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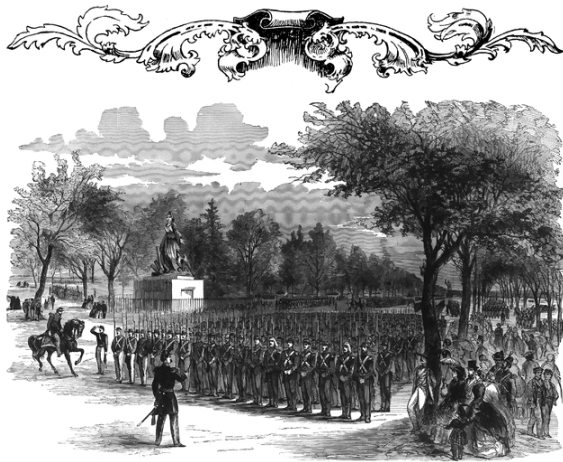
Attention to Orders

Sons of Veterans Reserve
15 November 2014
SVR General Order 2014-16

1. Effective this date, The Commanding General, Sons of Veterans Reserve with the approval of the Military Affairs Committee commissions Captain J. Alan Teller, SVR, to the rank of Major.
2. Effective this date The Commanding General, Sons of Veterans Reserve with the approval of the Military Affairs Committee commissions Captain Joseph C. Marti, SVR, to the rank of Major.
3. These commissions will remain in effect until 15 November 2017 or until properly relieved.

Major General Robert Grim
Commanding Officer
Sons of Veterans Reserve

Attest:
Donald E. Darby
Colonel, SVR
Adjutant General



From the Commanding General

REMEMBRANCE DAY IS THE SVR'S CROWN JEWEL

By Major General Robert E. Grim

SVR members honor our Civil War ancestors and the members of the Grand Army of the Republic in a variety of ways during the year

with Memorial Day ceremonies, monument dedications, color guards, living history programs, parades, and numerous other events and activities. But Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania attracts the largest crowd of participants and spectators which creates an outstanding opportunity to let the public learn what the SVR and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is all about.

It was cold in Gettysburg on Saturday November 15th, but thousands of spectators lined the streets of Gettysburg to witness the 58th annual Remembrance Day Parade which attracted an estimated three thousand participants. The parade which is organized and sponsored by the SVR is the highlight of Remembrance Day. However, it is only one of four SVR events held in Gettysburg on the Saturday nearest November 19th in remembrance of President Abraham Lincoln delivering his now famous Gettysburg Address, which he gave on November 19, 1863 during the dedication of the Gettysburg National Military Cemetery as a final resting place for those killed during the July Battle of Gettysburg.

The day started with the annual SVR Breakfast at the Wyndham Hotel. Commander-in-Chief Tad D. Campbell and his family was guest of the SVR. The Commander-in-Chief who is a member of the SVR expressed his appreciation for the work the SVR does and thanked all those present for making the journey to Gettysburg. He traveled all the way from California.

It is customary to announce staff officer promotions and present SVR awards at the breakfast. I had the honor of announcing the promotion of Commander Allen Teller to the rank of Major, and presenting three Distinguished Service medals, three Meritorious Service medals and two Unit Citations.

At 11:00 a.m. the SVR conducted the annual wreath laying ceremony at the Albert Woolson Grand Army of the Republic memorial in Ziegler's Grove in the Gettysburg National Military Park. The Philadelphia Brigade Band provided appropriate musical selections and Commander-in-Chief Tad D. Campbell gave an inspiring address, and I had the privilege of presenting a check in the amount of \$4,000 to Rick Kendall, Acting Superintendent of the Gettysburg National Military Park. The check was the proceeds from last year's military ball

which the SVR donated to the park for monument and memorial preservation. Brother James Getty a nationally renowned portrayer of President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address, and the national leaders of the Allied Orders along with the Pennsylvania Department leaders of the Allied Orders presented wreaths honoring the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

At 1:00 p.m. the 58th annual Remembrance Day Parade stepped off with a police escort through the streets of Gettysburg. The parade led by members of the SVR General Staff, Commander-in-Chief Campbell, and James Getty portraying President Lincoln as well as many members of the SVR from across the country took about 45 minutes to pass through the streets of Gettysburg to the Gettysburg National Military Park.

