



PAST IN REVIEW

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FROM OUR COMMANDER

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Greeting!

Winter has not stopped the 4th Military District from carrying out activities. I have been informed by some of the units. Since my last report I have attended the following activities.

January 10th. Visited the "Civil War in Missouri" exhibit at the Missouri History Museum. It was a nice day out with some SUVCW, SVR, Aux. to the SUVCW and Ladies Union Aid Society (LUAS) members.

January 14th. Removed the decorations from the graves of the unknown's at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery which were then cleaned and repaired to be stored for next year.

February 5th. The exhibit "The Civil War in the West" opened at Jefferson Barracks County Park. I helped with the exhibit by loaning items for display. This is another exhibit that I can recommend for the whole family.

February 20th. Presidents Day-Lafayette Square Park, St. Louis, Missouri part of color guard for the DAR.

February 25th, Jefferson Barracks Military Swap meet.

February 26th, Sherman Day, Sherman grave site in Calvary Cemetery, St. Louis.



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

Adjutant's Column

Gentlemen,

"The District is still awaiting the final yearly documentation from some of the Units. They must be in hand by 31 March. Also, it is now required by HQ that all Rosters be in total alphabetical order, with rank indicated. Please ensure that this is forwarded as directed. We also wish to thank all Units that forwarded their Annual Application on time, by 15 January. This again is a new HQ directive. Thanks"

I remain, for the District
Major R Champlin
Adjutant General
4th Military District, SVR

Honor Guard for 1st Lt. Charles E. Funck III

The family requested that the 4th Military District Sons of Veterans Reserve provide a Guard of Honor for 1st Lt. Charles Funck, Commander of Company C, 34th Regiment of Illinois Infantry (Rock River Rifles) A call went out for those who would like to pay this last tribute to one who has meant so much to those who knew him.

Casket Guard Unit at Mortuary Service.

Commander of the Guard, Captain Emmett P. Taylor III, 5th MO Cav SVR

NCO of the Guard, Sgt John. D. Avery, 2nd MO Infantry SVR

34th IL Infantry Regiment SVR, members of the Guard. Cpl. Edwin J. Eller, Pvt. Joseph L. Difani Jr., Pvt Paul F. Winslow, Bvt Pvt Jack G. Grothe,

Other members of the Guard, Pvt Gary L. Scheel, 78th E.M.M. SVR, Pvt Paul Shetley, 5th MO Cavalry SVR, Pvt Steve Allen and Pvt Charles Heisinger both of Co. M. 1st MO Lt. Art. Turner Brigade and Ordance Sgt. Mike Watson, Turner Brigade.

Those who came to pay their respects. Capt. Randel O. Baehr, 1st MO Lt Art. SVR, Pvt Scott Radcliffe 34th IL Infantry SVR and Pvt Ron Clark, 1st IL Lt Art. Mulligans Batt. SVR.

Church Service and Grave Side Detail.

Lt. Col. Jack G. Grothe, Commander 4th Military District SVR. Maj. Robert D. Champlin, Adjutant 4th Mil. Dist., Major Emmet P. Taylor, III Insp. Gen. 4th Mil. Dist., 1st Lt. Martin Aubuchon Adjutant 2nd MO Inf Reg. SVR, 2nd Lt. Gregory R. Decker, Adjutant 5th MO Cav. SVR, Sgt Edwin Eller, Adjutant 34th Ill Inf. SVR, Pvt Joseph L. Difani, Jr., 34th IL Inf SVR, Douglas Niermeyer PCinC Mollus

