



## ***SONS of VETERANS RESERVE*** ***4<sup>th</sup> MILITARY DISTRICT***

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### ***COMMANDERS COLUMN***

Brothers of the 4th Military District,

It has been a long time since the Covid-19 pandemic has been affecting us and more people are getting vaccinated and we are starting to get back to our normal events. I had the pleasure of attending the Lincoln Tomb ceremony on the 17th of April I would like to thank all of the brothers from the 4th Military District who attended tomb ceremony especially the brothers from the Iron Brigade Guard, and the 2nd MO Infantry. We also had the 3rd Military District brothers from Michigan. We marched in formation with the color guard from the gate to start off the ceremony.

Presentation of the wreaths was a little bit different than the past. Instead forming up on the steps of the Tomb, due to Covid we were escorted one by one and had our pictures taken. Hopefully next year will back to normal.

I would like to thank all units for getting their paperwork in on time. I would like to thank Captain Brian McManus for chairing the Awards Board for the district. He will be sending out information to all units about the program. Also, I would like to welcome the 2nd Regiment Missouri Infantry Co. A (1861) to the 4th Military District.

I would like all units to send pictures and a few lines about events that you attend this year to 4th Military District Public Information officer 2nd Lt. Kim J. Heltemes for publishing in our newsletter. We are looking to publish it quarterly. I sent out a list of district officers to all units. Kim is listed. If you need me to send the file again, I will do so upon request.

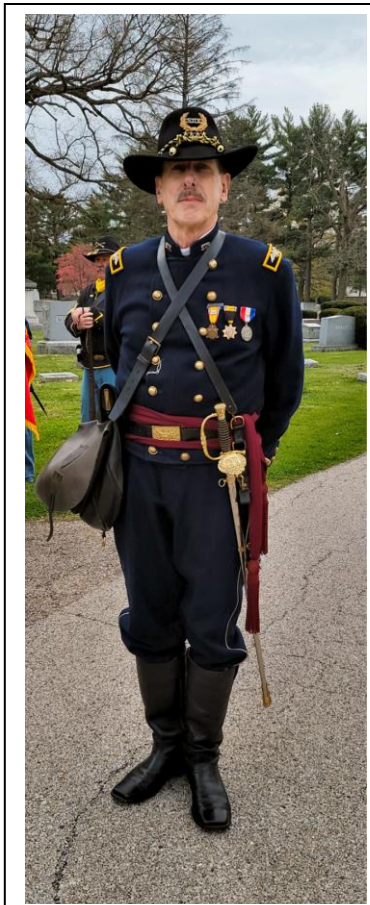
Lastly, I would like to thank Thomas Hauff for his service to the 4th. Military District as the Inspector General, he retired from the position with the rank of Major. I presented him with a retirement certificate from the National SVR.

In F, C, & L,

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



**The 4th District at the  
Lincoln Tomb ceremony  
on April 17, 2021.**



Top left: National SVR Inspector  
General Col. Steve Michaels waits as the troops fall in.

Top right: Lt. Col. Tom Brown gives orders.

Bottom: The Honor Guard for the ceremony falls in. Soldiers from  
the 4th District fell in with the help of the 3rd District,  
the Iron Brigade Guard, and the 2nd MO Infantry.





## At Lincoln's Tomb continued



Above, Captain Marty Aubuchon of the 2nd MO Infantry on the left follows Lt. Col. Tom Brown as they led the troops to the Tomb for the ceremony.

Right: 2nd Lt. Kim J. Heltemes (left) was escorted by Captain Marty Aubuchon for the MOLLUS wreath presentation.

Below: Col. Steve Michaels leads the procession to the Tomb with the 3rd District troops following.





Right: Lt. Col Thomas Brown presents a wreath at Lincoln's Tomb.  
Middle top: Lt Col. Steve Michaels looks at the benches at the Benjamin Stephenson grave. Top right: Lt. Col. Tom Brown at the Stephenson grave.

Below left: Capt. Marty Aubuchon, 2nd MO Volunteer Infantry, looks at the paver blocks at the Stephenson grave.

Below right: Marty and Tom Brown share a laugh while waiting for the ceremonies to start.





## NEBRASKA RANGERS

Right: Members of the Nebraska Rangers SVR from Victor Vifquain and Shiloh Camps from the Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas posted guard duty in front of the Lincoln Statue depicting a pose by Lincoln after delivering the Gettysburg Address on the west side of the Nebraska State Capitol in Lincoln, Nebraska. Monday March 4, 1861 was the day that Abraham Lincoln was first inaugurated as the 16th President. The Nebraska Rangers SVR post guard duty annually at the Lincoln statue on February 12th which is Lincoln's birthday.



Left: On Saturday December 19, 2020, members of Victor Vifquain Camp #1, Shiloh Camp #2 and James Welstead Camp #3 of the Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas laid wreaths for the Civil War soldiers buried in the GAR circle at Wyuka Cemetery in Lincoln Nebraska. Over 200 wreaths were placed in remembrance.

Pictured by the members is a monument to General John M. Thayer who commanded the First Nebraska Volunteer Infantry at the Battle of Shiloh in April 1862.



## NEBRASKA RANGERS

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Above: The photo of the window flag was saved from the old Methodist Church by Marge Holland. It was dedicated to the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) members that made Wisner their home following the Civil War. Over 100 Civil War veterans made Wisner their home with 46 buried in the Wisner Cemeteries.



Above: The Department of Nebraska and Dakotas held their twelfth Last Soldier Ceremony Saturday May 22 in Dixon's St. Anne's Cemetery. The dedication was hosted by Harrison Camp 53-2 of Wisner. The ceremony honored Pvt. Jeremiah Sullivan, Dixon Counties Last Union Soldier of the Civil War. The Sons have a goal of hosting twenty additional Last Soldier Ceremonies this year. Last year the Son's visited the Northeast counties of Cedar, Madison, Stanton, Cuming, Thurston and Dakota. This year the counties of Pierce, Knox, Antelope, Brown, Cherry, Burt and Dodge counties are on their agenda. . The Sons have walked about 700 cemeteries and located over 19,400 Civil War veteran graves in Nebraska. This date has allowed them to identify the last soldier from each of Nebraska's ninety three counties.

The rifle squad is composed of three VFW members from Laurel, Jim Dundan of Pilger, Norm Weber, Rick Marx, Mark Glaubius and Nate Raabe. Nate's two Cub Scout sons (Paxton and ?) assisted with the ceremony.

The group photo of the social time has the same people with the addition of Val Schmiedeskamp of Shiloh Camp #2 in Lincoln. (seated)



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On Friday, May 21, 2021, Lt. Col. Tom Brown, presented Major Thomas Hauff, with a retirement certificate and badge. Below, the Major's son, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Rob Hauff, was alongside his father for the presentation. Congratulations Major.



## IRON BRIGADE HONOR GUARD

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COULD BE  
HERE.**

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STORIES.**

Below: At the Lincoln Tomb ceremony, the Iron Brigade Guard took part in the procession with the colors.

Getting ready for the march to the Tomb are shown, from left to right: PDC Jeff Graff, PCC David Daley, and Bob Koenecke.





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