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# The MO Commandery of MOLLUS Newsletter

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## FEDERAL MONUMENT DEDICATION, BATTLE OF LEXINGTON STATE HISTORIC SITE, LEXINGTON, MO, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2009

MOLLUS will be participating in the dedication of a new federal monument to the Union soldiers who fought and died in the 1861 Siege of Lexington at the Battle of Lexington SHS on Saturday, September 26, 2009 starting at 2 PM.

The Phelps Camp of the SUVCW, the Missouri State, and National Parks Department have been organizing this event. US Congressman Ike Skelton will be the keynote speaker with several hereditary and reenactment groups participating.

Major George Henry Palmer, 4th USA Infantry, a CMOH recipient and Original Companion of MOLLUS (IL#10849), will also be honored. Major Palmer's great-grandson will be attending and is bringing his CMOH and the flag Palmer saved at the Battle of Lexington.

**WE ARE ENCOURAGING ALL MEMBERS** of the MO, KS, and NE Commanderies to show our support by attending especially due to the geographic location making it easy for members from these Commanderies to attend.

For directions:

Battle of Lexington SHS, 1101 Delaware Street, Lexington, MO 64067, Phone: 660-259-4654 or visit:

<http://www.mostateparks.com/lexington/>

Please consider attending and let Recorder Niermeyer know if you can attend [via phone (636) 583-8631 or via email: [momollus@sbcglobal.net](mailto:momollus@sbcglobal.net)] as we plan to hold a brief meeting and early dinner at a nearby restaurant after the ceremonies.

## MISSOURI CIVIL WAR MUSEUM

Later in this newsletter we have included two letters from the Missouri Civil War Museum project at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, MO which will house a number of MO MOLLUS artifacts and historical material. Several of our members are also members of the MCWM and as a Commandery we have donated funds to the project as well. You can also visit their website at [www.mcwm.org](http://www.mcwm.org)

## UNION MONUMENT DEDICATION, BATTLE OF CENTRALIA STATE HISTORIC SITE, CENTRALIA, MO, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

MOLLUS has also been invited to participate in the Centralia Battlefield Union Soldiers Monument Ceremony on Sunday, September 27, 2009 at 2 PM at the Centralia Battlefield just a few miles south of Centralia MO. This program will be honoring the soldiers of the 39th Missouri Infantry USV who fought and died September 27, 1864 during Price's Raid in Missouri.

The Ann Hawkins Gentry Tent of the DUV has been organizing this event and several hereditary and reenactment groups will be participating.

Please see invitation with map is at URL:

[http://web.me.com/milamari55/DUV\\_Tent\\_21/Dedication\\_Invitation.html](http://web.me.com/milamari55/DUV_Tent_21/Dedication_Invitation.html)

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## NATIONAL CONGRESS OF MOLLUS, FORT KNOX, KY, OCTOBER 9-11, 2009

**NOW IS THE TIME** to plan to attend the 2009 National Congress of MOLLUS in Fort Knox, KY. The OH and KY Commanderies have put together a great program including a Tour and Reception at President Lincoln's birthplace, a Special Tour of the Patton Museum, Continental Breakfast at the Hotel each morning, and our Meetings, Luncheon, Dinner, and the Black Tie Banquet all at the Leader's Club at Fort Knox. All the meals and activities are only \$185 per person and hotel rooms under \$100 a night which all are extremely reasonable compared to events like this for other hereditary organizations. It would be wonderful to have a large group of MO, KS, and NE Companions in attendance especially since we are so close to the meeting location.

Please visit the following for more information:

<http://suvchw.org/mollus/oldsave/2009Congressreg.pdf>

## 2009 MO MOLLUS Activites

Members of the MO Commandery have been involved in several events so far in 2009. This is only a subset of all the events and we ask members to let us know of events they have helped represent our Order in.

On February 11, Past CiC Doug Niermeyer attended the MidWinter meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief of MOLLUS in Washington, DC and the Annual Lincoln Birthday Ceremonies held at the Lincoln Memorial on February 12. He also attended ceremonies held in the Capitol Rotunda with a joint meeting of Congress and President Obama as one of the speakers honoring President Lincoln.