The Borough of Gettysburg has been charging a fee of one thousand dollars for a parade permit. Some of the Gettysburg merchants have been donating the money to pay for the permit. This year the fee was increased to \$1,700. In August, at the national encampment SVR breakfast, I expressed concern about getting the extra \$700. Our SVR National Chaplain Captain Jerome Kowalski solved that problem by offering a \$50 donation and asking other SVR members to match his donation. Finding money to pay for the permit next year is an issue we are working on.

The day ended with the annual SVR Military Ball at the Wyndham Hotel. The Philadelphia Brigade Band provided the music with dance instruction by the Victorian Dance Ensemble Performing Troupe of the Civil War Dance Foundation. I had the honor of leading the Grand March to open the ball which was attended by about three hundred dancers. The proceeds from this year's ball will be donated to the Gettysburg National Military Park next year during the Woolson Monument ceremony.

Like most SVR events, Remembrance Day requires a lot of hard work by many people to make it happen. Remembrance Day hotel arrangements were handled by Col. Robert M. Petrovic, SVR Chief of Staff; the SVR breakfast was managed by Col. Donald E. Darby, SVR Adjutant General; and SVR Deputy Commander Brig. General Henry E. Shaw, Jr. took care of getting the permits for the parade, making arrangements for the Woolson Monument ceremony and conducting the Military Ball. This year the task of managing the parade fell on the shoulders of Deputy Provost Marshal Capt. David K. Hann due to the death of Provost Marshal Major Eric J. Schmincke's mother. Major Terry Frost, a past commander of the 3rd Military District, once again served as a deputy provost at the SVR parade reviewing stand.

I would like to thank all those who took the time to travel to Gettysburg this year, and in case you

didn't go to Gettysburg this year, you missed a great experience. You should start planning now for Remembrance Day 2015 which will take place on November 21, 2015.



The Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) recognized, with a certificate of appreciation, the Steinwehr Avenue Heart of Gettysburg Battlefield, Inc. Gettysburg business leaders for their support of the 58th annual Remembrance Day parade which was organized and directed by the SVR. The Gettysburg business leaders donated one thousand dollars to help cover the \$1,700 cost of a parade permit from the Borough of Gettysburg. Pictured front row left to right: Brig. General Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Deputy Commander of the SVR, Susan Wicklein, George Lomas, Tammy Myers, and Major General Robert E. Grim, SVR National Commander. Back row left to right: Deb Adamik, Paul Witt, Laura Witt, Nathan Mares and Chris Ackeman. .



Rick Kendall (left) Acting Superintendent of the Gettysburg National Military Park accepts a \$4,000 check from Major General Robert E. Grim, National Commander of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR), during the SVR's annual Remembrance Day Woolson Monument Ceremony. The \$4,000 donation was the proceeds from last year's annual Remembrance Day Military Ball held at the Wyndham Hotel by the SVR. All the proceeds from that annual Military Ball are donated by the SVR to the Gettysburg Military Park for monument preservation. The GNMP selects the monument that the donation will help preserve. To date the SVR has donated a total of \$77,000 to the

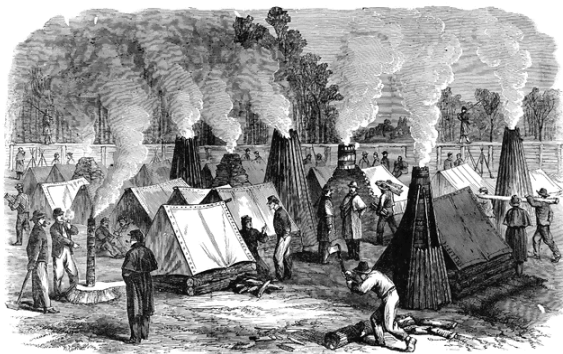
Gettysburg National Military Park for Civil War monument preservation. The proceeds from the 2014 Remembrance Day Ball will be donated to the GNMP during the SVR's Woolson Monument Ceremony in 2015.



