

SVR GUIDON



1903-1913



THE SVR'S FIRST STAFF OFFICERS

On November 19, 1903, BG Richard M.J. Reed issued his first General Order, announcing his staff. These men were charged with the administration, equipping and standardization of the fledgling Sons of Veterans Reserve.

+ Gen. Reed's son, 33-year old Theodore, of Philadelphia was appointed the Asst. Adjutant General.

+ John H. Leonard of Rumford, RI, was appointed Asst. Quartermaster General.

+ 58-year old Edward R. Campbell was appointed Asst. Inspector General. He had served in the 6th Corps and after the war, worked in a meat market before landing a job as a pension clerk in Washington, D.C. He served as the Sons' Commander-in-Chief in 1901-02.

All three men were promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

+ 24-year old Edwin J. Prittie of Philadelphia and W. Harry Moore of Washington, D.C., were appointed Aides de Camp and assigned duties by the Asst. Adj. Gen. and Asst. Inspector General respectively. Both men were promoted to Captain. Interestingly, Prittie became a well-known American illustrator and author.

GENERAL GRIM REAPPOINTED

The National Military Affairs Committee recommended, and CinC Freshley concurred and appointed MG Robert E. Grim, for another 3-year term as Commanding Officer of the SVR. His third term commences on 15 November 2013 and ends on 14 November 2016 or until properly relieved.

Gen. Grim has held the high post since 2007. Previously, he served as Commander of Co. C, 20th OVI (1993-97), as Nat. Adjutant General (1998-2001) and as Nat. Deputy Commander (2001-08). He served as Commander-in-Chief in 2002-03.



MISSOURI

On June 29th, a parade was held at St Louis' U.S. Grant Nat. Historic Site, in remembrance of the Confederate surrender to Gen. Grant's Union forces at Vicksburg. Maj. Robert Champlin and Lt. Col. Jack Grothe (4th MD) and Wm. T Sherman Billy Yank Camp 65, led local Cub and Boy Scouts and posted a 34-star Civil War Flag, as was done on top of the Vicksburg Court House at the end of the siege. Principal speaker at the dedication was former U.S. Marine guard Rodney Sickmann, one of the Iranian held hostages taken in the US Embassy in 1979. Mr. Sickmann is a St. Louis area resident.

IOWA

Over Memorial Day weekend, the Iowa Monument was dedicated at Vicksburg. PCinC Donald Palmer spoke at the welcome reception for Iowans attending the event. He was joined by Iowa governor Terry Branstad, along with members of the 49th Iowa SVR.

