



# PAST IN REVIEW

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FROM OUR COMMANDER

19 December 2011

Seasons Greeting!

The 4<sup>th</sup> Military District SVR has grown, there are now 23 units with a total of 415 men. The year is almost over. Since my last report I have attended the following activities.

September 25<sup>th</sup>, A tombstone dedication at Montgomery City, Missouri.

October 8<sup>th</sup>, A memorial dedication to James B. Eads, Ironclad ship builder, this was a SUVCW Sesquicentennial Signature Event, in Carondelet, Missouri

November 10<sup>th</sup>, Veteran Day Program, Highland, Illinois.

November 11<sup>th</sup>, Remembrance Day Ceremony for U.S., British, Canadian, Australian, New Zealand and Dutch troops WWII mass grave, Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery St. Louis.

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Decorated about 3,000 unknown's graves, about 1,500 of which are Civil War veterans, Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri. L-R, Bvt-Pvt. Jack Grothe & Pvt Joe Difani Jr. Both are members of Co. C, 34<sup>th</sup> Regt. Illinois Volunteer Infantry →

December 10<sup>th</sup>, Christmas party for Company C, 5<sup>th</sup> Regt. Mo. Vol. Cav. SVR in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri.

December 10<sup>th</sup>, Wreaths Across America Ceremony, a wreath was placed on each Union

Monument, Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri.

Three men from Co. A, 49<sup>th</sup> Ia Vol. Inf. received awards at Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, PA.

Gold Star Medal, Cpl. Courtney S. Stahr  
Silver Star Medal, Sgt. Michael J. Rowley  
Silver Star Medal, Cpl. Louis A. Zenti.

These awards were well deserved and reflect well on the 4<sup>th</sup> Military District as well as the unit.

Myself and the District Staff wish you and your families a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON and all the best in the New Year.

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



# Adjutant's Column

From the Desk of the District Adjutant, to all Units

A reminder that by Regulation adopted this year, all Unit Commanders need to forward their 2012 **Unit Application** to be received by the District Adjutant NLT 15 Jan 2012.

Major R Champlin  
2327 Wincanton Rd,  
St Louis MO 63129

There is also an Urgent plea that any and all forthcoming submissions be thoroughly screened as to content, appropriate signatures, correct personnel dues, **AND TIMELINESS**, etc. Legibility is greatly appreciated.

Also, previously I forwarded a message to all Units about the possibility of having a "Commanders Call" type of meeting in St Louis following the Annual Swap Meet at Jefferson Barracks. For those interesting this "Swap/Sale" event, on 25 Feb, I can provide details, [bvtmajor@yahoo.com](mailto:bvtmajor@yahoo.com). Earlier response was essentially non-existent. So, if any of the Units are interested in sending a representative to such a meeting, please inform the Adjutant. There is no requirement to attend said meeting, there is just a convenient format to hold such an event, if enough support is forthcoming.

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

## Headquarters Company Franklin, WI

The 4th Military District's Headquarters Company has participated in several ceremonies recently.



On October 1-2, members served on the color guard, opening and closing the 7th annual Trimborn Farm Civil War weekend. Members also manned informational displays, coordinated the Gen. Grant news conference and participated in a skirmish each afternoon.

←Pvt. Todd Wilber, 1Sgt. Tom Brown and Sr. Kathy Anderson raise the Flag at Trimborn Farm.  
DSC01350 = Pvt. Jeff Lesar talks to visitors to the Sons' GAR display.

On October 8th, members served on the honor squad during the headstone dedication of Rueben Johnson, a Mohican Union soldier. The ceremony took place at Red Springs Cemetery near Gresham and



included members of the Mohican Tribe. Shown are Cpl. Jim Schumann, Pvts. Dan McGraw, Brian Peters, and Randy Novak. With the National colors is Pvt. Mike Wertel and with the Camp colors is Pvt. Mike Bolden. Standing at grave is Cpl. Kim J. Heltemes. Pvt. Peters and Cpl. Heltemes are SVR members.

On October 9th, Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Aux. 4 dedicated an historical plaque, marking the home of Gen. Rufus King, commander of the Iron Brigade. King had also been a newspaper editor, a representative to Wisconsin's Constitutional congress, and Minister to the Papal States.