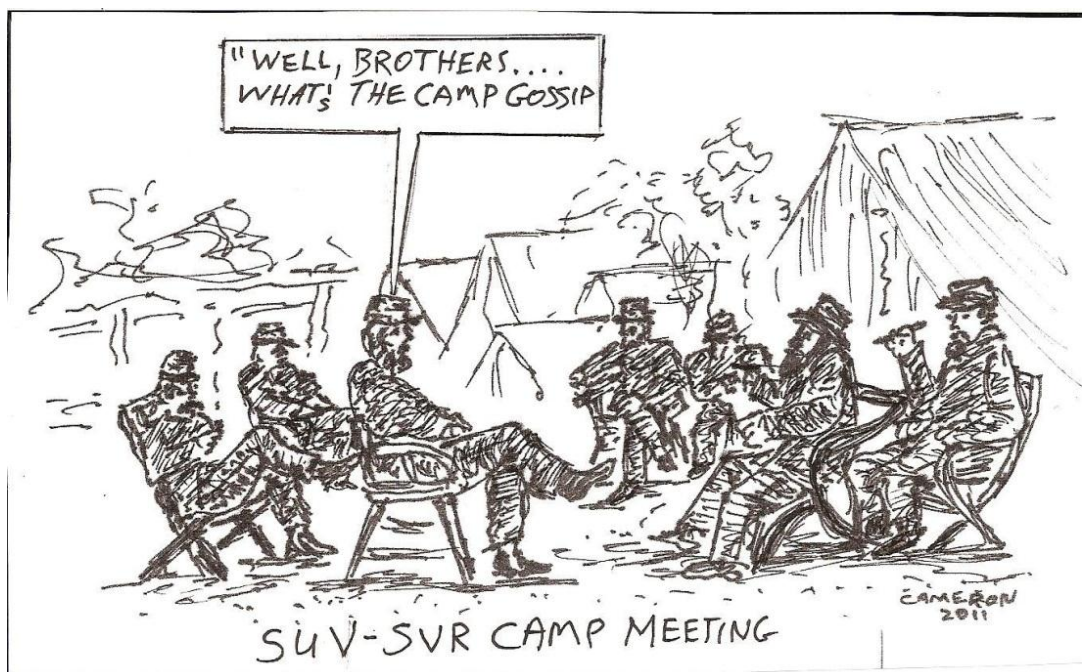
We were honored that the Commander in Chief of the SUVCW Dr. Donald D. Palmer, Jr. came by the Funeral Home to pay his respects. He is also a Lieutenant in the 2nd MO Infantry SVR

Company B, 10th Iowa Volunteer Infantry Council Bluffs, IA

Co. B, 10th Iowa Vol. Inf., has had no events since November. We are in currently in "Winter Quarters". We will be VERY active as of mid-late March.

1 Lt. Mike Carr

Drawing by Paul Cameron



Headquarters Company

Franklin, WI

The Headquarters Company and Co. A, 28th Wisconsin Inf. participated in the nationwide Wreaths Across America event on December 10th. The units attended the program at



Milwaukee's Wood National Cemetery. The SVR joined other patriotic organizations and the public, laying wreaths on the graves of several dozen veterans of the over 37,000 buried there. Afterwards, they enjoyed warm refreshments in the Wadsworth Library of the nearby Historic Soldiers Home District. Meanwhile, in Madison, Wisconsin, Pvt. Alan Hembel moderated the observance at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Pvt Dan Palama & 1st Sgt Bob Mann Co. A, 28th WI

(WI_Wreaths) Pvt. Hembel moderates the → program at Forest Hill Cemetery.

On February 4th, members of the Headquarters Company supported the 42nd annual Patriotic Luncheon in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. Served on the color guard were Pvts. Jeff Lesar, Joe and Patrick Fallon. Pvt. Dean Collins provided the benediction. Cpl. Kent Peterson introduced the participating organizations. Pvt. Brian McManus presented certificates of appreciation and Maj. Steve Michaels emceed the event. Chaplain Capt. Jerry Kowalski attended on behalf



of the Commander-in-Chief. The luncheon celebrates the Sons' Union Defender's Day tradition.



←The HQ Co.'s Pvts. Brian McManus, Jeff Lesar and 1Sgt. Tom Brown brave cold temps at the ceremony.

Rendering the final salute during Taps.