Members of the SVR General Staff enjoy the Remembrance Day parade. Front row left to right: Col Donald E. Darby, Adjutant General; Major General Robert E. Grim, SVR National Commander; Brig. General Henry E. Shaw, Jr., SVR Deputy Commander; and Captain Jerome Kowalski, SVR National Chaplain.



SVR National Commander Major General Robert E. Grim and his wife Charlotte lead the Grand March at the Remembrance Day Military Ball followed by SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Tad D. Campbell and his wife Rachelle, National President of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW, and their daughter Emelia.



Commander's 2014 Fall Ramblings

September 18: Presentation of Camp Charter.

An opportunity occurred to present the charter to a new camp, SUVCW John W. Foster Camp #2 Evansville, IN. It was a drive of about four hours from Kokomo. From various parts of the state of Indiana we descended upon Evansville and met the new camp members for dinner at a local restaurant. They have their SUVCW meetings before the local Civil War Round Table meets. The Department Commander presented their charter. Before the round table began, the opportunity to speak about the SVR and other SUVCW programs was presented. Hopefully this talk will spur some new members for both the SUVCW and the SVR.

October 25: Rededication of the Memorial Opera House in Valparaiso, IN.

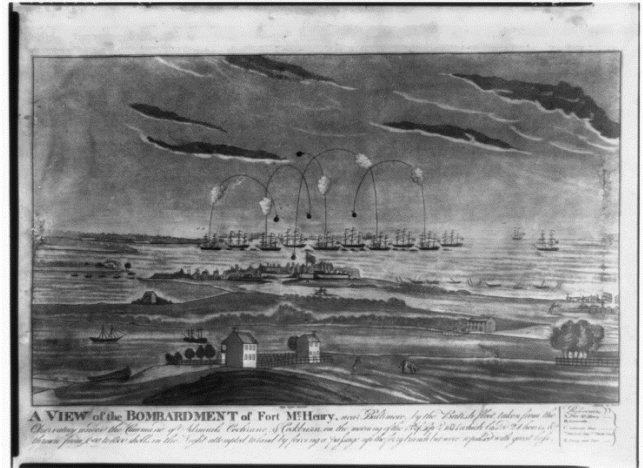
The Chaplain Brown Post # 106 of the GAR, was named after Rev. Caldwell Brown of the 49th Indiana Infantry. He was a former pastor of the Valparaiso First Presbyterian Church; served his country as a chaplain in the 49th; and died of typhoid shortly after the battles of Pittsburg Landing and Corinth on July 14, 1862. This GAR Post built the opera house as a monument to the Union Soldiers and Sailors that served during the Civil War and named it Memorial Hall. It was completed Nov, 8, 1893 and given to the community. The GAR Post held their meetings upstairs in the opera house. Probably more importantly to the citizens of Valparaiso was the stage events in the 300 seat theater on the first floor. It survived and flourished over the years. In 1984 it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The SUVCW, David D. Porter Camp #116 was recently asked if they would like to have their meetings in the opera house where the GAR had their meeting so many years ago. They accepted the invitation and that was the reason for the Rededication. The SVR 27th Indiana Infantry was asked to aid in the rededication. The SVR presented the colors, retired the colors, and fired a musket salute outside on the sidewalk in downtown Valparaiso on a busy Saturday afternoon. A member of the SVR played Taps. Accidentally the SVR actually started the program a little early. We had decided to do a walkthrough of the colors presentation, because of the number of men we had in uniform; the unusual placement of the flag stands; and the limited space available to us. The Valparaiso University Band was practicing on the stage. Immediately after their playing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" we began our walkthrough. As we marched down the center aisle with flags flying, those present began to stand and stayed standing throughout our practice. The practice went flawlessly. As we came to a halt in the lobby the emcee walked on stage and started the program early. We had presented the colors for what became an early start of the program with our practice.

