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From Our Commander



Gentlemen of the Fourth Military District

Anyone else tired of the “Polar Vortex”? I know that I am...that being said, I’ve spent a considerable amount of time over the Winter months trying to avoid any accusations of “over-enjoyment” of the delights of Winter here in the upper Midwest! Mostly, these past few months have been reasonable times to fulfill some long-standing travel commitments that have (very happily) taken me to parts of the world that enjoy somewhat warmer weather at this time of year.

After a quick trip to Gettysburg for “*Remembrance Day*” in November, I re-visited a part of the world that I had only seen on prior occasions while bearing firearms. Namely, in the month of December it was Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam. (No one shot at me on this trip, so that in and of itself was one monster improvement over my last visits!) I even met a former NVA soldier whose unit and my own had spent several weeks trying to annihilate one another during a little fun-fest known as “*Operation Junction City*” back in 1967. Such a long time ago!

A short stint at home for Christmas, and it was off to Morocco for a couple of weeks. Got to spend some time learning more about the country and people who were the first sovereign nation on the planet to recognize the independence of we “up-starts” when we broke our ties to Great Britain in 1776. The Sultan of Morocco (Muhammad III) issued a written edict in 1776 that would allow warships of the new nation to put into Moroccan ports; and, fired a naval salute to our new flag on December 20th, 1777, when one did. One of the very first “*treaties of peace and friendship*” between our new nation and that of another country was signed with Morocco...and it is still in force today. Our first “*Foreign Ligation*” was on Moroccan soil (Tangier) and is today a museum.

In between times, myself and my staff officers have begun meetings and planning sessions that will hopefully culminate in some new directions for the Fourth Military District as we look at ways of bettering ourselves over the course of the coming months and years. We are looking specifically at the sorts of things that we, as SVR Units do, and do well; and, also at things that we do that we don’t do so well. We are looking at improving our standards of discipline and military deportment and how to go about seeing to it that every member of the SVR starts off on the same page of music, and keeps moving along together in the right directions. In the coming months, my staff and I will be sharing our ideas with a newly formed ad hoc “Fourth District Military Affairs Committee” made up of five unit commanders, and/or their Adjutants, that will address all aspects of fulfilling our mission as the “military arm” of the SUVCW.

We will certainly strive to keep everyone posted on the progress of these efforts.

Speaking of efforts...please give serious consideration to attending the rapidly approaching “*Lincoln’s Tomb*” event in Springfield, Illinois, in April (12-13th) as it promises to be a good one. Over the past few years our attendance at this showcase event for our District has dropped off and we need to boost it up again. Especially in light to the monument events that are being planned for 2015 that we will ALL want to be a part of as the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War draws to a close.

We have also completed the planning and scheduling of the latest version of the District’s annual “*School of the Piece*” that will be of interest to those of you with a leaning toward mostly large wheeled objects that make great noise and smoke. This year’s artillery enthusiasts will gather in Boscobel, Wisconsin on Saturday, May 17th for the school that is a collaborative effort of the 4MD and the National Civil War Artillerist’s Association to promote safety on the practice field. Participants will be trained in the proper use of safety procedures to ensure their competence in servicing their guns while participating in firing demonstrations and re-enactments.

Most of you have had dealings with Captain Rittel in his capacity as Adjutant as he strives to get all of our annual reports together and sorted out to send on to our National Command staff. He is doing a fantastic job of organizing everything, and we have actually filed all of the first round of reports a full two-weeks ahead of schedule. Good job, gentlemen! These things take all of our best efforts to make happen....and so far, we are all putting our shoulders to the same wheel it seems (important if we don't intend to go around in circles!)

Hope to see each of you at one of these two outstanding events in April and May, or at some other down the road!

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

DISTRICT PERSONNEL CHANGES

PROMOTIONS:

Private Stephen A. Michaels to the rank of 1st Lieutenant, HQ Company, 4th Mil. Dist.
1st Lieutenant Michael Carr, to the rank of Captain. Company B, 10th Iowa Infantry
1st Sergeant Thomas W. Farlow to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant, Company F, 78th E.M.M.
Corporal James A. Braden to the rank of 1st Sergeant, Company A 49th Iowa Infantry.

