



Past in Review

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From Our Commander

Greetings,

If you get the opportunity to go see this I highly recommend that you do. It is a great display of not only some of Allied Orders memorabilia but also of other Veterans Organizations.

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

JEFFERSON BARRACKS HISTORIC SITE PRESENTS:

U.S. Military Veterans Organizations





Veterans of Foreign Wars Logo *Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War Logo* *American Legion Logo*

**Where: Jefferson Barracks Park
Old Ordnance Room**

**When: February 3 through June 6, 2010
Wednesday through Sunday, Noon-4:00 p.m.**

Exhibit admission: \$2.00 per person, 12 & under free

For more information call: (314) 544-6224 or (314) 544-5714

This exhibit explains the origins and history of the many veterans' organizations, such as The Grand Army of the Republic, United Spanish War Veterans, AmVets, and American Legion and many more that you may not have even known, that formed after U.S. involvement in the different wars. Displays and pictures will show the history and uniforms worn by the members of these organizations.

For accommodations to make activities or events accessible, please call (314) 615-7840 or 800-2966 TTY.

Visit our website at: www.stlouisco.com/parks



ATTENTION TO ORDERS

Company Adjutant's,

Please be sure to get in your 2010 Unit Annual Application SVR Form 3 plus member dues. District Units must have them to District headquarters by no later than 1 April.

I remain, for the District
Major R Champlin
Adj

CHAPLAINS CORNER *1st Lieutenant Jerome Kowalski*

Chaplain Kowalski just recently lost his 92 year old father.

Headquarters Company, 4th Military District



← Cpl. Pat Kulas (Cushing's Battery), Pvt. Tom Brown (4th MD HQ Co & Cushing's Battery) and Br. Joe Fallon post the U.S. Flag while Master of Ceremonies Pvt. Dave Howard (4th MD HQ Co) looks on.

The SVR supported the 40th annual Patriotic Luncheon, commemorating the births of Presidents Washington, Lincoln and McKinley. The luncheon hosted by Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 and Auxiliary #4 was attended by nearly 100 people, including representatives of the 4th MD HQ Company, Cushing's Battery, and Co. A, 28th Wis. Inf. Marquette University History Dept. Chair. Prof. James Marten

spoke on Lincoln's Care for Civil War Vets. A raffle and silent auction were held, with proceeds benefiting patriotic education and historic preservation.



Company A, 49th Iowa Volunteer Infantry The Iowa Rifles



"THE GOVERNOR'S OWN"

49th Iowa Regiment of Volunteer Infantry
Honored by Governor Chester Culver

February 12, 2010, Iowa State Historical
Museum, Des Moines, Iowa

On the 201st anniversary of the birth of
President Abraham Lincoln, Brigadier
General Steve E. Bogle, Deputy Adjutant

General of the State of Iowa; and, representing the Honorable Chester Culver, Governor of the State of Iowa presented guardsmen of the 49th Iowa Volunteer Infantry Regiment with a Gubernatorial Proclamation honoring their service to the State and Nation. In his proclamation Governor Culver named the Sons Veteran Reserve unit of the SUVCW (which is the official Honor Guard for the Department of Iowa) to be:

"The Governor's Own Iowa Rifles".

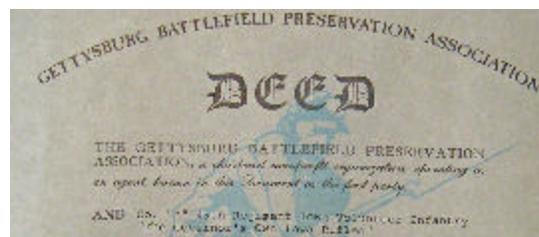
This honor was afforded the Regiment by the Governor for their extraordinary efforts in the areas of public education concerning the American Civil War; their participation in patriotic events across the state and nation; their unflagging devotion to the cause of Veterans Affairs; and their extraordinary efforts at raising funds to repair and restore monuments to the service of Iowans in all of this nations conflicts, and especially the American Civil War (1861-1865).

