



# The Sentinel

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## Attention to Orders

SVR General Order 2014-09

1. Effective this date, and due to continued failure of the unit to provide required documentation, the Commanding General, disbands Company A, 8th U.S. Infantry of the 6th Military District.

Major General Robert Grim  
Commanding Officer  
Sons of Veterans Reserve

Attest:  
Donald E. Darby  
Colonel, SVR  
Adjutant General

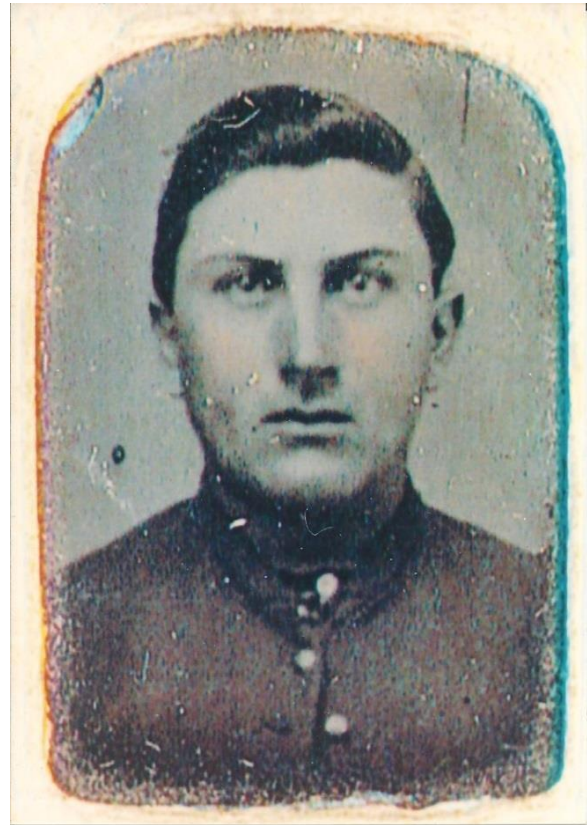
SVR General Order 2014-10

1. With the issuance of S.U.V.C.W. Commander-in-Chief General Order 22 on 15 June 2014, the Commanding General SVR requires that all District Commanders to immediately cause a survey the units under their command and report to the Adjutant General of the SVR the name and rank of all junior members along with the name of the parent or grandparent who accompanies the junior when he attends meetings or participates in events.

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## PRIVATE WILLIAM F. GRIM'S GREAT GRANDSON COMMANDS THE SVR



**Private William F. Grim**

When the Civil War began William F. Grim was living on the Rockwell Road near Madison Mills, Ohio with his parents, Alexander Grim and Jane (Dick) Grim and doing the normal chores associated with farm life in 1861. He was born in Ross County, Ohio on December 21, 1844 but moved to Madison Mills in Fayette County, Ohio with his parents when he was about two years old.

At the age of 19 he enlisted in Company K, 8th Ohio Volunteer Cavalry on February 29, 1864 and served until his regiment was mustered out of service on July 30, 1865. His regiment was assigned to General Phil Sheridan's Army in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia where they

saw action in the famous Battle of Cedar Creek.

On October 19, 1864 three divisions of confederate General Jubal Early's forces concealed by Three Top Mountain and early morning fog attacked the left flank of the Union Army commanded by George Crook. Taken by complete surprise the Union troops fell back in disarray. General Sheridan head of the Union cavalry was returning from a conference in Washington D.C. and heard the sounds of battle and encountered stragglers retreating as he rode toward Cedar Creek. He rallied the Union troops and led them on a counter-attack.

General Sheridan's dramatic ride and inspirational arrival at the front was credited with saving the Union army from destruction. The Battle of Cedar Creek was immortalized by poet Thomas Buchanan Read in his poem "Sheridan's Ride". The battle ended the Confederates last major threat in the Shenandoah Valley.

Following the war Private Grim returned to the family farm on the Rockwell Road near Madison Mills and married Martha Jane Morgan on September 3, 1867. They had two children: George W. Grim and Cora Jane Grim who married John Wesley Cox.