The Milwaukee County Historical Society, staff and honor students from Rufus King High School and local celebrity who was a Rufus King alumni played a part in the program as did the 4th MD HQ Company.

Cpl. Kent Peterson served as master of ceremonies. Maj. Steve Michaels recounted Gen. King's military career. The Company's 1Sgt. Tom Brown, Pvts. Patrick Lynch, Joe Fallon, and Patrick Fallon served on the firing squad, as did Cpl. Bob Mann and Dan Palama (Co. A, 28th WI, SVR). Pvt. Dean Collins provided the spiritual reflection. Cpl. Peterson on left as honor → students and staff unveil plaque. ←Members of the firing squad.



On November 6th, the HQ Company marched in Milwaukee's 48th annual Veterans Day Parade. The Sons and Auxiliary lead off the Civil War/historical division of the parade.

On December 10th, the HQ Company was well represented at the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at Milwaukee's Wood National Cemetery, which contains the graves of over 37,000 veterans.



Shown are Pvt. Brian McManus, Pvt. Jeff Lesar and 1Sgt. Tom Brown. Not shown is Maj. Steve Michaels. →

Meanwhile, in Madison, Pvt. Alan Hembel MC'd similar ceremonies at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Submitted by,  
Major Steve Micheals  
Commander Headquarters Company

# Company C, 5<sup>th</sup> Missouri Cavalry Regiment Wentzville, MO

The summer of 2011 has been very busy for Co. C, 5<sup>th</sup> Regt. MO Vol. Cavalry. We attended many sesquicentennial events including the Battle (Skirmish) of Wentzville, July 16-17. Our unit sponsored this event, which was a SUVCW Signature event. Pvt. Wayne Sampson manned a table where he displayed weapons and accouterments of the Civil War, along with information about our unit and the SUVCW.



A week after the event, Capt. Emmett Taylor received and email from the historical society in Montgomery City, MO. They had obtained a headstone for a soldier's unmarked grave. This soldier, Pvt. William H.H. Pease, of CO. C, 8<sup>th</sup> Regt. MO Vol. Infantry was a soldier who was mortally wounded at the Skirmish of Wentzville, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 1861. CO. C, 5<sup>th</sup> Regt. MO Vol. Cavalry was proud to plan and conduct a

ceremony to honor this soldier who died early in the war to preserve the Union. Using their Sharps Carbines, 1SGT Charles Cummings, SGT Harold James and CPL Nathaniel James fired three volleys in this soldier's honor.



Capt. Emmett Taylor officiated over the ceremony along with the Montgomery City Historical Society. At the invitation of Capt. Taylor, LTC Jack Grothe, Commander, 4<sup>th</sup> Military District, SVR and Maggie Grothe, ASUVCW also assisted with the ceremony

On December 10, 2011, Co. C, 5<sup>th</sup> Regt. MO Vol. Cavalry held its annual Regimental Christmas Dinner at the Crello House in Hermann MO. The Gen Alexander S. Asboth Camp elected and installed their new officers for 2012. Cpl. Gary Scheel and his wife

Mary did much to make this a wonderful evening. LTC Jack Grothe and Maggie Grothe attended this event as they have for many years. Dept. of MO SUVCW Commander Chris Warren and his wife Twila were honored guests.

The big surprise of the evening was to see SFC Gregory Decker (2LT, SVR) make an entrance with his wife Angie. Gregory is on a year-long tour with the Army National Guard in Catar, the HQ for Central Command. He was expected to get his mid tour, two-week leave in February. When it was changed to December, he and Angie decided to surprise the unit,



# Company B, 10<sup>th</sup> Iowa Volunteer Infantry

## Council Bluffs, IA

On Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, our Color Guard, along with members from K Battery, 4<sup>th</sup> US Light Artillery, 7 members in all, and 2 from the Auxiliary, took part in the Veterans Day Parade in Council Bluffs. This was our 5<sup>th</sup> year to participate.

On Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, Co. B, 10<sup>th</sup> Iowa's color guard presented the colors for a patriotic concert held at the Harmony Court retirement facility. The program coordinator was Bruce Norris, a member of our unit.