In a formal presentation at the State Historical Museum, attended by a majority of the members of the Regiment, Brigadier General Bogle on behalf of the Governor issued this honor in the form of an official Proclamation and then accepted from the Regiment a certificate naming Governor Culver to be their honorary "Colonel in Chief".

It is believed that this honor may be the first of it's sort issued by a sitting Governor to any unit of the Sons Veteran Reserve (SUVCW). In November of 2009, the Regimented was presented with the Deputy Adjutant General of Iowa's personal Challenge Coin "For Excellence" by General Bogle, for it's efforts on behalf of Iowa's veterans. That award was the first to be awarded to a non-serving military unit.

49th Iowa Infantry Acquires a piece of the Gettysburg National Battlefield Park

Iowa Units did not fight at Gettysburg. Most were too busy laying siege to the "Gibraltar of the South |", as Vicksburg, Mississippi, was often called in the press of the day. But now, *one-hundred-forty-seven* years after what most historians believe to have been one of the two "crushing blows" to Lee's Army of Northern Virginia and the Confederate cause,⁹ (the other, of course being the fall of



Vicksburg on July 4th, 1863) Company "A", 49th Regiment of Iowa Volunteer Infantry can legitimately claim ownership of a "piece of the action."

Regimental Commander, David M. Lamb, has found an original Deed of Conveyance issued in 1959 by the "Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association", and sold at that time by them as a funds-raising effort to purchase 700 acres of "endangered" battlefield land to keep it from being developed. The DEED conveys to the purchaser "one-square-foot" of land known to have been part of the ground contested during the battle on July 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, 1863.

The purchaser agreed to cede the land back to the Government of the United States, "to be held in perpetuity forever by said Government and preserved in good order as a memorial to honor all men who fought on this soil."

The DEED is signed by William M. Haller, Major, US Army Ret., and President of the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association; and also by Cliff Arquette (known to millions as the comedian of that day known as 'Charlie Weaver') Emergency Fund Chairman. Mr. Arquette was a life-long student of the Civil War, and a driving force behind the early preservation efforts for battlefields of the war.

The DEED had been purchased in 1960, but never filled out and filed by its original owner. When he passed on, his family sold the document to 1/SGT. Lamb, who purchased this piece of historic ephemera and immediately gave it to his beloved Regiment as a gift.

Company "A" 49th Regiment of Iowa Volunteer Infantry is at present making plans to deploy to Gettysburg in November, 2010, to the annual Remembrance Day ceremonies.



The Rockford Zouaves

The Rockford Zouaves initially were formed in approximately 1855 as the Rockford City Grays, a private militia club similar to those formed in many cities across the US. They are believed to have been uniformed in a fashion similar to the 7th NYSM, a very popular unit at the time. Elmer Ellsworth was contracted to train the Grays in 1858, turning them from a decent militia company to a crack unit in his new style. They hosted drill competitions with other militia groups across the Midwest until 1860, well after Ellsworth had gone on to several other cities. In May of 1860 the citizens of the City of Rockford held their first war meeting, believing that the impending election would lead to war. Preparations were made and the Grays proactively trained for war, not just the drill field.

A second war meeting was held on the Saturday immediately following the bombardment of Fort Sumter in 1861. It was resolved at that time to outfit the Grays as Zouaves, and Sunday, a traditional day of rest, was set aside to make uniforms and prepare supplies. The next day the men were outfitted in new "blue jackets" by a group of local ladies who set up dozens of new sewing machines in the Armory Hall, a concert/community hall used by the Grays. Little else is known of the uniform, however several local historians all believe it was similar to the uniform worn by Ellsworth's Chicago Zouave Cadets. Which of the 3 uniforms is a matter of contention and no conclusive documentation has been found to date.