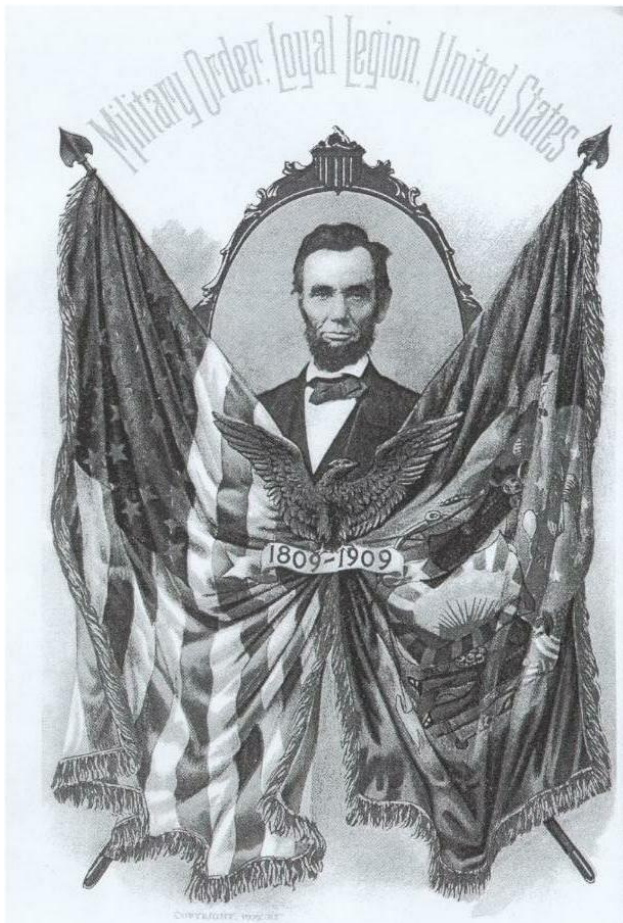


Image scanned from the 1909 MOLLUS Lincoln Birthday Program.

On February 16 Companions Wil Davis, Charlie Funck, Jack Grothe, and Doug Niermeyer participated in President's Day Ceremonies at Lafayette Park in S. Louis, MO with the DAR, SAR, CAR, SR, SUVCW, MOLLUS, and other historical organizations. Doug Niermeyer was the keynote speaker for the event.

On February 22 several members of the MO Commandery participated in the Annual General Sherman Birthday Ceremonies at Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis MO (see photo below)



Photo L-R; Joseph L. Difani, Sr., Joseph L. Difani, Jr., Jack Grothe, Gary Scheel, Ruth Funck (member of Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States), Doug Niermeyer (Past National Commander of MOLLUS), Vernon Von der Heydt and Charles Funck, Commander of MO MOLLUS.

On April 15 and 18 a number of members participated in the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies in Springfield, IL. Past CiC Doug Niermeyer was the Master of Ceremonies for the program and luncheon on April 18.

## KS MOLLUS Upcoming Meeting

Currently KS MOLLUS has been meeting at least once each year in conjunction with the SUVCW Kansas Department meeting. The next meeting will be April 24, 2010, in Wichita, KS so please mark you calendars and we will send out the exact details closer to that time.

We do encourage members to get together at other events and meetings and will pass along information on other area events as they become available. If you know of upcoming events that may be of interest to the membership please let KS Commander Alan Russ or KS Recorder Doug Niermeyer know and we will pass that along to the rest of the membership.

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## MO MOLLUS Officers for 2009-2011

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At the MO Commandery meeting held on February 22, 2009 Charles Edward Funck III was elected Commander and Doug Niermeyer was elected MO Recorder & Treasurer for the 2009-2011 term. Charlie has been a member of MOLLUS since 1994, was a charter member in the reorganization of the MO Commandery in 1995, has been an adamant supporter of the SUVCW for many years, and is a Past Commander of the MO Dept. SUVCW. Todd Wilkinson has been appointed by the elected officers to serve as MO Sr. Vice Commander. Todd is a Seasonal Park Ranger with the US National Parks Service, is a Local History & Genealogy Librarian with the Springfield-Greene Co. Library District, and is an Adjunct History Instructor at the Ozarks Technical Community College.

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### **New Companions of MO & NE MOLLUS**

Thomas Thiessen, NE#22504

Joseph Difani, Sr., MO#22505

Joseph Difani, Jr., MO#22506

### **News From Companions**

Associate Companion Colonel Fulvio Poli of the Italian Army has been chosen as the Italian attendee of the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA for June 2009 through June 2010. He and his family are now stationed there and you can contact him as follows:

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### **PEA RIDGE AND WILSON'S CREEK BATTLEFIELD ARCHEOLOGY REPORTS**

In looking over the MO Commandery Newsletter you sent I noticed the mention of a possible tour of Pea Ridge in Arkansas. I think I mentioned to you that I am a retired National Park Service archeologist. The office I retired from recently issued two reports on the battlefield archeology of Pea Ridge and Wilson's Creek that you might find of interest:

2008 "The Battle Raged..with Terrible Fury": Battlefield Archeology of Pea Ridge National Military Park, by Carlson-Drexler, Carl G., Douglas D. Scott, and Harold Roeker

2008 "The Fire Upon Us Was Terrific": Battlefield Archeology of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, Missouri, by Scott, Douglas D., Harold Roeker, and Carl G. Carlson-Drexler

If you'd like copies of these, they are free of charge. Contact Sylvia Cox, Librarian, Midwest Archeological Center, Federal Building, Room 474, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, NE 68508. Doug Scott (also retired) directed this research. He was the archeologist who directed the much-publicized research at the Little Bighorn battlefield about 20 years ago.