Submitted by,
Major Steve Michaels
Commander Headquarters Company

Company A, 2nd Missouri Infantry

St. Louis, MO

Real Son becomes a Private in 2nd MO Infantry SVR

Hilbert (Herb) J. Gramelspacher was 11 years old when his father died in the early 1930s. His father, Joseph, had married a younger woman like many older soldiers did. They had 3 children before the old soldier died. His father served in the 143rd Indiana Infantry Co E in 1865 and is buried apparently in an unmarked grave in Jasper, IN. Herb, age 91; he served two hitches during WWII in the US Coast Guard, both stateside and in convoy escorts. He and his wife currently live in Poplar Bluff, Mo. Herb also signed up for our SVR unit. Below is a photograph of Dept Commander Chris Warren doing the honors for the Grant Camp in pinning on Herb's membership badge.



Left to Right, Mary Otilia Bettag Gramelspacher, Joseph Gramelspacher, Arthur, Josepha and Hilbert.

Joseph and Mary were married on February 6, 1917 he was sixty-eight and she was twenty-four.

Pvt. Gramelspacher graduated from Mountain Grove High School in Mountain Grove, MO. He credited the money that he and his sister received from the pensions as surviving children of a Civil War veteran enabled them to survive the depression. As many of the young men, during this time in our nation's history he became a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps. He spent a little over seven years in the U.S. Coast Guard during and after World War II. After getting out of the Coast Guard he lived in California where he made a living as an appliance repairman.

After nearly sixty-five years of marriage his wife, Melba Anita, died in 2007. He returned to Mountain Grove, Missouri to a high school reunion where he met Freda Meade. They later married on February 5, 2008.

Photo's furnished by Walt Busch

Company C, 34th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry “Rock River Rifles” St. Louis, MO

On Oct. 29, 2011 members of McNeil Camp # 62 Department of Missouri and Co. C, 34th



L-R; Lonnie Dover, Vern Stottlemyre, Rich Cullum, Mark Dover
 Larry Reed, Greg Walter, Linsey Hollon(Foreground) Susan Dover
 Photos furnished by Sergeant Vern Stottlemyre.

Illinois SVR held a civil war day at Sullivan County Historical Museum. Members brought Civil War artifacts from their collections and put them on display for the general public. SVR members in attendance were Brothers Lonnie Dover, Vern Stottlemyre, Greg Walter and Larry Reed. Also helping were SU/V?CW members Ritchie Cullum and Mark Dover with his wife Susan and 2 Missouri Company K (CSA) member Lindsey Hollon. We were able to talk to many members of the community about our organizations and the Civil War.

On January 14th, Bvt. Sergeant Jack Grothe of Company C, 34th Illinois Infantry SVR, Private Martin Aubuchon and Private Robert Aubuchon both of Company M, 1st Missouri Engineers SVR along with other volunteers gathered at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery to remove the decorations from the graves of the Unknown Soldiers that were placed in December. They were cleaned and repaired and then put away to be used for next year.



← L-R, Pvt Martin Aubuchon, Bvt. Sgt Jack Grothe and Pvt. Robert Aubuchon. Photo furnished by Maggie and Jack Grothe.



day to recognize Medal of Honor Recipients. All SVR Units are invited to participate.

MEDAL OF HONOR CEREMONY

Wm T. Sherman, SUVCW (plus other organizations) will be conducting a memorial service for Medal of Honor Recipient Pvt. Charles Bieger, Co. D, 4th MO Cav. on Sunday 25 March 2012 at 1400. Location is Mt. Hope Cemetery, 1215 Lemay Ferry. Congress designated March 25th, years ago as a



1st Lieutenant Charles E. Funck III

Charles Edward Funck III, was born on the 8th of February 1936, in Cincinnati, Ohio. His parents were Charles Edward Funck and Louise Henrietta (nee Schmidt) Funck. He attended Withrow High School in Cincinnati, and graduated on the 15th of June 1954. He was accepted into Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN, which he attended for 2 years, majoring in engineering and business (1954-1956).