November 1: Honoring the Common Soldier and Brig. General George Wagner. SUVCW, Champion Hill Camp #17 of Huntington, IN organized the event to be held at the Armstrong Chapel in northwestern Warren County near Pine Village, IN. This was a country affair. The SVR 27th Indiana was asked to participate. It was a double ceremony with one ceremony inside the church and another outside in the cemetery. There was a large crowd and every seat in the chapel was filled. It had probably not seen such a large crowd in years. The SVR presented the colors. The featured speaker, Bill Crane, was a WW II veteran and a descendant of Corp. Elijah Crane of the 15th Indiana Infantry. He spoke without any notes, on the 15th and the common soldier's life in the Civil War. He was simply amazing for all of the names, facts, dates places he recalled from memory. It was an excellent presentation. Afterwards, we regrouped in the cemetery at Gen. George Wagner's grave. The second ceremony featured local resident Pete Ardivision, a descendent of the Gen. Wagner; who spoke about the life of the general. The SVR fired a musket salute to General Wagner. A member of the SVR played Taps. Then we all adjourned to the basement of the church for refreshments.

November 15: Remembrance Day, Gettysburg, PA. It was quite a day; the early forecast before leaving home noted an expected cold, miserable day. It was a bright sunny day with parade temperatures of about 45-50 degrees and no wind. The drive over the prior day saw snow in some of the fields along the way and evidence of salt on the roads, but there was never snow coming down or snow on the roads. The breakfast attendance was smaller than normal. The ceremony at the GAR Monument was well attended. The parade seemed smaller than usual. Of course last year was the 150th anniversary and had a large attendance. Where the parade lines up on LaFever Street was a surprise. All of the construction that has been witnessed the last several years was completed and there was parking, lots of parking. Unbelievable! The parade route was changed because of construction. Steinwehr Avenue was torn up so they took the parade as far go down Steinwehr as the construction would allow and then routed it onto the Tarrytown Road. The reviewing stand was on Steinwehr just before the turn onto Tarrytown. Attendance wise for the Third Military District the writer noted there were 5 men from the 27th Indiana Infantry only four marched in uniform. The 14th Michigan Infantry had 19 men in uniform and at least one man not in uniform, nineteen men is an impressive feat! Their Commander Capt. Lloyd Lampere, Jr. and his men are to be commended for their dedication to participation at this event. Private Robert Payne of the 14th, a former member of the 101st Airborne Div., carried the Third Military Division Flag in the parade. It was the only district flag in the parade.

3rd Military District Commander
Major Alan Teller

THE IRISH RIFLE On The March: Fort McHenry



The 14th Michigan Company A, Sons of Veterans Reserve, as part of its Annual Gettysburg Remembrance activity toured Fort McHenry and were honored to assist in the lowering of the Fort's flag and the raising of the massive 15 star storm flag.





Left To Right: Ron Shull, Joe Frost, Rob Payne, Lloyd Lamphere, Dean Lamphere, Jack Frost, Bob Boquette and Paul Davis behind the camera

It seems as though Baltimore is inhabited by Hobbits. We first encountered one at Fort McHenry in a Hobbit Cell and later another was stuffed inside a wooden crate at the President Street Station Museum.



Joe Frost AKA, The Hobbit



14th Michigan Company A Attends Gettysburg Remembrance Events

Once again the 14th has a great turn out for the Gettysburg Remembrance Parade and activities. We started our Saturday morning with the placement of flags on the graves in the Michigan section. Following, there was a brief ceremony and laying of a wreath.



Richard Denny places flags on the graves of Michigan soldiers



Next, we marched over to the Albert Woolson Monument for the services there and fell in to our usual place in line. After the ceremony and the laying of wreaths, a couple of the boys introduced themselves to President Lincoln who thanked them for their service but would not release them from the terms of their enlistment.