William Grim became a very prosperous farmer and eventually owned a farm of 500 acres on the Rockwell Road. He became a very active member of the GAR Miran Judy Post 480 in nearby Bloomingburg, and was extremely proud of his GAR membership as reflected by the engraved GAR membership badge on his grave marker. He died on April 15, 1909 at the age of 64 and is buried in the Madison Mills Cemetery surrounded by five generations of the Grim family.

His grandson Raymond Morgan Grim married Irene Schomburg (Looker) and they raised a family of ten boys in Bloomingburg. One of those sons, Robert E. Grim, served as the national commander-in-chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) from 2002-2003, and has been the commanding general of the Sons of Veterans Reserve since 2007. Major General Grim's mother, Irene Looker, served as National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1995-96.

Private Grim's great great grandson Shawn A. Cox is a past commander of the Henry Casey Camp 92 SUVCW which meets in Washington Court House and is currently the Junior Vice Commander of the Ohio Department SUVCW and is a corporal in Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Sons of Veterans Reserve. Nine other descendants of Private William F. Grim are members of this very active SVR unit.



**Private William F. Grim Grave Marker**



### **27th Indiana Infantry, SVR Memorial Day Activities**

The SVR 27th Indiana Infantry at Harrison Camp #356 Memorial Day Ceremony at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis. Where they honored Medal of Honor recipient Capt. Charles W. Brouse.



**l to r SVR members, 2nd Lt. Bruce Kolb, Sgt. Mike Beck, Pvt. Tim Beckman, and Corp. Garry Wall.**





**1 to r; SVR members Pvt Bob Winters, 2nd Lt. Bruce Kolb, Sgt. Mike Beck, Pvt. Tim Beckman, and Corp. Garry Wall, Amy Bowyer, ASUVCW; Jerry Thompson, SUVCW; and Jennifer Thompson, ASUVCW.**

**The 27<sup>th</sup> Indiana at the Annual SALUTE concert kickoff of Memorial Day in Columbus,IN**

These photos depicts the John B. Anderson / SVR 27th Indiana Infantry accepting the folded flag after the flag folding ceremony.



**Major General Mike Pillar, USAF (Retired)**



**Sgt Mike Beck presenting the folded flag to Corp. Steve Coffman.**



**Steve Coffman with the folded flag**

Department Commander Mike Beck accepted the flag from Retired USAF Major General Mike Pillar in honor of all Indiana Civil War Veterans, and Department Commander Mike Beck presented the flag to Camp Commander Steve Coffman who accepted the flag in honor of all Civil War Veterans buried in Bartholomew County, and Camp Commander Steve Coffman presented the flag to Past Camp Commander and current Junior Vice



Commander Phil McClure, who had the honor of taking the entire John B. Anderson Camp #223 and 27th Indiana off of the field.



**Phil McClure, Bret Caldwell, Steve Coffman, and Mike Beck.**



**Dietrich Smith and Julian Smith**

This event that attracted more than 1,000 people. Both the Camp and the Sons of Veterans Reserve received a great deal of recognition from the press.



**Mike Beck, Steve Coffman, Phil McClure, and Dietrich Smith**

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**Anderson Camp #223 & 27th Indiana Infantry, SVR at Springer Cemetery**



**L to R Dietrich Smith, Logan Hoover (Invited Guest of Bret Caldwell), Bret Caldwell, Jim Jackson, Aaron Coffman, Steve Coffman, and Phil McClure at the graveside of John B. Anderson for whom the Anderson Camp is named**



**L to R Jim Jackson, Aaron Coffman, Steve Coffman, and Phil McClure at the graveside of John B. Anderson**



**Anderson Camp & 27th Indiana  
Infantry, SVR at the Columbus City  
Cemetery**



**Dietrich Smith and Logan Hoover  
(Invited Guest of Bret Caldwell)**



**Left-to-Right:  
Dan Marsh (Invited Guest of Steve  
Coffman) and Steve Coffman**

The one photo above was taken at the GAR Monument prior to the services that started at 9:00 AM at the GAR Monument located in the Columbus City Cemetery."