Topping off our busy week was our Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> appearance at the groundbreaking ceremony for a new veterans monument at the site of the recently demolished school house in Macedonia, IA. Co. B, 10<sup>th</sup> Iowa's color guard presented the colors. This is the hometown of DC Jim Braden. Members present were 1 LT Mike Carr, 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Dennis Sasse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sgt. Henry Krecklow and Corporals Jim and Andrew Braden.

In FC&L,

1 LT Mike Carr

# Company C, 34<sup>th</sup> Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry

## "Rock River Rifles"

### St. Louis, MO

Unit Members have participated in several activities in the past few months.

The Battle of Fredericktown, Missouri was commemorated was on October 21, 2011 at the site of the Battle. Lewis the eagle from the Wild Bird Sanctuary in Valley Park, MO. portrayed the Old Abe the War Eagle, the mascot of the 8th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Certificates were handed out to descendants of soldiers who had fought at Fredericktown. At the cemetery next to the battlefield, new granite marker was dedicated commemorating the Battle of Fredericktown. The last event of the day was the re-dedication of a monument in the Masonic Cemetery to the Confederate dead from the Battle of Fredericktown. The SVR was represented by Co. A, 1st Missouri Engineers, Co. F, 78th Enrolled Missouri Militia, and Co. C, 34th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

A dedication for the James B. Eads Memorial Ironclad Cannon was held on Oct 8, 2011 at South St. Louis Square Park, located at 7700 S. Broadway in St. Louis. This Signature event was sponsored by the William T. Sherman Camp #65, Co. A, 1st Missouri Engineers, and the South Broadway Merchants Association. The new monument commemorates the achievements of James Buchanan Eads, the builder of the ironclad gunboats used on the Mississippi River during the Civil War and the brave sailors and soldiers who manned these ships.

The ceremony began with a welcome and brief biography of James B. Eads by brother Noel Stasiak of the William T. Sherman Camp. Seventy people were delighted to hear from Frederick Douglass, James B. Eads, Alderman Tom Villa, Congressman Russ Carnahan and the keynote speaker was Rear Admiral Lee Metcalf, USNR Ret. The ceremony concluded with the unveiling of the cannon and a rifle salute given by members of the SVR that included Co. A, 1st Missouri Engineers, Co. C, 34th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry and also members of the Turner Brigade

On Sept 23, 2011 at 5 pm a grave stone dedication was held at the Montgomery City Cemetery in Montgomery City, Mo. The event was organized by the Montgomery County Historical Society and Co. C, 5th Missouri Cavalry Regiment.

A new marker was placed to mark the grave of Pvt. William H.H. Pease. On July 18, 1861, Pvt. Pease of Co. C, 8th Missouri Infantry became the first casualty at the Battle of Wentzville.

Three members of Capt. Taylor's unit fired a salute. Joseph Difani, Jr. of Co. C, 34th Illinois Infantry stood guard at the grave. Lt. Colonel Jack Grothe also addressed the crowd. Maggie Grothe of the ASUVCW laid a wreath at the grave. The ceremony lasted about 45 minutes.

Submitted By Private Joesph Difani, Jr.

# Company E, 47th Missouri Infantry

## Park Hills, Missouri



The 47<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry has been very busy since its last article in the “Past in Review.” On Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, members of the unit assisted the newly chartered Fletcher Camp #47 – SUVCW with Civil War drills, demonstrations, and recruitment drive in DeSoto, MO. This was followed on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 unit commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. Chris Warren, along with his wife Twyla (Volker Aux. 215), gave a first-person presentation on Capt. Thomas Hanlon Macklind, 3<sup>rd</sup> Missouri State Militia Cavalry (later member of the G.A.R. and M.O.L.L.U.S.), and his wife, Louisa E. Volker Macklind (the first woman U.S. Military

Telegrapher in the Civil War – and Louisa Volker A.S.U.V.C.W.’s namesake) for the Mine Au Breton Historical Society in Potosi, Missouri.

Then, on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, members of the unit presented two Civil War programs (a Civil War fashion show and Bushwhacked) for St. Francois State Park’s (near Bonne Terre, MO) amphitheater for the campground guests. Next, on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, members attended, along with their families, the unit/McCormick Camp & Volker Auxiliary’s annual camp picnic & barbecue at Desloge, Missouri’s city park. Following this event, on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, members of the unit volunteered at Fort Davidson State Historic Site (Civil War battlefield & museum) for a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade school field trip. Here members demonstrated and spoke on Civil War soldiers’ lives, uniforms, weapons, and taught the children the rudiments of marching in formations.