The Rockford Zouaves, referred to as "Blues" by the local papers, left by train and were later mustered in as part of the 11th IL Volunteers for 3 months service. Their first casualty, a private named Neri Mosher of Rockford, died of disease during the service of the 3 month regiment. Following their expiration of enlistment, the Rockford Zouaves returned to Rockford and virtually all of the men re-enlisted for the duration of the war in the 11th or other regiments. The Rockford Grays band also became the band of the 11th Illinois Volunteers (3 years service) and served until 1864.



Company C, 34th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Rock River Rifles

Scenes from Sherman Day Ceremony 28 February 2010



Corporal Vernon Stottlemire reported Private David E. Wilson Jr. died 16 February 2010 will his farm field. He worked 37 years and was counting the days when

he would retire from BNSF Railroad. He was very active with the George H. McNeil Camp #66. And arranged to have their next meeting in the Methodist Church located in Athens Battle Site Park. The same church he and Betty were married on 28 April 1973.

Lt. Colonel Jack G Grothe reported our 4th Military District Chaplain's father passed away at the age of 92 years. After retiring International Union as pension director (because he was the most honest and hard working man they knew) He began a second career as the deaconate in St. Sylvester Parish for another 20 years? Question: as Civil War enthusiast, do not some of us believe we're in our second career?

Sherman's Birthday Ceremony: This has been an activity our SVR units have been active from 1979. Yet we are thankful for the other SVR units that complete the event sponsored by William T. Sherman, Billy Yank, Camp #65. Cannon presentation by Co. M, 1st Light Missouri; 5th Missouri Cavalry; 2nd Mo. Infantry; Mo. Enrolled Militia; add 9th CSA Sharpshooters (who have been with us these 31 years) and men of the Turner Brigade. The weather for this year's ceremony was sunny yet cool. We give thanks to the camp chaplain and the SVR chaplain for their prayers. The event was attended by a good number of people representing members of the Allied Orders, Ladies Relief Corps, Ladies of the GAR, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Aux SUVCW, and at least seven SUVCW camps were represented, MOLLUS and DOLLUS, Past National Officers, Past Department Officers, and current Department Officers, Company salute: to all who gave of their time for this successful event. At the dinner fellowship Randy

Baehr (commander Co. M, 1st Light Missouri Artillery SVR) was presented his 1st Lt. Commission by Lt. Col. Jack Grothe.

Co. C, 34th men also belong to various SUVCW camps in Missouri, Illinois, and Nebraska. These men I wish to acknowledge their contribution to their presents to various monument and memorial dedications, Eagle Scout honors court and patriotic events in their area.

Dates to remember: March 25th Medal of Honor observation; Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and GAR Founders day Springfield, Illinois (our 4th Military District again is sponsoring the military parade): St. Louis Rib Fest: Memorial Day observations.

Sherman's Birthday Ceremony on Channel 9 in St. Louis, MO

This ceremony will air on Living St. Louis on TV #9 on Monday April 12 at 7:00 pm

Producer: Ruth Ezell rezell@ketc.org

Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

1st Lt. Charles Ed Funck III, Commander

DEDICATION OF PURPLE HEART MONUMENT

The Military Order of the Purple Heart Fallen Heroes developed this monument and had it installed near the front gate of Lake Charles Park, Cemetery and Mausoleum, 7775 St. Charles Rock Road, Normandy, MO. Although the weather was threatening to rain, the ceremony went as scheduled. The rain stopped when the colors were posted and started up again when after the Highlander Pipe Band played "Amazing Grace."



This one hour program included, keynote address by Congressman William Lacy Clay; Jefferson Barracks Color Guard, John Ford Highland Pipe Band, Normandy High School Band and Choir, Marine Corps League Southside Detachment 183 rifle salute, various members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. 1st Lt. Charles Funck assisted with traffic control. Sandra Jackson, Manager of Lake Charles, was very proud the Purple Heart Monument is located in her cemetery.

← Private Bill Groth Company C, 34th Illinois Infantry is show portraying a Revolutionary Private where the Purple Heart was first issued by General George Washington for Valor.



Company B, 10th Iowa Volunteer Infantry

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.