Loyally,

Thomas Thiessen, Pleasant Dale, NE

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### **MISSOURI MONUMENT FOR CIVIL WAR AREA VETERANS IN WORKS**

REPUBLICATED FROM THE "THE JOPLIN GLOBE", Friday, May 29, 2009

<http://www.dailyjournalonline.com/articles/2009/05/29/news/doc4a1ff33749eba490561976.txt>

SARCOXIE, Mo. (AP) — A project in the works will create a memorial for more than 40 area residents who were Union soldiers and defenders of the Cave Spring and Bowers Mill area during the Civil War.

Stone has been donated for a monument to bear the names of those who died. The memorial will be erected between the Cave Spring school and cemetery, according to Helen Hunter, a member of the Eastern Jasper County Historic Sites Association.

The association two years ago completed a project to restore the Cave Spring school. The one-room, brick schoolhouse was built in the early 1840s to educate children of the Cave Spring community near Sarcoxie. During the Civil War, it served as a federal militia garrison. After the war, it was the seat of

county government after the Jasper County Courthouse burned down.

The memorial will honor members of the 76th Regiment Enrolled Missouri Militia who served out of Cave Spring and Bowers Mill, and civilians from that area who were killed during the war.

Research to gather the names for the monument was done by Hunter, who also does research as a volunteer at the Jasper County Records Center, which preserves county records and archives.

"It's really exciting to work on," she said. "Maybe they can get some recognition. They've gone unremembered all these years. It's like some of them have ceased to exist, and if we can change that with a monument, we want to."

Hunter said the idea grew from research she did after hearing stories about Stephen and Jasper Crawford, two brothers from the area who were killed by guerrillas during the war.

"I knew from the headstones at the cemetery that they didn't have marked graves, so I started working on getting headstones for them," she said. "And the more I worked, the more I discovered how many were killed serving out of that school and Bowers Mill."

She counted 44 from that area who died between 1881 and 1865, as a result of the war.

More than 40 deaths "from such a rural, sparsely populated area — that needs to be recognized," Hunter said. "Some died of wounds. Some died of disease due to being stationed there. Their military records say the majority were killed by guerrillas."

That means Confederate partisans, said Steve Weldon, county archivist, since the Cave Spring and Bowers Mill area was a Union stronghold.

Hunter said the group has done its "very best" to verify the information that will go on the monument. Some mistaken lore also has been cleared up along the way.

A suggestion that the Crawford brothers were very young was discounted, she said. They were in their 20s, and Stephen Crawford served out of the Cave Spring school with their father, J.R. Crawford. The association has arranged for headstones from the Department of Veterans Affairs for the Crawford brothers to be placed in the Cave Spring cemetery.

The monument "will be for more than those people who died," Weldon said. "It will be a memorial to the Cave Spring and Bowers Mill families and the Union militia stationed there."

There was a strong Union presence in that area, so other people from the outside would move there for protection.

Hunter said she learned that one soldier, Levy Sly, had come home to the Cave Spring area to recuperate from the measles. She said Southern guerrillas dragged him from his bed and shot him, and his brother managed to sneak his body away so it could be buried.

"They never knew when guerrilla attacks would come," she said.

Weldon said the Civil War "was particularly horrible in Missouri."

"There were acts of beheading," he said. "Black soldiers were clubbed to death. And one method of killing was to pour gunpowder in the ear canal and light it to explode."

Conditions also were terrible for civilians at home, Hunter said.

"They fought for what they believed in and paid the ultimate sacrifice," she said. "That's why we want to recognize them."

Stone for the monument was donated by Locarni Marble of Carthage. Association members are working to raise the approximately \$2,500 it will take to carve the 44 names into the stone.

Hunter said the association will accept donations, and residents also may "adopt" the name of a soldier whose name will appear on the monument.

"We'll have a book out there with their name behind that of the soldier, so they will have some ownership of the site," she said. "And a family or more than one person could adopt a name."

She said some residents may sponsor the names of their ancestors who moved to the area just after Jasper County became a county.

The association will have a dedication ceremony to set the stone. That probably will be in the fall, after the carving is complete.