October continued to be a busy month for our unit. On Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, members of the unit accompanied other SVR units and SUVCW camps in the area to dedicate a monument to James B. Eads and his building of Iron Clads during the Civil War. This was a SUVCW Sesquicentennial event. Our unit also made a visit after the ceremony to the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site in St. Louis.



Next, on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, members of the 47<sup>th</sup> MO INF; 78<sup>th</sup> EMM; and the 2<sup>nd</sup> MO INF SVR units, along with reenactors of the Turner Brigade, assisted with a Civil War battlefield monument dedication, descendants’ ceremony, and a Masonic ceremony for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Fredericktown, Missouri. That same weekend, on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, members of the 47<sup>th</sup> were joined by the Louisa Volker Auxiliary 215, to do various Civil War demonstrations at the Arcadia Valley Mountain Music Festival (which was Civil War themed this year).



November slowed down and we took time to spend with our families and to celebrate Thanksgiving; however, the unit was back in force for December. On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, members of the 47<sup>th</sup> MO INF and 78<sup>th</sup> EMM, marched in the annual Ste. Genevieve, Missouri Christmas Parade. That evening the 47<sup>th</sup>/McCormick Camp and Volker Auxiliary’s annual holiday party in Bonne Terre, MO. Finally, we concluded our activities for this year with volunteering for our community. Members of the unit donned their Civil War/SVR uniforms to ring the bell for collections for the local United Way in Farmington, MO on December 10<sup>th</sup>.



# Company A, 49<sup>th</sup> Iowa Volunteer Infantry

## “The Governor’s Own”

### Des Moines, IA



#### Forty-Ninth Iowa Guardsmen Garner Top Honors Remembrance Day, 2011, At Gettysburg, PA.

No fewer than three members of this command earned top accolades from the Commanding General Officer and Military Affairs Committee of the Sons of Veterans Reserve at the annual awards presentation held at the SVR Breakfast on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011, in historic Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. First Corporal Courtney S. Stahr was awarded the National Distinguished Service Medal Gold Star (the SVR’s highest award for excellence) for his work in continuous support of the mission of his Regiment by maintaining our dynamic presence on the world-wide web through the constant administration of the Regiment’s website. Citing the fact that this site has for over one-year repeatedly rated among the most visited in the world, Major General Robert Grim expresses his pleasure with the performance of Corporal Stahr in furthering the mission of his Regiment and the goals of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. General Grim stated the, “Corporal Stahr’ exemplary performance embodies the finest traditions of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Sons of Veterans Reserve.” Regimental Color Sergeant Michael John Rowley was awarded the National Meritorious Service Medal Silver Star (the SVR’s second highest award for excellence) for his on-going efforts in the support of the mission of his Regiment and his tireless work in the area of graves registration and maintenance as well as his serving as liaison between this organization and the hereditary societies of the Sons (and Daughters) of the American Revolution; the General Society of the War of 1812; and other hereditary lineage orders. Corporal Louis A. Zenti was awarded the National Meritorious Service medal Silver Star (the SVR’s second highest award for excellence) for his monumental contributions of time, effort, energies and resources to the Iowa Battle Flags Project of the State Historical Society of Iowa by manufacturing the frames for the conserved battle flags that conservation staff and volunteers from this command work to preserve and protect; and, especially for his efforts in providing the conservation framing for the flag of the 561<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery Regiment (WWII) as a fitting tribute to the few remaining members of that glorious regiment that brought their flag ashore within days of the Normandy Invasion and carried it forward through continuous engagement with the enemy until the end of the war. MG Grim stated that both CD Rowley and Corporal Zenti’ awards reflected enormous credit upon themselves, their Regiment and the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

RCS Rowley was on-hand as to receive his award before leading the Color Guard for the National Commander-in-Chief, Dr. Donald Palmer, through the streets of Gettysburg during the Remembrance Day Parade that would take place later on in the afternoon. 1/Lt. Lamb accepted the award citations and medals for First Corporal Stahr and Corporal Zenti and will present them to these men at an upcoming event.