**Anderson Camp & 27th Indiana  
Infantry at the Newsom Cemetery**



**L to R Dietrich Smith, Logan Hoover, Bret  
Caldwell, Jim Jackson, Aaron Coffman, Steve  
Coffman, and Phil McClure**

**Memorial Day Service performed at  
the Old Columbus City Cemetery,  
Columbus, IN**



**L to R Jim Jackson, Rifles: Dan Marsh  
(guest), Dietrich Smith, Logan Hoover (guest),  
and Bret Caldwell, Aaron Coffman (carrying  
the National Colors), Steve Coffman, Phil  
McClure, and Julian Smith (  
carrying the Camp Colors)**



**Same as Above**





**The GAR monument in the Columbus City Cemetery where we hold our service. It is decorated and maintained by Phil McClure.**

### **27<sup>th</sup> Indiana at the Illumination Ceremony, Huntington, IN**

Held at Slack Park in Huntington, IN these ceremony was conducted on May 30, 2014 and is sponsored by Champion Hill Camp #17 of Huntington. The ceremony began about 8:40 PM.



**Sgt Mike Beck and Alan Teller.**



**From L to R: Sgt Mike Beck and Alan Teller, (large space) 2nd Lt. Bruce Kolb, Cpl. Dave Tilden, Adjutant Bill Adams, Pvt Elijah Allred, Pvt Paul Kiningham, Sgt John Eger. All of the 27<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry**

### **The Bridgewater Scouts, Sons of Veterans Reserve Memorial Day Activities**

Members of the Bridgewater Scouts participated in the following activities on Memorial Day weekend.

24 May at the Buffalo Springs Cemetery Memorial Day service in Stanford, KY. Brother Dave Gambrel presented General Logan's Order.

26 May we held our annual memorial service at MAJ Bridgewater's grave in Lincoln County. Phillip Shanks, a USCT soldier, is also buried there. We then proceeded to a small service at Fairview Church in Lincoln County. We recently placed a monument in this cemetery. A formal dedication will be held later in the year. The day closed with another service at Ephesus Church, also in Lincoln County. This cemetery includes the graves of several Civil War soldiers including the ancestor of our Brother Tony Todd. Church members and members of a soldier's family were also in attendance.

We were joined on the 26th at all of the services by Miss Gaye Clark, attired in mourning dress. Our friend Gordon Brandenburg kindly contributed his photography skills.



**Miss Clark and Scouts at the graves of MAJ Bridgewater and PVT Shanks.  
Photo by Gordon Brandenburg**

### **COMPANY C, 20TH OHIO VOL. INFANTRY**

This SVR unit's Memorial Day activities made the front page of two different newspapers. The lead story in the Washington Court House Record-Herald on May 24th was a story about Co. C, 20th O.V.I honoring the four Civil War Medal of Honor recipients buried in Fayette County, Ohio. The article included a color photo of the unit placing a wreath at the grave site of Medal of Honor recipient Corporal Henry Casey who is buried in the Bloomingburg Cemetery. . For several years this unit has



placed a floral wreath on the graves of the four Civil War Medal of Honor recipients who are buried in three different cemeteries. The unit also places a wreath at the grave of Fayette County's last Civil War veteran.

The Wilmington News Journal ran a front page color photo on May 27th showing the unit firing a salute during the Memorial Day ceremony held at the Lees Creek Cemetery in Clinton County, Ohio.

Company C, 20th O.V.I. served as the Color Guard and firing squad during a morning ceremony held at the Bloomingburg Cemetery in Fayette County on Memorial Day and then traveled twenty miles away to Lees Creek in Clinton County for an afternoon ceremony. At Lees Creek they served as the Color Guard and led a parade from downtown Lees Creek to the cemetery about half a mile away. At the ceremony in the cemetery they posted the Colors and fired a musket salute.

