

The Haversack

Newsletter of the 7th Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve



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Commander's Comments

Greetings men of the 7th Military District,

Summer is under way and I trust this is a busy time for the units in the district. Memorial Day has just passed so I am looking forward to hearing about the activities that our units participated in. I was recently able to reprise my role as General Thomas at Kennesaw Mountain. I get a great deal of satisfaction helping the public understand the battle and keeping the memory of General Thomas alive. Very few of the general population know about the ability and sacrifices of this great man.

If you have not already heard by now Captain James Ward is stepping down as District Adjutant on June 30th at his request. Jim selflessly decided to do this for the benefit of others in the district who should have a chance to develop in their knowledge and experience in various leadership positions. He has done a commendable job in this position having written an adjutant guide, helping new units form, working closely with unit adjutants, and keeping the district in good standing with National HQ. Over the years I have come to regard Jim as a good friend. He will continue to serve the district as commander of Amzi Harmon Company.

I have appointed First Sergeant Bill Miller of the 14th Corps HQ Guard as the District Adjutant effective June 30th. Bill Miller has held positions of increasing responsibility within the SVR and the SUVCW. He is a Past Department Commander of the Department of Georgia and South Carolina. Bill has big shoes to fill in this position and I am confident that he will perform his duties in an exemplary manner.

I am very pleased that we have such leaders in the district and that I had a strong pool of people from which to select a replacement for such an important position in such a seamless transition. As officers and NCOs we should always be training our replacement.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Major Eric Peterson
 7th Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve
 Commanding



School Days

Members of the 10th Tennessee participated in one of the largest school programs in Middle Tennessee

On May 10th and 11th, 2018. The event, sponsored by the Sam Davis Home in Smyrna, Tennessee plays host to children of both public and private schools in Middle Tennessee as well as students who are home schooled.

Artillery demonstrations were the highlight of the program and students participated in drills with a 6 pound Mountain Howitzer. Approximately 1,000 students attended the event where the artillery was a favorite of the students. Phillips Independent Battery, U.S. Artillery and Schoolfield's Battery, C.S. artillery participated side by side during the program.

Submitted by: Capt. D. DuBrucq, 10th TN Volunteer Infantry



Capt. Dave DuBrucq explains the 6 Pound Mountain Howitzer to a group of students and their parents during School Days in Smyrna, Tennessee



Corporal Tommy "Hollywood" Phillips takes a break during School Days in Smyrna, Tennessee

14th Corps HQ Guard commemorates the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain



Eric Peterson as General Thomas talks about the attack on Cheatham Hill while Steve Reilly looks on.



Eric Peterson, aka General Thomas poses for a photo with visitors from Brazil.



Left to right: Steve Reilly, Eric Peterson, Don Bickham

On June 23rd & 24th members of the SVR attended the National Park Service commemoration of the 154th Anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Members of the 14th Corps HQ Guard portrayed General Thomas' staff and taught park visitors about the battle using first person portrayals. Major Eric Peterson portrayed General George H. Thomas and talked about the attack on Cheatham Hill and other life experiences of the General. Private Steve Reilly, dressed as a Sergeant explained events leading up to the battle especially the Battle of Picket's Mill. Private Tom Biederman portrayed a cavalry Sergeant and took photos of the event. Corporal Don Bickham portrayed an Ordinance Sergeant at the HQ. Private Mike Reither portrayed a staff Captain.

It was very hot and the intermittent showers of the past week made it very steamy just as the weather had been during the Atlanta Campaign. The park service staff took good care of us providing plenty of water and serving lunch and dinner to the SVR and re-enactors participating in the event. The event was quite successful and plans are in place to do this again next year.

There was also a confederate battery of four guns crewed by re-enactors and park service volunteers as well as our own Corporal Mark Hale, SVR. The 125th Ohio Infantry re-enactment unit provided about a dozen infantry re-enactors demonstrating infantry drill. The public was treated to Civil War military music by a fife and drum section.

The event was well attended with the parking lot overflowing each day. The public was very appreciative of the program. We spoke to people from all over the USA as well as visitors from France, Germany and Brazil.

The Wandering Chaplain



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Gary Burke, member Army of the Cumberland Living History Corps, 13th US Colored Infantry Chaplain recognizes the audience about the Williamson County slaves who joined the Federal Army and Navy during the Civil War and all men and women who died in service to this country since the Revolutionary War.

