

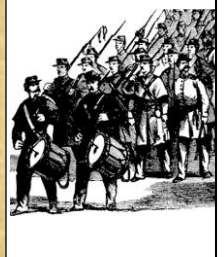


## **SONS of VETERANS RESERVE 4<sup>th</sup> MILITARY DISTRICT**

May 2023



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### **COMMANDERS COLUMN**

Brothers of the 4th Military District,

Well Spring is finally here. I would like to thank all units for getting their Unit Strength reports and rosters in on time. I went to the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and was pleased to see members of the 4th. Military District, I would like to thank the Iron Brigade Guard and my grandson Skylar Brown and members of the 3rd. Military District for marching in the parade at the beginning of the ceremony.

There will be a School of the piece Artillery safety school in Beaufort MO. at St. John's Lutheran Church on June 24, 2023. More info is included in the newsletter.

Information on the Remembrance Day Parade for 2023 is included in the newsletter. I would like to thank the units that contributed to the newsletter.

In F, C, & L,

Lt. Col. Tom Brown, PDC

Commander of the 4th.Military District, SVR

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**MEMORIAL DAY (DECORATION DAY) please observe.**

**SCHOOL OF THE PIECE JUNE 24, 2023**

**NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT AUGUST 3 – 6, 2023 NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**REMEMBRANCE DAY BALLROOM AND PARADE NOV18, 2023 GETTYSBURG, PA**

## CHAPLAIN COLUMN

Brothers,

Artificial Intelligence is a subject that has become prominent in the media recently. I experienced something of this nature recently. When trying to make travel arrangements to go to Manchester, New Hampshire for the National Encampment - I suddenly began getting notices and advertisements for plane trips to Manchester, England. If AI is able to do this - just think of what your Higher Power can do if you communicate with Him (Prayer).

Anything you ask for in the name of Jesus will be given to you. If you agree with me, say Amen.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty  
Chaplain Jerry

## 47th MO INF CO. E



Above: SVR 47th Missouri Infantry, Co E members were participating in the DeSoto Missouri Tractor Day Parade on 29 April 2023.

Members are L - R, 2nd LT Doug Roussin, Corp Izaiah Hickman, Corp Don Roussin Jr, 1st SGT Alan Trodus and 1st LT Chris Warren. All are members of General Thomas C Fletcher Camp #47 SUVCW.



# HEADQUARTERS COMPANY



*On the left: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Kim J. Heltemes presented the SUVCW ROTC award to a cadet in the Oshkosh, Wisconsin Battalion.*

*On the right is PDC Brian Peters and his wife Lucy after presenting a wreath at Lincoln's Tomb.*

*Below: PDC Kim J. Heltemes poses with PCC Vince Barker at Lincoln's Tomb. Vince is a Major General in the US Army and a member of Old Abe Camp #8 in Wisconsin. They presented a wreath on behalf of MOLLUS – Wisconsin Commandery*



Above: Lt. Colonel Thomas Brown is shown on the far right as they lined up for wreath presentation at the Stephenson G.A.R. Monument in Petersburg, Illinois on April 15, 2023.

On the far right District 4 Chaplain started the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony with a prayer. He is shown with Paul Davis from Michigan and the 3<sup>rd</sup> District SVR.





Above: Headquarter Company and Iron Brigade Guard together at Lincoln's Tomb. L to R: Dave Daley, Jerry Coveny, Gerry Drought, Capt. Jeff Graf, DC Bob Koenecke, Capt. Brian McManus, Col. Steve Michaels, PDC Brian Peters, PCC Vince Barker, Lt. Col. Tom Brown and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Kim J. Heltemes.

Left: Inspector General Col. Steve Michaels is with District 4 Inspector General Randy Baehr and Lt. Col. Tom Brown as they ready for the procession to the Tomb.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Illinois Light Artillery Co. L



Photo by Danielle Michaels

### **NOTE: REMEMBRANCE DAY INFO UPDATE**

As you may or may not know Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, PA is scheduled for Saturday November 18, 2023.

**This year the SVR headquarters hotel has changed.**

This year it will be at the Eisenhower/Aspire Hotel, located at 2634 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325. Phone: 717-334-8121

For a reservation, please use the following links: Eisenhower <https://bit.ly/3XI37Ee>

Aspire <https://bit.ly/3IUjmnP>

The Eisenhower will be also the location of the Original Military Ball that will take place later on the evening on Saturday November 18, 2023. Tickets are \$20/person in advance, \$25/person at the door and are available by sending stamped, self-addressed envelope and check payable to "SVR Ball" to: Col. Steve Michaels, SVR 6623 S. North Cape Road, Franklin, WI 53132-1227. Cell: (414) 712-4655 email - [Lt.col.sm@gmail.com](mailto:Lt.col.sm@gmail.com)

The Eisenhower/Aspire Hotel complex has been totally renovated since the last time we used it as our headquarters. The special room rate for the Sons of Veterans Reserve Group is \$139.00 per night at the Eisenhower and \$149.00 per night at the Aspire (plus taxes). A free breakfast is provided at both locations for all hotel guests.

