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The Newsletter for the 3rd Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve

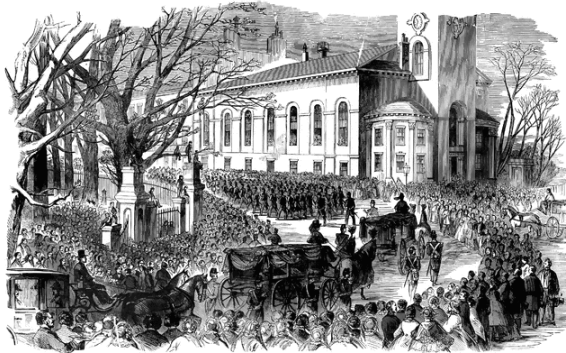
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Sad News

We are sad to report the passing of the wife of our District Commander - Lee Ann Teller. She passed on January 9, 2015. Lee Ann was active in the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and was also a member of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. She is a Past Commander of the Central Region Conference of the Allied Orders. Lee Ann and Alan were married over 51 years.



ATTENTION TO ORDERS!

14 March 2015

SVR General Order 2015-04

1. To District Commanders and through them to the Unit Commanders, now has come the time for all to have their Unit Strength Reports AND 990 acceptance forms prepared and ready for submission to the District so that the District Commanders may make the 1 April deadline.

Major General Robert E. Grim
Commanding Officer
Sons of Veterans Reserve

Attest:
Colonel Donald E. Darby,
Adjutant General
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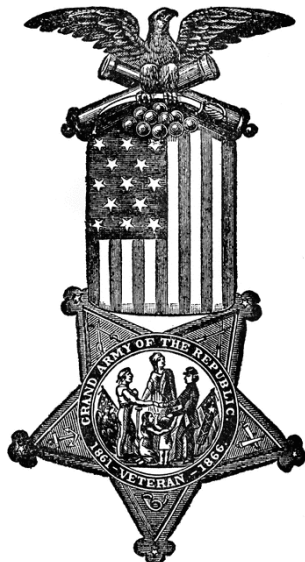
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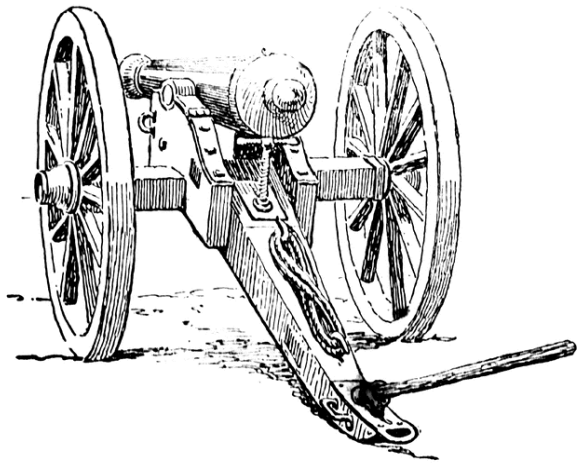
SVR General Order 2015-05

1. To all District Commanders, SVR General Order 2015-04 contained an error regarding the submission of the District reports to the SVR Adjutant General. District Reports are due in accordance with SVR Regulations, 30 April.

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Commander's 2015 Winter Ramblings

January 31, 2015, The Indiana Department Midwinter Encampment was held at the Memorial Opera House in Valparaiso, IN. The weather was not terribly cold about 35 degrees for the high. The SVR, 27th Indiana Infantry, presented the colors, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 11 SVR members in uniform present. From home in Kokomo it was a hard two hour drive to Valparaiso.

January 13 & 14, I have debated whether to write this or not, here goes. My wife Lee Ann died on the 9th. The first viewing was held in Kokomo on the 13th. The SVR was not present as such in Kokomo. However, 8 members of the SUVCW (5 being SVR members) and 7 members of the DUVCW attended the visitation. The DUVCW preformed their Burial Service toward the end of this viewing. The second viewing, funeral and burial was in Connersville on the 14th. The SVR, 27th Indiana Infantry, was represented by 9 men in uniform. They formed an honor guard at the head and foot of the casket and changed guards about every 20 minutes. They fired three volleys to close the services at the cemetery. (To put this effort in perspective it was about 11 degrees at the time of the firing.) Two SUVCW Past Commanders-in-Chief, the National SVR Chaplain, the National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Lee Ann's Tent President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Department Indiana DUVCW Senior Vice President and the President of Lee Ann's Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were all in attendance. The National President of the LGAR presented an LGAR Flag Holder to me for her grave. The Order of Eastern Star performed their Burial Rite at the funeral home. I want to thank everyone for their kindness and sympathy to me and my family in this time of sorrow.