**Bloomingburg, Ohio Memorial Day Ceremony 9:30 a.m.**



**Posting the Colors at Bloomingburg: left to right – Irven Cassio, Shawn Cox, Brett Harrison, Terry Cochran, Christopher Grim and Commander Shane Milburn.**



**Wreath laying at Medal of Honor recipient Corporal Henry Casey: pictured left to right – 1st Lt. Shane Milburn, Commander Co. C, 20th O.V.I.; Shawn Cox, William E. Radabaugh and James L. Grim.**



**Unit waiting for wreath laying at Unknown Soldier marker. Left to right: Commander Shane Milburn, Christopher Grim, Terry Cochran, Brett Harrison, Shawn Cox, Irven Cassio, Joshua Cassio, William E. Radabaugh and Major General Robert E. Grim**





**Lees Creek, Ohio Memorial Day  
Ceremony 1:30 p.m.**



**Color Guard marching in parade from Lees Creek to cemetery. Front row (left) Christopher Grim and Commander Shane Milburn; middle row (left) Joshua Cassio and Irven Cassio; back row (left) Shawn Cox and Brett Harrison.**



**Christopher Grim (left) and Commander**

**Shane Milburn post the Colors at the Lees  
Creek Cemetery.**



**Company C, 20th O.V.I. fires a musket salute  
at the Lees Creek Cemetery**

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**MAJ JAMES H. BRIDGEWATER  
MENTIONED IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS  
OF THE WAR OF THE REBELLION  
*Continued***

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 29, 1865.

Captain BRIDGEWATER,

Stanford, Ky.:

There is a squad of guerrillas near Keene or Harrodsburg. Send out after them. Report result.

By order of Brigadier-General Hobson:

J. S. BUTLER,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

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STANFORD, April 1, 1865.

Brigadier-General HOBSON:

My command just in. The guerrillas who were near Harrodsburg were chased by a squad of Lawson's men and two of them killed. I will report by letter.

J. H. BRIDGEWATER,

Brevet Major.

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Lexington, Ky., April 22, 1865.

HDQRS. FIRST DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY,

ACHILLES NELSON:

District Provost-Marshal, Russell County, Ky.:  
DEAR SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of 17th and 18th instant. One company mounted men, of Major Bridgewater's battalion, State troops, have been ordered to Jamestown, Ky., for the purpose of scouting Russell County. They have orders to be in Jamestown by Monday next, 24th instant. The company of State troops organizing in your county should make proper requisition on Captain Murrah, assistant quartermaster, for the State, at Lebanon, Ky. I presume he can furnish them with what they may need. I have



labored zealously for the last two years to give all parties of the country bordering on the Cumberland River ample and necessary protection. To some extent I have succeeded, though laboring under many disadvantages. There has been no wish on my part not to give Russell County troops the facilities for carrying out my wishes as regards the protection of your portion of the State. They have not been furnished me. I have, however, by dint of exertion succeeded for the third time in organizing troops for State defense, and hope soon to restore quiet and order throughout my division of the State.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
E. H. HOBSON,  
Brigadier-General

STANFORD, May 4, 1865.  
Brigadier-General HOBSON:  
I left Mount Sterling on May 1, passed through the upper portion of Montgomery County, through Powell, Worth, and Estill Counties. Found everything quiet. A squad of guerrillas were captured by a company of State troops, and, while on the way to Lexington, were shot while attempting to escape. I brought all my men in, but lost one horse.

J. H. BRIDGEWATER,  
Major.

STANFORD, Ky., May 9, 1865.  
Brig. Gen. E. H. HOBSON:  
Guerrillas under Goulder are operating in lower edge of Washington. Shall I take my mounted men and go for them? Please answer immediately.

J. H. BRIDGEWATER,  
Major.

LEXINGTON, May 10, 1865.  
Capt. J. BATES DICKSON,  
Assistant Adjutant General, Headquarters  
Louisville:  
Major Bridgewater with 100 men has been ordered to hunt down guerrillas under Goulder and other leaders in Wilson and adjoining counties. Bridgewater left Stanford this morning.