RE-COMMISSIONED:

1st Lieutenant David M. Lamb, 49th Iowa Veteran Volunteer Infantry
Captain Robert J. Amsler, Company A, 2nd Missouri Infantry
1st Lieutenant Martin R. Aubuchon, Company A, 2nd Missouri Infantry
2nd Lieutenant Donald D. Palmer, Jr, Company A, 2nd Missouri Infantry

APPOINTMENTS:

Major David M. Lamb, 4th Military District

TRANSFERS:

Major Robert D. Champlin, to SVR Inactive Reserve List.

23 November 2013

SVR General Order 2013-7

1. Effective this date the Commanding General announces the changes in the contact information of the General Staff and Military District Staff including the ranks to which each currently hold.
All appointments and ranks will be in effect from 23 November 2013 until 14 November 2016 or until properly relieved:

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(Note: In order to view complete National General orders go to <http://suvcw.org/svr/orders.htm>)



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SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE**



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25 January, 2014

Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of the Officers and men of the Fourth Military District/Sons of Veterans Reserve of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I bid you greetings and thanks for your interest in the 2014 edition of the Artillery Safety Course being offered by our Order in conjunction with the National Civil War Artillery Association. If you have attended this event in past years, you will already know the excellent caliber of instruction that is offered at these schools; and, if you are a first-time attendee, I believe that you are in for a most pleasurable learning experiences.

This course of instruction is open to all persons interested in learning the skills of the artillerists of years gone by, no matter what historical period. Young persons may participate in many of the training exercises, however, they may not qualify for certification in certain positions of the respective pieces that they serve. Normally, training is conducted on "full sized" field pieces of the Civil War period; but can be modified for the drills that are designed to serve the Mountain Howitzers and smaller guns of earlier period conflicts. The same safety standards will apply to all artillery pieces; and strict safety protocols will be observed at all times. The safety qualifications that each student will receive at the end of his/her training course is valid for two years.

Camping is available on the grounds of the Sportsman's Club in Boscobel for both Friday and Saturday nights, May 16th and 17th, and breakfast and lunch meals will be available for purchase at the club on Saturday. As in years past, the wearing of period clothing/uniforms is encouraged. Also, as in past years, due to restrictions ordained by our insurance coverage, there will be no live firing of pieces while on the range; however, the firing of "blank charges" and primers may be done at the discretion and under the direct supervision of the instructional staff. There will be no "bounties" paid for powder, or the providing of serviceable field pieces, and all gun owners and/or units will bear sole financial responsibilities for their equipment.

A registration fee of \$20.00 per participant shall be paid prior to the attendees being allowed on the field for training. Fees should be in the form of checks or money orders payable to "**Fourth Military District/SVR**" and posted to **Fourth Military District/SVR, P.O. Box 30008, Johnston, Iowa 50131.**

All Registrations and applicable fees must be received prior to 3 May, 2014.

Additional registration forms can be found on-line at www.iowavalor.com by clicking on the link provided and printing off additional forms.

If you know of other artillery units or enthusiasts who might be interested, please pass the word along to them. If you have further questions, please contact me at 515-986-4825. I look forward to seeing you in Boscobel!

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

THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION
AND THE
FOURTH MILITARY DISTRICT, SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

SCHOOL OF THE PIECE REGISTRATION
FOR

Saturday, May 17th, 2014

Boscobel, Wisconsin, Sportsman's Club

This Year's School is Dedicated to the Memory of Bvt. Lt/Col. Alonzo H. Cushing, Battery "A" 4th United States Artillery. Native of Delafield, Wisconsin and posthumous Medal of Honor recipient, for his heroic actions at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on July 3rd, 1863.
"Faithful Unto Death"

Participants:

Please be advised that on-site camping at The Sportsman's Club, Boscobel, is available beginning on Friday, May 16th for those wishing to come in advance and camp. Breakfast and lunch on the day of the School will be available for a fee on-site on Saturday. Please list your Full Name, Rank, and Unit below and advise us if you are a **NEW** attendee; **QUAL** (for those wanting qualification); **REQUAL** (for those needing re-qualification); or **ADV** (for those requesting "gunner" qualification).