Joe Frost with James Getty

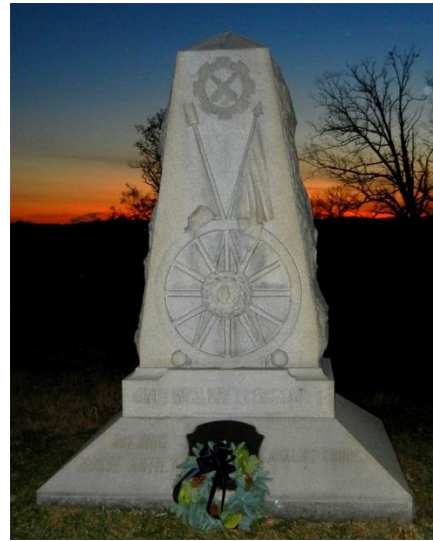


Ron Shull with James Getty

Michigan monuments. We were able to complete the service just as the sun was setting.



The SVR boys from Camp 135, Bruce, Dick, Chuck and Russ enjoy a hardtack breakfast on a "slightly cool" morning.



Remembrance Weekend Also Includes Fun and Frivolity

The weekend was not all work any no play. The Irish Rifle found adequate time for Irish Pubs both in Baltimore and in Gettysburg.



Next we formed up for the parade. It is always better to be at the head of the parade and not the tail. This year's parade route was changed due to road construction in Gettysburg. As evidenced by the number of great coats, the weather was cold but less windy than the previous day.

Following the parade, we went to the monument for the 9th Michigan Battery, 1st Light Artillery for a wreath laying and remembrance ceremony as part of our annual rotation observance of



Rob, Ron, Jack and Dean enjoy a pint and toasted Brother Ed Dowd, our Color Sergeant, who was unable to make the trip. Brother Ed, we wish you the best and a speedy recovery. The pub also had food, really. Lloyd, Bob and Joe

shown below enjoying their Irish luncheon dishes.



Lloyd Lamphere, Sailor Bob Boquette and Joe Frost

Several of the boys paid a visit to the Gettysburg Cyclorama and the consensus was with several having just visited the one in Atlanta, the Gettysburg Cyclorama was a very distant second place.

In order to earn their "fish hook" award, the 14th visited Neill Avenue (AKA The Lost Avenue) once again via the property and generosity of the land owner.

Submitted by the 14th's Correspondent to the Sentinel, Department of Michigan Commander and Brother of the SVR, Paul Davis



Co. C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Members Participate in Veterans Day Ceremonies



1st Lt. Shane Milburn, Commander of Company C, 20th Ohio Vol. Inf. attended a Veterans Day ceremony at the former Ohio Soldier and Sailors

Orphans Home in Xenia, Ohio. The orphanage was built by the Grand Army of the Republic to care for Civil War orphans, but is now operated as a private school. Alumni members of the orphanage had a beautiful statue depicting a young boy and girl made and placed it in the orphanage cemetery located next to the Collier Chapel. The cemetery is the final resting place for children who died during their stay at the orphanage. The Veterans Day ceremony dedicating the statue was attended by about 100 people including local government and political leaders as well as Mike Dewine, Ohio's Attorney General and a former United States Senator.

For more information on the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home, you can go to:

<http://www.orphanhomeohio.org/>

There you will find a history of the "Home", the Cemetery and current efforts to save and maintain the remaining parts of the home.





Editor's note, the Greene County Public Library maintains an on-line searchable database of residents of the Orphans Home at <http://greenelibrary.info/research/ohio-soldiers-sailors-orphans-home/#more>



Major General Robert E. Grim, a former commander of Company C, 20th Ohio Vol. Inf., participated in a Veterans Day program with his grandson Joshua Cassio at Kings Mills Elementary School, located in Kings Mills, Ohio. Grim a United States Air Force Vietnam War veteran and a member of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame joined other veterans for a parade and school assembly honoring military veterans.

**Co. C, 20th Volunteer Infantry Members
Enjoy Remembrance Day in Gettysburg**



Corporal Irven Cassio dances with General Grim's wife Charlotte at the SVR Military Ball.



Private James Grim and his companion Jo Ann Gruber enjoy the Remembrance Day Military Ball.

At present Company C, 20th Ohio Vol. Inf only scheduled events for 2015 are on Memorial Day at the Bloomingburg and Lees Creek Cemeteries.

The Company works with both the Fayette County Library and Historical Society doing living history events, but nothing has been finalized at this point.

