

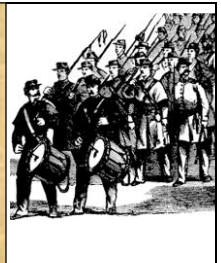


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COMMANDERS COLUMN

Brothers of the 4th Military District,

Memorial Day is past and summer is approaching. I was unable to attend the Lincoln Tomb and B. F. Stephenson ceremonies in April due to some family medical issues. I hear everything went well. I hope to see our units next year. It is time that our event schedules get into full swing.

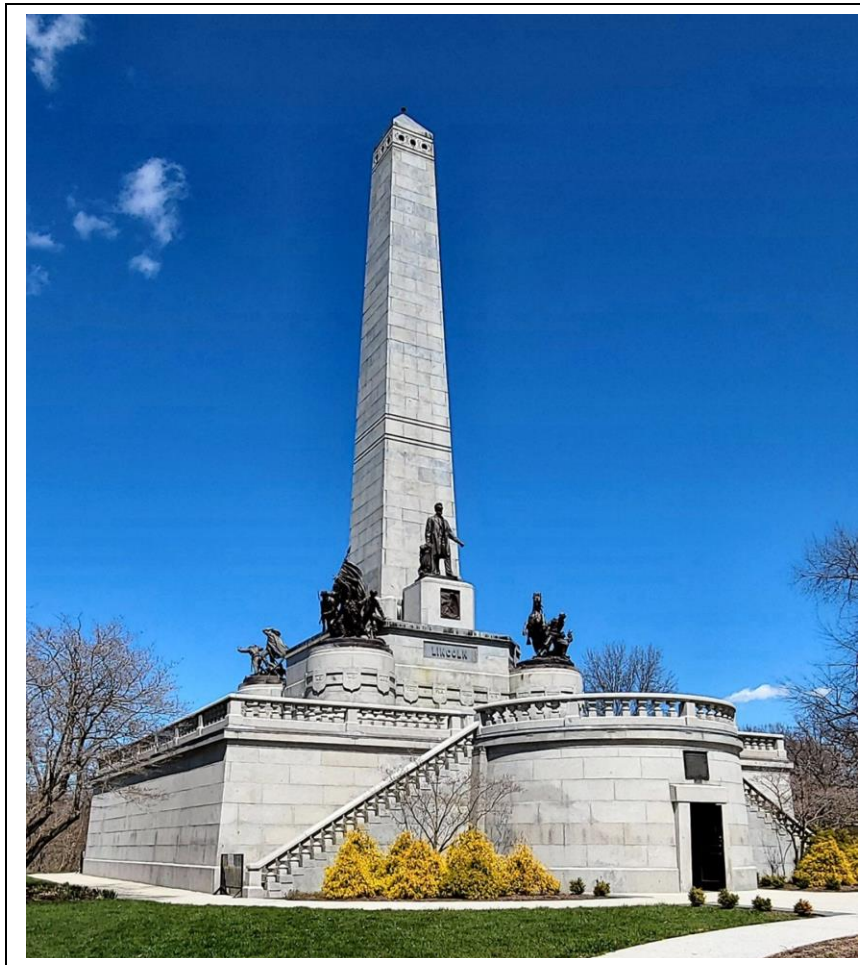
I would like each unit send me a quarterly report on your events with pictures and a few sentences about them. Send them to me at tjbcarver@sbcglobal.net and PI officer Kim J. Heltemes at heltemesk@centurylink.net. Remember that there are unit awards and individual awards that can be submitted when we see what your unit is doing throughout the year. These awards are handed out at Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, PA. Also, the Dist. Public Information Officer will put them in our District Newsletter.

I will be sending out hard copies of our District Staff and Unit Commanders (email only) contact info and updated Sop (Standard Operating Procedures). Also, we have created two new documents. One is an info sheet to guide the formation of new units and the other is a tutorial on the subject of retrieving your 990N Receipt to send with your unit strength report. I will also email these files to both your unit Commander and unit Adjutants.

The National Encampment will be at Grand Rapids, Michigan, Aug 12-13. I hope to see some of you there - also at the SVR Breakfast. Have a fun summer.