February 8, 2015, The SVR made the annual trip to the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, LBNM, at Lincoln City, IN for the Lincoln Day

Program. This was probably the warmest day in all of February. It got up to about 50 degrees. The roads in southern Indiana were clear and dry; snow could not be seen in any direction after we left northern Indiana. Here we were 11 men strong in uniform. The 27th was present and accounted for. We arrived an hour early to do some drilling led by Commander Bruce Kolb and Sergeant Mike Beck. For the program we presented the colors; retired the colors; and led the pilgrimage up the hill to the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln. The main speaker for the program was John Barr, author of "Loathing Lincoln". The Eulogy was given by Anna Hevron, 5th great granddaughter of James and Elizabeth Gentry and other neighbors of the Lincoln's. If you look real close at the accompanying photos you will see one man that keeps showing up in Civil War Navy dress. He really is one of us. He just does not understand we have no boats or ships, we are an infantry unit.



This is at the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, LBNM, before the presentation of the Colors. Front Row 1 to r: Tom Schmitt, Larry Myer, Mike Beck, Bruce Kolb, Alan Teller



At the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln after the procession. Front Row 1 to r: Alan Teller, Josh Claybourn, Larry Myer, Gib Young, Mike Beck, Tom Schmitt. Back Row 1 to r: Bruce Kolb, Dennis Hutchinson, Tim Beckman, John Eger, Dave Tilden, Garry Walls



During the ceremony at the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln. (Not all participants were visible in this photo.) l to r: Dennis Hutchinson, Gib Young, Larry Myer, Mike Beck, Tom Schmitt, John Eger, Dave Tilden, Garry Walls and Eulogist Anna Hevron.



This is a practice session before the presentation of the colors at the Lincoln Day Program. (You can only see a few individuals.) r to l: Mike Beck, Gib Young, Dennis Hutchinson, Tim Beckman.



The 91st Annual Lincoln Day Program at LBNM, stage participants in the theater portion of the program. l to r: Kendell Thompson, Superintendent; Anna Hevron, Eulogist; Mike Capps, Chief Ranger; John Barr Author of "Loathing Lincoln"; Mrs. Evelyn Adams, President Lincoln Club of Southern Indiana; Rev, Paul Newland, Central Christian Church, Huntingburg, IN.



After the program this is the line-up for the procession to the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln and the Eulogy. (You can only see a few individuals.) r to l: Alan Teller, Bruce Kolb, Dennis Hutchinson, John Eger Garry Walls.



In the hall outside the theater before the Lincoln Day Program. l tor: Gib Young, John Eger, Garry Walls, Tim Beckman, Dave Tilden, Dennis Hutchinson, Alan Teller, Larry Myer, Tom Schmitt, Bruce Kolb



This is a photo at the cemetery of all the members of the Allied Orders that made the trip to the cemetery on a cold, cold winter day. l to r: Bruce Kolb, Mike Beck, Dennis Rigsby, Amy Bowyer, John Eger, Ken Freshley, Vickie Layman, Alan Teller, Jerome Kolwalski, Judy Rock, John Bowyer, Esther Cook, Dennis Hutchinson, Tim Beckman, Gib Young, Don Morgan photographer was Mike Beck



This is the firing squad trying to get in line at the cemetery. Mike Beck was the photographer.