**The MO Commandery of MOLLUS is a 501 (c)(10) non-profit organization. All gifts to the Commandery are tax deductible.**

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In 2002, a grassroots group of Missouri businessmen and citizens formed the "Missouri Civil War Museum, Library and Research Center", a 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable organization. This organization, preserving the story of both sides of the American Civil War in Missouri and without bias to either side, is dedicated to the preservation and study of Missouri and its involvement in the American Civil War. While attempts were made to locate centrally in the State, the opportunity arose to locate instead at Historic Jefferson Barracks near St. Louis, the oldest, active military base west of the Mississippi River since 1826. To learn more about the history of Jefferson Barracks, the military gateway to the west, visit [http://www.mcwm.org/history\\_jbtimeline.html](http://www.mcwm.org/history_jbtimeline.html)

In 2003, the group acquired the old "Officer's Post Exchange and Gymnasium Building" at Jefferson Barracks, a beautiful old Federal-style building, built between 1903 and 1905, which is currently being refurbished to its original state, and which will become the Missouri Civil War Museum. The group also acquired the neighboring, smaller officer's post exchange building, which was built during World War I in 1918, and which is being refurbished to its original state for use as the Missouri Civil War Library and Research Center. To date, over 2000 volumes have already been collected for the library. Membership in the organization is quickly growing and is now over 400 members. To learn more about the Missouri Civil War Museum, Library and Research Center, please visit <http://www.mcwm.org>

Big plans are underway throughout the State of Missouri and at Jefferson Barracks, in anticipation of the many ceremonies and commemorances being planned for the 150th anniversary of the Civil War in 2011 (only 2 short years away). The Civil War is still considered to be one of the most popular subjects in America, and State Tourism has stated that Civil War sites are still one of the biggest tourist draws. Jefferson Barracks is currently going through a great renovation/revamping phase. The whole of the approximately 2000-acre Jefferson Barracks campus will become a destination for military historians from all over the country, with museums throughout Jefferson Barracks dedicated to all of the various wars. Thus, with the expected influx of visitors from all over the country, and most probably also from foreign countries to Jefferson Barracks, the Missouri Civil War Museum, Library and Research Center will be in a vital position to help direct visitors interested in Civil War history to other key Civil War sites located throughout the State of Missouri, including the well-known Civil War sites at Wilson's Creek (near Springfield), Pilot Knob (Fort Davidson), Westport (Kansas City), Cape Girardeau, Belmont, Palmyra, Lexington, Carthage, Nevada, Jefferson City, St. Louis and the many other Civil War sites throughout the State of Missouri.

The Missouri Civil War Museum (MCWM) wants the story of every county told, and wants every County in the State accounted for and represented at the museum. And, they are working on creating links from their website to the Civil War link of every County in the Missouri GENWEB system. As most of you know, soldier's military records and pension records, can sometimes contain a great wealth of family and genealogical information, often solving many of those "brick walls" and "dead ends". The MCWM hopes to some day have a file created for every Missouri soldier from every county, including military records and pension records, and this will include soldiers from other states who served in Missouri, or who lived in Missouri after the war, and/or who are buried in Missouri soil. If you would like to help, please send any information or pictures you have about any Civil War soldiers to the MCWM. Also, if you, or anyone you know, has Civil War artifacts or books (and especially Civil War books about your particular county), please consider donating them to the MCWM. All donations are tax-deductible and appropriate paperwork is supplied to the donor, and staff members will make arrangements to pick these items up from you, if you can't deliver or ship them.

Despite the tough times, good things are happening, and this memorial to our Missouri Civil War ancestors is long overdue. Here's a chance to make Missouri history and help preserve the memory of our Missouri Civil War ancestors. Please consider spreading the word about the Missouri Civil War Museum, and if you really want to help, please consider becoming a member at <http://www.mcwm.org/imgs/Museum%20Membership%20Form.pdf> (put to the attention of "John")

Sincerely,  
John Maurath, Director of Library Services, Missouri Civil War Museum  
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**MISSOURI CIVIL WAR MUSEUM UPDATE**

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Dear MOLLUS:

As past and hopefully continued supporters of the Missouri Civil War Museum we thought that you may be interested in the progress that we have been making out here in historic Jefferson Barracks.

Work has been steadily progressing on our museum building the past several years preparing it for its eventual use as Missouri's largest and finest Civil War museum.

In fact, we are now scheduling our grand opening to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War which will be here in twenty one (21) months on April 12, 2011. Although there are only twenty one (21) months left to prepare our facility for its opening day, there still is much to do in regards to the historic building's restoration. In the past few years alone, we have invested over one million. dollars (\$1,000,000) in the restoration of our century old historic building preparing it for public use. Most of the primary restoration work and structural enhancements have already been completed and we are now moving on to the final phases of the restoration. We are at a point in the project that we now need to raise the remaining five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) it will take to complete the building's renovation and restoration. This is the reason why we are contacting every single person who in the past seven years has ever contributed to our project in some manner.