Charles entered the United States Marine Corps in 1956 and served until the 26th of August 1962, when he received an honorable discharge. He served in the Third Marine Division, Okinawa, and the Philippines; was in the Third Air Wing El Toro, California; and the USS Anderson and USS Breckenridge. While in the service, he was a dispersing clerk and attended atomic biological chemical warfare school.

When Charlie was around 13 years old (1949), he started working for his dad and his dad's partner in Aaronson-Funck Commission Merchants (wholesale fruits and vegetables) on Plum Street in downtown Cincinnati, OH. Charlie was bigger than his dad, so he could do most of the labor work--he was a dock worker and later a truck driver. During the summer, Charlie would caddy at Kenwood Country Club where he would get \$1.25 per bag, plus a 5-10 cent tip. He would then ride his bike to the hobby shop to get a model H-O Railroad Car and take it home to put together. After the USMC, Charlie worked at American Packing House in personnel and payroll; Atwel, Vogel, and Sterling Insurance as an auditor and safety inspector; and National Life and Accident Co., selling life insurance policies. Charlie was hired at FORD Motor Company, Hazelwood, MO, in 1966 and retired 01 April 1977 after 31 years. He worked on the assembly line, retiring as Quality Assist.

Among Charlie's many hobbies and interests was singing praises to God with the Choral Singers at Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church and volunteering or participating in other church related activities. He was also a family man and loved to vacation with his children or go to their many activities. His life also showed a love for his country and therefore serving in the United States Marine Corps was top in that field. He loved to travel and see the wonderful world which God had created for us to enjoy. He loved to read, whether it be about history, or cars, trains, boats, and he enjoyed visiting museums which displayed these vehicles. He enjoyed making and creating a Model RR layout, building cars, or houses, etc. for such layout. He liked to know the history of his family life and therefore working on genealogy became an obsession. And while researching genealogy, he discovered a photo of his Great Grandfather, Charles Edward Funck (Charlie's namesake), along with his Great Grand Uncle, Ernst Julius Funck, a druggist, who enlisted into the Civil War and became an Assistant Surgeon in Co. F & S, 43rd Regiment of IL. Thus his interest in the Civil War began. In order to honor his Civil War veteran he joined the **Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War** (SUVCW)...and all other Civil War organizations it would entail--**Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States** (MOLLUS), where he was the Commander of the Missouri Commandery for several years. He was the duly elected Commander, Co. C., 34th Illinois Vol. Infantry, Rock River Rifles, of the **Sons of Veteran Reserve** (SVR), with a rank of 1st Lieutenant; and a private in Co. M, 1st Missouri Light Artillery, SVR in the **Turner Brigade Unit**. He was a charter member of the **Victor Vifquain SUVCW Camp #1**, Nebraska; Charter member of the SUVCW Department of Nebraska; and a member of the **Colonel Friedrich K. Hecker SUVCW Camp #443**, Belleville, Illinois. He was a representative to the **Inter-Veterans Memorial Day Committee**, where he was in charge of the casket duty; he was a Life Member of the **Marine Corps League (South Side Detachment)**; and was a member of the **American Legion Post No. 206**.

Charlie was married to Ruth Marie (nee Temme) Funck, Past National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 (DUVCW). They have three adult children, three grandchildren, and one great grandchild. They have also taken under their wing three other adult (children) and four other grandchildren.

Charles Edward Funck, III, passed away on the 19th of December 2011.

"Sleep Well, Brother Funck,
You are relieved of your duties."

Written by his wife, Ruth Marie Funck

Company E, 47th Missouri Infantry

Park Hills, Missouri

The 47th Missouri Infantry had a quiet month and a half from mid-December through the end of January, allowing us time to rest and enjoy the holidays with our families and friends; however, the month of February has kept our unit very busy.



S.U.V.C.W.

