical Commission. The flag, which is now framed and mounted under glass, is made of blue silk, fringed with gold. Hand painted on the silk is the Union Coat of Arms (an eagle and shield) under a field of thirteen gold stars.

On March 20th, 2014, in a ceremony at the Pea Ridge National Military Park, many dignitaries from Arkansas and Missouri spoke about the history of the flag, and the significance of its repatriation. The symbolic transfer of the banner from the holdings of the Arkansas Historical Commission to the care and custody of the Missouri State Museum was conducted by Civil War reenactors in authentic period attire. Members of Arkansas Reenactors Education Association presented a symbolic replica to a color guard from Company C of the 5th Missouri Cavalry Regiment. The members of the 5th Missouri Cavalry were Wayne Sampson, Flint Smith, and Paul Shetley; who are also members of the General Asboth Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans. The flag is now home in the collection of the Missouri State Museum in Jefferson City.

Company B, 10th Iowa Vol. Infantry

Council Bluffs, IA

The 2014 Spring Civil War Monument Commemoration Tour was completed over the weekend of May 3-4 by nine members of Co. B, 10th Iowa, SVR and one member Co. A, 37th Iowa, SVR.

The Department of Iowa's Sesquicentennial Committee initially divided the Department into six regions with the goal being set that the Camps in those areas, assisted by the SVR members in those areas, would visit each county and hold some sort of event to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

Co. B, 10th Iowa, SVR, located in Region 1, which encompasses virtually the western third of Iowa, has been quite active in this endeavor had already completed 12 of the 30 counties assigned to it. This past weekend, 9 members of the unit, joined by DSVC Danny Krock, representing the 37th Iowa, SVR, performed ceremonies in Cherokee, Clay, Plymouth, Osceola, Sac & Sioux counties.

Members of the unit taking part were Privates Charles & Dave Boeck, Sgt. Jim Braden, Pvt. John Butcher, Capt. Mike Carr, Corp. Alan Kirshen, Pvt. Roy Linn, Corp. Dan Rittel and 1st Sgt. Dennis Sasse.

May 6th, 4 unit members held a living history program at Riverside Middle School in Oakland. Those taking part were Capt. Carr, 1st Sgt. Sasse, 3rd Sgt. Braden and Corp. Kirshen. We were also joined by ASUVCW member Jeanie Kirshen. About 80 students attended.

On May 7th, a gravestone dedication ceremony was performed at the Essex, Iowa cemetery by members from the Essex, Shenandoah and Clarinda American Legion posts and Co. B, 10th Iowa V.I., SVR for Pvt. Benjamin Franklin. Franklin served in the 12th Iowa Inf., and with the 2nd Minnesota Cavalry. He became a quadriplegic after losing both arms and legs after being caught in a blizzard in 1865. The actual gravestone service was performed by Co. B, 10th Iowa V.I., SVR. Corp. Alan Kirshen, Camp Commander of Kinsman Camp #23 and Dept. Chaplain Dennis Sasse conducted the service before a crowd of about fifty people. Capt. Carr and Sgt. Braden were also in attendance.

Two more school programs were held for Atlantic and Lewis Central Middle Schools on May 13th and 16th respectively. These were performed by Capt. Mike Carr, 1st Sgt. Dennis Sasse, Sgt. Krecklow and Braden, Corp. Alan Kirshen and ASUVCW member Jeanie Kirshen. In all, we hosted about 600 students.

Our unit made its annual appearance at the Atlantic, IA Memorial Day service. Members taking part were Capt. Carr, 1st Sgt. Sasse, Corporals Damgaard, Kirshen and Rittel and Pvt. Hancock. After the ceremony, we adjourned to the burial plot of Pvt. Dan Yowell to

unveil an SUVCW plaque we had affixed to his stone. About 20 people attended the short ceremony.

Company C, 34th Illinois Infantry St. Louis



Members of Company C presented an Annual SUVCW ROTC Medal Award on 24 April 2014 at the Washington University Army ROTC Awards Ceremony. The recipient was Cadet Battalion Commander Cadet Lt-Col Claire Henkel. The presenter was Major Robert Champlin (Inactive) with the Honor Guard being Lt-Col Jack Grothe of the SVR (Inactive). Also in attendance were the ROTC

Detachment Commander Major Tanaka and his Deputy MSGT Felder.

Valhalla Missing In America Ceremony on Saturday, May 24, 2004, Major Jack Grothe, Bill Groth and Sgt. John Avery were in attendance representing the 4th Military District, SVR. (Photo by Maggie Grothe) →



Company F, 78th E.M.M. Ste. Genevieve, MO



6 April 2014, members of Company F stood honor guard detail at the grave site of Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James from 1 pm to 3 pm to commemorate the day he was mortally wounded at the Battle of Shiloh, TN. He died two days later at the hospital in Savannah, TN. Shown is 2nd Lt. Tom Farlow who stood the first thirty minute guard.

3 May 2014 we participated in the Boy



Scout Jamboree at Fort Davidson in Pilot Knob, MO. Six members of Company F were present running four different stations. The stations were



history of the battle, loading and firing a musket, loading and firing a cannon and the test area. The Boy Scouts would listen for key words in the presentation at the stations and would take a test after they were done. Company E, 47th MO Infantry had three members present and their station was how the soldiers lived, cooked and uniforms. There were one-hundred and twenty boy scouts present.