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If you are interested in the Mountain Howitzer Drills, please initial here: _____

Enclose a fee of \$20.00 per participant (payable to "Fourth Military District/SVR" and mail fee and completed application to:

Fourth Military District/SVR
P. O. BOX 30008
Johnston, Iowa 50131

Direct all enquiries to Maj. David M. Lamb, Commanding, 4MD/SVR at 1-515-986-4825; or by e-mail to digger1@q.com

Headquarter Company

Franklin, WI

On February 1st, the Headquarters Company served on a color guard and as an honor guard for Commander-in-Chief Ken Kreshley and his wife, Sue, at the 43rd annual Patriotic Luncheon in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. The luncheon is hosted by Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 and Auxiliary #4 and honors Presidents Washington, Lincoln, and McKinley. Prior to the luncheon, the Department held its Mid-Winter meeting.



Shown: 1Sgt. Thomas Brown (left) and Pvt. Joseph Fallon escort the CinC and his wife into the luncheon.

Company B, 10th Iowa Vol. Infantry

Council Bluffs, IA

In Winter Quarters

1st Illinois Light Artillery (Mulligan's Battery)



Mt. Greenwood Cemetery Monument and Headstone Installation Program April 27, 2013. Nick Kaup, Everett Nylund, Jeff Fiddler, Rob Hauff

National
Encampment
in Milwaukee
Nick Kaup,
Rob Hauff,
Tom Hauff,
Jeff Fiddler,
John

Bigwood, Stuart Stefany, Everett Nylund. August 2013



Naperville Band Concert June 27, 2013. Tom Hauff, Ted ILL, John Hauff, Don Sherman, Evertt Nylund



SVR Lt. Tom Hauff and grandson Cpl. John Hauff preparing to fire the salute at Rosehill Cemetery Veterans' Day Memorial.

Firing the salute at Veterans' Day



Co. C, 5th Regt. MO Vol. Cavalry, SVR

Members of Co. C, 5th Regt. MO Vol. Cavalry, SVR were present at Jefferson Barracks as LTC Jack Grothe turned over command of the 4th Military District, SVR to Maj David Lamb.

On Sunday February 23, 2014 they attended the annual William T. Sherman ceremony at Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis.

On March 20, 2014, Co. C, 5th Regt. MO Vol. Cavalry will be present in Bentonville, Arkansas to participate in a ceremony in which the State of Arkansas will return the Battle Flag lost by the 6th MO Cavalry in the Battle of Pea Ridge, to the State of Missouri. Co. C, 5th Regt. MO VOL. Cavalry was also present at that historic battle, riding and fighting side by side with the 6th MO Cavalry. We are honored to be asked to participate in this historic event.

Company E, 47th Missouri Infantry

Park Hills, Missouri

This winter has taken its toll on our unit's activities. The weather has been quite unusual for this area of Missouri, and many of the events we usually participate in were cancelled.



In December, many of our members participated (in uniform) with bell ringing at local stores to benefit local food pantries. This has become an annual event where we try to assist with giving back to those in need. Also, on December 14th, our unit commander, 1st LT Chris Warren and his wife Twyla had their first child (a daughter named Abigail). Then, to round out the month, a few of our members (along with some friends) attended an 1863 period ball at the Old Courthouse in St. Louis, MO.

January and the first part of February saw the unit try to recuperate from the nasty winter that hit Missouri with several hard snows and ice storms. However, the last part of February members of our unit joined other SVR units for the annual Gen. William T. Sherman Day celebration in St. Louis, MO.

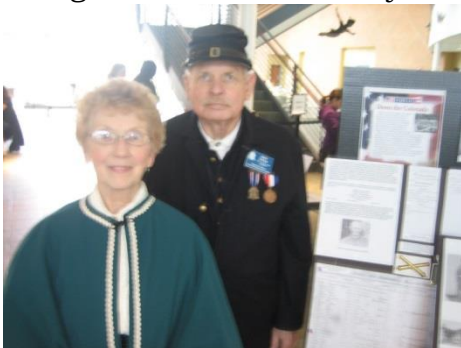


March and April look to becoming very busy with at least four events upcoming throughout eastern/southeastern Missouri. More to come in the next issue!

Company F, 78th E.M.M.

Ste. Genevieve, MO

On 26 January the Eagle Scout Court of Honor was conducted at the American Legion Hall in Ste. Genevieve. Eagle Scout candidate William Lorey invited us to participate. Present for the ceremony was Department of Missouri Eagle Scout Coordinator Private Bob Hammack who handed William Lorey the SUVCW Eagle Certificate. From left to right. Private Bob Hammack, Corporal Tom Greminger (see his head over the right shoulder of William Lorey), 1st Sergeant Bob Schmidt (47th MO Inf SVR), Private Ed Millinger, 2nd Lieutenant Tom Farlow, 1st Sergeant Gary Scheel and Private William Zoughaib. Photo taken by Private Samer Zoughaib.