Among the duties performed were "guarding" the President, meeting the public, and guarding the Palmetto-pattern Civil War flag from **The Citadel** nicknamed "Big Red". This flag purportedly flew over Confederate batteries on Morris Island that fired on Ft. Sumter. The flag, part of a very large collection of Civil War flags, has been restored and will be on loan to **The Citadel** for five years.

Your obedient servant,

2 Lt Michael Carr, C.O.



Company C, 5th Missouri Cavalry Regiment

Here's a copy of a recent article in the Hermann paper.

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Civil War Days at Hermann Farm will be held on Maifest weekend

Civil War Days at the Hermann Farm and Museum will take place on May 15th and 16th at the Stable and Forge on Gutenberg Street during Maifest weekend.

Members of the 5th Cavalry Regiment will be in town to re-dedicate the tombstone of Captain Charles Manwaring one of Hermann's civil war casualties. Manwaring was a member of the Gasconade County Reserve Battalion. He was later appointed to the position of Provost Marshall. Manwaring was killed by a party of rebels as he was attempting to arrest one of them on the riverfront. Capt. Manwaring's death took place on May 14, 1864.

Manwaring's gravesite is at the top of the bluff overlooking the Missouri River on Hermann Farm. The dedication of the grave site with full military honors is sponsored by the Hermann Farm and Museum and funded by the Dierberg Educational Foundation.

The perfect replica of Civil War era gravestone for Manwaring was donated by the United States Veterans Administration through the 5th Cavalry Regiment interceding. Other events are being planned for this weekend. Times will be announced. Visit the Hermann Farm website at www.hermannfarm.com and click on Activities for updates.

Members of 5th Cavalry organization go out as individuals and as teams to schools throughout eastern Missouri and southern Illinois to do presentations on various aspects of American Civil War history. Particular attention is given to the war in the Western Theater and to the role of the cavalry. Having Civil War historians dressed in the uniforms of the Civil War soldier, allows students of all ages to receive education that they might otherwise miss.

The group participates in numerous Civil War reenactments during the calendar year. These events are located throughout Missouri, Illinois, and neighboring states. They provide opportunities to interact with the general public of all ages and to share extensive knowledge of the Civil War. It is particularly memorable for young people to see a mounted cavalry unit in action and to witness an authentic recreation of a Civil War memorial at a graveside setting will be most profound.

The sesquicentennial (150-year anniversary) of the Civil War runs from 2011 to 2015. If you would like to be right in the middle of all the



The 5th Missouri Cavalry of Wentzville.

action, now is the time to "join the cavalry." For complete information on "enlisting" in Co. C, 5th Regt. MO Vol. Cavalry, email Capt. Emmett Taylor: eptaylor@mac.com.

For information on the Civil War Days dedication of the Charles Manwaring stone contact Joan Treis at 573-486-3276.

A graphic advertisement for Maifest Hermann. It features the word "Maifest" in a large, stylized font at the top. Below it is the word "HERMANN" in a smaller, bold font. To the left of "HERMANN" is an American flag. Below the flag is a silhouette of a man in a Civil War uniform. To the right of the silhouette is a circular emblem with a portrait of a man. The text "Where Missouri's German heritage comes to life" is written in a cursive font. At the bottom, it says "~ May 15-16, 2010 ~" and lists activities: "Civil War Encampment • Crafters • Oom-pah Bands Polka Contest • Parade • Bier Garten • Brats on the Grill". At the very bottom, it provides a phone number "800-932-8687" and a website "www.VisitHermann.com".

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Company F, 78th Enrolled Missouri Militia

Six members of our unit attended the Court of Honor→
L-R: Private Bob Hammack, Private William Zoughaib,
Private Gary Scheel, Private Paul Cameron,
Private Tom Farlow and Private Tom Greminger.



← Eagle Scout Derek Fallert received his Eagle Scout Award and Private Robert Hammack presented him with the SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate.
Private Bob Hammack is also Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp # 326 have now handed out five Eagle Scout Award Certificates.