The SVR breakfast will be held in a private dining room on Saturday morning November 18, 2023. Information will be released about the breakfast as we get closer to the event.



## NEBRASKA RANGERS

Below: The Department of Nebraska with the Nebraska Rangers SVR, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861 - 1865 and First Nebraska Infantry Volunteers performed a Last Union Veteran of the County dedication Service for Private James Stootsberry of the 185th Ohio Infantry Co. D on Saturday April 29, 2023 at the Ashland Cemetery in Ashland Nebraska. Private Stootsberry enlisted in the Union Army when he was 16 years old in 1864 and served until the Civil War ended in 1865. James Stootsberry passed away after a fall and one month's hospitalization in Omaha at the age of 97 in 1945.



## 2nd Regiment, Missouri Infantry, Co. A (1861)

Right: Walt Busch of the Grant Camp addresses the audience Sherman Remembrance Ceremony at the William T. Sherman family gravesite in Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis, Missouri, on Saturday, March 11, 2023.





## 1st Missouri Light Artillery, Company M



Above: Members of Company M, 1st Missouri Light Artillery, SVR, attended and participated in the Sherman Remembrance Ceremony at the William T. Sherman family gravesite in Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis, Missouri, on Saturday, March 11, 2023. The annual ceremony, begun by the former William T. Sherman/Billy Yank Camp #65, SUVCW, in St. Louis, has continued under the sponsorship of the Ulysses S. Grant Camp #68 in St. Louis since the Sherman Camp closed at the end of 2017.

On the left from left to right: Bob Aubuchon, Sr. Vice Commander, Grant Camp; Randy Baehr, Inspector General, 4th Military District, SVR; Jack Laubinger, Glen Alsop, Commander of the Franz Wilhelmi Camp #17.

**Thank you to all of the units  
that submitted articles for  
the newsletter.**





## IRON BRIGADE GUARD



Above Left: Iron Brigade Guard Capt. Jeff Graf, Gerry Drought, and DC Robert Koenecke wait as the rest of the formation starts to fall in behind them.

Above: Col. Steve Michaels presents a wreath at the Tomb on April 15, 2023.

Left: Col. Steve Michaels waits with Capt. Randy Baehr from Company M, 1st Missouri Light Artillery



## **School of the Piece**

A School of the Piece, a muzzle-loading artillery safety qualification program for re-enactors and living historians, will be held June 24, 2023, on the grounds of St. John's Lutheran Church, 2149 Lutheran Church Road, Beaufort, Missouri 63013. (Click [here](#) for map.) The program is presented by the National Civil War Artillery Association (NCWAA) and the Sons of Veterans Reserve of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SVR). A registration fee of \$20 per participant seeking qualification should be prepaid. This fee includes a two-year membership in the NCWAA.

NCWAA staff members will instruct and qualify, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Cannoneers successfully completing the course will be issued an NCWAA qualification card valid for two years.

Crews and guns from all muzzle-loading periods (Civil War and earlier) and serving under all flags are welcome and encouraged to attend. Re-enactors who regularly serve artillery are urged to attend, and those who do not regularly serve artillery but who wish to extend their knowledge are also encouraged to participate.

Interested individuals and units should contact Capt. Steve Allen at (573) 578-5822, email [spallen@ccis.edu](mailto:spallen@ccis.edu), for registration materials. Registration forms are also available online at <http://www.turnerbrigade.org/ncwaastl.htm>. Maps and flyers on the event can be found on this website. Checks for the \$20 registration fee should be made payable to "HQ 4th Military District, SVR" and should be submitted with registration forms.

Camping will be permitted on site. Signs will be posted with directions from the intersection of U.S. 50 and Highway 185 in Beaufort. Water and indoor sanitary facilities will be provided free. The nearest motels are about 20 minutes away in Union for those participants who do not want to camp.

Due to the limitations of the event insurance, we ask that no other firearms be brought to the school other than muzzle-loading artillery.

A Friday evening meal, a Saturday breakfast, and a Saturday lunch will be offered by the ladies of the church for a free will offering.

Please pass this announcement along to others you know who could be interested.

Steve Allen  
Mike McCubbins  
Bruce Clark  
Co-Chief Inspectors, Region XII  
National Civil War Artillery Association



2023 National Encampment  
SVR Breakfast  
Registration Form  
Saturday 5 August 2023

Name

Street

City/State/Zip

SVR Unit or Camp

Number of seats required  X \$27.00 per person

Amount enclosed

Reservations and Payment MUST be received by 15 JULY 2023  
BUFFET Serving of eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, bread, coffee, tea, juice, pastries

NO AT THE DOOR SALES

Make Check payable to TAG-SVR

Return this form and payment to  
Brig. Gen. Donald E. Darby  
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**Note: this form is for the SVR Breakfast at the National Encampment**



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send in the photos and captions.