Respectfully Submitted,

1/Lt. David M. Lamb  
Commanding

# Company F, 78<sup>th</sup> Enrolled Missouri Militia Ste. Genevieve, MO

Two new members of Company F, enlisted in December. They are Private Robert Mueller and Private Richard Gibbar. We were asked by Sister Susan Zoughaib of the Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp # 326 Ladies Auxiliary to help with the children's area during the Rural Heritage Days on 22 October. She had eight different game areas set up for the kids to go to. Cpl Paul Cameron demonstrated Civil War Baseball and he was always busy. Paul → is shown pitching the rag ball.



← Pvt. Gary Scheel, accompanied by 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant Bob Schmidt of Company F, 47<sup>th</sup> MO Inf. SVR, running new recruits through Civil War drill. Our recruits ranged in the age from two to fourteen years old. Pvt. William Zoughaib also filled in where needed. Corporal Tom Greminger and Clarence Warfield



manned an information booth and Tom had many of his items on display. They had several come by and look at the list of names of Civil War veterans of Ste. Genevieve County that he had on display. Bob Mueller, our newest member was taking photos of the activities. He has furnished the photos in this article. It was a beautiful day to participate in the activities. On October 22<sup>nd</sup> William Zoughaib and Gary Scheel participated in the annual Spirit Reunion in the Memorial Cemetery. Pvt Zoughaib portrayed → Private Jacob Zimmer who was a Musician in the 30<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry and Gary portrayed Lt. Col. St. James. There was an estimated one-hundred guests came through to hear our stories. Bill Naeger portrayed Firmin Rozier. He also portrayed him at our Bank Raid during the Ste. Genevieve Civil War Camp in July. Even in death Firmin Rozier started talking bad about Lt. Col. St. James and the verbal conflict was on between them via guests.



Present for duty for the Veterans Day Ceremony on 11/11/11 which was conducted at the American Legion Hall in Ste. Genevieve were the following:  
1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant Tom Farlow, Corporal Paul Cameron, Private Gary Scheel, and Corporal Tom Greminger. At the end of the ceremony the American Legion Honor Guard fired a three shot volley followed by Company F firing a three shot volley.  
A Sheridan Tank as well as a WWII era Half Track were present also. We were honored to listen to the parents and widow of Sergeant Michael Beckermann who gave his all in Afghanistan this past year.

On November 13<sup>th</sup> we were invited to be present at an Eagle Scout of Honor held in Ste. Genevieve for Eagle Scout Jordan Upchurch. Present for duty for the Eagle Scout Court of Honor at the VFW Hall were the following:  
1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant Tom Farlow, Corporal Tom Greminger (Eagle Scout), Private Bob Hammack (Eagle Scout) and Private Gary Scheel

# IN THE NEWS

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

The following story would never have happened if they had attended the Artillery School at Jefferson Barracks last June.

## ***MythBusters* Mishap Sends Cannonball Through House, Minivan** By AP /

Garance Burke | December 8, 2011

Zany experiments testing scientific theories in real-world settings have earned the TV show *MythBusters* a devoted following, but a stunt gone awry met with an unhappy audience when an errant cannonball went shooting through a California family's bedroom.

Sheriff's deputies are still measuring how, exactly, the cannonball flew from a bomb range in the rolling hills flanking a suburban San Francisco Bay area neighborhood and rocketed into the front door of a home and through its master bedroom before landing in a neighbor's parked minivan.

Hosts for the Discovery Channel show fired the cannonball Tuesday as they filmed an episode testing whether other types of projectiles shot from a cannon would pick up the same speed and have the same impact as the steel ball. Later, the production team plans to film flying stone cannonballs at a rock quarry in Northern California.

Instead of hitting a string of water-filled garbage cans, however, the cannonball passed over the barrels, crashed straight through a protective cinderblock wall and careened off the hill behind it, said Alameda County Sheriff's Department spokesman J.D. Nelson.

"It missed the target and took kind of an oddball bounce," Nelson said. "It was almost like skipping a rock on a lake. Instead of burying it into the hill it just went skyward."

No one was injured, and the home's residents didn't even wake up until the broken drywall settled on top of them, Nelson said.