Submitted by 1st Lt. Shane Milburn,
Commander of Company C,
20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

**BRIDGEWATER SCOUTS
3RD MILITARY DISTRICT
SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE**

On 11 November, the Bridgewater Scouts joined the MAJ James H. Bridgewater Camp 7 in dedicating two veteran's markers. Brother Dave Gambrel had located the unmarked graves and ordered the markers from the VA. The first dedication was held in the Lancaster Cemetery for Captain Isaac Singleton. Singleton was the commander of Co. B of the 8th Kentucky Volunteer Cavalry Regiment. The second dedication was held in the Fairview Church Cemetery in Lincoln County. The dedication was for Private William G. Rains of the 1st Kentucky Volunteer Cavalry Regiment.

Several descendants of the two men were present at each service and were very appreciative of our efforts. At each service, Camp Commander Mark Price gave opening remarks, Brother Gambrel offered an opening prayer, and Brother Timothy Downey gave a report on the soldier's service. With the assistance of family members, a flag and a rose were placed at the grave. The Scouts then fired a volley salute. The services were closed with a prayer from Brother Gambrel.



SUPPER UNDER DIFFICULTIES.



**2015 Known Schedule of Events for
Co D 27th Indiana Infantry**

(All events require uniforms and Commander Kolb has asked all participants to arrive 1 hour early for all events except the Midwinter Encampment and the Annual Encampment;

arrive 30 minutes early for the two encampments.)

January 31; Annual Dept. Midwinter Encampment, Valparaiso, IN Memorial Opera House, 9:00 AM EST

February 8; Lincoln Day, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, Lincoln City, IN, 2:00 PM EST

April 11; Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Springfield, IL, 10:00 AM CST

April 30; Lincoln Funeral Train, Indianapolis, Time to be determined CST

May 25; Harrison Camp Memorial Day Services; Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Time to be determined CST

May 25; Champion Hill Camp Illumination Memorial Day Services, Huntington, IN, 8:00 PM CST

June 6; Annual Dept. Encampment, IUK, Kokomo, IN, 9:00 AM CST

August 20-23; SUVCW National Encampment, Richmond, VA

November 21; Remembrance Day, Gettysburg, PA

There are additional events under consideration and will probably be added as the details are finalized.



AN ARMY WRITING-DESK.



RECRUITING! IT'S EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

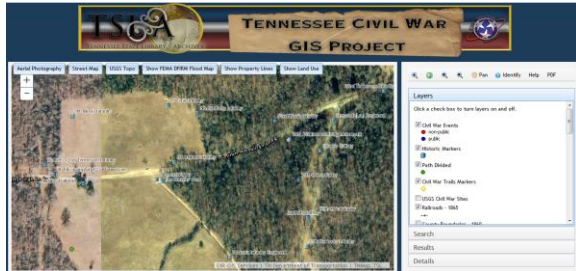


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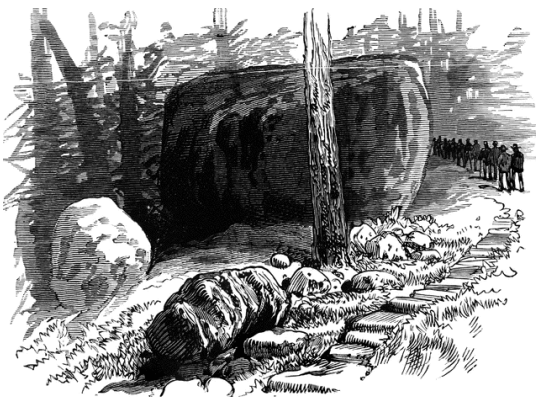
The Tennessee GIS Civil War Site

So many Soldiers and Sailors from states represented in the SVR's 3rd Military District saw their service within the boundaries of the state of Tennessee. Dyer's *"Compendium of the War of the Rebellion"* reports that state is second only to Virginia in the number of military actions that took place on its soil. Additionally, the Navy operated its Brown Water fleet on the waters of the great rivers that flowed through the state.

Tennessee has made great strides in helping people remember the war through the publication of research, creation of tours and preservation of battlefields and fortifications. One other such activity is the internet publication of "The Tennessee GIS Civil War" website.

