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# The Haversack

Newsletter of the 7<sup>th</sup> Military District  
Sons of Veterans Reserve



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Christmas in Camp  
2023



## Commanders Comments

Welcome to the new and long overdue Haversack. This is your newsletter which we will share with all of our SVR Brothers via the National SVR Website. I strongly encourage you to submit photographs, articles and stories of your units activity and accomplishments to be included in our new quarterly publication. The success of our Newsletter depends on you, so please contribute!

In that vein, we are seeking a individual who would be willing to take on the task of District Public Information Officer. The job comes with an appointment to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt on the District staff. If interested, contact me directly via Email at [sockettuem@att.net](mailto:sockettuem@att.net). for details.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Military District Active Units

Amzi D Harmon Company

Captain Jeff Garten, Commanding



10<sup>th</sup> Tennessee U.S. Volunteer Infantry

1<sup>st</sup> Lt Chip Huffman, Commanding



14<sup>th</sup> Corps Headquarters Guard

1<sup>st</sup> Lt James Bryja, Commanding



### Civil War Book Review

NOTHING BUT VICTORY

By Steven W. Woodworth

The Story of the Army Of The Tennessee, this work is one of the best Civil War volumes I have ever read. This army was composed mainly of Midwesterners and commanded initially by General U.S. Grant and later by William T. Sherman. It was this army that was responsible for the decisive victories that turned the tide in favor of the Union.

Publishers Weekly called it “The best one-volume history written to date of a civil war field army” noting it “Combines impeccable scholarship and Comfortable style.”

This work covers the grand strategy and the individual small incidents experienced by the soldiers who made up the Army that never suffered a defeat. Dr. Woodworth takes us through the raising of the army through the Grand Review at war’s end and holds your attention throughout. I give it five stars plus.

Major Dave DuBrucq



## The Soldiers of the Civil War



Beautifully Colorized Photograph of Five Federal Soldiers

Did you know that the term Union was rarely used during the Civil War?  
Armies and soldiers were mostly called either Federal or Confederate  
Along with the colloquial references of Yankee and Rebel



The 20<sup>th</sup> Maine At Gettysburg  
"Hold at all costs"

# Civil War Factoids

Maj Dave DuBrucq

- Modern Scholarship estimates that from 752,000 to 851,000 soldiers died during the American Civil War, a figure that represents approximately 2 percent of the American population in 1860. In today's numbers, that would amount to 7,000,000.
- The Emancipation Proclamation also allowed the Union to recruit black soldiers. By the end of the war about 180,000 African Americans were in the army, which amounted to about 10 percent of the troops in that branch, and another 20,000 were serving in the navy. Twenty-five black soldiers and sailors were awarded the Medal of Honor for their actions during the American Civil War.
- The American Civil War saw the first aerial reconnaissance using balloons, systematic medical care of the wounded, soldiers voting from the field, and modern war production of armaments. So many died in the war that a system of government cemeteries had to be established to bury the dead.
- In September 1862 Lincoln called on the seceded states to return to the Union or have their slaves declared free. When no state returned, he issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. The edict provided moral inspiration for the North and discouraged European countries from supporting the South. It also had the practical effect of permitting recruitment of African Americans for the Union army.