The show's co-hosts planned to go to the neighborhood to speak with those affected Wednesday afternoon, and a meeting was called with the entire production staff to understand what went wrong.

"We are really, really grateful and glad that no one was hurt," co-host and executive producer Adam Savage said in an interview. "Discovery is committed to making this right and making sure that everything that has been damaged is as good or better as before this started."

Producers have used the cannon they built at the county's bomb range, which is tucked in a valley in the suburb of Dublin, more than 50 times without incident, said Nelson, the department's liaison to the show.

Once it was launched, the cannonball traveled about 650 yards, bounced in front of the home, then tore through the front door and exited through a wall on the back of the house.

The projectile then bounced at least once more and crossed the road before smashing the window and dashboard of a gold minivan, where it came to rest.

Jasbir Gill, who owns the minivan, said he and his children had just gotten home.

"It's scary," Gill told **the Contra Costa Times**. "I was in the van five minutes before this happened."

*Mythbusters*, which is produced for Discovery Channel by the San Francisco-based Beyond Productions, issued a statement through publicist Katherine Nelson on Wednesday saying all proper safety protocol had been observed.

"Beyond Productions is currently assessing the situation and working with those whose property was affected," she said.

The show, according to its website, mixes "scientific method with gleeful curiosity and plain old-fashioned ingenuity to create (its) own signature style of explosive experimentation."

President Barack Obama appeared on a segment last year aimed at testing whether the Greek mathematician Archimedes actually used only mirrors and the reflected rays of the sunset to set fire to an invading Roman fleet.

Taken from <http://newsfeed.time.com/2011/12/08/mythbusters-mishap-sends-cannonball-through-house-minivan/>

# Public Information Officer

To all 4<sup>th</sup> Military District Units,

Lt. Col. Grothe asked me if I would be interested in taking the position of Public Information Officer. I asked him what would be my responsibilities and I was told that it would basically be what I do now. That is to put out the newsletter and a couple of other things.

I would like to take this opportunity to Thank Lt. Col. Grothe for appointing me to this responsibility.

I am now asking for your help. I appreciate all the newsletter articles that I receive from the units of the 4<sup>th</sup> Military District when I request them. Several of our units faithfully submit an article for each issue.

Corporal Kent A Peterson is the webmaster for the 4<sup>th</sup> Military District website and he has each unit listed. Some of the information is out of date or missing and needs to be corrected. Please go to <http://svr4md.suvcw-wi.org/units.html> and check out the information about your unit. If the information is outdated or incorrect please contact him at [kapeterson@wi.rr.com](mailto:kapeterson@wi.rr.com) and let him know. Corporal Peterson also places the newsletter on the 4<sup>th</sup> Military District SVR website.

I think one of my responsibilities is to make sure that we record the events that our units do. This can be done through our newsletter.

Please let me know if your unit is planning an activity. I believe that when a unit has an activity the presence of the SVR should be as large as possible. This is the best form of advertising. One way we can increase the numbers for our activity is inviting other units. You may be surprised how many members would travel to an activity sponsored by your unit if they would only know about it. The 78<sup>th</sup> E.M.M. Ste. Genevieve and the 47<sup>th</sup> MO Inf of Park Hills always invite each other to our activities and we are about thirty miles apart. Point in case at the Ste. Genevieve Holiday Christmas Festival Parade on 3 December there were actually more members of the 47<sup>th</sup> MO Inf. SVR than of the 78<sup>th</sup> E.M.M. which was the sponsoring unit. My main point is that if we don't know we can't go.

Who: What is the name of sponsoring unit and the name and contact information of the unit commander

What: Exactly what is happening. If it is a grave dedication, Medal of Honor Ceremony, parade, Veterans Day Ceremony. The more information provided the more SVR members may be present.

When: To include time activity starts, date and when you want us to arrive.

Where: To include exact addresses which should include the name of the town. This will help those who use google maps or other devices to get there.

If you send me information in advance of the activity I will be glad to send it to the unit commanders on my e-mail list.