The members are not all in the picture and are not in any order: Bruce Kolb, Mike Beck, Tim Beckman, John Bowyer, John Eger, Dennis Hutchinson, Gib Young, Dennis Rigsby, Don Morgan,



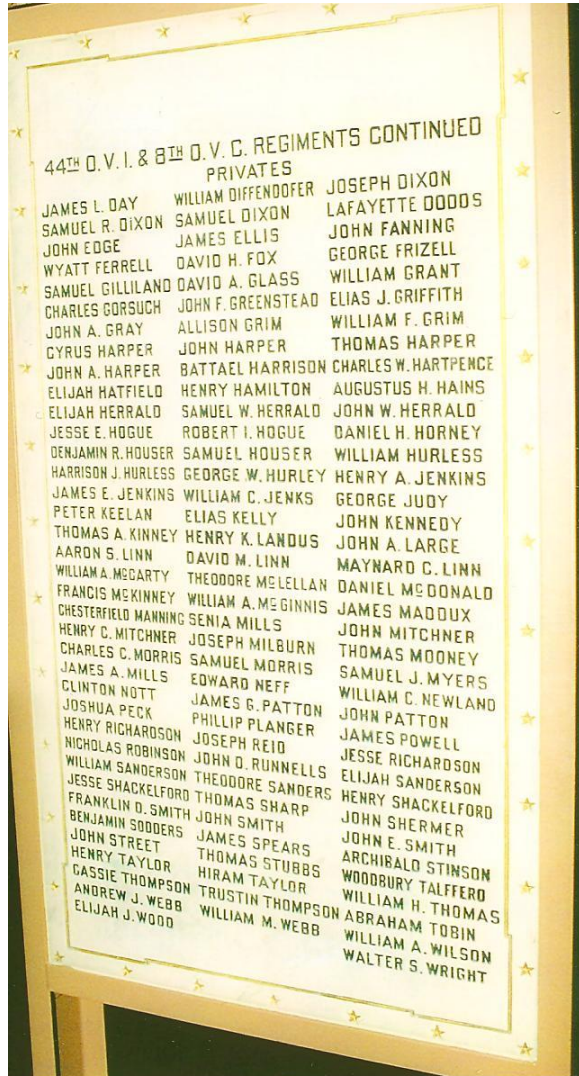
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC MEMORIAL HALL

1st LT. Shane Milburn
Commander

Co. C, 20th O.V.I., S.V.R.



GAR china used in the Washington Court House, Ohio GAR Memorial Hall.



GAR Memorial Plaque



Front view of the GAR delegate badge for the 39th Ohio Department Encampment held in Washington Court House in 1905.



Back of the 1905 Ohio Department Encampment badge issued to delegates attending the encampment in Washington Court House.

At the close of the Civil War the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was formed by the returning Union Veterans and became the nation's first real veteran's organization. Throughout the nation the GAR erected monuments and memorials to honor those veterans who saved the Union of States.

In Fayette County, Ohio the GAR members erected what became known as Memorial Hall on East Court Street (Now 221 East Court Street).

The second floor of this building was used by the GAR members as a "rest room" for veterans of any American war. The room was well lighted and had easy chairs and lounging places free to all, and the walls were artistically decorated with military pictures, including a heroic portrait in oil of General Phil Sheridan. There were shelves and cases in which quite a military library was kept for public use. The room and the building were heated by steam at a cost of four hundred dollars a year.

On this same floor was the spacious Grand Army room and at the rear of the building on this floor was the real "Memorial Hall". This hall was about sixty by eighty-five feet with self-supporting ceilings. Set permanently on all four walls were 41 pure white Italian marble tablets, six feet high, about two inches thick, more than three feet wide, weighting four hundred pounds, and each inscribed with the names, regiment and company of 2,662 Fayette County soldiers.

One of the plaques bears the names of the county commissioners who were in office at the time and a list of the Memorial Hall Trustees.

The commissioners were: John M. Jones, V.C. Rowe, Robert W. Vincent, Charles Sollars, James Ford, Harry F. Brown, Edwin Weaver and Louis Persinger.

The Memorial Hall Trustees were: B. H. Millikan, George J. Robison, E. A. Ramsey, I.N. Rowe, Robert W. Vincent, J. W. Duffee and James A. Mclean.

One plaque is devoted exclusively to Baldwin Hartzelle Millikan who was a prominent businessman and community member. During the war he served as a private in Company C, 114th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was a very active member of the R.B. Hayes Post of the GAR and played a leading role in having Memorial Hall built and getting the plaques made and installed.

The cost for having these marble tablets made in Italy and shipped to Washington Court House and installed on the walls of Memorial Hall was almost five thousand dollars.

There was thought given to including the names of Fayette County Confederate veterans on the plaques but the suggestion was dismissed. It was also reported that the Confederate veterans living in the county did not want their names on the plaques.