Carol Robison

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1. Memorial Day Program at Fort Negley with Br. Dennis Boggs, Br. Bill Radcliffe, Br. Sam Gant (not pictured)
2. Memorial Day Program at Stones River Battlefield.
3. Memorial Day Dash 5k Run
4. Memorial Day Program at the Veterans Cemetery in Madison Tn. Br. Sears/ Br. Burke / Br. Nimmo pictured.
5. Decoration Day Program at Stones River Cemetery where we placed flowers on graves.
6. Memorial Day Program at Memorial Park in Franklin Tn.
7. Juneteenth Parade in Murfreesboro Tn.
8. Living History at the Lotz House in Franklin Tn. Brothers; Burke, Boggs, Breon, Radcliffe.



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Historical Regulations ...

FROM CASEY'S INFANTRY TACTICS

Article II

PART SECOND

LESSON II.

MANUAL OF ARMS.

REMARKS ON LOADING AND FIRING.

194. Whenever the loadings and firings are to be executed, and the cartridge-boxes are slung upon the waist-belt, the instructor will cause them to be brought to the front.

195. If Maynard's primer be used the command will be

Load in eight times.

and the eighth command will be shoulder arms, and executed from return rammer in one time and two motions, as follows:

(*First motion.*) Raise the piece with the left hand, and take the position of shoulder arms as indicated No. 152.

(*Second motion.*) Drop the left hand quickly by the side.

196. The recruits being at shoulder arms, when the instructor shall wish to fix bayonets, he will command:

Fix—BAYONET.

One time and three motions.

197. (*First motion.*) Grasp the piece with the left hand at the height of the shoulder, and detach it slightly from the shoulder with the right hand.

198. (*Second motion.*) Quit the piece with the right hand, lower it with the left hand, opposite the middle of the body, and place the butt between the feet without shock; the rammer to the rear, the barrel vertical, the muzzle three inches from the body; seize it with the right hand at the upper band, and carry the left hand reversed to the handle of the bayonet. If the rifle musket be used the barrel will be inclined forward, the muzzle eight inches from the body, and the left hand reversed to the handle of the bayonet.

199. (*Third motion.*) Draw the bayonet from the scabbard and fix it on the extremity of the barrel; seize the piece with the left hand, the arm extended, the right hand at the upper band. If the rifle musket be used the clasp will be turned as soon as the bayonet is fixed upon the barrel.

Shoulder—ARMS.

One time and two motions.

200. (*First motion.*) Raise the piece with the left hand and place it against the right shoulder, the rammer to the front: seize the piece at the same time with the right hand at the swell of the stock, the thumb and fore-finger embracing the guard, the right arm nearly extended.

201. (*Second motion.*) Drop briskly the left hand by the side.

Charge—BAYONET.

One time and two motions.

202. (*First motion.*) Raise the piece slightly with the right hand and make a half face to the right on the left heel; place the hollow of the right foot opposite to, and three inches from the left heel, the feet square; seize the piece at the same time with the left hand a little above the lower band.

203. (*Second motion.*) Bring down the piece with both hands, the barrel uppermost, the left elbow against the body; seize the small of the stock, at the same time, with the right hand, which will be supported against the hip; the point of the bayonet as high as the eye.



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Shoulder—ARMS.

One time and two motions.

204. (*First motion.*) Throw up the piece briskly with the left hand in facing to the front, place it against the right shoulder, the rammer to the front; turn the right hand so as to embrace the guard, slide the left hand to the height of the shoulder, the right hand nearly extended.

205. (*Second motion.*) Drop the left hand smartly by the side.

Trail—ARMS.

One time and two motions.

206. (*First motion.*) The same as the first motion of order arms.

207. (*Second motion.*) Incline the muzzle slightly to the front, the butt to the rear and about four inches from the ground. The right hand supported at the hip, will so hold the piece that the rear-rank men may not touch with their bayonets the men in the front-rank.

Shoulder—ARMS.

208. At the command shoulder, raise the piece perpendicularly in the right hand, the little finger in the rear of the barrel; at the command arms, execute what has been prescribed for the shoulder from the position of order arms.

Unfix—BAYONET.

One time and three motions.

209. (*First and second motions.*) The same as the first and second motions of fix bayonet, except that, at the end of the second command, the thumb of the right hand will be placed on the spring of the sabre-bayonet, and the left hand will embrace the handle of the sabre-bayonet and the barrel, the thumb extended along the blade. If the rifle musket is used, at the end of the second command turn the clasp of the bayonet by pressing against it with the thumb of the left hand, and then grasp the socket of the bayonet with the left hand, the shank resting between the thumb and fore-finger, the thumb pointed up.