We are asking you to get involved one more time as we raise the final funding necessary to finish our project and open the doors of Missouri's finest Civil War educational center for the first time in history. This project has been an entire "grassroots project" with no funding from the government being utilized. Our success has been accomplished solely through the generosity of people just like you who have realized that this project is worthwhile and much needed in our community. We have included our latest newsletter and a museum brochure for your review. I ask that you keep the memory of our ancestors in mind and make a contribution that will benefit our community for generations to come. We ask that you re-new your membership or make a financial contribution now and help us open the museum in time for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War.

Once again, thank you very much for your past support and we hope you will contribute once again as we race toward completing the Missouri Civil War Museum in the next twenty one (21) months. Please call me directly at 636-237-3398 if you should have any questions or comments. Our museum Web site is located at [www.mcwm.org](http://www.mcwm.org) and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Mark L. Trout, Chairman

Missouri Civil War Museum, Jefferson Barracks Historic Site, St. Louis, Missouri

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MCWM phone number 314-845-1861

The Missouri Civil War Museum is a non profit 501(c)(3) organization and a member of the American Association of Museums

**#1 Become a Member**

One of the best ways you can help the Missouri Civil War Museum is by becoming a member of our team! By selecting one of our six membership programs, you will become part of a dedicated family committed to preserving Missouri's Civil War heritage.

**Levels of Annual Membership**

**Student \$25.00**      **Senior \$30.00**  
**Individual \$40.00**    **Family \$60.00**

The above yearly memberships all receive a MCWM T-shirt, our quarterly newsletter, museum promotional items and exclusive "members only" discounts at the museum's "online" store.

**Become Part of our Exclusive Clubs**

**General's Brigade \$500.00**  
 Colonel's Regiment \$300.00

Members in the Brigade & the Regiment will receive the same standard membership benefits plus a MCWM jacket as our thank you.

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 Membership Program Chosen: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Adult Male Sizes Available: (Please Circle One)  
 Med.      Lg.      XLg.      XXLg.

**#2 Make a Donation**

For those who wish not to become a member of the Missouri Civil War Museum at this time, but would still like to make a donation of \$50.00 or more to our cause, we have a special gift just for you. For all gift contributions of \$50.00 or more, you may choose either a MCWM T-shirt or reserve a commemorative brick paver as our gift to you.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Enclosed is my donation of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please send me a MCWM T-shirt as my gift:   
 Adult Male Sizes Available: (Please Circle One)  
 Med.      Lg.      XLg.      XXLg.  
 Please reserve me a Brick Paver as my gift:

Commemorative bricks may have a total of three lines with a total of 18 characters per line, including spaces. Bricks reserved in the name of a Civil War veteran must be in the format shown in the above example and should specify Union or Confederate. The MCWM does reserve the right to edit & format.

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**#3 Donate a Book**

One unique program already underway at the Missouri Civil War Museum is our Library Book Program. Our facility will not only become a museum showcase when finished, but rather a complete educational research center with an extensive library and archive collection.



We have been collecting Civil War related books for years for our research library and we are proud to say that we have amassed thousands of volumes already. It is estimated that there have been over one hundred thousand different books published about the American Civil War. Knowing this, we realize there are tens of thousand of books still out there that are needed in order to help our library and research center become one of the nation's best.

To help expand our wonderful collection, we are asking people to donate any Civil War related hard-cover books that they are no longer using to our library. Many of us have an old dusty Civil War related book or two still on the shelf or in our closet that we have not read in years and no longer use. Now that you're finished reading them, why not put them to great use and donate them to our program. What better way to put these great books to use than to donate them to the Missouri Civil War Museum so others can learn from them.

**Help build Missouri's largest & finest Civil War research library by donating new & used Civil War related books!**

Books can be mailed to the address below or call us at (314) 845-1861 to arrange for pickup or shipment.

**MISSOURI CIVIL WAR MUSEUM**  
**PO Box 24, Wildwood, Missouri 63040**  
**www.mcwm.org**

PLEASE COMPLETE THE NECESSARY INFORMATION AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTION. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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Scans of the following article were sent to MO MOLLUS from Jeff Giambrone <jeff@commarts.net>, a researcher / writer for COMMARTS.NET in Jackson, MS, who ran across it while doing some research for a tour guide to the Vicksburg Campaign. Giambrone thought we might like to have a copy of the letter Original Companion of MO MOLLUS Lieutenant Bernard Zick wrote in May 1863 describing his participation in the battle of Raymond, Mississippi. It was originally published in Zick's hometown newspaper, the "Centralia Sentinel" on June 11, 1863 in Marion Co. Illinois on page 1, transcribed, and reprinted here by Doug Niermeyer for MO MOLLUS in 2009.