In F, C, & L,

Lt. Col. Tom Brown, PDC
Commander of the 4th Military District, SVR



**April 16, 2022
At the Lincoln
Tomb in
Springfield,
Illinois.**

Top left:
The Tomb

Upper right:
Iron Brigade Honor
Guard with Jeff
Graf and Robert
Konecke

Bottom left and
right:
National Inspector
General Lt. Col.
Steve Michaels

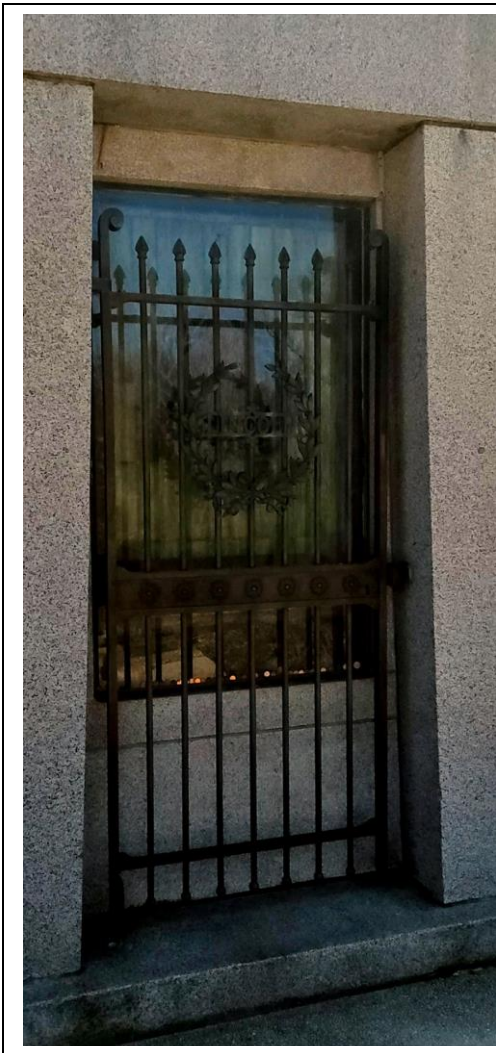




Above: Lt. Col. Steve Michaels on the left, lead the troops to the monument at the beginning of the ceremony at the Tomb.

Lower left 2nd Lt. Kim J. Heltemes is being escorted so he can present a wreath at the Tomb.

Lower right: Commander in Chief Mike Paquette, on the left, takes the time to greet 2nd Lt. Kim J. Heltemes before the ceremony took place.



A lot of people that go to the Tomb don't take the time to see the back of the monument. There is a barred gated door with the name "Lincoln" in a wreath. The window behind the iron door is the same window that can be seen behind the marble cenotaph that Lincoln is buried under.

Above right: Military District #4 Chief of Staff Captain Brian McManus presents a wreath at the Tomb.

To the left, Chaplain Major Jerome W. Kowalski says the final prayer at the Tomb. Jerry talked about how Lincoln helped others and made them feel good even though life was really tough for most at the time. We should follow Lincoln's legacy and make life better for everyone.

Ceremony at Stephenson Grave Memorial April 16, 2022
 Upper Left: Quartermaster Jim Lyons was master of Ceremony.
 Upper right: Jerry Kowalski opened the ceremony with a prayer.
 Lower left: 2nd Lt. Rob Hauff and Corporal John wait for ceremony.
 Lower right: 1st Illinois Lt Artillery Battery L crew stopped for a photograph while training on the gun.





Above: 1st Illinois Lt Artillery Battery L fired a three shot volley with the cannon during the ceremony.

To the right: National Inspector General Lt. Col. Steve Michaels talks with L. Dean Lampere, Jr.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Brothers,

There is an old saying, "We make plans, and God laughs." A friend of mine made arrangements to go to Rome, Italy for a three week vacation and tours. Everything was organized and payment was made. He gets off the plane and he is diagnosed with Covid, even though he had all of his shots and avoided anyone who might have the infection.

My wife had surgery at the end of March, and she has been to the ER three times and to doctors' offices four times in 7 weeks. She was initially told that she would be back to normal in 2 to 4 weeks. She feels worse now than she did before the surgery.