First, on February 20th our unit, accompanied by ladies of the Louisa Volker Auxiliary 215 – A.S.U.V.C.W., did an educational Civil War program for Boy Scout Troop #403 in Pilot Knob, Missouri. We explained soldiers' lives, equipment, music, and weapons, as well as promoting the S.V.R. and



Next, on February 25th, we had the privilege of presenting an S.U.V.C.W. Eagle Scout Award at a court of honor ceremony in Arcadia, Missouri. Then, the next day (February 26th), we participated in the annual Sherman Day ceremony at Gen. William T. Sherman's grave in Calvary Cemetery located in St. Louis, Missouri. Our unit marched in the honor detail and fired a salute. This was three of the new members' first time participating. Following this, the unit, once again accompanied by ladies of the Volker Auxiliary and spouses/mothers, went to Bellefontaine Cemetery in St. Louis to honor three amazing Civil War veterans: Louisa Volker (the first female U.S. Military Telegraph Corps Operator – whom later received an Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army and the U.S. Congress in 1897 for her Civil War service); Capt. Thomas H. Macklind (a semi-famous Missouri officer and Louisa's husband); and Brevet Brig. Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher (Colonel of the 47th Missouri Infantry whom was elected Governor of Missouri in 1864).



We have a lot forthcoming in March and April as well (at least four more Eagle Scout Awards to present in uniform, three more Scout Civil War educational programs, a historical society program, a parade, three ROTC Awards to present in uniform, a school Civil War educational program, and a living history that we co-host.) So stay tuned for the next article.

Respectfully Submitted,

LT D. Christopher Warren,
Unit Commander – 47th Missouri Infantry, Co. E – S.V.R.
Park Hills, Missouri

Company A, 49th Iowa Volunteer Infantry

“The Governor’s Own”

Des Moines, IA

About the only things going on for the 49th Iowa during the winter months have been: The donation of 330 hours to the Salvation Army "Miracle of the Bells Campaign", and the United States Marine Corps' annual "Toys for Tots" drive, over the Christmas holiday season. This is the third year now that the 49th has participated in both of these fine programs.

We remain deeply involved in working with members of the Iowa legislature and the Governor of Iowa, in securing on-going funding for the Iowa Battle Flags Project to conserve the 316 Civil War flags carried by Iowa troops during the War of the Rebellion.; and, to secure funding for the restoration of the largest (of 19) Iowa monument located at the Vicksburg National Military Park, Vicksburg, Mississippi. Once restoration work is completed, *The Governor's Own Forty-Ninth Iowa* will accompany the Governor of Iowa, The Adjutant General, and other dignitaries to the re-dedication ceremonies at the monument that are currently being scheduled for Memorial Day weekend in 2013.

Guardsmen of the 49th Iowa continue to contribute volunteer hours working in the lab of the Iowa Historical Museum with the actual conservation of the flags, assisting museum staff with the movements of flags onto and off of display at both the Iowa Capitol Building and State Historical Museum in Des Moines; and work on the construction of the display apparatus that allow the flags to be publicly displayed once conservation efforts are completed.

The 49th Iowa is also working to conserve and mount for display a flag of the 21st Iowa Volunteer Infantry for the Mahaska County Historical Society and Museum in Oskaloosa, Iowa; and, has recently taken formal legal custody of a major Civil War monument in the town of Elkader (Clayton County), Iowa for restoration.

An Honor Guard from the 49th Iowa travelled to Fort Donelson, Tennessee this month to take part in the official Sesquicentennial observances of the 1862 battle that resulted in the Confederate capitulation of both Forts Henry and Donelson.

At Remembrance Day ceremonies held in Gettysburg, PA last November, two guardsmen of the 49th Iowa (Color Sergeant Michael Rowley and Corporal Louis A. Zenti) were awarded the Meritorious Service Medal with Silver Star; and Regimental 1st Corporal Court S, Stahr, PDC, received the Distinguished Service Medal with Gold Star for their exceptional efforts in support of their Regiment, the 4th Military District, and the Sons of Veterans Reserve. The 49th Iowa also proudly bore the guidon of the 4th Military District at the parade through the village of Gettysburg that afternoon following the presentation of the medals, and acted as the appointed National Color Bearers to Commander-in-Chief, Dr. Donald D. Palmer, Jr. Dr Palmer named the 49th to be his personal Color Bearers for the course of his term as our C-in-C for 2011-2012.