**"Centralia Sentinel" June 11, 1863, Page 1:**

### **ARMY CORRESPONDENCE**

**Correspondence of the Centralia Sentinel**

**Near Vicksburg, May 26, 1863.**

Dear Brother: I take the present opportunity to write you a few lines, for I suppose you will have long before these lines reach you, of the battles that were fought at different places since our march into Mississippi; and you will surely know that my Division [John A. Logan's] and my Regiment have been engaged in all of them. You will therefore be anxious to hear whether I am still in the land of the living. Thank God ! I am. But I hardly know how I or any of us escaped. I will give you a brief sketch of what I have been through since we left Milliken's Bend, La.

We left that point on the 24th of April and marched to Smith's Landing, or as it was called by the soldiers - Hard Times - because we were out of rations there. We there crossed the river on transports which had the night before run the blockade. We crossed the river on the evening of the 31st of April and took up our march to Port Gibson next morning. We had just started when the cannonading in front told us that the ball had opened. Marching in double quick we reached one mile from the battlefield at 12 o'clock, being almost worn out by the heat and the clouds of dust, in which we could hardly breathe. Hastily throwing off our knapsacks we went into the line of battle and helped to clean out the rebels, which was done in a masterly style. We had 8 wounded in the regiment.

Starting the next morning we went on the pursuit and pressed them so close that they left their guns along the roadside, and ran through the woods like scared sheep.

Marching until the 10th inst. through a most unendurable heat we arrived six miles from Raymond. On the 12th we marched toward that place, our regiment being rear Guard, when all at once, heavy cannonading and musketry told us that our Division was having it hot and heavy. Being behind the wagon trains we had no chance to advance until the order came from General Logan to bring up the old Eighth at double quick for they were holding our men in check. We arrived at the center of the line in the hottest of the fire, and had orders immediately to fix bayonets and to charge. Such a yell you never heard in your life as our boys gave when they went at them. They went at a run over the 20th Illinois and 23rd Indiana - who were laying behind a fence and suffering heavily from the enemy - right at the thickest of them, breaking their center and taking the greatest part of the 41st Tennessee and the 7th Texas prisoners, and putting the whole line in hasty retreat. We lost inside of ten minutes ten killed and twenty-eight wounded of the regiment; three of the best men of my Company, and entered the town triumphantly an hour and a half after the charge.

Not stopping to rest we marched on towards Jackson, the capital of the State. Having arrived near Jackson on the 14th inst., cannonading again told us that the enemy was in front, and we arrived just in

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time to help Quinby's division, which was in front that day, to finish the chaps, entering the State capitol on the same evening. Resting over night we

broke camp early next morning and went back on the Vicksburg road. We engaged the enemy on the 16th inst., 25,000 strong, near Big Black, 20 miles in the rear of Vicksburg, under General Pemberton, and routed them completely. Such a whipping they never got before. The whole country was full of rebels flying in every direction.

We charged on the first Mississippi Battery, supported by three regiments of Infantry, and then it was the old Eighth again showed them their mettle. We were about 400 yards from the battery, when General Stevenson, commander of our brigade, told us to charge it, because it was playing on us with grape and canister.

When the order came, you ought to have seen the boys jump. Being exposed to a raking fire we ran as hard as we could until we came within fifty yards, and then we let them have it. The defenders of the battery were worthy of a better cause, for they stood to their guns like heroes, but only to be shot down. They fired a second charge of canister out of their second gun when we were within six steps of them and then what was left of them started to run.

But it was too late, they were all shot down. Their Captain, as he turned to run, was shot through by four bullets, and he and his horse dropped dead together.

It was there we took 450 prisoners, 150 more men than we had in our regiment; besides a Colonel and two Majors. Such a sight of dead and wounded I never saw before. We lost four killed and fifteen wounded out of the regiment. My Company lost only one man there.

We arrived in the rear of Vicksburg on the 20th inst. and engaged the enemy on the 22nd, where we lost four killed and twenty wounded. Since then we have had four wounded in skirmishing, for we are only 300 yards from their works, and the balls fly right back in our camp sometimes. Our pickets speak together every night and we can hear their conversation quite plain in our camp.

We marched 195 miles since we left Milliken's Bend, through the hottest of weather and clouds of dust; fought five battles and had less to eat than any army yet, subsisting part of the time on molasses and corn bread, and sometimes a few crackers.