The Hall contained six hundred opera chairs and was the meeting place for all military gatherings including the Decoration Day (now called Memorial Day) services. The boys who "wore the loyal blue" would meet here; march to the cemetery and after decorating their comrades' graves would return to the hall and be served with a dinner by the Woman's Relief Corps ladies. May 30th was designated by the GAR as

Decoration Day which is now observed as Memorial Day on the 4th Monday of May.

On the third floor of the building was a hall sixty-five by eighty-five feet with a splendid hardwood floor designed originally for the drill service of the National Guard. Here the Woman's Relief Corps ladies would do their work, including cooking and serving meals. The Woman's Relief Corps formed in 1883 was the official GAR auxiliary.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as well as the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic also used the Hall.

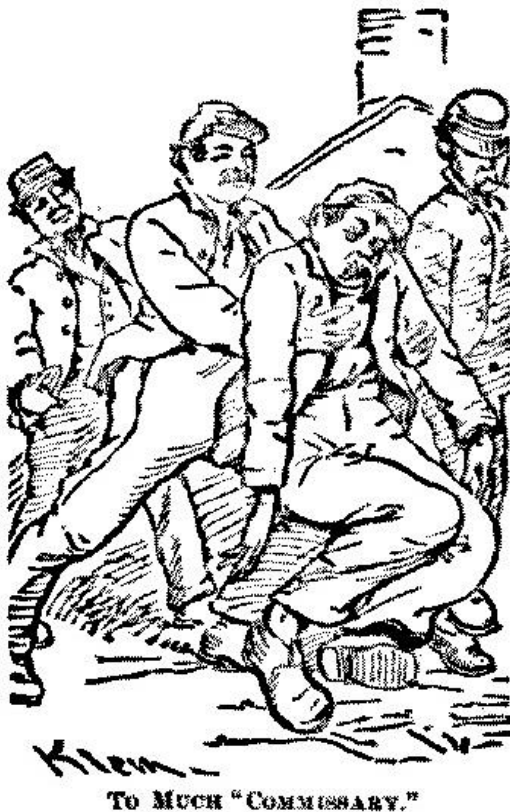
The GAR Memorial Hall closed following the demise of the GAR members and in 1981 the county commissioners sold the building and the marble tablets were removed and placed along the walls of a new senior citizens center built at 1179 Elm Street in Washington Court House where they can be viewed today.

Upcoming events for the unit are as follows:

Memorial Day Ceremony at Bloomingburg (Ohio) Cemetery

Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony at Lees Creek Cemetery

Living History exhibit at the Carnegie Library in Washington Court House, Ohio (Summer TBD)



**On To Richmond...
The 14th Michigan Company A
By Paul Davis, PCC, PDC**

The 14th Michigan Company A, "Irish Rifle" recently completed an eight day 3,300 mile tour of several battle fields and locations to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the events and retrace Lee's route to surrender ending in Appomattox Courthouse.

Sites visited included: Cold Harbor, Appomattox Plantation and Grant's HQ, Richmond, Tredegar Iron Works, Chimborazo Hospital, Drewy's Bluff, Petersburg Battle Field, Pamplin Park and Museum, several National Cemeteries to catalog Michigan soldiers interred there, Yellow Tavern marker and Stuart's Monument, Malvern Hill, Five Forks, Gaines Mill, Mechanicsville, Sayler's Creek, Appomattox Courthouse and the surrender at the McLean house.

Working our way back to Michigan, the 14th severed as the Color Guard at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield where we carried the colors for the 3rd Military District of the SVR. Next on the agenda was the Stephenson Memorial service in Petersburg, Illinois. Rounding out the Springfield visit we toured the Lincoln Museum, Lincoln home site, old Capitol building and GAR/WRC Museum.



14th Michigan renders salute at Cold Harbor



Sharing an Easter Sunday treat at the Parsonage, Malvern Hill



14th Michigan serving as Honor Guard at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, an annual event for the 14th Michigan, where we carried the colors for the SVR 3rd Military District



The 14th Michigan visited the Lincoln Museum in Springfield to experience the special exhibits related to Lincoln's life and assassination.



The 14th visited the Museum and Petersburg entrenchments at the Pamplin Military Museum and Park




An annually event for the 14th is the Stephenson Memorial service in Petersburg, Illinois



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The Sutler's Monument

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