The Regiment will bear the colors of the C-in-C at the upcoming Lincoln's Tomb event in Springfield, Illinois in April; and will present the colors at the National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic in Los Angeles, California, in August of 2012.

Other than that.....it's been a pretty quiet Winter. However, we do already have thirty-eight events and appearances scheduled for the remainder of this year.....

Best regards,

1/Lt. David M. Lamb
Commanding
Company "A" 49th Regiment
Iowa Veteran Volunteer Infantry
The Governor's Own Iowa Rifles
Honor Guard Regiment to the Department of Iowa

Company F, 78th Enrolled Missouri Militia Ste. Genevieve, MO

On December 3rd, three members of Company F participated in the Christmas Parade. There were four members of the 47th Missouri Infantry SVR also present along with members of the Voelker Auxiliary. Two other members of Company F participated in the parade but were participating as the Ste. Genevieve Milice a French Colonial Militia unit.

On a beautiful day, February 26th, two members of Company F, participated in the 33rd Annual Sherman Day at Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis, MO. This event is sponsored by Company C, 34th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry.



Other units of the 4th Military District who participated were Lt. Col. Jack Grothe and members of 4th Military District Staff, Ship's Company, USS Carondelet; Company M, 1st MO. Lt. Artillery, Company M, 1st Missouri Engineers, Company A, 2nd MO Infantry, Company C, 5th Regiment Missouri Cavalry, Company G, 17th Missouri Infantry Regiment, Company F, 47th Missouri Infantry Regiment and Company F, 78th Enrolled Missouri Militia.

Above
Photo by
Anita Quick



This was the first year that 1st Lieutenant Charles E. Funck III, 34 Illinois Infantry Regiment was absent from his post. He was sorely missed and fondly remembered.

Ship's Company, USS Carondelet

THERE IS A NEW LANDMARK IN CARONDELET



The James B. Eads Civil War Ironclad Cannon Dedication came off without a flaw. The weather was perfect, the speeches were informative and inspiring and history was made in Carondelet. The event was well attended by over 50 people and speeches were made by “Frederick Douglas” and “James Buchanan Eads”.

“General Ulysses S. Grant” and “General Robert E. Lee” met and shook hands at South St. Louis Square Park and declared “United again, let there be peace” to the applause of the crowd. The unveiling of the cannon was preceded by an invocation by Sister Maryann Nestel of CCBF. A few words by the 11th ward Alderman Tom Villa. A talk about the importance of studying history, by Chris Warren, the Missouri Department Commander of the Sons of the Union Veterans, Comments by, Congressman Russ Carnahan, of the 3rd congressional district, and a moving speech by Rear Admiral Lee Metcalf, USNR Ret.

The stone house was open for viewing and in addition had Ron Bolte’s scale model of the USS Carondelet on display. Background music was provided by the “The Pilot Knob Mountain Boys” and a rifle salute by Civil War reenactors from several units. All was orchestrated by Master of Ceremonies and SBMA Board member Noel Stasiak. The cannon is not only a memorial to James Eads and the Sailors and Soldiers of the Civil War but also a reminder that when residents, business owners and local leaders come together for a common cause, with passion and conviction, anything is possible. Yes, the cannon is a monument to Carondelet and its proud history but also to its people.

Submitted by Seaman Noel C. Stasiak

RECONNAISSANCE



April 14, 2012 **56th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony** starting at 10 a.m. at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL. Below is the internet link for the registration form.

<http://www.suvcw.org/LincolnTombObservanceForm.pdf>

May 18-20,2012 **2012 Artillery School is scheduled for 18-20 May at Boscobel, Wi.**

For More information and to get the application see the below site.

http://svr4md.suvcw-wi.org/2012_artillery_school.pdf