Also on this day 2nd Lt. Tom Farlow received his commission from a representative of the 4th Military District Staff.

On Memorial Day we participated in two ceremonies in Ste. Genevieve. Every year we are asked by the VFW to be present and most of the time we show up in our uniforms and one of us presents flowers at a memorial. This year we were asked to be the program. Private Robert Mueller



gave a presentation on the history of Decoration/Memorial Day and the role the G.A.R. Post in town had in the early days of celebration of this event. The second ceremony took place at the Memorial Cemetery where Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James is laid to rest. Our SUVCW Camp as well as our G.A.R. Post were both named after him. We were assisted by two members of the 2nd Missouri Infantry SVR who had earlier in the day participated in the ceremonies at Jefferson



Barracks National Cemetery. We are standing at the gravesite of Corporal Amos Culver who is one of four Union veterans buried in Memorial Cemetery.



Firing a salute near the grave site of Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James.

12 July three members of Company F were present at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery at the ceremony for the two Civil War veterans. Pvt. Ed Millinger was part of the firing detail.



(Photo by Denise Nutter-Beasley)

On 14 July there were four members of Company F, present at the French Festival in Ste. Genevieve. We had an area where we discussed Civil War history with a display of a list of over

eight hundred men from Ste. Genevieve County who served in the Civil War. Another member of our camp and two of our Ladies Auxiliary were also present. The sad part of this is that we had to recruit a larger force in order to go into the tavern and retrieve our Lieutenant who seemed to have had a little too much to drink.



New recruits →
Our recruits were gathered off of the street by our Provost Marshall who found them loitering around and looking for something to do. Our force was large enough that we were able to force our Lieutenant from the bar.



←Opening ceremony for the French Festival on the porch of the Ste. Genevieve Catholic Church
(Photos courtesy of Bob Mueller)

From 4th Military District Facebook Page



49th Iowa Infantry, SVR
Lincoln Ceremony 13 April 2014





May 3rd "Ulysses S. Grant Day

←2nd Missouri Infantry SVR and
34th Illinois Infantry SVR
Photo by Cher Petrovic



18 May 2014 Hollingsworth Cemetery Dedication,
Larson, MO. Photos by Robert L. Grover
1st Missouri State Militia SVR



Pella, Iowa Grave dedications,
3 Civil War Veterans with new head stones.

49th Iowa Infantry SVR



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Brothers,

I am running for the office of Junior Vice Commander at the National Encampment held this year in Georgia. I am a member of the U. S. Grant Camp #68 in St Louis, MO. I have been a member of the Sons for 30 years. I have held many different officer positions at the camp, department and national levels. I am asking for your support and vote for this position.

When I joined the Sons I joined as an Associate. Since I'm not familiar with genealogy, in April of this year a national officer took what paper work I had on my family history and did the research for me. On April 22"d he contacted me and said I had to change my member status to a full member because he found an ancestor for me.

I retired in 2002 after 41 years as a Captain of the fire department and in charge daily of 11 fire fighters and 3 engine houses. On multiple alarm fires many times I was in charge of 50 plus fire fighters.

I have more time to devote to the Sons because I am retired and will be available when I am needed. I will make sure the Sons progress as they have in the past and to seek new avenues to achieve that goal. Because of the many years I have served on and as committee chairman on national committees and 9 years on the council of administration, I feel I have gained more insight and knowledge of the goals of the Sons and the office of Junior Vice Commander.

I am asking for your personal and Department support in electing me to the office of Junior Vice Commander of the SUVCW.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Robert M. Petrovic, PDC

Brothers,

Here is my resume of why I feel I am qualified for the office of Junior Vice Commander.

I am retired and have more time to devote to the Sons and I will be available when I am needed.

I joined the Sons in 1985 as an associate. I became a full member in April 2014.

I served as camp Secretary/Treasurer for 10 years which gave the rank of Past Camp Commander.

In 1996 I helped form the Department of Missouri and I was the first Department Commander.

I helped form several camps including the one I am in now and several SVR units.

I have been the National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator since 1998, and still hold that position.

I served 3 years on the Real Sons and Daughters committee.

I served as a member of the Ebay Surveillance committee.

I served as Chairman of the Ebay Surveillance committee, 2000/2001.

I served as a member of the 2001 National Encampment committee held in Springfield MO.

I was appointed to the National Encampment Site committee in 2003 and was appointed chairman in 2013.

I was awarded the Meritorious Service award with Gold Star in 2004 which is the order's highest honor

I am one of the founding members of the SUVCW Charitable Foundation and I am the present chairman.

I was the chairman of the 2007 National Encampment held in St Louis MO.

I was a member of the Council of Administration for a total of 9 years.

I served as chairman of the Civil War Memorials Grant committee for several years.

In 2009 I was appointed as chairman of the Lincoln Tomb Observance and still hold that position.

I was appointed National Chief of Staff for the SVR in 2009.

I have served several years on the Military Affairs committee.

In 2012 I was awarded the SVR Distinguished Service Medal with Gold Star which is the SVR's highest honor.

I was appointed Co-Chairman of the Remembrance Day program in Gettysburg.

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