Private Jerry Kasten participated in Family Days at the museum: "Civil War Times" held at the Crisp Museum in Cape Girardeau. The public learned about the life and time of soldiers and their families during the Civil War. Exhibits featured period clothing, music, games, talk on the woman's role, soldiers dress and weapons and other activities. The event was held on Saturday, February 15.

On 23 February 2014, 1st Sergeant Gary Scheel and Private Jerry Kasten participated in the ceremony at the grave site of Major-General William T. Sherman. It is an annual event sponsored by the William T. Sherman Camp # 65 SUVCW. There were several 4th Military District SVR units participating. Ships Company U.S.S. Carondelet; Company M, 1st Missouri Light Artillery; Company A, 1st Missouri Engineers; Company A, 2nd Missouri Infantry; Company C, 5th Missouri Cavalry; Company C, 34th Illinois Infantry; Company E, 47th Missouri Infantry and Company F, 78th Enrolled Missouri Infantry.



Also present were members of the 17th Missouri Infantry re-enactors, assisted by members of the 4th Military District fired a two round salute. The 1st Missouri Light Artillery fired a one round salute.

Nebraska Rangers Lincoln, Nebraska

On Sunday February 16, 2014 members of the SUVCW Department of Nebraska Shiloh, Vifquain and Welstedt Camps attended an Abraham Lincoln birthday celebration at Lincoln Southwest High School in Lincoln, Nebraska. A Lincoln portrayer from Illinois who has been portraying Lincoln for over 30 years, Fritz Klein was there mingling with the crowd and gave a one hour presentation about Lincoln. There was period music, dancing and Abe Lincoln look alike contest for children, period arts and crafts for kids, refreshments and exhibits for the SUVCW, GAR and reenacting units. Since the weather was decent the attendance was average. This is an annual event in the largest city named for Abraham Lincoln who turned 205 years old on February 12, 2014.

Pictured from left to right Shiloh Camp Council Jim Atkins, PDC Shiloh Camp Council Phil Rudebusch, Shiloh Camp Larry Obrist, PDC Dept. Council Welstedt Camp Sgt. Paul Hadley, Vifquain Camp Sec/Treas, Shiloh Camp 1st Sgt. Gage Stermensky, Dept SVC Bill Dean, Dept. Chaplain, Vifquain Camp Commander, Nebraska Rangers SVR Commander Marc Witkovski, Abraham Lincoln portrayer Fritz Klein, Shiloh Camp Patriotic Instructor, Musician Cpl.



Eric Bachenburg, DUVCW Florine Schauer, Henry Hardin Kent Auxiliary member Rachel Witkovski. Front Row left to right: granddaughter of Marc and Rachel Witkovski Zooey Witkovski, granddaughter of Gage Stermensky Madison Galitz, Henry Hardin Kent Auxiliary member Margaret Dean, Vifquain Camp Council Ron Rockenbach.

58TH ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

Please make this a maximum 4th Military District activity for your units to participate in. This event takes place in our District and we should support it.

Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

All are invited to participate in the 58th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 149th 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 12, 2014.

Headquarters Hotel: President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701. The room rate is \$92.99 for single/quad. A 10% dining discount at Lindsay's Restaurant is included. Call 1-866-788-1860 for reservations and mention "**Sons of Union Veterans**". **Reserve your room by March 21, 2014.** After this, the remaining blocked rooms will be released. **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 12th.

Luncheon will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12:30PM. The luncheon program will feature a talk by Dr. Trevor Steinbach on "Childhood Diseases & the Lincoln Children". Luncheon cost is \$29 per person. 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 below.

I would like to reserve _____ seats on the shuttle bus from headquarters hotel to Tomb Ceremony and return to hotel.
Maximum of 60 seats on bus. First come, First served basis.

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: _____

Herb-Roasted Pork _____ Stuffed Chicken Medallions _____ Vegetarian _____

Include remittance of \$29.00 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 to:

MILITARY PARADE INFORMATION

Name of unit: _____
No. of people attending: _____
Contact person name: _____
E-mail: _____

This will insure each unit receives a streamer for their flag and all participants receive ribbons.

SEND TO:

ROBERT M. PETROVIC, 6519 CHEROKEE LANE, CEDAR HILL, MO 63016