Certificate of Commendation

Private Gary presented with by 4th Military He was volunteering Newsletters,



Scheel, 78th Enrolled Missouri Militia was one of the first Certificate of Commendation District Commander Lt. Col. Jack Grothe. presented with this certificate for and his work on the 4th Military District "Past in Review".

Corporal Kent A. Peterson was also presented with one of the first Certificate of Commendation. He was presented his by the 4th Military District Chief of Staff, Major Steve Michaels.

Corporal Peterson was presented his certificate for his hard work on the 4th Military District website.

Lt. Col. Grothe stated that this award will continue to be given to those that are deemed deserving of such and award.



*Private Conrad
Simon 5th Missouri*

Infantry

St. Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Lemay, Missouri

On 8 March 2010, 2nd Lieutenant Martin Aubuchon of Company A, 2nd Missouri Infantry, SVR sent a call for help. He had been notified that on 14 March 2010 that a family was looking for some uniformed individuals to honor this Civil War Soldier.

Private Simon remains lay in an unmarked grave until late in 2009 when a Veteran Administration grave marker that had been ordered was placed at his grave.



The family after many months of searching finally located his resting place. The family contacted John Maurath of the Missouri Civil War Museum at Jefferson Barracks in hopes that he could help them prove that he was in the Civil War. After much research John finally found his records. He notified the family and he ordered the grave marker for them listed above.

In response to the call from Lt. Aubuchon there were eighteen members of five SUVCW Camps from Missouri and one SUVCW Camp from

(Photo courtesy of John Maurath, Missouri Civil War Museum) Illinois.

In conversation with the family they were hoping for one or two. We had eighteen SUVCW Members present, members of the Ladies Auxillary, members of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and members of the Women's Relief Corps. The family just kept expressing their gratitude that we all would show up on such short notice. It was explained to them that this is what we do.

Sons of Veteran Reserve Units present.
Commander & Adjutant 4th Military District

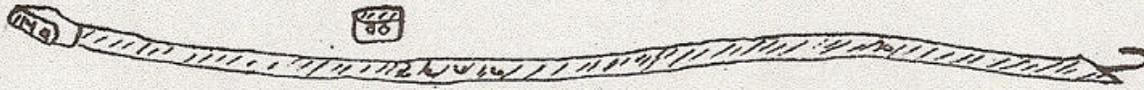
2nd Missouri Infantry
17th Missouri Infantry
34th Illinois Infantry
47th Missouri Infantry
78th Enrolled Missouri Infantry

Eight of the nine family members →→ present for the ceremony. One family member was watching from the car because she had just had surgery. The two on the far right came from Texas to participate. He is the great-great Grandson of Private Simon.

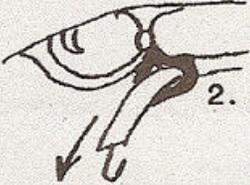


THE ARMY WAY

A GUIDE FOR INSTALLING SLINGS



1. Remove unattached loop from the sling.



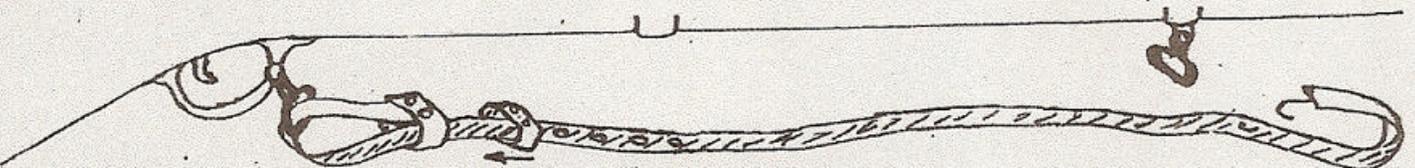
2.

With brass hook facing away from stock feed the hook end of the sling through the rear rifle swivel toward the butt of the gun.