We have got them like a mouse in a trap in Vicksburg, and I think they will soon have to surrender. I will close, hoping that this will find you in good health.

I remain yours, sincerely,  
Bernard Zick.

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1st Lieutenant Bernard Zick, 8th Illinois Infantry USV  
(1842 Germany-1923 MO)

Original Member of the Missouri Commandery  
Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States  
By Douglas Reed Niermeyer, Past Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS

Bernard Zick (AKA Barnabas) was born March 9, 1842 in Speyer, Pfale, Bavaria, Germany the youngest child of Andrew and Theresia Zick. The family immigrated to America in 1855 settling in Centralia, Marion Co., Illinois where in 1860 Andrew was a Fruit Dealer and Bernard was working as a Carpenter. The parents died in Marion Co., Illinois 1866 and 1867 respectively.

At the start of the Civil War Bernard enlisted on April 15, 1861 for three months service as a Private in Co.B, 8th Illinois Infy USV and when his term expired in July he re-enlisted on August 13, 1861 in Decatur Co., Illinois in the same company for three years (Eyes: Blue Complexion: Dark Occupation: Carpenter). He was promoted to Corporal, Sergeant, 2nd Lieutenant on September 3, 1862, 1st Lieutenant on October 7, 1862, and in his muster record is listed as being promoted Captain but he apparently was never commissioned for that rank. He was honorably discharged at the expiration of his term of enlistment, July 27, 1864. Bernard was with his command at the capture of Fort Henry and Fort Donelson, in the battle of Shiloh and in the siege of Corinth. He received a scalp wound at Shiloh and a wound in his left forearm in the siege of Corinth; he was with the army that invested and captured Vicksburg and participated in the several battles that led up to its siege and surrender.

More details regimental service during the period of his service is as follows:

8th Regiment, Illinois Infantry (3 months, 1861): Organized at Springfield, Ill., and mustered in for three months' service April 25, 1861. Moved to Cairo, Ill., and duty there till July, 1861. Expedition from Cairo to Little River June 22-23 (Cos. "B" and "C"). Mustered out July 25, 1861.

8th Regiment, Illinois Infantry (3 years): Organized at Cairo, Ill., for three years' service July 25, 1861. Attached to District of Cairo to October, 1861. 2nd Brigade, District of Cairo, to February, 1862. 1st Brigade, 1st Division, District of Cairo, February, 1862. 1st Brigade, 1st Division, District of West Tennessee, and Army of the Tennessee, to July, 1862. 1st Brigade, 1st Division, District of Jackson, Dept. of the Tennessee, to September, 1862. 4th Brigade, 1st Division, District of Jackson, to November, 1862. 4th Brigade, 3rd Division, Right Wing 13th Army Corps (Old), Dept. of the Tennessee, to December, 1862. 3rd Brigade, 3rd Division, 17th Army Corps, Army of the Tennessee, to April, 1864. Maltby's Brigade, District of Vicksburg, Miss., to August, 1864. 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, 19th Army Corps, Dept. of the Gulf, to December, 1864. 2nd Brigade, Reserve Division, Military Division West Mississippi, to February, 1865. 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, Reserve Corps, M. D. W. M., February, 1865. 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 13th Army Corps (New), M..D. W. M., to June, 1865. Dept. of Louisiana to May, 1866.

SERVICE.-Duty at Cairo, Ill., till October, 1861. Moved to Bird's Point, Mo., and duty there till February, 1862. Expedition against Thompson's forces November 2-12, 1861. Expeditions toward Columbus, Ky., January 13-20, 1862. Advance on Fort Henry, Tenn., February 2-6. Investment and capture of Fort Donelson, Tenn., February 12-16. Moved to Pittsburg Landing, Tenn., March 6-13. Battle of Shiloh April 6-7. Advance on and siege of Corinth, Miss., April 29-May 30. Moved to Bethel June 4-6, thence to Jackson June 15. Duty there and guard duty at Toone's and Medon Stations till October. Grant's Central Mississippi Campaign October 31,

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1862, to January 10, 1863. Ordered to Lagrange November, 1862. Reconnoissance from Lagrange November 8-9. March to Grand Junction January 4-9, 1863, and to Memphis, Tenn., January 12-19. Moved to Lake Providence, La., February 22, and duty there till April. Moved to Milliken's Bend, La., April 12. Movement on Bruinsburg and turning Grand Gulf April 25-30. Battles of Thompson's Hill, Port Gibson, May 1. South Fork Bayou Pierrie May 2. Raymond May 12. Jackson, Miss., May 14. Champion's Hill May 16. Siege of Vicksburg, Miss., May 18-July 4. Assaults on Vicksburg May 19 and 22. Surrender of Vicksburg July 4. Garrison duty at Vicksburg till July, 1864. Stevenson's Expedition from Vicksburg to Monroe, La., August 20-September 2, 1863. Expedition to Canton October 14-20. Bogue Chitto Creek October 17. Meridian Campaign February 3-March 5, 1864. Regiment Veteranize March 24, 1864. Expedition to Pearl River, Miss., July 2-10. Jackson July 7.