210. (*Third motion.*) Press the thumb of the right hand on the spring, wrest off the sabre bayonet, turn it to the right, the edge to the front, lower the guard until it touches the right hand, which will seize the back and the edge of the blade between the thumb and first two fingers, the other fingers holding the piece; change the position of the hand without quitting the handle, return the sabre-bayonet to the scabbard, and seize the piece with the left hand, the arm extended. If the rifle musket is used, the following will be the method, viz.: (*Third motion.*) Wrest off the bayonet, turn it to the right, bringing the point of the bayonet down; change the position of the hand without quitting hold of the shank of the socket, return the bayonet to the scabbard, and seize the piece with the left hand, the arm extended.



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Shoulder—ARMS.

One time and two motions.

211. (*First motion.*) The same as the first motion from fix bayonet, No. 200.

212. (*Second motion.*) The same as the second motion from fix bayonet, No. 201.

Secure—ARMS.

One time and three motions.

213. (*First motion.*) The same as the first motion of support arms, No. 140, except with the right hand seize the piece at the small of the stock.

214. (*Second motion.*) Turn the piece with both hands, the barrel to the front; bring it opposite the left shoulder, the butt against the hip, the left hand at the lower band the thumb as high as the chin and extended on the rammer; the piece erect and detached from the shoulder, the left fore-arm against the piece.

215. (*Third motion.*) Reverse the piece, pass it under the left arm, the left hand remaining at the lower band, the thumb on the rammer to prevent it from sliding out, the little finger resting against the hip, the right hand falling at the same time by the side.

Shoulder—ARMS.

One time and three motions.

216. (*First motion.*) Raise the piece with the left hand, and seize it with the right hand at the small of the stock. The piece erect and detached from the shoulder, the butt against the hip, the left fore-arm along the piece.

217. (*Second motion.*) The same as the second motion of shoulder arms from a support.

218. (*Third motion.*) The same as the third motion of shoulder arms from a support.

Right shoulder shift—ARMS.

One time and two motions.

219. (*First motion.*) Detach the piece perpendicularly from the shoulder with the right hand, and seize it with the left between the lower band and guide-sight, raise the piece, the left hand at the height of the shoulder and four inches from it; place, at the same time, the right hand on the butt, the beak between the first two fingers, the other two fingers under the butt plate.

220. (*Second motion.*) Quit the piece with the left hand, raise and place the piece on the right shoulder with the right hand, the lock plate upward; let fall at the same time, the left hand by the side.



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Shoulder—ARMS.

One time and two motions.

221. (First motion.) Raise the piece perpendicularly by extending the right arm to its full length, the rammer to the front; at the same time seize the piece with the left hand between the lower band and guide sight.

222. (Second motion.) Quit the butt with the right hand, which will immediately embrace the guard, lower the piece to the position of shoulder arms, slide up the left hand to the height of the shoulder, the fingers extended and closed. Drop the left hand by the side.

223. The men being at support arms, the instructor will sometimes cause pieces to be brought to the right shoulder. To this effect he will command:

Right shoulder shift—ARMS.

One time and two motions.

224. (First motion.) Seize the piece with the right hand, below and near the left fore-arm, place the left hand under the butt, the heel of the butt between the first two fingers.

225. (Second motion.) Turn the piece with the left hand, the lock plate upward, carry it to the right shoulder, the left hand still holding the butt, the muzzle elevated; hold the piece in this position and place the right hand upon the butt, as is prescribed No. 219, and let fall the left hand by the side.

Support—ARMS.

One time and two motions.

226. (First motion.) The same as the first motion of shoulder arms, No. 221.

227. (Second motion.) Turn the piece with both hands, the barrel to the front, carry it opposite the left shoulder, slip the right hand to the small of the stock, place the left fore-arm extended on the breast, as is prescribed No. 141, and let fall the right hand by the side.

Arms—AT WILL.

One time and one motion.

228. At this command, carry the piece at pleasure on either shoulder, with one or both hands, the muzzle elevated.

Shoulder—ARMS.

One time and one motion.

229. At this command, retake quickly the position of shoulder arms.

230. The recruits being at ordered arms, when the instructor shall wish to cause the pieces to be placed on the ground, he will command:

SVR Regulations

Article XI

Discipline

1. The offenses cognizable by the SVR shall be:

First -- Disloyalty to the United States of America, or any other violation of any pledge given at the time of election into the SUVCW, or violation of any obligation or order given at the time of becoming a member of the SVR or assuming any office in the SUVCW or SVR.

Second -- Disobedience of the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations, Policies, SOP or other lawful orders of the SUVCW or SVR, emanating from proper authority.

Third -- Disobedience of any lawful order, emanating from proper authority in the SVR.

Fourth -- Conviction of the commission of a serious misdemeanor or any felony crime against the laws of the United States or any State or Commonwealth thereof.