E. H. HOBSON,  
Brigadier-General.

LEXINGTON, Ky., May 19, 1865.  
Major BRIDGEWATER,  
Stanford, Ky.:  
Send a detachment of your command to Somerset and vicinity to capture and kill a gang of twenty-five guerrillas near that place.

By order of Brigadier-General Hobson:  
J. S. BUTLER,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

LEXINGTON, Ky., May 19, 1865.

Captain INGRAM,  
Somerset, Ky.:  
Have ordered some of Bridgewater's men to hunt guerrillas you report. Look out for them.

By order of Brigadier-General Hobson:  
J. S. BUTLER,  
Assistant Adjutant-General.

STANFORD, Ky., May 23, 1865.  
Brigadier-General HOBSON:  
My men have returned from Somerset and vicinity. I have reliable information to the effect that a band of guerrillas robbed the citizens of many horses, &c., at or near Williamsburg and left, going in direction of Knoxville. Many depredations are being committed near the Tennessee line, southeast of Monticello, by citizen guerrillas. No subsistence for man or horse can be procured in that country.

J. H. BRIDGEWATER,  
Major.



**58<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
REMEMBRANCE DAY  
PARADE  
NOVEMBER 15, 2014**  
*Sponsored by the Sons of Veterans Reserve,  
the Military Department of the Sons of Union  
Veterans of the Civil War*

*Parade briefing at the Wyndham Hotel at  
9:30 AM on 15 November 2014*

*Units form up at Noon on Lefever Street and  
East Confederate Avenue*

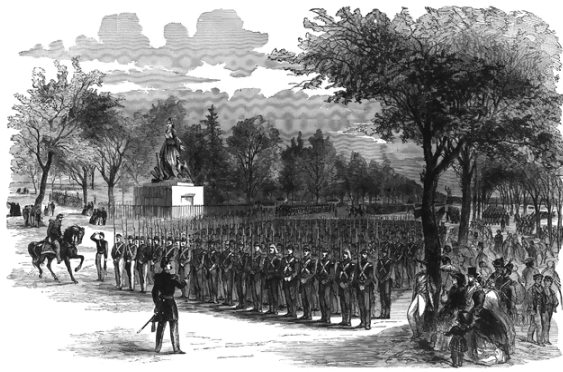
*Parade will step off at 1:00 PM*

*For further information, please contact:  
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## Revised U.S. Army Regulations of 1861 and 1863 Available

The Regulations of the Sons of Veterans Reserve strongly encourages Company grade officers and NCOs to study the Revised U.S. Army Regulations of 1861 and 1863. It is, of course, excellent advice for them and, for that matter, any Brother and serious researcher of the American Civil War era. The Army Regulations impact a number of things we do with the SVR.

Among other things the Army Regulations describe the different types of uniforms and insignia of the Army and how they are worn, the various Colors and when and how they are used, arms and their care, duties of various positions, honors paid to dignitaries, general and field officers, funerals and so many things we do in our Order.

U.S. Army Regulations of 1861 and 1863 can be obtained in book form from book retailers as well as several Civil War Sutler Shops. It is available for free on-line through Google Books and perhaps other sources. A clean downloadable copy in PDF format can also be found at the 3rd Military District's Facebook site located at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1404863409757840/>. Feel free to pay it a visit.



## This Space Reserved for Your Article

While we love to see stories of your unit's successes, we are also interested in learning about your ancestor, his regiment or ship and his participation in military actions. We are also interested in reading you scholarly research of most anything connected with the War of the Rebellion. What you have to say is important to all of us. Please consider sharing a word or two in our next quarterly edition.



## 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](mailto: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).



Please forward prospective articles, photographs, and other items of interest to "The Sentinel" Editor, Lt. William Morris at [wr-morris@comcast.net](mailto:wr-morris@comcast.net)