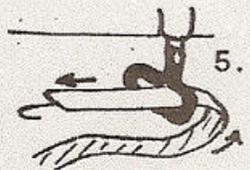


3.

Next feed the hook end through the stationary loop attached to the other end of the sling. Pull the sling through until stationary loop end is tight around the rear swivel. Hook should be facing stock of gun at this time threaded from the butt side of the loop toward the muzzle.



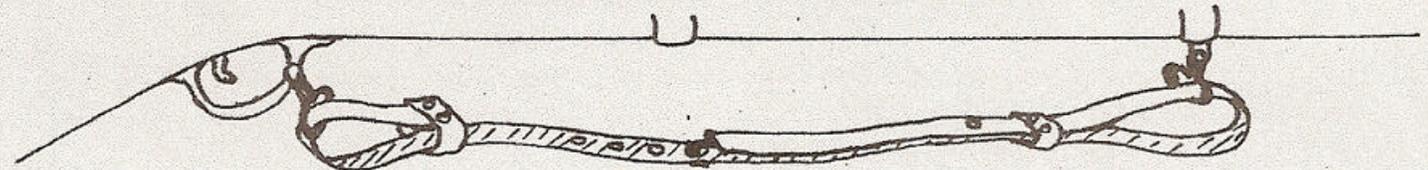
4. Thread the extra loop back onto the sling and slide down to the rear swivel.



5.

Run the hook through the upper swivel from the muzzle toward the butt with the hook facing away from the stock and down to hook into one of the holes.

6. Now slide the extra loop back over the hook and up to the front swivel.



With so many new SVR Members this will help you to be able to properly place your sling upon your rifle.

Lt. Col. Jack Grothe, Commanding 4th Military District, SVR

Reconnaissance



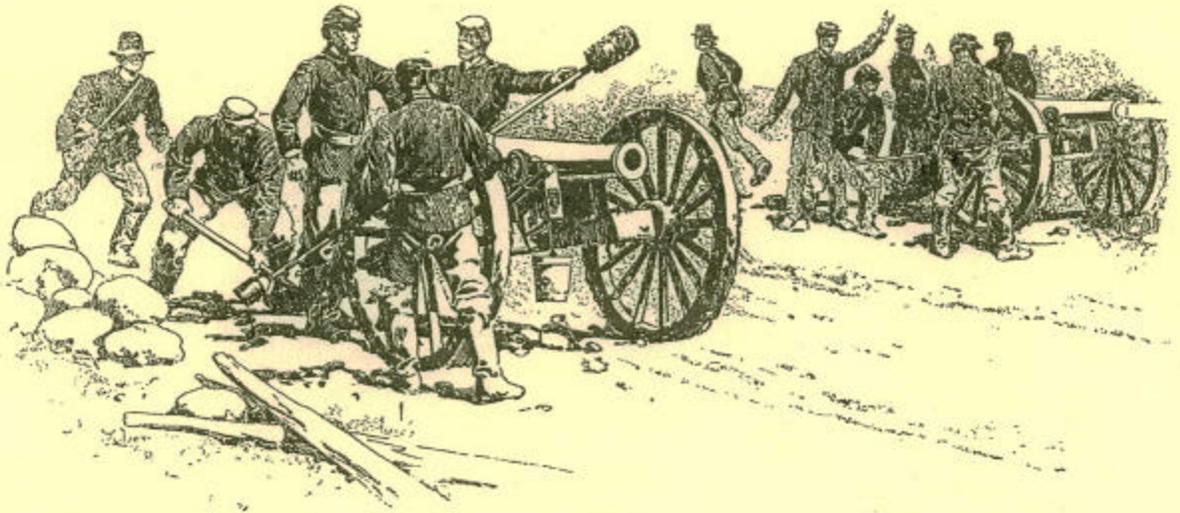
April 17, 2010 54th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois. The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. and you are encouraged to arrive early. See notice earlier in this issue.

THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION
and the
SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
present a

SCHOOL OF THE PIECE

MAY 15 AND 16, 2010

on the grounds of the Boscobel, Wisconsin, Sportsman's Club



A Qualification Program for Re-enactors and Living Historians

NCWAA staff will instruct and qualify.

Crews and guns from all muzzle-loading periods (Civil War and earlier) and under all flags are welcome and encouraged to attend

Fee: \$15/person, payable to "HQ 4th Military District, SVR"

For registration information, contact:

Capt. Stephen Michaels, SVR, at (414) 425-4648 or email: banner@suvcw.org

Hosted by the 4th Military District Headquarters Company, SVR

Registration Deadline: April 30, 2010

NATIONAL EVENTS



54th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony



Sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS



Join us at Oak Ridge Cemetery on April 17, 2010 at 10:00AM for the annual ceremony honoring the memory of our 16th president, Abraham Lincoln. There will be a military parade, commemorations by SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy and MOLLUS Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison, and wreath presentations by members of the Allied Orders of the GAR.

A luncheon will follow at the State House Inn, 101 E. Adams St., with Mr. & Mrs. Max Daniels, Abraham & Mary Todd Lincoln portrayers. Advance reservations are required. For more information, contact: Robert M. Petrovic, PDC - committee chairman, at 636-274-4567 or by e-mail at rpetro7776@aol.com

Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

All are invited to participate in the 54th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, commemorating the 145th Anniversary of President Lincoln's death. It will be held at the Lincoln tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL at 10 AM on Saturday, April 17, 2010.

Headquarters Hotel: State House Inn, 101 East Adams St. Room rate is \$97.99 for double or single, suite is \$107.99. A full breakfast buffet is included. Call 1-217-528-5100 for reservations and mention "**Sons of Union Veterans**". **Reserve your room by March 16, 2010.** After this, the remaining blocked rooms will be released. Ground level parking near the lobby and across 1st Street is free. **Shuttle service** will provide transportation between the tomb and the hotel.

Wreaths may be ordered from local Springfield florists. Instruct the florist to have the wreath delivered c/o the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, by 9 AM on Saturday, April 17th.

Luncheon will be held at the State House Inn (Headquarters Hotel) at 12 noon. The luncheon program will feature Mr. & Mrs. Max Daniels, Abraham & Mary Todd Lincoln portrayers. Luncheon cost is \$25 per person. Send registration form below to:

Robert M. Petrovic, PDC

6519 Cherokee Lane

Cedar Hill, MO 63016-2527

Make check payable to "**National Organization, SUVCW**". Cancellation of lunch reservations must be made by no later than April 1st.

The **Dr. Benjamin Stephenson Memorial Service**, hosted by the Dept. of Illinois, will take place at his grave in Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, IL, at 3 PM. The cemetery is located on IL Hwy. 123 on the east side of town. Traveling to Petersburg from Springfield, use Hwys. 29 and 123 or 97. Additional information will be available at the hotel and luncheon.

For event info, go to the SUVCW web site (suvchw.org) or contact Robert Petrovic at: rpetro7776@aol.com or 636-274-4567.

OBSERVANCE WREATH PRESENTATION (please print clearly)

Organization name in full: _____

Name & title of wreath bearer: _____

e-mail address: _____

if no e-mail, home address: _____

City, State, & Zip code: _____

To insure listing in program, this notice MUST be received no later than April 1st at the address shown above.

I would like to reserve ____ seats on the shuttle bus from headquarters hotel to Tomb Ceremony and return to hotel.

Please circle YES or NO if you will ride the bus to the Dr. Benjamin Stephenson ceremony near Petersburg after the lunch.

OBSERVANCE LUNCHEON

Please accept ____ luncheon reservation(s). Please list name, e-mail address, home address & phone number of person responsible for picking up tickets at the door.

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Include remittance of \$25.00 per person for each lunch reservation payable to **National Organization SUVCW**.

Reservations must be made by April 1st and cancellations by the same date in order to receive refund. There will be no extra tickets sold at the door. Make a copy of this form for your records and send original with remittance.