Bernard's older brother Joseph Zick (a1824 Germany - 8Apr1862 Shiloh, TN) also served enlisting on August 5, 1861 in Decatur Co., Illinois for three years as a Sergeant in Co.E, 41st Illinois Infy USV (Eyes: Black Complexion: Dark Marital Status: Married Occupation: Merchant). His regiment moved to St. Louis, Missouri, August 8, 1861, thence to Bird's Point, Missouri, August 29, to Paducah, Kentucky, September 8, and were attached to District of Cairo to December, 1861. They saw duty at Paducah, Kentucky till February, 1862. Demonstration on Columbus, Kentucky., November 7-9, 1861. Operations against Forts Fort Henry and Heiman, Tennessee, February 3-6. Fort Heiman February 7. Investment and capture of Fort Donelson, Tennessee, February 12-16. Expedition to Clarksville, Tennessee, February 19-21. Moved to Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee, March 10-16. Battle of Shiloh, Tenn., April 6-7. Joseph died April 8, 1862 from wounds received at the Battle of Shiloh Tennessee.

Bernard married first in 1864 to Henrietta Schrader (1841 Germany - [1870-1872] Marion Co., IL) and are found living near Centralia, Marion Co., Illinois in 1870 (Listed as Barnabas Yack, Store Keeper) and where Henrietta died between 1870-1872. Bernard married second on 20Apr1873 in St. Louis, MO to Mary Kreiter (1855 Speyer, Pfaley, Bavaria, Germany - 1940 Pleasant Hill, MO) and between 1875-1877 they had moved to Cass Co., Missouri initially living in Harrisonville in 1880 (Circuit Clerk) and in Pleasant Hill in 1890 where Bernard was a Post Master in 1898 and they lived the rest of their lives. In 1908 he an alternate delegate to the 1908 Republican National Convention from Missouri. Bernard died September 28, 1923 in Independence, MO and is buried at Pleasant Hill, MO.

1st Lt. Bernard Zick, 8th IL Infy USV was elected an Original Companion the MO Commandery of MOLLUS on June 7, 1890, Insignia #8015. He was a brave and courageous soldier and an honored and highly respected citizen; his memory will be cherished by all who knew him.

Children of Bernard and Henrietta (Schrader) Zick:

1) Joseph Zick (3Jul1865 Illinois - 25Aug1932 Jackson Co., Kansas City, MO), State Bank Examiner and President of the Commercial Bank of Pleasant Hill, MO, md.a1898 to Katherine Guyton (1878 KY - 1958 Pleasant Hill, MO), both bur. Pleasant Hill, MO.

2) Henrietta J. Zick (5May1867 Centralia, Marion Co., Illinois - 8Oct1934 Pleasant Hill, MO), m.Benn Foster Fenton (4Sep1859 Pleasant Hill, MO - 10Jul1939 Pleasant Hill), Brick Mason and Building Contractor, seen living in Kansas City, MO in 1930, both bur. Pleasant Hill, MO.

3) Oscar R. Zick (1869 Illinois - 1908 Pleasant Hill,Cass Co., MO), md.a1899 to Mae Wirt (b.Mar1880 Harrisonville, Cass Co., Missouri). They lived in Pasadena, Los Angeles, CA in 1900 and Mae is seen widowed living with her parents in 1910 in Grand River, Cass Co., MO. Oscar bur. Pleasant Hill, MO.

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Children of Bernard and Mary (Kriter) Zick (4 total, 3 living in 1900):

4) Bernard Zick Jr. (18July1873 Centralia, IL - 6Dec1946 Jackson Co., Independence, MO), Attorney and President First National Bank in Independence MO, alternate delegate to the 1908 Republican National Convention from Missouri, m1.Mary Mercer (25Jul1875 Jefferson City, MO - 25Feb1930 Kansas City, Jackson Co., MO), m2.Ella Allen (24Mar1882 Zionsville, IN - 6Jan1955 Jackson Co., Independence, MO), bur.Woodlawn, Independence, MO.

5) Theresa/Otilla Zick (1875 Illinois - 1944 Pleasant Hill, MO) bur. Pleasant Hill, MO.

6) Kate Zick (b.1877 Missouri) last seen with parents in 1880 but still living in 1900.

7) ? Zick, (d.by 1900)

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