It is possible through the use of the site to locate particular military action, related monuments and, in many cases, detailed reports or stories. Point your favorite web browser at

<http://tnmap.tn.gov/civilwar/>
and give it a try.

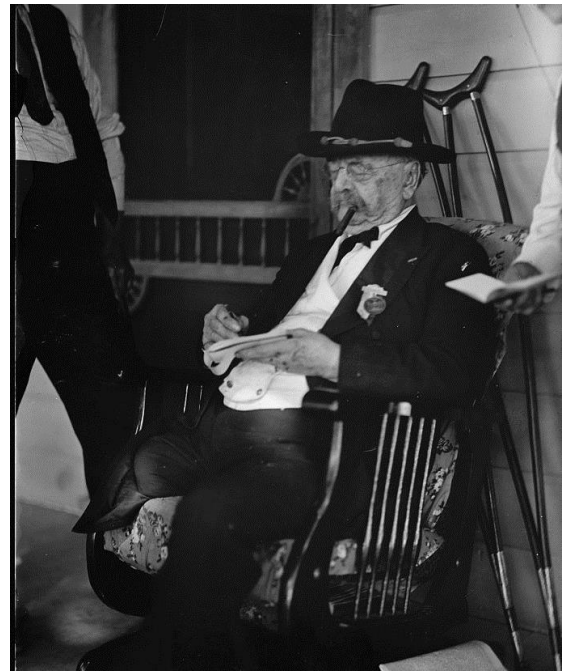


Ascent of Roundtop

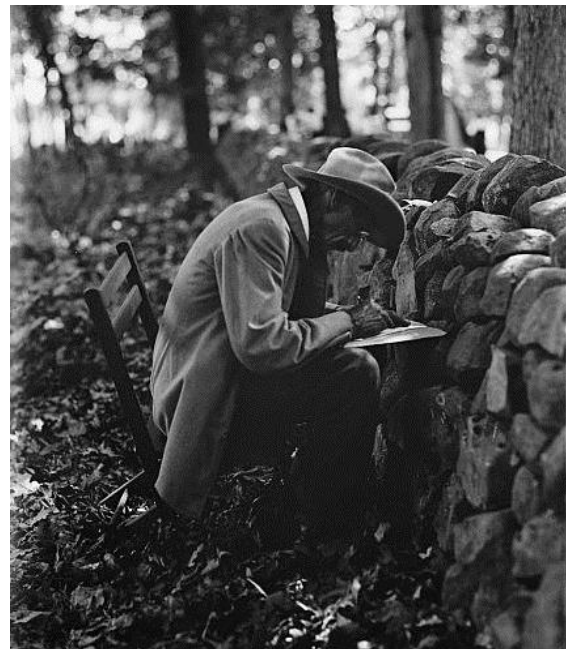
Photographs from the 1913 Gettysburg Reunion



President Wilson arrives at Gettysburg July 1913



Major General Daniel Sickles





The Boy Scouts at Gettysburg

Research Assistance

Captain Tim Downey of the Bridgewater Scouts, SVR has possession of a copy of the "Kentucky Adjutant General's Reports, Union and Confederate" and would be glad to look up information for Brothers. Please contact him by email: downeytimothy@hotmail.com with your information request for Kentucky Civil War Veterans.



Classifieds

(Intended for Brothers seeking to sell or trade items pertaining to their participation in the Sons of Veterans Reserve).

TWO ITEMS FOR SALE:

Civil War US Infantry Trousers, sky blue with braces, waist 44" inseam 31" with a 3"hem, very good condition some small spots on the left rear leg that could be cleaned away, \$60.00 cash money. See Photo: alan.teller@comcast.net, Phone 765.455.0484.



Civil War US Artillery Shell Jacket, dark blue with the red piping (extremely faded), says size 40 (I am sure it will fit a size 38). Except for the fading this is a very good jacket. It has been on a manikin inside a building in the sun for years, \$90.00 cash money. See Photo: alan.teller@comcast.net, Phone 765.455.0484