Fifth -- Conduct unbecoming a member in his relation to the SUVCW and/or the SVR.

Sixth -- Conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline.

2. The penalties shall be either:

First Dishonorable discharge from the SVR.

Second Reduction in rank.

Third Degradation of honors.

Fourth Suspension from membership in the SVR for a specified period or indefinitely.

Fifth Verbal or written reprimand.

3. All accusations shall be made in the form of charges alleging a violation of one or more of the offenses as contained in Section 1 of this Article and specifications as to the specific acts that are alleged to constitute the violations.

4. When charges are made by a member, the charges and specifications shall be submitted in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the offense, or within sixty (60) days of the time a reasonable person should have known of the offense, to the Commander of the District in which the alleged offense took place with a copy to

A. Judge Advocate General

B. Adjutant General

C. Deputy Commander

D. Chief of Staff

5. When charges are made by a member or members against a member or members of another Military District, the charges and specifications shall be submitted in writing to the District Commanders of both of the affected Military Districts with a copy to the chain of command identified in Section 4 of this Article.

6. All accusations must be made by one or more members against one or more members. Charges cannot be filed against a Military District, Battalion, Company or other military units.

7. (a) When a complaint is received consisting of charges and specifications, the District Commander in which the alleged offense occurred, shall appoint a Hearing Council within thirty (30) days of receiving the complaint. Said Hearing Council shall consist of at least five (5) members and no more than nine (9) members who can fairly and justly hear the matter and issue a fair and just decision.

(b) If the District Commander so appointing cannot locate sufficient member brothers within his District, he may call upon the Judge Advocate General for assistance in identifying members for the Hearing Council.

(c) The District Commander so receiving the Complaint shall insure that the accused is provided a copy of the charges and specifications within ten (10) days of the date the complaint is received by the District Commander and these charges and specifications shall not be disclosed to anyone until the accused has been provided with a copy thereof.

(d) The District Commander shall provide the accused a written list of the persons appointed to the Hearing Council within five (5) days of their appointment.

District Orders

Order 01-2018

Major General Robert Grim
5367 SR 72 South
Sabina, OH 45169

District Order 1-2018

Subject : Captain James Ward Relief from Duty
as District Adjutant

1. Effective June 30, 2018 at Noon Captain James Ward is hereby relieved from duty as the 7th Military District Adjutant.
2. This action is being taken at Captain Ward's request and he is to be commended for the excellent service he has provided to the District in this and other roles.
3. Captain Ward will retain his rank as Captain and his position as Company Commander of Amzi Harmon Company in the 7th Military District.
4. We all wish Captain Ward well and thank him for his exceptional attention to duty as District Adjutant.

Major Eric Peterson
7th Military District, SVR
Commanding

CF: Colonel Donald Darby, Adjutant General

Order 02-2018

Major General Robert Grim
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Sabina, OH 45169

District Order 2-2018

Subject : 1 SGT William Miller appointment as
7th Military District Adjutant

1. Effective June 30, 2018 at Noon First Sergeant William Miller of the 14th Corps HQ Guard is appointed 7th Military District Adjutant.
2. First Sergeant Miller has performed true and faithful service to the 14th Corps HQ Guard in ever increasing roles of responsibility and I trust he will perform his duty as District Adjutant in his usual effective manner.
3. First Sergeant Miller will, upon being appointed will submit a request for commission to the grade of Second Lieutenant, SVR or approval by the National Commander.
4. Please join me in congratulating him on his appointment to 7th Military District Commander.

Major Eric Peterson
7th Military District, SVR
Commanding

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CIVIL WAR SLANG

As in all wars, Civil War soldiers developed their own slang. The common words and phrases listed below were used regularly among the troops.

- Blizzard: A volley of musket fire
- Bowlegs: Cavalry troopers
- Boys of the sod: Affectionate name for the Irish
- Bragg's bodyguard: Lice
- Bumblebee: The sound of flying minie balls
- Chicken guts: The gold braid on an officer's uniform
- Cracker line: The line for transportation of food / supplies
- Croaker: A pessimist
- Dog robber: The soldier designated as cook
- Forty dead men: A full cartridge box of 40 rounds
- French leave: Absent without leave
- Fresh fish: raw recruits

Submitted by: Capt. D. DuBrucq, 10th TN Volunteer Infantry
(with promises for More to Come Next Edition!)



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We want articles (with pictures!)

Thanks to all the contributors of this edition!

So... What's needed...?

Articles for the next Edition of the Haversack!

- Unit Activities
- Biographical Sketches
- Research methods
- Civil War era jokes / cartoons

Some editing may be done to long articles to fit in the space available

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