Have you ever been in a situation where your plans didn't work out, and you find yourself asking God - WHY? Maybe He has better plans for you than you can imagine. Maybe the window that closed - will make it possible for the door to be opened. The hardest part of Religion is - Your Will Be Done.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty
Chaplain Jerry
Major SVR



**2022 National Encampment
SVR Breakfast Registration Form**

Saturday, August 13, 2022

MENU

Scrambled Eggs, Breakfast Potatoes, Link Sausage, Applewood Bacon, Assorted
Breakfast Pastries, Assorted Dry Cereals, 2% and Skim Milk, Regular and
Decaffeinated Coffee, Orange Juice

NAME
ADDRESS
CITY STATE ZIP
E-Mail
SVR Unit or Camp
Number of Seats Required X \$20.00 per person
Amount Enclosed \$

Reservation and Payment MUST be received by July 28, 2022

No AT THE DOOR Sales

Make Check Payable to: **TAG-SVR**

Return this form and Payment to:

Colonel Donald E. Darby Adjutant
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1382 Western Ave.
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**2022 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
FOR SUVCW use ONLY**
Pre-Registration deadline is 16 July 2022

NAME:
STREET ADDRESS:
CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE:
EMAIL ADDRESS:
DEPARTMENT: CAMP #:

Current Highest Past Office (Check One Only!)

CinC ☐ PCinC ☐ National Elected Officer ☐
Dept Cmdr ☐ Past Dept Cmdr ☐
Delegate ☐ Alternate ☐
☐ If under 18 years old, check must be by parent/guardian

Complete with check or money order (no cash) for \$10 made out to: National Organization
SUVCW and mail to:

Joseph Hall
98 Mendon St.
Blackstone, MA 01504

This form does NOT replace a completed Credentials Card, which is required to complete your

IRON BRIGADE HONOR GUARD



Above: Iron Brigade Guard Past Unit Commander Robert Mann receiving his Inactive Reserve certificate at Camp 4's meeting as presented by 1st SGT Brian McManus on the left.



Above, the Iron Brigade Guard fires a salute on Memorial Day at Calvary Cemetery in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. On the far right are DC Bob Koenecke and PDC Jeff Graf.

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Below, from left to right are: LTC Steve Michaels, District #4 Adjutant Capt. Kent Peterson, LTC Tom Brown, Peter Keepman and Tom Mueller, after placing the last seven flags on May 29 for Memorial Day at the War Memorial Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

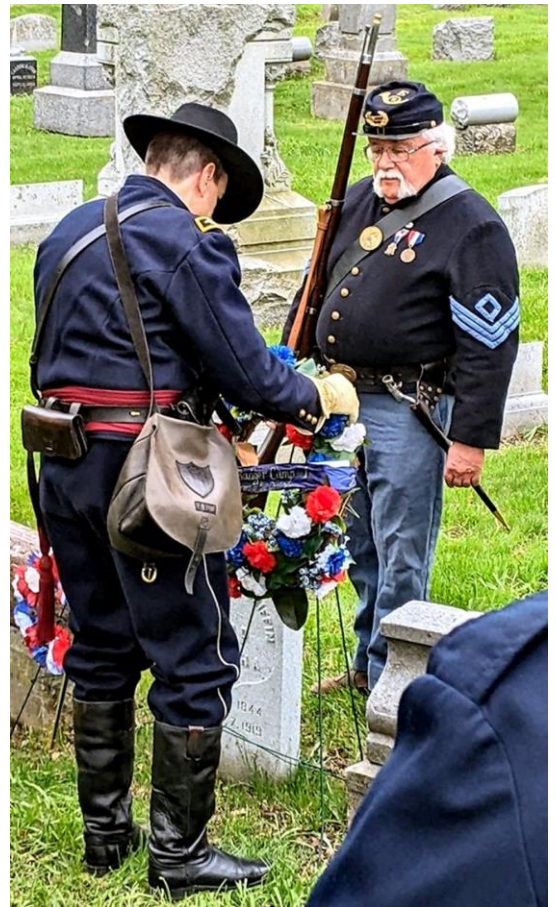


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Left, Lt. Col. Steve Michaels waits for his turn to present the SUVCW wreath at the new headstone dedicated for Pvt. Horace Griffin, 1st Wisconsin Heavy Artillery, at Milwaukee's historic Forest Home Cemetery on May 21, 2022 by C. K. Pier Badger Camp 1. *Photo by Danielle Michaels.*

At right, Lt. Col. Steve Michaels presents the wreath while the guard at the grave, Lt. Col. Tom Brown watches. *Photos from Steve Michaels Facebook page, by Paul Eilbes.*



Below, a group photograph after the dedication of a new headstone held in conjunction with the D.A.R. and the Milwaukee Civil War Roundtable. *Photo by Danielle Michaels.*



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