My contact information is as follows:

e-mail: [somewhere1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:somewhere1@sbcglobal.net)

home/business phone: 573-883-9397

cell phone : 314-623-2062

With Respect and Regards,

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Gary L. Scheel  
Public Information Officer  
4<sup>th</sup> Military District SVR

# Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

All are invited to participate in the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 147<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of President Lincoln's death. It will be held at the Lincoln tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL at 10 AM on Saturday, April 14, 2012.

**Headquarters Hotel:** President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701. The room rate is \$90.99 for single/quad. A 10% dining discount at Lindsay's Restaurant is included. Call 1-866-788-1860 for reservations and mention "**Sons of Union Veterans**". **Reserve your room by March 16, 2012.** After this, the remaining blocked rooms will be released. **Shuttle service** will provide transportation between the tomb and the hotel.

**Wreaths** may be ordered from local Springfield florists. Instruct the florist to have the wreath delivered c/o the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, by 9 AM on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Luncheon** will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12 noon. The luncheon program will feature the Battlefield Balladeers, doing songs of the era with audience participation. Luncheon cost is \$28 per person. Send registration form below to:

**Robert M. Petrovic, PDC**  
**6519 Cherokee Lane**  
**Cedar Hill, MO 63016-2527**

Make check payable to "**National Organization, SUVCW**". Cancellation of lunch reservations must be made by no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The **Dr. Benjamin Stephenson Memorial Service**, hosted by the Dept. of Illinois, will take place at his grave in Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, IL, at 3 PM. The cemetery is located on IL Hwy. 123 on the east side of town. Traveling to Petersburg from Springfield, use Hwys. 29 and 123 or 97.

For event info, go to the SUVCW web site (suvchw.org) or contact Robert Petrovic at: [rpetro7776@aol.com](mailto:rpetro7776@aol.com) or 636-274-4567.

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**OBSERVANCE WREATH PRESENTATION**  
(please print clearly)

Organization name in full: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name & title of wreath bearer: \_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_  
if no e-mail, home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, & Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

**To insure listing in program, this notice MUST be received no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> at the address shown above.**

I would like to reserve \_\_\_\_ seats on the shuttle bus from headquarters hotel to Tomb Ceremony and return to hotel.

**Maximum of 60 seats on bus. First come, first served basis.**

**OBSERVANCE LUNCHEON**

Please accept \_\_\_\_ luncheon reservation(s). Please list name, e-mail address, home address & phone number of person responsible for picking up tickets at the door.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Pork loin \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Marsalla \_\_\_\_\_

Include remittance of \$28.00 per person for each lunch reservation payable to **National Organization SUVCW**.

**Reservations must be made by April 1<sup>st</sup> and cancellations by the same date in order to receive refund.** There will be no extra tickets sold at the door. Make a copy of this form for your records and send original with remittance to:

**ROBERT M. PETROVIC, 6519 CHEROKEE LANE, CEDAR HILL, MO 63016**

**56<sup>th</sup> Annual Lincoln Tomb Observance  
Sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS**

**OBSERVANCE WREATH PRESENTATION  
(please print clearly)**

Organization name in full: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name & title of wreath bearer: \_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_  
if no e-mail, home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, & Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

To insure listing in program, this notice MUST be received no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> at the address shown below.

I would like to reserve \_\_\_\_ seats on the shuttle bus from headquarters hotel to Tomb Ceremony and return to hotel.

**Note: ONLY 60 SEATS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE BUS. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. BUS LEAVES HOTEL AT 9:00AM FOR THE TOMB. PLEASE ASSEMBLE IN LOBBY.**

**OBSERVANCE LUNCHEON**

Please accept \_\_\_\_ luncheon reservation(s). Please list name, e-mail address, home address & phone number of person responsible for picking up tickets at the door.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Pork loin \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Marsalla \_\_\_\_\_

Include remittance of \$28.00 per person for each lunch reservation payable to **National Organization SUVCW.**

**Reservations must be made by April 1<sup>st</sup> and cancellations by the same date in order to receive refund.** There will be no extra tickets sold at the door. Make a copy of this form for your records and send original with remittance.

**MILITARY PARADE INFORMATION**

Name of unit: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact person name: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**This will insure each unit receives a streamer for their flag and all participants receive ribbons.**

**SEND TO:  
ROBERT M. PETROVIC, PDC  
6519 CHEROKEE LANE  
CEDAR HILL, MO 63016-2527**